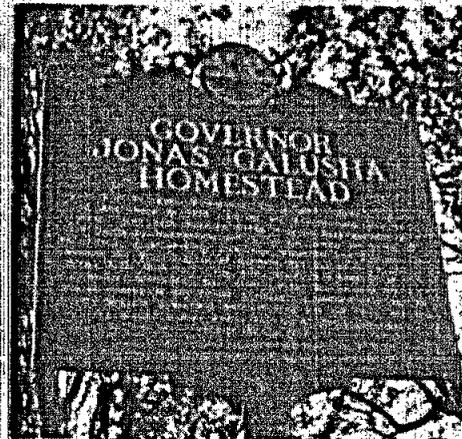


The Town Of
Shaftsbury, Vermont
Annual Report For Year Ending June 30, 2006



2007 Town Meeting and Election

School Business Meeting - 6:30 p.m., Monday, March 5th, 2007
Town Business Meeting - 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 5th, 2007
Balloting - 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 6th, 2007

Charles Yoder:

The Bennington area, particularly the Town of Shaftsbury, has benefited by Charles Yoder's decision to move from his native Ohio to take a position in the development office of Bennington College in 1984. "Charles" devoted many hours / years to public service as a Shaftsbury Select Board member for nine years, as an elected trustee of public funds, as Shaftsbury's representative on the Bennington County Regional Planning Commission, and in other volunteer endeavors to benefit the community, using his education and experience in public relations. A dignified and pleasant person. Charles was easy to talk with, whether you were a long-time friend or a new acquaintance. For his many contributions to the community, this Town Report is dedicated to his memory.



On the Cover:

The Governor Jonas Galusha Homestead on Vermont Route 7A in Center Shaftsbury; built in 1783 by Jonas Galusha. During the Revolutionary War he served with Seth Warner's Green Mountain Boys, was at the Battle of Hubbardton and a Captain during the Battle of Bennington. A blacksmith, innkeeper, carpenter and politician he became the 5th Governor of Vermont and was re-elected for 9 terms from 1809-1819. A historic marker was dedicated at this site by Governor James Douglas on October 15, 2006.

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HELPFUL NAMES AND NUMBERS

Emergency Dial 9-1-1
Fire-Police-Medical-Highway
Water (447-0211)

Selectboard

Wynn Metcalfe, Chair (Home) 447-7877
Meetings Every Monday, 7:00 PM

Town Administrator

Aaron J. Chrostowsky, Town Administrator (Office) 442-4043
E-mail ajchrostowsky@comcast.net
Hours Mon-Fri. 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Town Clerk

Judy Stratton, Town Clerk (Office) 442-4038
E-mail Shaftsburyclerk@comcast.net
Hours Monday 9:00 AM -5:00 PM
..... Tues-Fri 9:00 AM -3:00 PM

Town Treasurer

Henrietta Billow, Town Treasurer (Office) 442-6242
Hours Mon - Fri 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Office located at 983 VT Route 7A

Board of Listers

Angie Abbatello, Chair (Office) 442-5740
E-mail shaftsbury@tax.state.vt.us
Hours Mon-Thurs 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
(also by appointment)

Board of Auditors

Jim Meskun, Chair (Home) 442-2224

Trustees of Public Funds

Bill Fisk, Chair (Home) 447-0225

Water Board & Department

Jim Mead, Chair (Home) 447-7215
Joe Hermann, Water Superintendent (Office) 442-7139
Meetings Second Monday of January, April, July, & October, 6:00 PM

Highway Department

Ronald Daniels, Highway Foreman (Office) 442-9838

Zoning Permit Information & Building Inspection

Anthony Zazzaro, Zoning Administrator(Office) 442-3182
Stephen Eddington, Building Inspector
E-mailzoningadm@comcast.net
Hours Mon-Tues-Thurs 9:00 AM - 12:00PM

Development Review Board

Jim Carter, Chair (Home) 442-9090
Meetings: First and Third Wednesdays of each month, 7:30 PM

Planning Commission

Chris Williams, Chair (Home) 375-6570
Meetings Second and Fourth Tuesdays of each month, 7:30 PM

Economic Development Committee

Art Whitman, Chair (Home) 442-4338
Meetings Fourth, Tuesday of each month, 7:30 PM

Policy and Procedures Review Committee

Cinda Morse, Chair (Home) 447-0225
Meetings meets as needed

Cemetery Committee

Wynn Metcalfe, Chair (Home) 447-7877
Meetings meets as needed

Recreation Committee

Vacant, Chair
Meetings meets as needed

Veterans Committee

Jim Meskun, Chair (Home) 442-2224
Meetings meets as needed

Fire Department

Joe Vadakin, Fire Chief
Buck Hill Rd. Firehouse (non-emergency) 442-4226
Old Depot Rd. Firehouse (non-emergency) 375-9308

Fire Warden (Burning Permits)

Oliver Durand (Home) 447-7168
Paul Maitland (Home) 375-0089
Burning Ordinance Is In Effect; please call 24 hours in advance to get your permit

Vermont General Assembly

Vermont State House, Sergeant-at-arms 1-800-322-5616

Shaftsbury District 2-4

Representative Alice Miller (D) 442-9825

E-mail amiller@sover.net

Bennington County

Senator Dick Sears (D) 442-9139

E-mail rsears@leg.state.vt.us

Senator Bob Hartwell (D) 362-5757

E-mail rhartwell@leg.state.vt.us

Vermont State Constitutional Officers

Governor Jim Douglas 828-3333

Lt. Governor Brian Dubie 828-2226

Secretary of State Deborah Markowitz 828-2363

Treasurer Jeb Spaulding 823-2301

Attorney General William Sorrell 828-3171

Auditor Thomas Salmon 828-2811

United States Representative and Senate

Representative Peter Welch 1-800-339-9834

Senator Bernie Sanders 1-800-835-5500

Senator Patrick Leahy 1-800-642-3193

Additional Helpful Names and Numbers

Animal Control Officer, Traci Mulligan 375-6121

Arlington Rescue Squad 375-6589

Bennington County Clerk and Superior Court, Bennington 447-2700

Bennington County Industrial Corporation (BCIC) 442-8975

Bennington County Probate Court 447-2705

Bennington County Sheriff Department 442-4900

Bennington Free Library 442-9051

Bennington Regional Planning Commission (BCRC) 375-2576

Bennington Squad 442-5817

Constable First, Fran Buck 447-7674

Constable Second, Dave Herzfeld 375-2369

Delinquent Tax Collector, Merton J. Snow 442-4526

Emergency Management Director, Gerald Mattison 442-3032

Health Officer, Barth VanderEls 442-9504

John McCullough Free Library, North Bennington 447-7121

Lake Shaftsbury State Park 375-9978

Mount Anthony High School 447-7511

Mount Anthony Middle School 447-7541

North Bennington Graded School 442-5955

North Bennington Treasurer's Office 447-7031

North Bennington Water Department 442-3883

Post Office, North Bennington	442-4884
Post Office, Shaftsbury.....	442-2142
Second Chance Animal Shelter (Humane Society)	375-2898
Shaftsbury Elementary School	442-4373
Southwest Supervisory Union	447-7501
Southwest Vermont Career Development Center	447-0220
Town of Shaftsbury, Fax Number.....	1-802-442-0955
Town Service Officer, Kathy Cardiff	447-3836
Tree Warden, David Mance.....	442-5263
Vermont Agency of Transportation, District One Office.....	447-6924
Vermont Fish & Wildlife, Travis Buttle, Game Warden.....	422-5421
Vermont Fish & Wildlife, Wynn Metcalfe, Deputy Game Warden.....	447-7877
Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT).....	1-800-649-7915
Vermont State Police Barracks, Troop D	442-5421

TRANSFER STATION/ RECYCLING CENTER

	Summer Hours (Apr. 1 – Oct. 31)	Winter Hours (Nov. 1 – Mar. 31)
Tuesday	11:00 AM - 6:00 PM	11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Thursday	11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Saturday	7:00 AM 4:00 PM	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Landfill Closed Holidays

May 27 * July 1 * September 2 * November 23 * December 23

VISIT OUR TOWN WEB SITE
www.shaftsbury.net
 E-Mail Addresses
 Landfill Operations and Hours
 Local Officials & Duties – Demographics
 Zoning and other Frequently Asked Questions
 Downloadable Forms
 Links To Minutes

**All meetings are held at the Town Office Building,
 Cole Hall (upstairs), 61 Buck Hill Road, unless otherwise posted.**

TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED**SELECTBOARD**

Wynn Metcalfe, Chair 3-year term expires 2008
 Cinda Morse, Vice Chair 2-year term expires 2008
 Jim Mead 3-year term expires 2007
 Karen Mellinger 2-year term expires 2007
 William Pennebaker 3-year term expires 2009

TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk, Judy Stratton 3-year term expires 2009

TREASURER

Town Treasurer, Henrietta Billow 3-year term expires 2009

ONE-YEAR TERMS (EXPIRES 2007)

Town Moderator Thomas Dailey
 Delinquent Tax Collector Merton J. Snow
 First Constable Fran Buck
 Second Constable Dave Herzfeld
 Grand Juror Vacant
 Town Agent Ben Hulett

LISTERS

Angie Abbatello, Chair 3-year term expires 2009
 Diana Mayer 3-year term expires 2007
 Elaine Coonradt 3-year term expires 2008

AUDITORS

James Meskun, Chair 3-year term expires 2007
 Janet Daniels 3-year term expires 2008
 Bob Holmes 3-year term expires 2009

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Charles Yoder now filled by Barry Mayer 3-year term expires 2009
 Kathy Cardiff 3-year term expires 2007
 Barth Vander Els now filled by William Fisk 3-year term expires 2008

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (2-YEAR TERM EXPIRES 2009)

Alice Miller, Democrat	442-9825
Joyce Scarey, Democrat	442-6747
Barbara Buxbaum, Democrat	375-6717
Barth Vander Els, Democrat	442-9504
Mary Frost, Democrat	442-6196
Joan Vargo, Democrat	442-5646
Karen Mellinger, Democrat	447-1950
Michael Biddy, Democrat	442-2197
Mike Caslin, Democrat	442-3936
Marna Whitman Dailey, Independent	442-6582
Suzy Yucht, Democrat	442-9314
Gary Burgess, Republican	447-7670

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY CONSISTS OF:

Justices of the Peace - Selectboard - Town Clerk

BOARD OF ABATEMENT CONSISTS OF:

Justices of the Peace - Selectboard - Town Clerk - Town Treasurer - Listers

**TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED
1 YEAR TERM (EXPIRES APRIL 1, 2007)**

Animal Control Officer	Traci Mulligan
Building Inspector	Steve Eddington
Energy Coordinator	
Fence Viewers	Peter Niles
Fence Viewers	John Williamson
Fence Viewers	John Tiffany
Health Officer	Barth VanderEls, MD
Inspector of Lumber	John Tiffany
Inspector of Shingles	John Tiffany
Inspector of Wood	John Tiffany
Road Commissioner	Ronald Daniels
Town Service Officer	Kathy Cardiff
Tree Warden	David Mance
Weigher of Coal	John Tiffany
Fire Warden	Oliver Durand
Deputy Fire Warden	Paul Maitland
Deputy Fire Warden	David McKeighan

**TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED
3 YEAR TERM**

Anthony Zazzaro, Zoning Administrator3-year term expires 2007

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Angie Abbatello, Marilyn Harrington, Fritz Ludwig, Joyce Scarey, Judy Stratton
Wynn Metcalfe, Chair

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Trevor Mance, Cinda Morse, Phylis Porio, Art Whitman, Chair

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

Henrietta Billow, Janet Daniels, Bob Holmes, Jim Meskun, Lucy Robinson,
Cinda Morse, Chair

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Francis Broomhall, Curt Merrow, Andrew Nutting, Helen Olney

SOLID WASTE TASK FORCE COMMITTEE

Michael Bidy, Katherine Keys, Karen Mellinger, Bill Pennebaker, Chair

VETERANS COMMITTEE

Mark Bolhardt, Charles Bushey, Dennis McCarthy, Bruce Niles, Barry Quigley
Philip Young, Jim Meskun, Chair

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Gary Burgess, Jim Carter, Chair, William Jakubowski, Fritz Ludwig, David Mance,
Wynn Metcalfe, Phylis Porio, Vice-Chair

PLANNING BOARD

Craig Bruder, Vice-Chair, Bob Carter, Bill Pennebaker, Chris Williams, Chair

Annual Town Meeting Minutes
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 6, 2006 - Shaftsbury Elementary School

Select Board Present: Chairman Wynn Metcalfe, Vice-Chairman John Fagerholm, Jim Mead, Karen Mellinger, and Cinda Morse

Moderator: Thomas Dailey

Others Present: Town Administrator Aaron Chrostowsky, Town Clerk Judy Stratton, Meeting Recording Secretary Susan Swasta, and approximately 130 Shaftsbury residents

Moderator Dailey called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present observed a moment of silence in honor of our servicemen and servicewomen all over the world.

Moderator Dailey introduced Select Board members, Town Administrator Aaron Chrostowsky, Town Clerk Judy Stratton, and Meeting Recording Secretary Susan Swasta.

Moderator Dailey gave the floor to Select Board Chairman Wynn Metcalfe, who thanked all of the residents who had participated in the pre-meeting pot luck. Chairman Metcalfe introduced Art Whitman of the Economic Development Committee, who presented certificates of appreciation to representatives of new Shaftsbury businesses: Bernstein Display, Peckham Industries, Shaftsbury Country Store, Green Mountain Log Homes, Happy Dog Flower Farm, and Katie M's Kitchen.

Chairman Metcalfe recognized the following Shaftsbury volunteers for their services: Florence Beebe for her RSVP and genealogy efforts, June White for her work in the town office, Ernie Harwood and Ed Corey for mowing town property, Barbara Buxbaum for office support work, and Gerry Mattison for his tremendous contributions as town emergency management director.

Chairman Metcalfe presented a mug and check to Assistant Road Foreman Tim Greene for 25 years of service. He also recognized retiring Select Board Vice-Chairman Skip Fagerholm's three years of service on the board and presented him with a mug.

Chairman Metcalfe announced that a hometown welcome will be held for Olympics cross-country skier Andy Newell in April. He called on Vermont Rep. Alice Miller to read the House Concurrent Resolution she had drafted congratulating Mr. Newell.

Rep. Miller also noted Shaftsbury athletes Steven Vargo, state cross-country ski champion; Christopher Haynes, state track and field champion; Mt. Anthony wrestling coach Scott Legacy with his 18th consecutive state championship; and state champion wrestlers Mike Becker, Scott Legacy II and Seth Coulter.

Chairman Metcalfe introduced Fire Chief Joe Vadakin to make a presentation. Chief Vadakin recounted his work with Aaron Chrostowsky on a Homeland Security grant, and read a letter of appreciation to Mr. Chrostowsky from the fire department for his hard work and professionalism in winning the \$50,000 grant. Fireman Ian Taylor modeled some of the equipment acquired with the grant.

Moderator Dailey announced that the United Methodist women's group would hold their traditional lunch and bake sale at the fire house tomorrow. He then presented Rep. Alice Miller to deliver her legislative report.

Rep. Alice Miller reminded residents to fill out the Doyle survey, and to file their Homestead forms by April 15.

Rep. Miller reported that Shaftsbury has won major funding this year. This includes a \$249,000 sidewalks grant, for which she lauded the work of Ed Armstrong and Karen Mellinger. A \$50,000 Homeland Security grant was due in large measure to Mr. Chrostowsky's work. The legislature awarded the town \$110,000 for landfill closure; Bill Pennebaker contributed much research for this effort. There is a possibility for an additional \$40,000 in landfill funds for 2007. Shaftsbury received over \$200,000 in emergency funds for road repair last year.

Rep. Miller summarized other funding she has sponsored that awaits legislative approval in areas of education, child care, family support, and mental health treatment for returning National Guard veterans. She noted the challenges that Medicare Part D has presented to the state, and asked residents to read her Legislative update for details on these topics and others which she did not have time to touch upon.

Chairman Metcalfe came forward to make the Select Board presentation. Using Powerpoint slides to illustrate major points, he began with a "state of the town" overview for 2005-2006, with fiscal highlights and Select Board report. The latter focused on activities of the Highway and Fire Departments, Policies and Procedures Committee, Economic Development Committee, and Solid Waste Committee. He particularly noted the work on culverts accomplished by the Highway Department.

Chairman Metcalfe stated that the Development Review Board will begin April 1, and that it will be a positive change for applicants to only have to deal with one board. He reported that the Select Board has been working diligently to close the landfill, and that the process has been "a nightmare," but things are looking more hopeful. The Solid Waste Committee worked very hard in researching and deliberating to reach its recommendation for a pay-as-you-throw (PAYT) system, which has been voted in by the Select Board. There are as yet no details to report, but a special public meeting will be held as soon as more specifics have been determined.

In his discussion of the upcoming year's budget, Chairman Metcalfe described the work of the budget committee, which included citizen representatives, and stated that these representatives had provided a different point of view that led to useful exchanges. He detailed the effect of the budget on the taxpayer, listed new expenditures and revenues, and presented goals for 2006-2007. Chairman Metcalfe discussed reserve funds, stating that in the past these funds were have not been funded, and that it is important to now do so. There will be no contributions to the sidewalk fund this year because there is enough set aside for the village project. He noted that \$72,500 in revenues are projected from PAYT, to begin in April. Chairman Metcalfe encouraged residents to come out and vote tomorrow.

Ed Colvin asked for the floor, and reported on efforts to establish a Stanley Tools Museum. Two years ago the new Stanley owner had agreed to donate the stone square shop for a museum, but had said that this would have to be delayed for a year in order to get a tax write-off. During this time the museum group had the property surveyed and went through the subdivision process. When the

owner was asked to sign subdivision papers he stated that he had sold the business. Mr. Colvin will meet with Anthony Tripoli of Bernstein Displays, the new property owners, to discuss the museum. \$250,000 in artifacts and a \$100,000 painting were given by Stanley for the museum, and Mr. Colvin and his group are "still on the trail" to establish a museum.

Rep. Miller stated that she had forgotten two people in her comments on athletes' accomplishments: Corey Greene, New England wrestling champion and John Andrews, state wrestling champion.

Moderator Dailey went over the rules for town meeting.

Mr. Colvin made motion to dispense with the reading of the Warning. Alan Watson seconded, and motion passed by voice vote.

Article 1. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and take action thereon.

Arthur Faris moved and Ruth Levin seconded to accept the reports as published. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 2. To Determine:

A. What salary shall be paid to the Select Board?

Mr. Colvin moved and Dr. Faris seconded to pay the Select Board \$800, last year's amount.

Tyler Resch stated that the job of the Select Board is one of increasing complexity and that their salary should be raised to \$1,000 as a token thank-you for all their hard work and time. Bill Hurley agreed.

Mr. Resch moved to amend the motion to raise the amount to \$1,000 and Dave Mattison seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. What salary shall be paid to the Town Treasurer?

Moderator Dailey noted that a \$1,000 raise has been proposed, to \$15,000, and described the Treasurer's duties.

Noel Cardiff moved and Kathy Cardiff seconded to pay the Town Treasurer last year's amount of \$14,000.

Lew Levin stated that Treasurer Henrietta Billow does a lot of work and deserves a \$1000 raise. Ms. Cardiff asked for more details on the Treasurer's duties and compensation, which Chairman Metcalfe provided.

Dr. Faris called the question and Lon McClintock seconded. Motion to call the question carried by voice vote. Motion to pay the Town Treasurer \$14,000 was defeated by voice and standing vote.

Mr. Hurley moved and it was duly seconded to pay the Town Treasurer \$15,000. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. What salary shall be paid to the Town Clerk?

Mr. Watson moved and it was duly seconded to pay the Town Clerk last year's amount of \$8,000. Motion carried by voice vote.

D. What hourly rate shall be paid to Board of Listers?

Dr. Faris moved and it was duly seconded to pay the Board of Listers the current minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour. Motion carried by voice vote.

E. What hourly rate shall be paid to Board of Auditors?

Dr. Faris moved and it was duly seconded to pay the Board of Auditors the current minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour. Motion carried by voice vote.

F. What hourly rate shall be paid to the Ballot Clerks?

Rodney Hall moved and Rick Stratton seconded to pay the Ballot Clerks the current minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour. Motion carried by voice vote.

G. What compensation, if any, shall be paid to all other elected Town Officers?

Paul Becker moved and it was duly seconded to pay all other elected Town Officers the current minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour. Motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Faris pointed out that some elected town officials are not paid anything, and he added the clarification that anyone who was not paid last year will not be paid this year.

H. What stipend shall be paid to members of the Planning Commission and Development Review Board?

Mr. Watson moved and Dixie Zens seconded to pay members of the Planning Commission and Development Review Board \$100, as last year. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 3. To adopt the Town Budget.

Dr. Faris moved and Mr. Zens seconded to approve the budget as adopted by the Board.

Lon McClintock expressed concern about the \$72,500 tipping fees revenue in the budget. He believes PAYT will increase trash dumped on roads and hurt those on fixed incomes. He does not want to see the system implemented until details are known.

Mr. McClintock moved and it was duly seconded to amend the motion to approve the budget to remove the \$72,500 line item for tipping fees revenue.

Chairman Metcalfe stated that if the \$72,500 revenue is removed there will need to be a tax increase. Mr. McClintock stated that taxpayers will pay for it either way.

Mr. Levin stated that current tax fees for waste disposal are lower than PAYT rates and that PAYT will hurt people with families. Mr. Cardiff agreed with Mr. McClintock that PAYT will increase illegal dumping and stated that he thinks the current trash disposal service should be continued.

Dr. Faris stated that almost every other Vermont community has PAYT, and that he has not seen an increase in trash on roadsides. He believes we have gone far too long with an archaic system of paying for trash disposal with taxes.

Barth Vander Els agreed that it is fair to handle trash as a fee for service utility, and take care of people who can't afford to pay as a separate issue. He stated that "we should each pay for our dirt."

Mr. Resch agreed that PAYT has not increased dumping, but shares Mr. McClintock's concern with predicting revenues when we don't know the ground rules. Chairman Metcalfe replied that the Board had set the tipping fee based on solid waste figures from last year's budget. Bill Pennebaker stated that the fee is revenue neutral and only covers tipping charges.

Michael Albus asked if residents will receive a \$72,500 reduction in taxes. He asked where this sum went in the budget. Ms. Mellinger replied that it had gone to fund various reserve funds. Dr. Albus asked if that meant taxes had been raised by \$72,500, and she replied that one could look at it that way.

Mr. Cardiff stated that the property tax is already income sensitive; why add another layer of complexity that PAYT will bring? Ms. Mellinger stated that the chief reason for PAYT is not financial, but to increase recycling and it has been proven to do so.

Bob Holmes asked how senior citizens who cannot handle heavy bags will be accommodated, and Ms. Mellinger said that these details are being worked out.

Mr. Pennebaker pointed out that the proposed tipping fee is much less than that charged by other towns. In response to Mr. McClintock's view that the projected revenue is speculation, he replied that charges were calculated to generate \$72,500.

Dave Mattison commented that he did not look forward to spending half a weekend day sitting in line at the dump.

Mr. Hall said that he assumes \$72,500 is a good faith estimate and that PAYT is a work in progress that can be adjusted.

Mr. Becker asked if this amount includes added personnel and Chairman Metcalfe replied that it does not. He also stated that he does not want to give the impression that taxes will go down by this amount. The money has been budgeted for reserve funds this year.

Ms. Cardiff asked if this represented all waste disposal costs, and Chairman Metcalfe answered that it covered only garbage tonnage; management costs are \$30,000.

Sally Sugarman stated that while PAYT may be good in concept, she needs more details. Moderator Dailey stated that this is not an informational meeting on PAYT.

David O'Brien asked what the impact would be of removing the \$72,500 from the budget and not funding the reserve funds. Chairman Metcalfe replied that this would mean a tax increase of 10% instead of 3%. Mr. O'Brien suggested that Mr. McClintock add a second amendment to his amended motion, specifying that the \$72,500 be removed from the budget temporarily, from reserve funds, until PAYT is approved and up and running.

There was a discussion concerning the need for reserve funds, and Phyllis Porio stated that it should be understood the suggested amendment would just delay the funding of the reserves, not refuse to fund them.

Mr. McClintock amended his amended motion (seconded by Ms. Porio) as restated by Mr. O'Brien, to remove tipping fee revenues in the budget, that amount to be taken out of reserve funds and put back in the budget as PAYT is rolled out.

Moderator Dailey clarified that this motion would reduce the tipping fee line item of \$72,500 to 0 and likewise reduce expense line items by that amount.

Ms. Mellinger made the point that reserve funds are not line items, but are voted on in the Australian ballot. Moderator Dailey stated that an amendment having to do with the Australian ballot cannot be proposed.

Mr. McClintock stated that the tipping fee line item could be made 0, to be offset in the budget. Chairman Metcalfe said that he wanted everyone to understand that the \$72,500 would then come out of the overall budget, not reserve funds, and that this would have implications for town services.

Cinda Morse pointed out that the Select Board has already adopted PAYT. Residents can petition the Board to have it put to a vote by the town, but it has been passed, and the goal now is to work out the details. Removing the \$72,500 from the budget is the prerogative of those in attendance, but it will come out of the operating budget.

Ms. Mellinger stated that many meetings have been held on PAYT, and there has been extensive newspaper coverage. She emphasized that the Board and the Solid Waste Committee have done a lot of research, and that "we're not flying by the seat of our pants." She wishes more people had attended meetings and hopes they will attend in the future.

Magdalena Usategui strongly advised approval of the Board's decision on PAYT, noting they have done a lot of work on it. Ms. Sugarman thanked Ms. Morse for clarifying that the Board has already approved PAYT and that it is not up for debate. In that light, she felt that the current motion does not make much sense.

Mr. O'Brien asked if the \$72,500 in revenue is based on projections of fee per bag charges, and Chairman Metcalfe replied that it is based on those projections. Ms. Morse stated that it is not a guess, but based on Mr. Pennebaker's calculations.

Dr. Faris called the question and Mr. Hurley seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote. Mr. McClintock's amended motion to reduce the budget by \$72,500 on the revenue side by changing the tipping fee line item to 0 was defeated in voice and standing vote.

Moderator Dailey returned to the original motion to pass the budget as presented.

Mr. Mattison called the question and Mr. Stratton seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote. The original motion by Dr. Faris and seconded by Mr. Zens to approve the budget as adopted by the Select Board carried by voice vote from the floor.

Article 4. To Determine: Will the Town vote to have taxes collected by the Town Treasurer?

Audrey Jones moved and Ms. Sugarman seconded to have taxes collected by the Town Treasurer. Motion carried.

Article 5. To Determine: Will the Town vote to set the date for payment of taxes as Friday, November 10, 2006 by 5 o'clock?

Ms. Sugarman moved and Ms. Levin seconded to set the date for payment of taxes as Friday, November 10, 2006 by five o'clock. Motion carried.

Article 6. Article 6 (a resolution concerning the use of state education funds) mistakenly did not appear in the Town Meeting Warning and so was not taken up.

Article 7. We the voters of the Town of Shaftsbury vote to approve the resolution to formally recognize the service of the men and women of the Vermont Air and Army National Guard. We thank them and their families for their selfless dedication to both the State of Vermont and the United States of America.

Mr. Resch moved and Mr. Hurley seconded to approve the Article 7 resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 8. To transact any other business found proper when met.

Mr. Hurley, of Southwestern Vermont Health Care, commented on the proposed legislation on the Catamount Health Plan. He thinks that the problem must be addressed, but that this solution will only add to the cost shift and further strain Medicaid. Mr. Hurley would like to see a true bipartisan effort on health care. He encouraged residents to read the handout he had brought on this topic.

Mr. Mattison asked why Eleanor B. Smith was not present, and Moderator Dailey replied that she has been ill, and that expressions of concern and well wishes will be passed along to her.

Rep. Miller read and explained the education funds resolution that had to be left out because it had not been warned. She stated her opposition to using education funds for any other purpose.

Ms. Levin moved, it was duly seconded, and motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:13PM.

Respectfully submitted

Susan M. Swasta, Meeting Recording Secretary

**OFFICIAL RESULTS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING SHAFTSBURY, VERMONT
MARCH 7, 2006 - 589 VOTERS**

	TOTAL..... 589
SELECTMAN <u>3 Years</u>	
William Pennebaker.....	414
Write In	29
Blank	146
TOTAL.....	589
SELECTMAN <u>2 Years</u>	
Cinda Morse.....	413
Write-In.....	24
Blank	152
TOTAL.....	589
TOWN CLERK <u>3 Years</u>	
Judy Stratton	517
Write-In.....	7
Blank	65
TOTAL.....	589
TREASURER <u>3 Years</u>	
Henrietta Billow.....	512
Write-In.....	7
Blank	70
TOTAL.....	589
MODERATOR <u>1 Year</u>	
Thomas Dailey	498
Write In	9
Blank	82
TOTAL.....	589
LISTER <u>3 Year</u>	
Angie Abbatello	420
Write In	11
Blank	158
TOTAL.....	589
TAX COLLECTOR <u>1 Year</u>	
Merton J. Snow	506
Write In	2
Blank	81
TOTAL.....	589
FIRST CONSTABLE <u>1 Year</u>	
Francis Buck.....	450
Write In	3
Blank	136
	589
SECOND CONSTABLE <u>1 Year</u>	
Dave Herzfeld	424
Write In	6
Blank	159
TOTAL.....	589
GRAND JUROR <u>1 Year</u>	
Write-In.....	50
Blank	539
TOTAL.....	589
AUDITOR <u>3 Yrs/2 rem</u>	
Janet Daniels	450
Write-In.....	3
Blank	136
TOTAL.....	589
AUDITOR <u>3 Years</u>	
Robert Holmes	420
Write-In.....	3
Blank	166
TOTAL.....	589
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS	
<u>3 Yrs 2 yrs rem</u>	
Barth VanderEls.....	466
Write-In.....	4
Blank	119
TOTAL.....	589
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS	
<u>3 Years</u>	
Charles Yoder	441
Write-In.....	2
Blank	146
TOTAL.....	589
TOWN AGENT <u>1 Year</u>	
Write-In.....	20
Blank	569
TOTAL.....	589

RESULTS OF BALLOT ARTICLES**MARCH 7, 2006**

589 Voters

9.	Will the Town appropriate \$5,000 to the Arlington Rescue Squad?	YES 395	NO 175	BLANK	19
10.	Will the Town appropriate \$5,225 to the Bennington Area Home Health?	YES 463	NO 110	BLANK	16
11.	Will the Town appropriate \$720 to the Bennington Coalition Homeless?	YES 412	NO 158	BLANK	19
12.	Will the Town appropriate \$400 to the Bennington County Conservation District?	YES 382	NO 183	BLANK	24
13.	Will the Town appropriate \$11,412 to the Bennington Free Library?	YES 374	NO 200	BLANK	15
14.	Will the Town appropriate \$4,560 to the Bennington Project Independence?	YES 401	NO 169	BLANK	19
15.	Will the Town appropriate \$2,000 to the Bennington Rescue Squad?	YES 475	NO 98	BLANK	16
16.	Will the Town appropriate \$1,700 to the Bennington Rutland Opportunity Council?	YES 369	NO 194	BLANK	26
17.	Will the Town appropriate \$600 to the Center for Restorative Justice (CRJ)?	YES 308	NO 232	BLANK	49
18.	Will the Town appropriate \$100 to the George D. Aiken RC&D Council?	YES 295	NO 249	BLANK	45
19.	Will the Town appropriate \$200 to the Green-Up Vermont?	YES 448	NO 125	BLANK	16
20.	Will the Town appropriate \$5,250 to the John G. McCullough Library?	YES 406	NO 164	BLANK	19
21.	Will the Town appropriate \$600 to the Norshaft Little League?	YES 461	NO 107	BLANK	21
22.	Will the Town appropriate \$1,000 to the Paran Recreations?	YES 413	NO 152	BLANK	24
23.	Will the Town appropriate \$450 to the Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE)?	YES 417	NO 150	BLANK	22

24.	Will the Town appropriate \$900 to the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?	YES 465	NO 108	BLANK	16
25.	Will the Town appropriate \$350 to the Shaftsbury Garden Club?	YES 385	NO 177	BLANK	27
26.	Will the Town appropriate \$2,500 to the Shaftsbury Historical Society?	YES 395	NO 174	BLANK	20
27.	Will the Town appropriate \$500 to the Sunrise Family Resource Center?	YES 333	NO 229	BLANK	27
28.	Will the Town appropriate \$1,100 to the Southwestern Vermont Agency on Aging?	YES 440	NO 129	BLANK	20
29.	Will the Town appropriate \$800 to the Tutorial Center?	YES 389	NO 173	BLANK	27
30.	Will the Town appropriate \$1,000 to the Veterans Honor Roll?	YES 437	NO 128	BLANK	24
31.	Will the Town appropriate \$200 to the VT Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired?	YES 467	NO 100	BLANK	22
32.	Will the Town appropriate \$365 to the Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL)?	YES 419	NO 142	BLANK	28
33.	Will the Town appropriate \$25,000 to the Equipment Reserve Fund?	YES 412	NO 156	BLANK	21
34.	Will the Town appropriate \$10,000 to the Grader Reserve Fund?	YES 403	NO 162	BLANK	24
35.	Will the Town appropriate \$40,000 to the Fire Truck Reserve Fund?	YES 392	NO 173	BLANK	24
36.	Will the Town appropriate \$10,000 to the Cole Hall Reserve Fund?	YES 398	NO 166	BLANK	25
37.	Will the Town appropriate \$15,000 to the Paving Reserve Fund?	YES 400	NO 165	BLANK	24
38.	Will the Town appropriate \$12,000 to the Landfill Reserve Fund?	YES 405	NO 164	BLANK	20

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 31, 2006 - Shaftsbury Elementary School

Select Board Present: Chairman Wynn Metcalfe, Vice-Chairman Cinda Morse, Jim Mead, Karen Mellinger, and Bill Pennebaker

Moderator: Thomas Dailey

Others Present: Town Administrator Aaron Chrostowsky, Town Clerk Judy Stratton, Minutes Secretary Susan Swasta, and approximately 40 Shaftsbury residents

Moderator Dailey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. He introduced Select Board members, Town Administrator Aaron Chrostowsky, Town Clerk Judy Stratton, and Recording Secretary Susan Swasta.

Moderator Dailey read the warning for the special town meeting. He stated that there will be a presentation on the request to borrow funds as stated in Article I, then he will ask for a motion to borrow the funds, and then the floor will be open to debate.

Article I. Shall the Town of Shaftsbury borrow an amount not to exceed one-hundred-fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) plus interest to cap the Town's landfill?

It was duly moved and seconded to approve the borrowing by the Town up to \$150,000 to cap the landfill.

Moderator Dailey turned the floor over to Select Board Chairman Wynn Metcalfe for a presentation on landfill closure. Using Power Point slides, Chairman Metcalfe discussed project details, expected costs, funding sources, the project balance sheet, the three options for landfill closure, the borrowing fact sheet, estimated debt service schedule, and tax impact.

The four-acre landfill is to be capped with a geo-synthetic cover by Rifenburg Construction of Troy, New York, at estimated costs of \$858,000. In breaking down individual costs Chairman Metcalfe stressed that the Board does not believe the total will be this high; there is a 12% contingency fund, and there may be some savings on the cost of earth materials. Funding sources include the Town Sinking Fund and recent grants from the state. Chairman Metcalfe thanked State Representative Alice Miller and Senator Dick Sears for their work in getting these grants.

The gap between revenues and estimated expenditures is \$150,000. The options are to borrow this sum, take it out of this year's general fund budget, or stop work on landfill closure. There is great pressure from the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) to get the work done. A five-year \$150,000 loan from Chittenden Bank, at an interest rate of 5%, would cost a total of \$22,500 in interest. Debt service would add two cents to the tax rate, which would translate to an additional \$30 yearly in taxes on a \$150,000 property.

Barbara J. Miller asked if the Board can guarantee that taxes will go up by the figure cited by Chairman Metcalfe, or could they go higher? Chairman Metcalfe replied that the tax increase figures he had stated were the most that residents would be looking at.

Tyler Resch stated that he had read that the Town of Coventry's capped landfill is generating power from methane. He asked if methane generation for power has been considered for Shaftsbury's landfill. Aaron Chrostowsky replied that Shaftsbury's landfill is too small for methane generation.

Fran Kinney stated that in 2002 or 2003 the town had checked into closing the landfill and at that time it was projected to cost \$320,000. He asked how we had gotten from \$320,000 to the \$858,000. Chairman Metcalfe explained that the original money had been given to Shaftsbury by the state, who had told the town how much closure would cost.

Last December it was put out to bid, with an expectation that the job would cost \$350,000. The bid was \$550,000 for a clay cap, but clay could not be found, so the town had to go with a geo-synthetic liner, which increased the price. The job was put out to bid three times, and Rifenburg's bid was the lowest. Chairman Metcalfe noted that the town communicates with the state about this frequently -- at least once a week -- and that the rules keep changing, leading to cost increases.

Chuck Bushey asked if the Town has made the required annual estimates for landfill closure costs to ANR. Mr. Chrostowsky answered that the estimate had been done once. Mr. Bushey asked why annual estimates have not been done, and if the Town has been caught off guard by the price because estimates were not being done each year. Chairman Metcalfe replied that the need for annual estimates has never been mentioned by anyone from the state.

Both Buzz Surwilo of the solid waste division and KAS, the engineering consultants, had told the town that the original \$550,000 bid was way out of line and that it should be re-bid. Mr. Bushey stated that if the town had been required to file a yearly estimate and had failed to do so, this would contribute to a lack of information available to townspeople. He noted that the Board has done well to come in below landfill closure costs of \$250,000 - \$300,000 per acre that were quoted to him. Chairman Metcalfe pointed out that Shaftsbury residents had voted not to close the landfill back when costs would have been lower. He speculated that ANR had been using outdated figures from this era when many landfills were being closed.

Rep. Alice Miller stated that she had had similar experiences to the Select Board in dealing with the state. The legislature has taken ANR to task, and has enacted a law requiring that when ANR recertifies unlined landfills it must tell the towns what it will really cost to close them. There are still two unlined landfills in the state, and Rep. Miller has informed the representatives of those towns about Shaftsbury's experiences and recommended to them that they not wait fifteen years to close their landfills. Her best advice is "Let's just get this job done -- it will just continue to go up."

Moderator Dailey asked for a floor vote on the motion to approve the borrowing of up to \$150,000 plus interest to close the landfill.

Motion carried unanimously by vote from the floor.

Chairman Metcalfe thanked the voters. He announced a 1950's-themed street dance to be held on August 26 on Church Street and Cleveland Avenue, and invited all to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Susan M. Swasta, Minutes Secretary

**STATE OF VERMONT
Bennington County, SS:
TOWN OF SHAFTSBURY**

The inhabitants of the Town of Shaftsbury qualified to vote at the Annual Town Meeting are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Elementary School in said Town on **Monday, March 5th, 2007, at 7:30 P.M.** to transact the business specified below, to be done from the floor. Following completion of such business, the Meeting will stand adjourned until **7:00 A.M. Tuesday, March 6th, 2007,** at the Buck Hill Road Fire House for the election of officers and for voting on ballot articles. On **March 6th, 2007,** polls will be open from **7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.**

Residents of Shaftsbury may make application to have their names placed upon the voter checklist no later than **12:00 Noon on Monday, February 26th, 2007** in order to vote on **March 5th, 2007** and (or) **March 6th, 2007.**

Any voter unable to come to the polls may request an absentee ballot from the Town Clerk up until **12 Noon on Monday, February 26th, 2007.**

**BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED FROM THE FLOOR ON MONDAY,
MARCH 5th, 2007 AT 7:30 PM - 150 BUCK HILL ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

1. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and take action thereon.
2. To Determine:
 - A. Whether Selectboard members receive an annual stipend in the amount of \$1,000?
 - B. Whether Town Treasurer receives an annual stipend in the amount of \$15,000?
 - C. Whether Town Clerk receives an annual stipend in the amount of \$8,000?
 - D. Whether the Board of Listers receives an hourly rate of \$7.53?
 - E. Whether the Board of Auditors receives an hourly rate of \$7.53?
 - F. Whether Ballot Clerks receive an hourly rate of \$7.53?
 - G. What compensation, if any, shall be paid to all other elected Town Officers?
 - H. Whether Planning Commission and Development Review Board members receive an annual stipend in the amount of \$100?
3. To Determine:
 - A. Will the Town vote to have taxes collected by the Town Treasurer?
 - B. Will the Town vote to set the date for payment of taxes as **Saturday, November 10th, 2007?**
4. Shall the Town of Shaftsbury adopt the General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008?
5. Shall the Town of Shaftsbury adopt its budget by Australian ballot?
6. To transact any other business found proper when met.

**BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED BY BALLOT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6th, 2007,
BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 AM & 7:00 PM AT 166 BUCK HILL ROAD FIRE HOUSE**

7. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate **\$5,000** to the Arlington Rescue Squad, Inc.?
8. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate **\$1,850** to the Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity?

9. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$700 to the Bennington Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.?
10. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$500 to the Bennington County Conservation District?
11. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$11,811 to the Bennington Free Library?
12. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$4,560 to the Bennington Project Independence, Inc.?
13. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$1,700 to the Bennington Rutland Opportunity Council (BROC)?
14. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$600 to the Center for Restorative Justice (CRJ)?
15. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$200 to the Green-Up Vermont?
16. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$100 to the George D. Aiken RC&D Council, Inc.?
17. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$5,500 to the John G. McCullough Free Library?
18. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$600 to the Norshaft Little League?
19. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$1,000 to the Paran Recreations, Inc.?
20. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$450 to the Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE)?
21. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$950 to the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?
22. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$350 to the Shaftsbury Garden Club?
23. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$2,500 to the Shaftsbury Historical Society, Inc.?
24. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$1,100 to the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?
25. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$600 to the Sunrise Family Resource Center?
26. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$500 to the Taconic Community Grange?
27. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$1,997 to the Town of Bennington Rescue Squad, Inc.?
28. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$800 to the Tutorial Center?
29. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$1,000 to the Veterans Honor Roll (Hooke Memorial Fund)?
30. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$300 to the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired?
31. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$365 to the Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL)?
32. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$5,225 to the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of Southwestern Vermont Health Care?
33. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$10,000 to the Grader Reserve Fund?
34. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$10,000 to the Cole Hall Reserve Fund?
35. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$13,000 to the Highway Garage Reserve Fund?
36. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$10,000 to the Sidewalk Reserve Fund?
37. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$15,000 to the Paving Reserve Fund?
38. To Determine: Will the Town appropriate \$1,000 to the Economic Development Study Reserve Fund?

Ballot Articles \$109,258

DATED at Shaftsbury, Vermont this 22nd day of January 2007.

TOWN OF SHAFTSBURY SELECTBOARD

Wynn Metcalfe, Chair Cinda Morse, Vice-Chair Jim Mead, Member
 Karen Mellinger, Member Bill Pennebaker, Member

AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Auditors has examined the records, including a representative, random sample of purchase orders, invoices and cancelled checks. The Committee has found, to the best of its knowledge, that the statement of accounts appearing in this Town Report portrays the condition of the finances of the Town of Shaftsbury. Billings and revenues of the Water Department have been reviewed and have been found to be in order.

The revenues of the Dog Report and of the Zoning Administrator do not agree with the Treasurer's Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as the two departments are based on a calendar year versus the fiscal year basis used in the Treasurer's Report. It is recommended by the Board of Auditors that these two departments revise their reporting schedules to be in line with all other departments.

The Board of Auditors is available to answer any questions or hear recommendations regarding the Town Report.

Respectfully

Jim Meskun, Chair

**TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE
Period Ending 6/30/2006
GENERAL FUND**

REVENUES

Current Tax Revenue	\$3,883,356.07
School Tax Refund per State	14,815.00
Delinquent Tax Revenue	193,397.34
Railroad Tax	204.10
Vt. State Aid - Highway	154,636.52
State Land Use	13,396.00
Vt Forest & Parks	11,284.00
Fed Land PILOT Program (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes)	2,778.00
State PILOT	910.00
Dog Licenses	4,637.00
Liquor Licenses	200.00
Zoning & Building Permits	22,831.00
Dog Fines	665.00
State Police Fines	739.00
Sheriff Fines	5,811.80
Interest Earnings	10,852.93
Delinquent Tax Interest	7,100.34
Landfill Fees	1,462.79
Hazardous Income	2,000.00
Other Income	2,919.60
TOTAL REVENUE	\$4,333,996.49

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

Town Expenses	\$1,227,727.37
Shaftsbury School Taxes	3,093,220.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$4,320,947.37**

Fund Balance 6/30/2006	13,049.12
Prior Year Fund Balance	1,675.70
Total Fund Balance	14,724.82
Total Liabilities	866.29
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$15,591.11

Respectfully submitted

Henrietta Billow, Treasurer

GENERAL FUND
Balance Sheet Period Ending 6/30/2006

ASSETS

Checking Account	\$6,886.55
Cash Advance - Petty	200.00
DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS	8,504.56
Total Assets	15,591.11

LIABILITIES

Retirement W/H	1,091.92
Group Life/Disability	(149.04)
AFLAC Supplemental	(76.59)
Total Liabilities	866.29

FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance	1,675.70
Total Prior Years Fund Balance	1,675.70
Fund Balance Current Year	13,049.12
Total Fund Balance	14,724.82

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance **\$15,591.11**

ACT 200 FUND
Balance Sheet Period Ending 6/30/2006

ASSETS

SAVINGS- Act 200 Fund	\$11,094.43
Total Assets	11,094.43

LIABILITIES

Total Liabilities	0.00
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FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance	10,886.24
Total Prior Years Fund Balance.....	10,886.24
Fund Balance Current Year	208.19
Total Fund Balance	11,094.43

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance **\$11,094.43**

HOOKE MEMORIAL FUND
Balance Sheet Period Ending 6/30/2006

ASSETS

Money Market Hooke Memorial-Chittenden \$9,903.08
Total Assets 9,903.08

LIABILITIES

Total Liabilities 0.00

FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance 9,843.09
Total Prior Years Fund Balance 9,843.09

Fund Balance Current Year 59.99
Total Fund Balance 9,903.08

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$9,903.08

Assets:

Balance 6/30/2005.....9,843.09
Town Appropriation.....1,000.00
Interest.....51.33
Total Assets:\$10,894.42

Expenditures:

Supplies275.50
Other purchased Services350.00
Misc. Expense (flags).....365.84
Total Expenses991.34

Balance June 30, 2006.....\$9,903.08

EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND
Balance Sheet Period Ending 6/30/2006

ASSETS

Equipment Money Market Chittenden	\$971.16
Grader Reserve Fund	20,310.40
Hwy Emergency Reserve Fund	6,383.83
Total Assets	27,665.39

LIABILITIES

Total Liabilities	0.00
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FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance	95,213.95
Total Prior Years Fund Balance	95,213.95
Fund Balance Current Year	(67,548.56)
Total Fund Balance	27,665.39

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$27,665.39

7/01/2005

Beginning Balance	56,291.43
2005 General Fund Balance	25,000
CD to MM	78,830.31
Interest Earned	<u>518.01</u>
Total Assets	160,639.75
Total Equipment Expenses	<u>159,668.59</u>
Balance as of 6/20/2006	971.16

Grader Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance 7/01/2005	19,751.49
Interest	<u>558.91</u>
Balance 06/30/2006	20,310.40

Highway Emergency Reserve

Beginning Balance 07/01/2005	19,171.03
Interest	<u>472.41</u>
Balance 06/30/2006	19,643.44
Truck lease payment	<u>13,259.61</u>
Balance 06/30/2006	6,383.83

FIRE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND
Balance Sheet Period Ending 6/30/2006

ASSETS

Bank of Bennington Money Market Fire Truck Reserve	\$16,431.83*
Firemen's Memorial - Village Cemetery	161.00
Total Assets	16,592.83

LIABILITIES

Total Liabilities	0.00
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FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance	104,713.35
Total Prior Years Fund Balance	104,713.35
Fund Balance Current Year	
(Current Year Revenue Minus Expenditures).....	(88,120.52)
Total Fund Balance	16,592.83
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$16,592.83

BREAKDOWN FOR FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND ASSETS

ASSETS

Fire Truck Reserve CD	105,835.92
Sale of Fire Truck	112,500.00
Voted Reserve Fund	40,000.00
Interest Earned	<u>2,058.41</u>
Total Assets	260,394.33

Purchase New Truck..... (243,962.50)

Balance Reserve Fund..... \$16,431.83*

MUNICIPAL GRANTS
Balance Sheet Period Ending 6/30/2006

ASSETS	
Com Enhance Pilot Program	\$5,140.95
Municipal Planning Grant/Chittenden	6,511.46
Economic Development Study Fund	1,007.99
Total Assets	12,660.40

LIABILITIES	
Due to Other Funds	6,044.37
Total Liabilities	6,044.37

FUND BALANCE	
Fund Balance	5,518.41
Total Prior Years Fund Balance	5,518.41
Fund Balance Current Year	1,097.62
Total Fund Balance	6,616.03

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$12,660.40

EXPENDITURES	
Homeland Security	51,157.93
Sewer Expense	20,558.50
Emergency Road Expense	87,953.32

SIDE WALK FUND
Balance Sheet Period Ending 6/30/2006

ASSETS	
Sidewalk Savings	\$23,475.65
2005 Sidewalk Reserve Fund	10,289.76
Phase II/III Donations	16,092.50
Total Assets	49,857.91

LIABILITIES	
Total Liabilities	0.00

FUND BALANCE	
Fund Balance	44,877.36
Total Prior Years Fund Balance	44,877.36
Fund Balance Current Year	4,980.55
Total Fund Balance	49,857.91

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$49,857.91

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS
Period Ending 06/30/2006

This report summarizes the activity of the town funds for which the Trustees of Public Funds have responsibility. The Trustees manage these funds for the purpose of providing income for fund purposes while protecting the purchasing power of the funds through capital appreciation. The Trustees receive professional consultation in managing the fund from Morgan Stanley DW, Inc.

The funds were established for the benefit of the Town and local townfolk. The trustees are cognizant of the fund purposes as they strive to make certain the funds are used as they were intended. No one was more aware of this than the late trustees' chairperson, Charles Yoder. With Charles' passing in June, we lost a conscientious and compassionate leader. Prior to his death Charles brought together a committee of community members for the purpose of reviewing the Health Fund, one of the funds under the trustee's umbrella. It was this committee that presented Shaftsbury with "October is Shaftsbury Health Awareness Month", a series of weekly educational presentations offered by local professionals on topics of general health interest.

With the recent resignation of trustee Barth VanderEls, the Select Board appointed two new trustees, Barry Mayer and William Fisk. We thank Barth for his willingness to assist the town in yet another position and look forward with enthusiasm to ensuring that the funds entrusted to us will be protected and utilized as planned.

Kathy Cardiff
William J. Fisk
Barry Mayer

CEMETERY TRUST FUND

These funds, with accruing net income, are set aside by the Selectboard to acquire equipment needed for the care of our cemeteries or for the procurement of additional land if and when that becomes necessary.

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE

These funds result from payments made to the Town of Shaftsbury to provide for the perpetual care of cemetery lots. An amount for this purpose is included in the price of each lot sold. Monies received by the Town from this source become part of the principal of the fund and may not be used for any other purpose but to produce income for perpetual care. This income is used by the town for cemetery care under the supervision of the Selectboard. The annual net income from this fund is remitted to the Town of Shaftsbury after the close of the fiscal year.

HUNTINGTON CEMETERY FUND

An 1890 gift in trust by Calvin Huntington established the Huntington Cemetery Fund to provide income "to keep in repair the family grave stones of his relations in the town grave yard." The Bennington Probate Court in 2000 appointed the Selectmen of the Town of Shaftsbury as successor trustees to the Huntington Cemetery Trust. The Select Board voted "to turn management of the Huntington Cemetery Fund over to the Trustees of Public Funds" at its June 20, 2005 meeting. The Trustees received the Huntington Fund in July, 2005.

The Huntington Fund principal may not be expended for any purpose. Income from the Huntington Fund may only be used for the stated purpose of the Fund.

SCHOOL FUND

The School Fund, derived from any payments or bequests to the Town of Shaftsbury School District, provides that the net income from the fund be paid annually to the school district.

LIBRARY FUND-RESTRICTED

All net income is paid annually upon request to the Mary Monroe Hawkins Memorial Library Association to purchase books for the library at the Shaftsbury Elementary School.

LIBRARY FUND-UNRESTRICTED

In June 1994 the trustees received a check for \$10,000 from the estate of Tirzah J. Sweet as an unrestricted bequest to the Mary Monroe Hawkins Memorial Library, located in the Shaftsbury Elementary School. Net income is credited to the fund. Monies from this fund are requested and disbursed at the discretion of the Mary Monroe Hawkins Memorial Library Association.

HEALTH FUND

All net income is to be credited to the Shaftsbury Health Fund. Income can be drawn from the Health Fund as needed for current activities related to community health.

RECREATION FUND

The Selectboard established this fund to function as an endowment providing income for use in supporting recreation projects in the Town of Shaftsbury. Prior town recreation saving accounts together with Howard Park contributions were either transferred or deposited into this fund to make up its principal. The annual net income from this fund is remitted to the Town of Shaftsbury after the close of the fiscal year for use by the recreation committee.

JULIA MATTISON FUND

A 1919 will of Julia E. Mattison, a Shaftsbury resident established this fund. The Bennington Probate Court distributed the funds to the Town in a 1926 order following Ms. Mattison's death. Fund income provides care, comfort and maintenance of any aged and needful women who are residents of the Town of Shaftsbury under the terms of Ms. Mattison's will. The Selectboard determines recipients of assistance from this fund at its discretion.

GEORGE W. HAWKINS FUND

A generous legacy from a former resident, George W. Hawkins, established this fund in 1976. Net income is credited to the fund. The fund is unrestricted as to use and monies are disbursed at the discretion of the Selectboard. It has been the Selectboard's policy to maintain a minimum principal of \$80,000.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

Fund	Balance July 1, 2005	Income	Gains (Losses)	Additions	Withdrawals	Balance June 30, 2006
Cemetery Trust	\$ 15,979	503	18	0	0	\$ 16,500
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 99,648	3,060	114	400	-3,510	\$ 99,712
Huntington Cemetery	\$ -	552	65	35,938	0	\$ 36,555
School	\$ 26,595	815	31	0	-940	\$ 26,501
Library - Restricted	\$ 11,811	370	15	0	-352	\$ 11,844
Library - Unrestricted	\$ 9,977	312	14	0	-412	\$ 9,891
Health	\$ 18,844	593	22	0	0	\$ 19,459
Recreation	\$ 88,716	2,713	100	0	-3,138	\$ 88,391
Julia Mattison	\$ 21,417	674	25	0	0	\$ 22,116
G.W. Hawkins	\$ 88,316	2,781	102	0	0	\$ 91,199
Total Public Funds	\$ 381,303	\$12,373	\$ 506	\$ 36,338	\$ (8,352)	\$ 422,168

**SUMMARY OF ACCOUNT
HUNTINGTON CEMETERY FUND**

Last reported balance 01/20/2005	\$35,904.02
CD with interest 33.86	35,937.88
Interest on CD to close out 833.25	
Total CD	36,771.13
Check to Trustees 01/05/2006	35,937.88
Interest from CD transferred to Money Market.....	\$833.25

Respectfully submitted

Henrietta Billow, Treasurer

**TOWN OF SHAFTSBURY
DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF 6/30/2006**

2004 Taxes		Property Tax
Asnis-Feit	Heather	1,962.37 *
Brown	Beatrice	1,357.20 *
Cameron	Ed	92.60 *
Chellis	Dana P.	750.43 *
DAAT INC.		2,832.51 *
Faiella	Ida	587.42 *
Legacy	Edward W. & Virginia	232.41 *
Peacock	Brent Dana	208.71 *
Ripley	Gregory & Christina	196.83 *
Sherwood	Michael & Carol	163.53 *
Toner	Ronald F.	28.16 *
Total 2004		8,412.17
2005 Taxes		
Asnis-Feit	Heather	2,477.26 *
Brown	John & Wendy	1,707.36
Brown	Beatrice	3,523.67 **
Cameron	Ed	298.91 *
Caron	Robert & Daniel	280.35 *
Carver	Michael A.	1,964.76 *
Cecere	Alexander G.	1,594.57 *
Charpentier	Ida M.	544.04 **
Chellis	Dana P.	2,113.84 **
DAAT INC.		7,681.23 *
Decoff	Patricia D.	458.29 *
Kelley Jr.	William E. & Patricia	538.68 *
Legacy	Edward W. & Virginia	407.21
Livingston	Clay	1,633.93 *
Paqua	James	185.19 *
Peacock	Brent Dana	316.11 **
Peacock	G. Brent & Carol	1,514.19 **
Peacock	Elaine D.	2,313.83
Ripley	Gregory & Christina	929.58 **
Robinson	David L.	361.09 *
Sherwood	Michael & Carol	1,844.04 **
Slocum	Angela M.	804.71 *
Stratton Jr.	Frank	2,046.06 **
Strom	Charles E. & Pauline R.	1,433.99 **
Toner	Ronald F.	30.11 *
Washburn	Suzanne M.	276.91 **
Washburn	Stephen F. & Suzanne M.	753.17
Woods	Robert J. & Wendy Rae	2,561.05 *
Total 2005		\$40,594.13
GRAND TOTAL		\$40,594.13

* Paid in full as of 12/31/2006

** Partially Paid as of 12/31/2006

LISTERS' REAPPRAISAL FUND
Balance Sheet Period Ending 6/30/2006

ASSETS

Listers' Reappraisal CD	\$106,240.39
Listers' CD Chittenden	42,582.56
Listers' Money Market Fund Chittenden.....	12,749.71
Total Assets	161,572.66

LIABILITIES

Total Liabilities	0.00
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FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance	124,398.51
Total Prior Years Fund Balance	124,398.51

Fund Balance Current Year	37,174.15
Total Fund Balance	161,572.66

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$161,572.66
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SELECTBOARD REPORT

This last year was a busy and productive one for the Selectboard and our Town. Among the major projects we have been engaged in this year are the capping of the landfill, the first stages of sidewalk construction in the Village, start of pay-as-you-throw at the transfer station, initial work on remediation of excessive methane at the landfill, adoption of Development Review Board administration of zoning bylaws, and, on a lighter note, organization of our first "Sock Hop" street dance.

The capping of the landfill was far more difficult and expensive than we anticipated. As many of you know, the cost of this project rapidly escalated from a first estimate of \$224,000 in 2004 to a final worst-case estimate of \$857,000. Since we had only \$330,000 in our reserve fund at the start of 2006, the cost barrier initially appeared insurmountable. However, thanks to our legislative delegation and \$337,000 in state aid they obtained for us, approval by voters to borrow up to \$150,000 and digging deep in other areas, we were able to close the gap. If you haven't admired the large green hill at the landfill, you should – it was very expensive!

The one problem at the landfill that we must still resolve is excessive methane in the soil to the west of the cap. We are in the process of evaluating a proposal by our consultants, Heindel & Noyes, and have every expectation that their innovative approach to the problem will provide a cost-effective solution.

As in past years, we held household hazardous waste days in April and October, each with a free tire day and a free metal week. We also co-sponsored Green-Up Day with the elementary school and Shaftsbury Citizens for Responsible Growth.

Last year the Town purchased two new fire trucks that should serve the Town's needs for the next two decades. At the suggestion of the fire department, the Selectboard implemented a new fire reimbursement ordinance that will allow us to bill insurance companies for operational costs incurred when responding to certain calls. Under the direction of the Town's new Emergency Management Director, Gerry Mattison, we have updated our Rapid Response Plan, completed training programs for key Town personnel, and adopted the All County Hazardous Mitigation Plan. At various times over the past year the Select Board has worked with our constables, our Animal Control Officer, game wardens, and the Sheriff's Department as events dictated.

This year we received a \$250,000 Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant for the construction of sidewalks in the Village of South Shaftsbury. The Town hired Hartgen Associates for the federally mandated archeology study along the proposed sidewalk route. To no one's surprise, they have determined that there are no culturally sensitive areas along this route, and we have now hired the engineering firm, ESPC, to design and facilitate the sidewalk construction.

One of our major ongoing tasks is oversight of the more than 70 miles of road in the town. The two new trucks (and a used pickup truck we purchased to reduce usage of the large trucks for light jobs) have reduced maintenance costs and increased the efficiency of our crew. This year we hired a contractor to do the roadside mowing, and we also rented an additional grader for a week to speed up the spring grading work. This has allowed the highway crew to work on other badly needed jobs, including removal of brush and trees at numerous locations in addition to projects described in the next paragraph. We also bartered services with the Town of Bennington, using their street sweeper on 19 miles of our paved roads while lending our chloride truck for a job in their town.

Numerous road projects were completed this year. New guardrails have been installed on Saw Mill Road, Lower East Road and Myers Road. A new concrete box culvert was installed on Myers Road, paid for with a grant from the State Agency of Transportation. Major road reconstruction including ditching, road widening

apron were paved with the assistance of State grant money, and Saw Mill Road and Clement Greene turnarounds were reconstructed to improve safety.

This year two employees, Bob Dubeck and Gary Gore, left the highway department and were replaced by two new employees, Steve Washburn and Tony Myers. We wish Bob and Gary well in their future endeavors and we welcome the new additions to our highway crew. We also welcome Michelle "Shelly" Boardman, our new Transfer Station Attendant.

As part of an ongoing effort to bring more structure and "business like" policies to our employment practices, we implemented a merit pay system. Each full-time employee received a performance evaluation last summer and the raises awarded were commensurate with that evaluation. Employees for the first time began to contribute 5% of the full cost of their health premiums.

One problem that we will have to address by 2008 is a town-wide reappraisal. Our Common Level of Appraisal has dropped below 80%, and when that happens the State requires a reappraisal. The listers have been actively involved in this issue and will guide the Town through the process.

Finally, this year we organized what we hope will be an annual event each summer – a street dance. The theme this year was a 50's "Sock Hop", complete with costumed competitions and lots of fun events.

As we look towards the future, the Selectboard invites any interested citizens, particularly those with architectural or building background, to join a soon to be established Facilities Committee. This committee will consider such issues as municipal space needs, the Town garage facility and Cole Hall restoration.

Perhaps most importantly, the Selectboard thanks all those folks who so generously volunteer their time and expertise on behalf of our Town. They are truly the "unsung heroes" who make Shaftsbury a vital, caring small-town community. We all owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude.

The Selectboard continues to post our home phone numbers in the book and on our web site, www.shaftsbury.net. Call us if you need to, and visit the web site or call Cole Hall if you are looking for information about ongoing events in the Town.

Wynn Metcalfe, Chair
Cinda Morse, Vice-Chair

Jim Mead

Karen Mellinger
Bill Pennebaker

LANDFILL
Balance Sheet Period Ending 6/30/2006

ASSETS

Landfill Closure Money Market Chittenden	\$32,450.80
Landfill Closure CD-Bennington Savings & Loan.....	137,781.58
Landfill Closure CD now Chittenden.....	156,971.07
Money Market Landfill Bank of Bennington.....	39,602.17
Total Assets	366,805.62

LIABILITIES

Total Liabilities	0.00
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FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance	327,518.98
Total Prior Years Fund Balance.....	327,518.98
Fund Balance Current Year.....	39,286.64
Total Fund Balance	366,805.62
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	366,805.62

ASSETS

Total Assets 6/30/2006	366,805.62
Total Landfill Closing Expenses	\$22,213.41

**TOWN OF SHAFTSBURY
2006-2007 Tax Rate**

Total Budget as voted \$1,345,152
 Less budgeted revenue \$301,420

Total amount to be raised \$1,043,732

Less:

General Fund Balance 6/30/06 \$14,724
 Delinquent Taxes received 6/30/06 \$ 3,776 \$18,500

Amount to be raised by taxes \$1,025,232

Divided by Grand List \$2,313,650 Town Tax Rate..... \$.4431/C

Local Agreement:

Grange Hall \$623 x 1.7864 = \$1,112.93 Taxes
 (divided by Grand List) Town Tax Rate \$.0005/C

District 180 — Shaftsbury School

School Resident \$1.6388
 Non-Resident \$1.7864

Total Shaftsbury Town Tax and School Tax:

Resident \$2.0824/C
 Non-Resident \$2.2300/C

District 254 — North Bennington School

School Resident \$1.7937
 Non-Resident \$1.7811

Total Shaftsbury Town Tax and North Bennington School Tax:

School Resident \$2.2373
 Non-Resident \$2.2247

Respectfully submitted

Henrietta Billow, Treasurer

1		1-Jul-04	1-Jul-05	1-Jul-05	1-Jul-06	1-Jul-06	1-Jul-07
2	TOWN EXPENSES	30-Jun-05	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-07	30-Jun-07	30-Jun-08
3		ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	6 MO ACTUAL	PROPOSED
4	<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>						
5	Auditors						
6	Professional Audit	\$ 11,163	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
7	Salaries/Wages	\$ 3,638	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,379	\$ 4,000	\$ 729	\$ 4,500
8	Town Report	\$ 3,883	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,173	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000
9	Travel & Meetings	\$ 157	\$ 225	\$ 119	\$ 225	\$ -	\$ 225
10	Total	\$ 18,841	\$ 7,725	\$ 7,671	\$ 10,225	\$ 2,729	\$ 11,725
11	Board of Civil Authority						
12	Salaries/Wages (Poll Workers)	\$ 2,204	\$ 900	\$ 587	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,512	\$ 1,000
13	Operating Supplies	\$ 4,072	\$ 2,850	\$ 2,336	\$ 4,400	\$ 3,023	\$ 3,000
14	Travel & Meetings	\$ 40	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100
15	Total	\$ 6,315	\$ 3,900	\$ 2,924	\$ 6,200	\$ 4,535	\$ 4,100
16	Cole Hall/ Town Offices						
17	Salaries/Wages	\$ 3,911	\$ 3,750	\$ 4,235	\$ 3,200	\$ 2,035	\$ 3,200
18	Operating Supplies	\$ 2,269	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,112	\$ 1,000	\$ 858	\$ 1,000
19	Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 2,992	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,679	\$ 3,000	\$ 993	\$ 3,000
20	Renovations	\$ 8,761	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,361	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
21	Utilities	\$ 13,576	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,864	\$ 15,000	\$ 11,446	\$ 15,000
22	Total	\$ 31,510	\$ 30,250	\$ 24,251	\$ 22,200	\$ 15,332	\$ 22,200
23	Delinquent Tax Collector						
24	Supplies	\$ 199	\$ 450	\$ 466	\$ 450	\$ -	\$ 800
25	Total	\$ 199	\$ 450	\$ 466	\$ 450	\$ -	\$ 800
26	Development Review Board						
27	Meeting Recording Clerk	\$ 1,097	\$ 2,000	\$ 576	\$ 1,500	\$ 538	\$ 1,500
28	Board Member Stipends	\$ 600	\$ 700	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 700	\$ 700
29	Zoning Administrator Salary	\$ 9,442	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,120	\$ 8,000	\$ 3,788	\$ 8,000
30	Zoning Admin. Permit Fees	\$ 3,056	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,860	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,620	\$ 3,600
31	Town Clerk Recording Fees	\$ -	\$ 1,376	\$ 735	\$ 1,200	\$ 294	\$ 900
32	Professional Services	\$ 3,305	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,689	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500

33		1-Jul-04	1-Jul-05	1-Jul-05	1-Jul-06	1-Jul-06	1-Jul-07
34	TOWN EXPENSES	30-Jun-05	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-07	30-Jun-07	30-Jun-08
35		ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	6 MO ACTUAL	PROPOSED
36	Equipment and Supplies	\$ 215	\$ 600	\$ 294	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 500
37	Advertising/Legals	\$ 1,232	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,009	\$ 900	\$ 315	\$ 1,500
38	Travel & Meetings	\$ 939	\$ 500	\$ 412	\$ 500	\$ 488	\$ 500
39	Total	\$ 96,587	\$ 100,898	\$ 94,726	\$ 96,962	\$ 86,504	\$ 98,593
40	Employee Benefits						
41	FICA (Town)	\$ 25,766	\$ 24,000	\$ 26,160	\$ 25,000	\$ 12,805	\$ 25,600
42	Unemployment (Town)	\$ 1,537	\$ 2,112	\$ 1,712	\$ 1,312	\$ 581	\$ 2,282
43	Retirement (Town)	\$ 8,608	\$ 8,500	\$ 6,529	\$ 8,746	\$ 4,815	\$ 9,710
44	Health Plan (Highway)	\$ 50,405	\$ 58,338	\$ 66,449	\$ 67,720	\$ 21,718	\$ 84,123
45	Health Plan (Administrator)	\$ 2,120	\$ 4,558	\$ 4,600	\$ 5,285	\$ 2,097	\$ 6,070
46	Health Plan (Town Clerk)	\$ 10,154	\$ 11,677	\$ 13,841	\$ 13,589	\$ 5,392	\$ 15,607
47	Disability (Highway)	\$ 1,213	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,115	\$ 1,500	\$ 454	\$ 1,500
48	Employee Benefits (Protected)	\$ 7,176	\$ -	\$ 530	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
49	Total	\$ 106,979	\$ 110,685	\$ 120,935	\$ 123,152	\$ 47,862	\$ 144,892
50	Listers						
51	Salaries/Wages	\$ 22,165	\$ 25,000	\$ 22,946	\$ 25,000	\$ 10,788	\$ 26,000
52	Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 105	\$ 130	\$ -	\$ 155	\$ 110	\$ 130
53	Maintenance/Supplies	\$ 336	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,937	\$ -	\$ 511	\$ -
54	Professional Services	\$ 6,009	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000
55	Tax Maps	\$ 1,520	\$ 1,520	\$ 1,540	\$ 1,650	\$ -	\$ 1,650
56	Travel & Meetings	\$ 1,192	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,154	\$ 1,200	\$ 396	\$ 1,400
57	Reappraisal Fund	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
58	Computer Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 252	\$ 500	\$ 157	\$ 750
59	Total	\$ 41,327	\$ 56,850	\$ 43,828	\$ 53,505	\$ 31,962	\$ 54,930
60	Planning						
61	Meeting Recording Clerk	\$ 1,322	\$ 2,000	\$ 842	\$ 2,000	\$ 631	\$ 1,500
62	Board Member Stipends	\$ -	\$ 700	\$ -	\$ 700	\$ 400	\$ 500
63	Planning Administrator Salary	\$ 102	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
64	Advertising/Legals	\$ 840	\$ 780	\$ 673	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 300

65		1-Jul-04	1-Jul-05	1-Jul-05	1-Jul-06	1-Jul-06	1-Jul-07
66	TOWN EXPENSES	30-Jun-05	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-07	30-Jun-07	30-Jun-08
67		ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	6 MO ACTUAL	PROPOSED
68	Printing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
69	Professional Services	\$ 339	\$ 1,500	\$ 594	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,000
70	Travel & Meetings	\$ 120	\$ 450	\$ 75	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 200
71	Equipment & Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900	\$ 1,189	\$ 250
72	Total	\$ 79,424	\$ 82,862	\$ 79,616	\$ 84,562	\$ 80,382	\$ 82,643
73	Selectboard						
74	Selectmen's Stipend	\$ 3,930	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,933	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 5,000
75	Town Administrator Salary	\$ 28,424	\$ 35,000	\$ 34,903	\$ 36,749	\$ 17,500	\$ 38,586
76	Meeting Recording Clerk	\$ 2,475	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,825	\$ 3,000	\$ 710	\$ 2,000
77	Board Minutes	\$ 689	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
78	Office Supplies	\$ 3,375	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,848	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,776	\$ 4,500
79	Computer Needs	\$ 1,895	\$ 500	\$ 1,298	\$ 500	\$ 174	\$ -
80	Payroll/Bookkeeping	\$ 3,722	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,821	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,381	\$ 5,000
81	Office Equipment	\$ 4,371	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,135	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,916	\$ 5,000
82	Advertising/Legals	\$ 3,275	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,510	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,001	\$ 3,000
83	Postage	\$ 4,745	\$ 4,500	\$ 1,766	\$ 5,500	\$ 2,550	\$ 6,000
84	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 27,696	\$ 30,000	\$ 29,363	\$ 32,000	\$ 31,592	\$ 33,000
85	Insurance & Bond	\$ 58,968	\$ 55,000	\$ 51,429	\$ 55,000	\$ 51,838	\$ 56,000
86	Professional Services	\$ 3,429	\$ 10,000	\$ 6,003	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,308	\$ 10,000
87	Meetings/Training	\$ 708	\$ 1,000	\$ 442	\$ 1,000	\$ 728	\$ 1,000
88	Staff Development	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 854	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,183	\$ 1,000
89	Interest Expense	\$ 1,147	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,233	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,894	\$ 2,500
90	Video/Web Site	\$ 313	\$ 500	\$ 294	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500
91	Misc. Expenses	\$ 1,735	\$ -	\$ 1,336	\$ -	\$ 248	\$ -
92	Total	\$ 150,898	\$ 164,500	\$ 147,996	\$ 169,249	\$ 126,297	\$ 173,086
93	Town Clerk						
94	Salaries/Wages	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 4,308	\$ 8,000
95	Dues/Subscriptions	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 40	\$ 30	\$ 50	\$ 15
96	Travel & Meetings	\$ 95	\$ 200	\$ 117	\$ 200	\$ 152	\$ 200

97		1-Jul-04	1-Jul-05	1-Jul-05	1-Jul-06	1-Jul-06	1-Jul-07
98	TOWN EXPENSES	30-Jun-05	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-07	30-Jun-07	30-Jun-08
99		ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	6 MO ACTUAL	PROPOSED
100	Professional Services	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 500
101	Equipment & Supplies	\$ 1,636	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,403	\$ 3,720	\$ 780	\$ 3,720
102	Total	\$ 86,733	\$ 89,082	\$ 88,992	\$ 90,312	\$ 83,452	\$ 91,328
103	Town Treasurer						
104	Salaries/Wages	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 15,000
105	Other Services	\$ 93	\$ 500	\$ 339	\$ 500	\$ 296	\$ 500
106	Total	\$ 14,093	\$ 14,500	\$ 14,339	\$ 15,500	\$ 7,796	\$ 15,500
107	Town Tree Warden						
108	Maintenance/removal	\$ 2,880	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 850	\$ 2,500
109	Salary/Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200
110	Tree Plantings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500
111	Total	\$ 2,880	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 3,200	\$ 850	\$ 3,200
112							
113	Total General Gov't.	\$ 635,785	\$ 662,612	\$ 625,743	\$ 675,517	\$ 487,700	\$ 702,997
114							
115	PUBLIC SAFETY						
116	Animal Control						
117	Salaries/Wages	\$ 1,006	\$ 600	\$ 400	\$ 618	\$ -	\$ 1,000
118	Monthly Stipend	\$ 4,333	\$ 4,250	\$ 4,250	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,250	\$ 5,000
119	Veterinary Expense	\$ 213	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 379	\$ 600
120	Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275	\$ -	\$ -
121	Tags/Misc.	\$ 189	\$ 200	\$ 207	\$ 225	\$ 211	\$ 225
122	Total	\$ 5,742	\$ 6,050	\$ 4,857	\$ 6,618	\$ 2,840	\$ 6,825
123	Emergency Management						
124	Operating Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 250
125	Travel & Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 250
126	Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700	\$ -	\$ 500
127	Fire Department						
128	Salaries/Wages	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	\$ -	\$ 2,100

129		1-Jul-04	1-Jul-05	1-Jul-05	1-Jul-06	1-Jul-06	1-Jul-07
130	TOWN EXPENSES	30-Jun-05	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-07	30-Jun-07	30-Jun-08
131		ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	6 MO ACTUAL	PROPOSED
132	Firehouse Expenses	\$ 7,279	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,172	\$ 8,000	\$ 1,210	\$ 8,000
133	State Grant Work	\$ 1,850	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
134	Communications	\$ 9,270	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,460	\$ 9,500	\$ 2,220	\$ 9,500
135	Chief's Schooling	\$ -	\$ 750	\$ 1,090	\$ 750	\$ 52	\$ 750
136	Training	\$ 954	\$ 2,000	\$ 450	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000
137	Insurance & Bond	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,485	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,546	\$ 3,000
138	Equipment Fund	\$ 7,608	\$ 18,000	\$ 15,230	\$ 18,000	\$ 9,330	\$ 18,000
139	Fire Truck Maintenance	\$ 18,794	\$ 8,000	\$ 11,445	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,287	\$ 8,000
140	Operating Supplies	\$ 229	\$ 500	\$ 207	\$ 500	\$ 160	\$ 500
141	Utilities	\$ 6,372	\$ 2,981	\$ 4,721	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,317	\$ 3,500
142	Fire Truck Fuel	\$ 1,766	\$ 1,750	\$ 2,213	\$ 1,750	\$ 2,295	\$ 2,500
143	Fire House Fuel	\$ 5,574	\$ 4,000	\$ 7,756	\$ 9,000	\$ 11,008	\$ 11,000
144	Extrication Equipment	\$ 1,584	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,161	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000
145	Lease payment #2 of 7 (E-64)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00
146	Total	\$ 139,783	\$ 141,013	\$ 142,923	\$ 146,262	\$ 117,588	\$ 189,743
147	Fire Warden						
148	Operating Supplies	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 73	\$ 600	\$ 501	\$ 600
149	Total	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 73	\$ 600	\$ 501	\$ 600
150	Law Enforcement						
151	Sheriff/ State Police	\$ 6,861	\$ 8,221	\$ 7,183	\$ 8,798	\$ 4,060	\$ 13,000
152	Constables	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38	\$ 100	\$ 29	\$ 100
153	Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
154	Total	\$ 6,861	\$ 8,221	\$ 7,222	\$ 8,898	\$ 4,089	\$ 13,100
155							
156	Total Public Safety	\$ 152,385	\$ 155,884	\$ 155,074	\$ 163,078	\$ 125,018	\$ 210,768
157							
158							
159	PUBLIC WORKS						
160							

161		1-Jul-04	1-Jul-05	1-Jul-05	1-Jul-06	1-Jul-06	1-Jul-07
162	TOWN EXPENSES	30-Jun-05	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-07	30-Jun-07	30-Jun-08
163		ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	6 MO ACTUAL	PROPOSED
164	Highway Administration						
165	Salaries/Wages	\$ 179,676	\$ 165,393	\$ 156,638	\$ 173,672	\$ 55,564	\$ 174,261
166	Overtime	\$ -	\$ 19,204	\$ 14,800	\$ 12,802	\$ 203	\$ 15,000
167	Emergency Replace. Pay	\$ 10,164	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500
168	Travel & Meetings	\$ 50	\$ 200	\$ 25	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 600
169	Uniform Cleaning	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,617	\$ 2,800	\$ 1,427	\$ 3,000
170	Steel Toe Footwear	\$ 65	\$ 300	\$ 143	\$ 300	\$ 109	\$ 600
171	CDL Physicals & Drug Testing	\$ 480	\$ 700	\$ 450	\$ 700	\$ -	\$ 600
172	Total	\$ 193,134	\$ 189,897	\$ 174,673	\$ 190,974	\$ 57,303	\$ 194,561
173	Highway Construction and Maintenance						
174	Gravel	\$ 72,197	\$ 60,000	\$ 79,118	\$ 63,000	\$ 47,774	\$ 72,000
175	Sand/Salt	\$ 61,813	\$ 70,000	\$ 71,203	\$ 70,000	\$ 3,140	\$ 72,000
176	Chloride (Dust Control)	\$ 17,570	\$ 30,000	\$ 24,697	\$ 27,000	\$ 27,198	\$ 30,000
178	Subcontract Costs	\$ 25,113	\$ 20,000	\$ 9,785	\$ 20,000	\$ 8,400	\$ 25,000
179	Signs	\$ 1,893	\$ 3,000	\$ 7	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,504	\$ 3,000
180	Level & Sealing	\$ 781	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,050	\$ 2,000	\$ 124	\$ 2,000
181	Bridges/Guardrails	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,816	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,825	\$ 5,000
182	Culverts	\$ 39,042	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,434	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,838	\$ 6,000
183	Paving	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 37,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 36,916	\$ 30,000
184	Long-Term Gravel Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
185	Capital Improvement Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ 7,835	\$ -
186	Total	\$ 219,411	\$ 236,000	\$ 232,110	\$ 243,000	\$ 143,555	\$ 245,000
187	Highway Equipment Maintenance						
188	Trk #1-95 Int/Steve	\$ 511	\$ 3,000	\$ 9,977	\$ 4,000	\$ 889	\$ 4,000
189	Trk #2-98 Int/Tony	\$ 2,543	\$ 2,500	\$ 7,354	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,252	\$ 4,000
190	Trk #3-06 Int/Tim	\$ 1,488	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 915	\$ 1,000
191	Trk #4-03 Int/Carl	\$ 1,894	\$ 1,500	\$ 5,509	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,014	\$ 2,000
192	Trk #5-06 One Ton/George	\$ 2,237	\$ 2,500	\$ 244	\$ 1,000	\$ 200	\$ 1,000
193	Trk #6-90 Int/Chloride	\$ 67	\$ 500	\$ 506	\$ 500	\$ 83	\$ 500

194		1-Jul-04	1-Jul-05	1-Jul-05	1-Jul-06	1-Jul-06	1-Jul-07
195	TOWN EXPENSES	30-Jun-05	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-07	30-Jun-07	30-Jun-08
196		ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	6 MO ACTUAL	PROPOSED
197	Trk #7-02 One Ton/Ron	\$ 1,873	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,480	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,472	\$ 1,000
198	Trk #8-90 Pickup/ Shop	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 188	\$ 500
199	Repairs Subcontract	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 398	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
200	Backhoe 1998	\$ 1,072	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,995	\$ 1,000	\$ 309	\$ 1,000
201	Cat Excavator 1988	\$ 388	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 11	\$ 2,000
202	Cat Grader	\$ 11,767	\$ 5,000	\$ 16,080	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,067	\$ 5,000
203	John Deere Tractor/ Mower	\$ 1,953	\$ 3,300	\$ 6,906	\$ 3,300	\$ -	\$ 3,000
204	Plows and Sanders	\$ 2,644	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,008	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,684	\$ -
205	Sidewalk Machine	\$ 454	\$ 500	\$ 523	\$ 500	\$ 49	\$ 500
206	Communications	\$ 370	\$ 900	\$ 1,130	\$ 900	\$ 177	\$ 900
207	Gas, Diesel & Oil	\$ 22,335	\$ 20,000	\$ 31,769	\$ 28,700	\$ 10,848	\$ 30,000
208	Rentals	\$ 407	\$ 450	\$ 18	\$ 500	\$ 640	\$ 500
209	Machinery & Equipment	\$ 383	\$ 2,900	\$ 1,991	\$ 2,900	\$ 1,823	\$ 6,000
210	Lease payment #2 of 5 (Trk #3)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,000
211	Total	\$ 129,889	\$ 136,482	\$ 166,320	\$ 138,962	\$ 106,783	\$ 164,793
212	Highway Garage						
213	Operating Supplies	\$ 7,658	\$ 7,700	\$ 4,366	\$ 7,000	\$ 1,914	\$ 5,000
214	Building Improvements	\$ 352	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,185	\$ 5,000	\$ 747	\$ 2,000
215	GASB-34 / Stormwater Rules	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
216	Utilities	\$ 4,844	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,688	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,940	\$ 5,000
217	Total	\$ 12,854	\$ 17,700	\$ 12,240	\$ 17,000	\$ 8,601	\$ 12,000
218	Landfill/ Recycling Center						
219	Salaries/Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,063	\$ 8,500
220	Operating Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,400	\$ 200	\$ 200
221	Subcontract Costs	\$ 3,547	\$ 3,000	\$ 12,827	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,031	\$ 6,000
222	Sticker Cost	\$ 215	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,790	\$ 1,200
223	Professional Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,246	\$ -	\$ 9,153	\$ 9,000
224	Buildings / Maintenance	\$ 59	\$ 500	\$ 40	\$ 500	\$ 3,031	\$ 500
225	State Landfill Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,670	\$ -	\$ 10	\$ -

226		1-Jul-04	1-Jul-05	1-Jul-05	1-Jul-06	1-Jul-06	1-Jul-07
227	TOWN EXPENSES	30-Jan-05	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-07	30-Jun-07	30-Jun-08
228		ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	6 MO ACTUAL	PROPOSED
229	Utilities	\$ 479	\$ 300	\$ 290	\$ 150	\$ 58	\$ 400
230	Gas, Diesel & Oil	\$ 37	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ -	\$ 818	\$ 50
231	Solid Waste Removal	\$ 65,192	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,820	\$ 72,500	\$ 20,921	\$ 35,625
232	TAM Management Fee	\$ 30,357	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,694	\$ 33,500	\$ 21,638	\$ 41,820
233	Tire Removal	\$ 1,601	\$ 1,000	\$ 820	\$ 1,000	\$ 307	\$ 1,000
234	Hazardous Waste Days (2)	\$ 14,783	\$ 15,000	\$ 11,780	\$ 16,000	\$ 5,350	\$ 14,000
235	Landfill Capping Debt Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,500
236	Total	\$ 192,972	\$ 198,432	\$ 221,043	\$ 211,412	\$ 151,533	\$ 234,688
237	Park and Cemetery						
238	Park Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,550
239	Cemetery Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,500
240	Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,050.00
241	Special Projects						
242	Cemetery	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -
243	Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -
244	Street Lights						
245	Hawks Avenue	\$ 311	\$ 400	\$ 310	\$ 400	\$ 156	\$ 400
246	S. Shaftsbury Village	\$ 10,125	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,102	\$ 10,600	\$ 5,130	\$ 10,600
247	Total	\$ 10,436	\$ 10,400	\$ 10,412	\$ 11,000	\$ 5,286	\$ 11,000
248							
249	Total Public Works	\$ 757,896	\$ 782,111	\$ 816,799	\$ 812,348	\$ 473,061	\$ 873,892
250							
251	BALLOT ARTICLES						
252	Appropriations						
253	Arlington Rescue Squad	\$ 1,710	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
254	Bennington Area Home Health	\$ 4,703	\$ 5,225	\$ 5,225	\$ 5,225	\$ 5,225	\$ 5,225
255	Benn. Coalition Homeless	\$ 642	\$ 706	\$ 706	\$ 720	\$ 720	\$ 700
256	Benn. County Conservation Dist.	\$ 342	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 500
257	Benn. Free Library	\$ 10,201	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,412	\$ 11,412	\$ 11,811

258		1-Jul-04	1-Jul-05	1-Jul-05	1-Jul-06	1-Jul-06	1-Jul-07
259	TOWN EXPENSES	30-Jun-05	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-07	30-Jun-07	30-Jun-08
260		ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	6 MO ACTUAL	PROPOSED
261	Benn. Project Independence	\$ 4,104	\$ 4,560	\$ 4,560	\$ 4,560	\$ 4,560	\$ 4,560
262	Bennington Rescue Squad	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,997
263	BROC	\$ 1,454	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,700
264	Ctr. for Restorative Justice	\$ 513	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600
265	George D. Aiken RC&D	\$ 43	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
266	Green Up Vermont	\$ 171	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
267	Habitat for Humanity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,850
268	John G. McCullough Library	\$ 4,275	\$ 5,250	\$ 5,250	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500
269	Norsham Little League	\$ 428	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600
270	Paran Recreations, Inc.	\$ 855	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
271	PAVE	\$ 385	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 450
272	RSVP	\$ 855	\$ 950	\$ 950	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 950
273	Shaftsbury Garden Club	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 350
274	Shaftsbury Hist. Society	\$ 2,138	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
275	Sunrise Family Resource	\$ 428	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 600
276	SWVT Agency on Aging	\$ 941	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100
277	Taconic Community Grange	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
278	Tutorial Center	\$ 770	\$ 755	\$ 755	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800
279	Veterans Honor Roll	\$ 855	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
280	VT Assoc. Blind/Via. Imp.	\$ 171	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 300
281	VT Ctr. for Independent Living	\$ 312	\$ 365	\$ 365	\$ 365	\$ 365	\$ 365
282	Total	\$ 112,998	\$ 121,693	\$ 121,693	\$ 125,344	\$ 125,344	\$ 129,151
283	Reserve Funds						
284	Equip. Reserve Fund	\$ 63,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -
285	Grader Reserve Fund	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
286	Fire Truck Reserve Fund	\$ 33,250	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -
287	Cole Hall Reserve Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
288	Garage Reserve Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,000
289	Landfill Reserve Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -

290		1-Jul-04	1-Jul-05	1-Jul-05	1-Jul-06	1-Jul-06	1-Jul-07
291	TOWN EXPENSES	30-Jun-05	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-07	30-Jun-07	30-Jun-08
292		ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	6 MO ACTUAL	PROPOSED
293	Sidewalk Rerve Fund	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
294	Paving Reserve Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
295	Sewer Feasability Study	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
296	Economic Development Study	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
297	Emergency Reserve Fund	\$ 19,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
298	Total	\$ 218,952	\$ 123,432	\$ 123,432	\$ 190,162	\$ 190,162	\$ 137,893
299							
300	Total Ballot Articles	\$ 331,950	\$ 245,125	\$ 245,125	\$ 315,506	\$ 315,506	\$ 267,044
301							
302	OUTSIDE REVENUES						
303	Railroad Tax	\$ 204	\$ 200	\$ 204	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200
304	VT State Highway Aid	\$ 154,900	\$ 148,000	\$ 154,637	\$ 148,000	\$ 77,159	\$ 150,000
305	State Grants	\$ 110,210	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
306	State Land Use	\$ 14,194	\$ 15,000	\$ 13,396	\$ 14,000	\$ 15,191	\$ 15,000
307	State Pilot Program	\$ 920	\$ 900	\$ 910	\$ 900	\$ 1,056	\$ 900
308	Fed Land Pilot Program	\$ 2,732	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,778	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,700
309	VT Forests & Parks	\$ 10,700	\$ 10,700	\$ 11,284	\$ 10,700	\$ 11,284	\$ 11,000
310	Dog Licenses	\$ 5,220	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,637	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,099	\$ 5,000
311	Beer & Liquor Licenses	\$ 135	\$ 90	\$ 200	\$ 90	\$ -	\$ 200
312	Building Permits	\$ 18,300	\$ 18,000	\$ 22,831	\$ 20,000	\$ 9,950	\$ 24,200
313	Dog Fines	\$ 219	\$ 100	\$ 665	\$ 300	\$ 128	\$ 300
314	Police Fines	\$ 1,305	\$ 1,200	\$ 739	\$ 500	\$ 1,478	\$ 1,200
315	Sheriff Fines	\$ 4,484	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,812	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,265	\$ 3,000
316	Earned Interest	\$ 3,184	\$ 1,000	\$ 10,853	\$ 8,000	\$ 12,259	\$ 12,000
317	Tipping / 2nd Issue Stickers	\$ 3,045	\$ 750	\$ 1,463	\$ 900	\$ 1,065	\$ 1,000
318	Pay-as-you-throw Revenues		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72,000	\$ 25,452	\$ 50,000
319	Hazardous Waste Day Income	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000
320	Employee Health Share	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,330	\$ 1,147	\$ 10,580
321	Sale of Town Property & Equipment	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -

322		1-Jul-04	1-Jul-05	1-Jul-05	1-Jul-06	1-Jul-06	1-Jul-07
323		30-Jun-05	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-07	30-Jun-07	30-Jun-08
324		ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	6 MO ACTUAL	PROPOSED
325	Delinq. Tax Interest	\$ 6,019	\$ 7,200	\$ 7,100	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,563	\$ 6,000
326	Fire Reimbursement Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000
327	Other Income	\$ 1,630	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,920	\$ 1,000	\$ 650	\$ 1,000
328	Total Income	\$ 414,103	\$ 303,072	\$ 319,860	\$ 379,582	\$ 243,906	\$ 300,173
329							
330	Category						
331	General Gov't.	\$ 635,785	\$ 662,612	\$ 625,743	\$ 675,517	\$ 487,700	\$ 702,997
332	Public Safety	\$ 152,385	\$ 155,884	\$ 155,074	\$ 163,078	\$ 125,018	\$ 210,768
333	Public Works	\$ 757,896	\$ 782,111	\$ 816,799	\$ 812,348	\$ 473,061	\$ 873,092
334	Appropriations	\$ 112,998	\$ 121,693	\$ 121,693	\$ 125,344	\$ 125,344	\$ 129,151
335	Reserve Funds	\$ 218,952	\$ 123,432	\$ 123,432	\$ 190,162	\$ 190,162	\$ 137,893
336	Total Expenditures:	\$ 1,878,017	\$ 1,845,732	\$ 1,842,741	\$ 1,966,448	\$ 1,401,285	\$ 2,053,901
337	Less: Total Revenues	\$ 414,103	\$ 303,072	\$ 319,860	\$ 379,582	\$ 243,906	\$ 300,173
338							
339	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE						
340	RAISED BY TAXES	\$ 1,463,914	\$ 1,542,660	\$ 1,572,881	\$ 1,586,866	\$ 1,157,378	\$ 1,673,728
341							
342	<u>Shaftsbury Selectboard</u>						
343	Wynn Metcalf, Chair						
344	Cinda Morse, Vice-Chair						
345	Jim Mead, Member						
346	Karen Mellinger, Member						
347	Bill Pennobaker, Member						
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BUDGET NOTES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Note: As of January 1st, 2007, the State's minimum wage changed from \$7.25 to \$7.53. This change will affect the Town's employees and officials who are paid minimum wage.

Travel and Meetings: This budget proposes raising the mileage reimbursement rate from the current 30 cents per mile to the IRS mileage allowance of 44.5 cents per mile. Town officials are reimbursed for mileage when using personal vehicles for Town business.

Auditors: The increase is due to higher printing costs.

Board of Civil Authority: Reduction is because two elections are scheduled in fiscal year '07/'08: the Presidential Primary and Town Meeting. (Three elections were held in FY '06/'07)

Cole Hall (Town Offices): No change.

Delinquent Tax Collector: Increase is the result of this year's purchase of postage paid envelopes which is done every other year.

Listers (Assessor): Increase due to mileage reimbursement and minimum wage changes. Note that the Reappraisal Reserve Fund \$\$ is included here.

Planning/ Development Review Board: The establishment of a Development Review Board (DRB) in place of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) has resulted in a decrease in the Planning Commission budget and an increase in the DRB budget.

Selectboard: This budget includes a 5% increase for the Town Administrator's salary (allocated based on a performance evaluation), an increase in postage rate and DRB mailings, as well as the addition of a Howard Park appreciation luncheon, in addition to the holiday luncheon and other staff incentive programs during the year.

Note:

The Selectboard has merged the Computer Needs account with the Computer & copier supplies/ maintenance account and changed the name to Office Equipment. There is no increase in the combined account.

Town Clerk: An increase in the Professional Service account of \$200 to \$500 is recommended to pay for the cost of a replacement during any unplanned absence of the Town Clerk.

Town Treasurer: No change.

Employee Benefits: The unemployment insurance rate has increased due to both the Town's and the Trust's loss history. Health Insurance has increased. The amount plan participants contribute will also increase from 5% to 10% of the full cost of the health plan.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Animal Control: The increase in salary and wages brings the animal control officer compensation into parity with compensation paid by other municipalities in the region.

Emergency Management: Decrease in budget.

Fire Department: Increased fuel costs and the addition of Engine 64 Lease Payment #2 (of 7) are the reasons for the increase. Note that lease payments are added to the regular budget rather than left as a reserve fund to reflect the changed nature of the obligation of a lease rather than purchase outright.

Law Enforcement: The cost of the Sheriff Department has increased significantly due to the loss of federal funds that have covered half this cost over the last three years. This line item increase, nonetheless, reflects a decrease in service from 15 to 10 hours per week.

PUBLIC WORKS

Note: This budget reflects the following highway improvement projects as well as general road maintenance:

1. Repairing the drainage system on Shop Hill (Church Street) and paving the whole road.
2. Installing a new box culvert on Bennett Hill Road.
3. Installing new guardrails in selected spots.

This budget reflects the merging of the Plows & Sanders account with the Machinery and Equipment account. The line-item Capital Improvement Projects was not funded as money toward highway improvement projects was included in paving, guardrails, and bridges and culverts.

Highway Administration: Salaries and wages include the hourly pay for all highway department employees including vacation, sick, and holiday pay. The Selectboard is proposing a 5% increase for wages of which, 3% is a cost of living increase and 2% is a merit increase granted based on annual performance reviews.

Highway Construction and Maintenance: Gravel, Salt and Chloride increases are based on rising costs. The Town is now using a new type of gravel that is fractured and which holds the road together better.

Subcontractor costs include the contracting of roadside mowing (which lowers maintenance costs on our equipment) and the renting of an additional grader during the spring and fall seasons.

Highway Equipment Maintenance: Equipment maintenance is budgeted based on the age and condition of each piece of equipment. The increase is due primarily to gas, diesel & oil costs. Lease payment #2 (of 5) on Truck #5 is moved from the Equipment Reserve Fund to reflect the lease obligation rather than a purchase.

Highway Garage: The decrease in the building improvements line is the result of moving the capital improvements to a new Town Highway Garage Reserve Fund.

Landfill/ Recycling Center: The Selectboard has decided to decrease the transfer station operations from three days per week to two days per week. This reduces the anticipated costs for Salary and Wages and the TAM Management Fee by approximately \$6,000.

Subcontract costs includes twice yearly tub grinding (\$2,000/each) of brush, as required by our state certification. It also includes mowing of the landfill cap (required) and surrounding transfer station property.

Professional services represents the cost of the semi-annual groundwater monitoring, as required by the State.

Landfill capping debt service is a new line item which represents payment #1 of 5 on the \$150,000 loan for additional landfill capping funds approved by voters in July 2006.

The Town renewed the contract with TAM to operate the Landfill and Recycling Center last summer. Although TAM was the lowest bidder, the new contract included a substantial increase in the TAM management fee.

Solid Waste Removal costs are offset by revenues from the Pay-As-You-Throw system.

Park and Cemetery: These headings are new this year due to the increased cost of maintenance of the parks and cemeteries. The interest from the Trustee of Public Fund monies does not fully cover the operating costs of these facilities.

BALLOT ARTICLES

Appropriations have been placed on the ballot as requested by the various non-profit organizations this year. Two new organizations are requesting funding by the Town: Habitat for Humanity and Taconic Community Grange.

Reserve Funds

Highway Equipment Reserve Fund: The Town is moving toward the lease rather than outright purchase of equipment. Lease payment obligations are now shown in the Town's operating budget rather than as Reserve Fund requests.

Grader Reserve Fund is used for the repair, maintenance, and eventual replacement of the grader.

Fire Equipment Reserve Fund: Lease payment obligations are now shown in the Town's operating budget rather than as Reserve Fund requests.

Cole Hall Reserve Fund. This year's allocation is going towards the repair or replacement of the roof. Grant funding will also be sought, in which case this fund would leverage additional money.

Town Garage Reserve Fund. This new reserve fund is for the repair and the eventual replacement of the Town Highway Garage. This year's allocation is going towards the replacement of the roof.

Landfill Reserve Fund. As the landfill is now capped, this reserve fund is no longer necessary. The cost of debt service on the 5 year loan approved by voters is in the operating budget as are the ongoing costs of monitoring and maintenance.

Sidewalk Reserve Fund. Money allocated to this fund will be set aside for the development of new sidewalks and the rehabilitation of existing sidewalks in the Town. As in the past, grant funding will be sought to supplement this fund.

Paving Reserve Fund. We will be applying for State and Federal paving grants to help pay for long term paving projects. Since these grants normally require that the Town pay a percentage of the costs, we must have funds set aside in the Paving Reserve Fund if we are to take advantage these grants.

Economic Development: This money will allow the Economic Development Committee to fund studies of ways to improve the quality of life, increase the Town's tax base, and develop new and existing businesses in Shaftsbury. Money allocated this year will go towards the following projects: 1) South Shaftsbury Village Center designation, 2) Howard Park to Lake Paran Trail development, 3) further study and evaluation of sewer needs in Town, and 4) a Welcome to Shaftsbury Marketing/ Informational brochure and map.

OUTSIDE REVENUES

Employee Health Care Cost-Sharing reflects the 10% that all employees and public officials on the health insurance plan will contribute toward the cost of their plan. This amount represents an increase from the 5% contributed this year.

Marriages For 2006

Klein, Brooks J.	and		Woods, Dana G.	and	
Butler, Jessica R.		3/12/2006	Apple, Mary M.		8/19/2006
Haskell, Edward W.	and		Parmenter, Brian F.	and	
Elizey, Laura K.		3/18/2006	Gilbar, Lynn M.		8/19/2006
Cameron, Roger R.	and		Lebert, Aaron D.	and	
Simpson, Veronica L.		4/22/2006	Chreene, Nicole M.		9/9/2006
Meehan, Michael T.	and		Storch, Craig I.	and	
Morse, Kathleen A.		5/9/2006	Haines, Karen A.		9/9/2006
Cote, Kenneth J. Jr.	and		Hutton, Scott D.	and	
Nicholson, Jennifer L.		5/27/2006	Richard, Judith H.		9/16/2006
Gordon, Danny J. Jr.	and		Hurley, Scott W.	and	
Peters, Michelle J.		7/1/2006	Dickie, Kelli J.		9/23/2006
Moffitt, Donald P.	and		Goble, Douglas D.	and	
Harrington, Elizabeth J.		7/8/2006	Merchant, Sarah B.		9/27/2006
Davis, Mark A.	and		Goodwin, Adam M.	and	
Keleher, Tara A.		7/15/2006	Quero, Alwyn D.		10/7/2006
Beach, Michael G.	and		Belcarris, Andre L.	and	
Cozma, Idena		8/8/2006	Lewis, Felicia		10/21/2006
			Harper, Adam C.	and	
			Capen, Elaine E.		11/4/2006

Births For 2006

Greene, Robert C. II 02/05/06
 Novelli, Luisa M. 02/24/06
 Salmon, Jacob A. 05/05/06
 Santway, Joshua S. 05/22/06
 Lynch, Olyvia M. 06/01/06
 Loomis, Shea E. 06/03/06
 Cole, Caleb E. 06/11/06
 Salamone, Katharine E. 06/15/06
 Brimmer, Landon R. 06/16/06
 Haynes, Shane T. 07/13/06
 Barber, Grace P. 07/14/06
 Realmuto, Adriana F. 07/19/06
 Rennell, Calli A. 09/05/06
 Moriarty, Sean D. 09/12/06
 Moore, Madisyn E. 09/28/06
 Harper, Molly E. 10/02/06
 Endres, Kelly E. 10/09/06
 Gates, Lucy L. 10/09/06
 Lampron, Taylor E. 10/10/06
 Paquin, Jackson N. 11/14/06
 Britch, Riley E. 11/15/06
 Foley, Lorenzo G. 11/29/06

Deaths For 2006

Harrington, Mabel M. 02/05/06
 Flood, John F. 02/27/06
 Gauthier, Daniel R. 03/06/06
 Thompson, James P. 03/11/06
 Brownell, Ruth M. 03/13/06
 Roy, Arlene S. 03/15/06
 Bump, Flora 03/17/06
 Brownell, Augustine 04/07/06
 Pennebaker, Margaret E. 04/29/06
 Nolde, Mary Jean 05/11/06
 Prue, Ella Mary 06/07/06
 Yoder, Charles I. 06/13/06
 Porter, Betsey B. 06/19/06
 Harvey, Glenna M. 06/26/06
 Oxley, Constance L. 07/10/06
 Lawrence, Alvan J. 07/31/06
 Thompson, John E. III 08/09/06
 LeBarron, Elizabeth 09/09/06
 Barber, Hope L. 09/30/06
 Pratt, Mary L. 09/30/06
 Harris, Bernard J. 10/02/06
 Winey, Margery L. 10/25/06
 Therrien, Pauline M. 11/19/06
 Thibodeau, Edward C. 11/03/06
 Kimberly, Sylvia E. 11/30/06
 Mattison, Janet 12/02/06
 McDermott, Leroy 12/25/06

DOG REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 2006

SEX	# DOGS	PER DOG	TOTALS	STATE	KENNEL	LATE
Spayed	300	7.00	2,100.00	900.00	0.00	306.00
Neutered	265	7.00	1,855.00	795.00	0.00	249.00
Female	53	11.00	583.00	159.00	0.00	78.00
Male	94	11.00	1,034.00	282.00	0.00	237.00
Kennel	6				30.00	
TOTALS	718		\$ 5,572.00	\$ 2,136.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 870.00

Less State Remittance
 Less Clerk Remittance

AMOUNT DUE TOWN

Checks Submitted	Date	Amount
Account 100-2100-00.00	2/24/2006	1,208.00
	3/30/2006	1,004.00
	4/14/2006	887.00
	6/2/2006	487.00
	6/27/2006	351.00
	7/18/2006	500.00
	9/28/2006	300.00
	12/15/2006	299.00
	TOTAL	\$ 5,036.00

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

Period Ending 6/30/2006

During this period a total of 17 dogs were impounded for various violations of the Shaftsbury Dog Ordinance. Additional written warnings and tickets were issued to the owners of dogs either formally complained on or found to be in violation of local and/or state law.

Only 8 of these impounded dogs were successfully reunited with their owners, with one of those being a hunting dog returned to the original NY state owner using ID on the collar when the new local owner failed to claim the dog.

Thirty dollars in license fees were collected on 2 of the dogs, another paid fees for rabies vaccine and fine monies collected for the town on impounded dogs totaled \$45.00. This amount does not include any revenue paid directly to the town as a result of tickets issued in non-impound situations or mandatory unlicensed fines paid at the town offices by owners responding to warned deadlines for licensing to avoid the stiffer \$150 unlicensed fine.

I am always pleased to be able to report low numbers of dogs having to be euthanized and in this fiscal period, as with last year, there were only 2 such dogs, one being a case where I escorted the dog's most recent owner to the vet hospital to ensure that a very dangerous dog was no longer a threat to anyone.

It is disturbing that more dogs were unclaimed than claimed and took many weeks, in some cases months, for the 7 dogs entered into the Lucky dog Adoption Program to find their forever homes, but it eventually became a reality. One dog had a guardian angel caregiver when he developed a cough I feared might be the highly contagious "kennel cough". His angel came to care for him daily in his isolation pen so that I would not risk transmitting germs to the other animals in my care. This dog went on to become an assistance dog for a woman who now relies on him daily, a wonderful ending and affirmation that he was worth everyone's efforts 'above & beyond'.

As always, I can be reached at 375-6121. A machine is always on to ensure that you can reach me as promptly as possible since I am so often in and out the door. PLEASE use the machine if you should get it rather than waiting in hopes of getting me more quickly in person. This often allows me to contact you much sooner and to also better organize the trip calls for various situations.

Respectfully submitted

Traci Mulligan A.C.O.

CEMETERY FUND
Treasurer's Report
Period Ending 6/30/2006

Fund Balance as of July 1, 2005 \$44,857.96

REVENUE

Grave Work 490.00
Trustees of Public Funds 3,510.00
Voted appropriation 4,000.00
Interest earned 608.23
Miscellaneous (Stone repairs) 1,500.00
Total Fund Balance and Revenue 54,966.19

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries & Wages 8,825.00
Repairs & Maintenance 483.60
Gas 771.77
Machinery & Equipment 2,647.96
Huntington Fund to Trustees 35,937.88
Miscellaneous 92.00
Fund Balance 6,207.98

Henrietta Billow, Treasurer

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE
Balance Sheet 6/30/2006

ASSETS

Cemetery Checking \$30.97
Cemetery Savings 593.77
Special Projects and Maintenance 4,492.26
Huntington Money Market Bank of Bennington 1,090.98
Total Assets 6,207.98

LIABILITIES

Total Liabilities 0.00

FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance 44,857.96
Total Prior Years Fund Balance 44,857.96
Fund Balance Current Year 38,649.98
Total Fund Balance 6,207.98

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$6,207.98

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Shaftsbury Town Development Review Board, a newly created municipal panel, authorized under the provisions of Vermont State law (24 V.S.A. Chapter 117), consolidates, and thus expedites, the quasi-judicial, or decision making, planning and zoning functions of the Shaftsbury Planning Commission and the former Zoning Board of Adjustment, into a single agency, intended for the benefit of the citizens of Shaftsbury.

The Development Review Board came into being, by action of the Shaftsbury Town Select Board, in January, 2006, and held its first organizational meeting in February, 2006. A Chairman and Vice-Chair were elected: Rules of Procedure and other operating expedients were adopted, and the Board proceeded to carry out its mandate. Regular meetings of the Board are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Special meetings are held when needed.

Since its inception, the Board has dealt with a total of twenty-three residential, commercial and industrial matters, several of which have required multiple public hearings. As was the case with its predecessor agencies, the Board's goal, in determining the matters that come before it, is to insure that all applications, of whatever nature, fully comply with all of the requirements of the Town's Plan of Development and Zoning Bylaws, and, as such, constitute a benefit to the community as a whole.

The Development Review Board recognizes that it is essential that Shaftsbury's growth continue in an *orderly and well-regulated fashion, with appropriate attention directed to desirable residential, commercial and industrial development, as well as responsible historic preservation.* All of those factors are essential, but they must be balanced in a manner that maintains the integrity of the community. It is the Development Review Board that is charged with, recognizes and accepts, the obligation to maintain that integrity.

Consequently, a matter that is, and will of necessity continue to be, of grave concern to the Development Review Board, is to insure the timely and efficient enforcement of all provisions of the Zoning Bylaws. Effective enforcement of those Bylaws constitutes the single most important element in maintaining and developing Shaftsbury as an attractive, viable and desirable community in which to live, work, and raise a family. In order to achieve that goal, Shaftsbury's citizens must be secure in the knowledge that their interests, in the future of their community, are being adequately and effectively protected. The members of the Development Review Board pledge themselves to provide that security.

Respectfully submitted

James W. Carter, Chairman

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The mission of the Shaftsbury Economic Development Committee is to develop and implement plans that will ensure the continuing economic revitalization of the town. We continue to make progress in implementing the South Shaftsbury Economic Revitalization Plan (2003).

The primary focus of the Committee this year has been the Sewer Project. A sewer feasibility study was completed early in 2006 and the results were presented to the public in April. As a result of the study and these meetings, a Water and Sewer Survey was developed and mailed to land owners in the Fall '06. All of this work has been funded by a grant from the State.

The Committee continues to work with the North Bennington Fund on the possibility of connecting to their trail systems. The objective is to develop a trail system that could link Howard Park to the Lake Paran trails.

Shaftsbury hosted a Sox Hop and Street Fair in August. The fair, which was well attended, included rides, games for the children, dance and costume prizes and vintage cars.

Committee members are needed. Let the Town Administrator know if you are interested in joining.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

In 2006, we completed, updated and adopted various key plans. First was our state mandated rapid response plan. To be updated annually, this plan addresses the emergency response in our community and puts forth a plan to address everyone thru the state level. Also, The All Hazard approach Mutual Aid agreement was adopted. This Federally mandated agreement provides a link to all the emergency resources in Bennington County.

A Shaftsbury Annex to the Bennington County, all Hazard Mitigation Plan was adopted which acknowledges issues that could be addressed and ways to address them pre disaster to lessen its impact. This plan also opens the door to FEMA funding for mitigation projects such as hydraulic studies, ditch and culvert work and bank stabilization.

The Federally mandated National Incident Management System (NIMS) training and certification process, which includes training of Incident Command System (ICS), was begun. All first responders and non-first responders who could potentially be involved with an incident are required to be trained to a certain level.

Areas of our local government as our first responder community have completed levels of training this year. NIMS and ICS are also requirements for the federal grant process. As of November 2006, 65% of our key personnel have successfully completed the NIMS 700 and ICS 100 levels. An updated list and surveys of our local emergency shelters was done enabling them to become registered with the American Red Cross and to illustrate any short falls that could be addressed pre-disaster.

For 2007 we will be continuing our NIMS and ICS training, assisting FEMA with their updated flood map project, Adopt a Continuity of Operations Plan as well as a Continuity of Government Plan in response to a potential flu pandemic, and create a Emergency Operations Plan. Thanks to the diligence of our local trained and equipped Fire Department, Highway Department, Water Department, Municipal Government and many of our fellow citizens, situations that had disastrous potential were never allowed to rise to that level. With the help from the state, we provided 250 Vermont Emergency Management Preparedness Guides thru our local school. These guides will be available at March meeting.

To facilitate the creation of a Special Needs Data Base, if you are or know someone in the community with special needs, please contact me so I may enter them into a priority database for first responders. All information is confidential and would only be used in the case of a pending disaster.

Any questions, concerns or you would like to become involved, please call me at 802 442 3032 or e-mail mattison@together.net. I attend the Local Emergency Planning Commission meetings as well as state sponsored training where I could express your questions and concerns therefore I would greatly appreciate hearing from you. Thank you for your continued support of Shaftsbury's emergency preparedness.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald L. Mattison
Emergency Management Director

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Shaftsbury Fire Department took a major step this past year in our Firefighting capabilities. Last spring we took delivery of (2) new pieces of apparatus. The town of Shaftsbury is now the proud owners of twin Engine Tanker Apparatus. Each of these new ETA's carry 1,250 gallons of water. They are equipped with folding water tanks and foam units, plus many more options. The planning, research and delivery of the trucks took over 18 months but was well worth the wait. Many thanks go to the Selectboard and to my guys who put in countless hours to make these trucks possible.

This year we are devoting most of our budget to purchase equipment for the new trucks. Next year we are going to concentrate on buying a new thermal imaging camera. The Shaftsbury Fire Department was one of the first departments in the state to purchase a thermal imaging camera. At that time, the cameras were big and bulky and had a few flaws which, through technology, have been corrected. On many occasions we have used this equipment and found it to be an invaluable tool to us. The cost of our original camera was almost \$17,000 twelve years ago, which the Shaftsbury Fire Company raised money to purchase. The current cost is below half that amount, making a new one much more affordable. This camera has proven it has a wide range of uses. It not only can find victims in a burning structure, but can find heat signatures within walls, saving us from unnecessary damage trying to locate a fire. We have also used it doing search and rescue actually tracking someone in a field by following their foot prints in the grass which can leave traces of heat.

The Shaftsbury Fire Department would like to congratulate Firefighter Jim Bossong for winning The Fred Stacy Firefighter of the Year award. Jim, who has been a member for many years starting as a Junior Firefighter and now as a firefighter, is someone who is a vital part of our department.

Fire Calls 2006

Structure Fires	9
Chimney Fires	3
Car Fires	2
Co2 / Smoke Detectors	8
Weather Related	5
Wildland / Brush Fires	10
Vehicle Extrication/Accidents	24
Mutual Aid	6
Miscellaneous	15
Total Calls	82

In closing, I would once again like to thank the Town of Shaftsbury for its continuing support. As Chief, and on behalf of my department, we are blessed to have such a great community to serve.

Joseph J. Vadakin, Chief

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Thanks to all for the safe year we had. It seems like a long time since we had dry weather, and had to be afraid of wildfire, but we did have some danger in the spring. With care by all, there was no property damage, and only a couple of times that the Fire Department was called to extinguish a small blaze. With the wet summer and fall, we came through the year alright.

As a reminder, outdoor burning of natural wood, lawn and garden cleanup materials, and debris from lot clearing is permitted. No painted or treated wood, plywood, or synthetic materials may be burned. It is necessary to obtain a permit before you burn; this can usually be accomplished without any trouble, by calling one of the people listed below. It may be necessary for one of us to make a site visit, to ensure there are no hazards or exposures that must be safeguarded. Between the three of us, we wrote at least 207 permits last year, and that is a record! Thank you for helping us to protect the town.

No permit is needed if there is snow on your site, but if you would call us beforehand, we can be aware of people burning, and perhaps prevent an unnecessary response by the Fire Department. No burning is allowed in the so-called "Village" areas, that which was formerly in the Fire Districts, due to the close proximity of homes. Please keep your neighbors in mind when you do burn, and please call if you have any questions.

Shaftsbury Forest Fire Warden	Oliver Durand 447-7168
Shaftsbury Deputy Fire Warden.....	Paul Maitland 375-1251
Glastenbury Fire Warden	David McKeighan 375-2859

TO REPORT A FIRE SHAFTSBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT 911

"Remember, only you can prevent forest fires."

LEGISLATIVE

Health-care Affordability: The new Catamount Health Plan transforms Vermont's health-care system to better treat those with chronic diseases, and it makes coverage available and affordable to uninsured Vermonters. A public-private partnership will offer the plan with premiums based on ability to pay, beginning in October 2007. Other reform initiatives will simplify administrative procedures for hospital and health care professionals and lower administrative costs. Increased Medicaid reimbursement will improve our primary care system. This is a first step toward the need for affordable health care.

Vermont's Energy Future: A priority this session was to prepare Vermont for a safe, clean, reliable and affordable energy future. With contracts for two-thirds of the state's electric supplies (Hydro-Quebec and Vermont Yankee) expiring in the coming decade, we must prepare to address the longer-range future. The Legislature passed five major energy-related bills that make significant progress toward that goal. For specifics, go to www.leg.state.vt.us.

Property Tax Rates Decrease: The Legislature last year decreased the base education tax rate by 8 cents; and this year it was lowered by an additional 7 cents to 95 cents (or 1.8% of income) for residents, and \$1.44 for non-residents. Thus income sensitivity is built into the formula.

Transportation: Thanks to US Senator Jim Jeffords, transportation funding will pump \$100 million new transportation dollars into the state's economy next year creating many good-paying jobs. Five new state troopers will be hired and towns and cities will receive increased support for local roads.

Supporting Agriculture: The Legislature enacted a farm-to-school bill to promote the use of Vermont products in local schools. This law will reduce dependence on expensive transportation.

Closing Notes: I am pleased that the work I did brought \$330,000 home to help Shaftsbury close the landfill. Shaftsbury owes a special thank you to Senator Dick Sears, who helped me obtain the landfill funds in the Senate. Shaftsbury also received money for a sidewalk around the center of town (\$249,000), a homeland security grant for the fire department (\$50,000), emergency funds to repair our roads (over \$200,000), and a grant to the Williamson farm for an innovative biodiesel fuel project (\$60,000.)

Reminder: You must file the new form, HS 122, not later than April 17, 2007. This combines three forms into one. It replaces HS 131, 138 and 139, providing less chance for a taxpayer to forget to file a needed form. You do not need to file if you own only commercial property, a vacation home, or second home in Vermont.

If you have questions, or concerns, call or write: 442 9825, amiller@sover.net, or the Vermont State House (January to April), 1 800 322 5616, amiller@leg.state.vt.us

Alice Miller, State Representative

ROAD DEPARTMENT

The 2005 winter season began early with a snow storm on October 22nd dumping 8 inches of heavy wet snow in the higher elevations of Shaftsbury. This resulted in blocking off sections of the East Road with trees and limbs. We spent many days clearing up the debris while getting our trucks prepared for the winter ahead.

Having above average temperatures during the winter season, brought us four or five spring breakups. We also anticipate the same type of weather for this year. Unwelcome warm temperatures and rain are extremely detrimental to winter roads.

2005 - 2006 Accomplishments

- A turn-around was re-constructed at Clement Greene Road.
- Major brush cutting began in Hidden Valley.
- David Hosley from Manchester was hired to mow Town roadsides one time.
- Widened, ditched, placed fabric and built up base on Shaftsbury Hollow Road.
- A turn-around was re-constructed and guardrails installed at Sawmill Road.
- Buck Hill Road and the apron on Daniels Road was paved.
- Guardrails were installed on two bridges at Rollin Road.
- A box culvert was installed on Myers Road
- Guard rails were installed on one bridge at Horton Hill and Lower East Road.

The highway department replaced two new trucks in the late spring, a Ford F-550 and an International 7400. We also purchased a used 1990 GMC shop pick-up truck. This truck is perfect for running errands, which saves on gas as well as wear and tear on the larger trucks.

We have also seen a change in personnel last summer with the loss of Gary Gore and Bob Dubeck. We thank them for their commitment to our Town and wish them well in their future endeavors. This year, we welcomed two new highway workers, Stephen Washburn and Anthony Myers and look forward to working with them.

Respectfully

Ron Daniels, Road Foreman

HOWARD PARK FUND
Balance Sheet
Period Ending 6/30/2006

ASSETS

Savings - Howard Park 607.14
 Total Assets 607.14

LIABILITIES

Due To Other Funds 2,460.19
 Total Liabilities 2,460.19

FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance 2,320.50
 Total Prior Years Fund Balance 2,320.50
 Fund Balance Current Year -4,173.55
 Total Fund Balance -1,853.05
 Total Liabilities, Fund Balance 607.14

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Wages..... 6,143.92
 Operating Supplies 162.18
 Maintenance and Repairs 315.90
 JD Lawn Tractor 667.03
 Utilities 301.48
 Total Expenses 7,590.51

LIABILITIES

Due to General Fund..... 2,460.19

REVENUE

Fund Balance July 1, 2005 \$2,320.50
 Trustees of Public Funds 3,138.00
 Donation 250.00
 Interest Earned 28.96
 Total Revenue and Fund Balance 5,737.46

Less paid expenses..... 5,130.32
Balance in Savings June 30, 2006..... \$607.14

Respectfully submitted

Henrietta Billow, Treasurer

VETERANS COMMITTEE

The Veterans Committee, in cooperation with the Shaftsbury Elementary School, conducted the 2006 Memorial Day program. Once again, the students and staff did an outstanding job with the program and it went off without a hitch. Special thanks go to Ms. Sue Green and the student buglers for their wonderful rendering of Taps. Shaftsbury native, James Ware, US Navy Retired, was the guest speaker. The subject of his talk was "What Memorial day means to me".

On Memorial Day, The town hosted the bi-annual parade. Special guests were a large contingent of our local National Guard soldiers who recently returned from a long deployment in Iraq. The soldiers were part of "Operation Iraqi Freedom". We appreciate their service.

Once again, the Garden Club decorated the Memorial at Cole Hall and the bench at the fish pond. Thank you very much.

The Veterans Committee wishes to thank the residents for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted

James W. Meskun, Chairman

**WATER DEPARTMENT
Treasurer's Report
Period Ending 6/30/2006**

Fund Balance 7/01/2005 \$47,638.14

REVENUE

Water Rents 81,896.55
Interest Earned 1,229.53
8% Late Penalty 669.85
Total Revenue & Fund Balance 131,434.07

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries & Wages 9,179.49
Operating Supplies 2,417.43
North Bennington Water Charges 53,555.00
North Bennington Bond Assessment 26,568.00
Legals, Dues, Postage 708.41
Training & Travel 105.00
Utilities 932.02
Truck 753.88
Rent/Insurance 480.00
Water Testing 1,196.00
Total Disbursements 95,895.23

Total Fund Balance \$35,538.84

**WATER
Balance Sheet Period Ending 6/30/2006**

ASSETS

Water Department Checking \$92.12
CD Chittenden 30,500.00
Petty Cash Advance 100.00
Money Market Water Chittenden 4,846.72
Total Assets 35,538.84

LIABILITIES

Total Liabilities 0.00

FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance 47,638.14
Total Prior Years Fund Balance 47,638.14
Fund Balance Current Year (12,099.30)
Total Fund Balance 35,538.84

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$35,538.84

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

This year the Town of Shaftsbury changed from a Zoning Board of Adjustment to a Development Review Board. This combines many of the responsibilities of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board, variances, conditional use, subdivisions and site plan reviews, allowing the new Shaftsbury Planning Board to concentrate the Town Plan and the Shaftsbury Zoning Bylaws.

The State of Vermont's new waste water rules will take affect on July 1, 2007. This means, that from that date forward, all septic repairs will need to be designed by at qualified septic technician and sent to the State of Vermont to be review and issued a State of Vermont permit along with at Town of Shaftsbury permit.

<u>Type of Permit</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Houses	17	10	17
Mobile Homes	3	0	0
Additions	15	17	32
Pools	3	5	2
Subdivisions	7	4	4
Home Occupations	2	3	3
Commercial Buildings	0	0	1
Camps	0	2	1
Septic Systems	19	8	8
Violations	9	8	11
House Permit Value	\$2,048,000	\$2,038,000	\$2,413,000
Total Zoning Fees	\$17,467	\$16,143	\$20,577

Respectfully

Tony Zazzaro, Zoning Administrator

ARLINGTON RESCUE SQUAD

Arlington Rescue Squad would like to thank all the residents of Arlington, Sunderland, North Shaftsbury and Sandgate for their continued financial support through appropriations, private donations and personal bequeaths.

In 2006, Arlington Rescue responded to 315 emergencies in our town, and the surrounding coverage areas of Shaftsbury, Sunderland and Sandgate with mutual aid calls to Manchester and Bennington.

The vast majority of people on the Arlington Rescue Squad, volunteer their time to train and respond to calls. In addition to all the hours of class time to become a first responder, an EMT-Basic or EMT-Intermediate, we are constantly training and learning new techniques. With the new procedures, EMT-Intermediates have new treatments and medications, for patients with difficulty breathing and cardiac problems, greatly increasing the quality of pre hospital care for our patients.

As March Town Meeting and voting approaches, we are asking for you continued generous support. With the cost of equipment, insurances, and supplies, like everything else, these things continue to increase. By supporting the proposed appropriations for Arlington rescue, this will give us the opportunity to provide the highest quality of care possible.

Also PLEASE POST YOUR 911 NUMBERS clearly at the end of your driveway when your house can not be seen easily from the road. If we can not find your 911 number, WE CAN NOT FIND YOU, and precious time can be lost. You can purchase the reflective signs at the squad house Monday-Friday from 6:00am until 6:00pm or by calling 375-6589, our non emergency phone number.

Respectfully submitted

Brenda Mattison, President

BENNINGTON COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

The Bennington Coalition for the Homeless gratefully acknowledges the Town's appropriation in support of the services provided by the 6 Bank Street Shelter and McCall Street Apartments.

Last year the Bennington Coalition for the Homeless provided short-term transitional housing to 23 homeless households at the 6 Bank Street Shelter. These households consisted of 68 individuals, 32 adults and 36 children. During their stay, families participated in nutrition education classes, parent education classes, budget counseling, case management, enrichment activities and other services designed to move them toward self-sufficiency. Our Bank Street location is a site for Field Work term students from Bennington College and SVC as well as a Service Learning Site for Burr & Burton 9th graders. BCH maintains a waiting list of homeless families and individuals and are experiencing increased numbers of referrals and numbers waiting for shelter. January 27, 2006, Bennington County identified 233 individuals in Bennington County who were homeless on that given night.

McCall Street apartments house 2 family units and one youth apartment that serves youth 16-21 years old. This long-term transitional housing (up to 2 years) is allowing families and youth to establish a positive landlord reference, live in decent, affordable housing while they improve their self sufficiency skills and receive the supportive service that they need in order to maintain housing.

Respectfully submitted

Kendy Skidmore, Executive Director

BENNINGTON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The mission of the Bennington County Conservation District is to promote rural livelihoods and protect natural resources in southwestern Vermont. In 2006, we focused on rivers and watersheds, invasive plants, and environmental education. Our conservation activities included a workshop for county road crews on managing invasive plants; coordinating a habitat restoration project on the Batten Kill in West Arlington; mentoring an intern mapping invasive plants in the Batten Kill headwaters; completing Geographic Information System-based assessments on the Walloomsac watershed and in the Mill Brook/White Creek watershed in Rupert; sponsoring a series of family-oriented presentations on Batten Kill headwaters topics; and securing a large grant to support an intensive, two years-long data collection and river planning process in Bennington.

Shelly Stiles, District Manager

BENNINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION

The BCRC is composed of Commissioners appointed by the legislative body (2/Town, 1/Village, 1/Glastenbury), and at-large by action of the Commission. The website is www.rpc.bennington.vt.us.
Sample of services:

- 1.0 Administration – Management:** Overall program management, personnel and consultants, financial statements and audit, local-regional-state issues, regular and special meetings.
- 2.0 Municipal Technical Assistance:** Plan-zoning-subdivision bylaw assistance and special studies (Bennington, North Bennington, Arlington, Stamford, Pownal, Sunderland, Sandgate, Shaftsbury, Woodford). Scenic resources studies (Bennington, Manchester Village). Growth Center designation (Bennington). Ancient Roads, culvert inventories, municipal planning grant assistance, housing project (Stamford), tax mapping support, Village designations, broadband service support (Sandgate).
- 3.0 Regional Plan and Programs:** Regional Plan update, implementation, Solid Waste Implementation Plan (9 Towns) and household hazardous waste collection, ISWAP, public assistance, Brownfields Phase II site assessments @3 sites.
- 4.0 Transportation:** State priorities, access management, rail use sites, traffic/speed studies/counts (Bennington, Old Bennington, Sandgate, Shaftsbury, Rupert, Stamford), Manchester junction project, Green Mt. Express public transit assistance, Western VT corridor rail/road study, enhancement grants (Bennington, Stamford, Manchester Village) Bike-Ped & Pathway assistance, Safe Routes to School, Road Surface Management System, Molly Stark & Stone Valley Scenic Byways, W. Morse Airport Study, State Rail Plan, Safety Audit.
- 5.0 Economic Strategies:** Regional economic plan, telecommunication infrastructure (cell & high speed), housing needs, project reviews and support, project priorities, rail sites, demographic info. Coordination with BCIC and other organizations.
- 6.0 Geographic Information System and Mapping:** Town plans and zoning bylaws, build-out mapping, resource mapping, FEMA map modernization, tax mapping support, village designations, scenic resource studies, scenic byways, ancient roads, Walloomsac fluvial mapping, critical facilities.
- 7.0 Emergency Management:** LEPC support, emergency exercises, critical facilities mapping & data base, continuity of operations plans, rapid response plan updates, responder training support, pandemic planning, school emergency planning, emergency exercises and preparedness assistance, Homeland Security grants.
- 8.0 Technical Reviews, Education, Data:** Cellco/Verizon A.250, Wastetricity Hoosic, CVPS So.VT Loop, VELCO 10 yr. plan, Batten Kill management plan, Green Mt National Forest Plan, Small Farms survey UVM, VT by Design, Plan/zoning workshops and publications.
- 9.0 Grant Assistance & Admin:** Municipal Planning Grants (Arlington, Bennington, North Bennington, Sandgate, Manchester Village, Manchester) State awards in '07 \$61,256. Northshire Day School, Pownal sewer, EPA Brownfields and round two grant application, Scenic Byways, Homeland Security and Emergency Management grants.

The most important part of this report is the recognition of Charles Yoder who passed on this year. As Chairman and Commissioner of the BCRC, Charles exemplified all the qualities of leadership that could ever be imagined, and his thoughtful personal and caring relationships will forever be missed by his colleagues, staff, and dear companion Ruth. Charles received the BCRC Nundy Bongartz Award for his contribution to society and community in every facet.

Rex Burke, Executive Director, BCRC

BENNINGTON FREE LIBRARY

In 2006 the Bennington Free Library celebrated the 70th Anniversary of the construction of the main building on Union Street in 1936. The building was designed by Architect Herbert Thornton Turner, a descendant of the Park family of North Bennington, and was built on the corner of Union and Silver Streets where Trenor W. Park once had his law office and home.

The building was constructed by local labor and many design features were borrowed from Bennington and other Vermont buildings. It was the Architect's wish to have the Library fit into the community as if it had always been here. The Townspeople were very proud of their new state-of-the-art Library building in 1936 and 70 years later can remain proud of the progress the Library has made in serving Bennington and surrounding communities over the years.

Most notably the Library has completed its first full year of providing FREE high-speed Internet access and many other computer services and resources through its new state-of-the-art automated system. Visit the upgraded website at www.benningtonfreelibrary.org. Nearly 85,000 people used the Library and its many resources--old and new--books and computers--last year.

In June, the Children's Librarians visited each classroom at the Shaftsbury Elementary School to introduce the summer reading program, Realms of Reading [which had a fantasy theme] to 225 children and 20 teachers. Shaftsbury Elementary was in the top five schools that participated in the summer reading program. The kindergarten was served, frequently, by BOOK EXPRESS [an outreach program which delivers books, videos and learning materials to area family daycare homes and childcare centers].

The Town of Shaftsbury, as an active child-centered community, participated in after-school programs for kids as well. Shaftsbury families were among 12,375 people of all ages who enjoyed 246 free programs at the Library last year.

The Bennington Free Library is very appreciative of the financial support received from the Town of Shaftsbury in 2005 - 2006 which helped us serve your community with a wide range of services and resources. Thank you.

Respectfully

Anita M. Gauthier, Director

BENNINGTON PROJECT INDEPENDENCE

Bennington Project Independence provides Adult Day Care and Day Health Rehabilitation Services for frail older persons and younger disabled adults and their families from Shaftsbury and the surrounding communities throughout Bennington County.

In 2006, with support from Shaftsbury residents, Bennington Project Independence was able to provide a safe, sensitive and supportive day center program for adults who either prefer not or should not be alone for extended periods during the day. BPI serves people who feel isolated without the support of family and friends, persons with delicate or chronic medical conditions that benefit from care or monitoring as well as serving persons with Alzheimer's disease and other cognitive impairments who need specialized assistance. Our Participants come from a wide range of ages, interests and life experiences that enrich the program for everyone. At BPI, people can be safe, active and cared for during the day and return to the comfort of their homes and families in the evening.

With the increasing number of older persons, Adult Day Care is predicted to replace Child Daycare as the number one dependent care issue facing our society. The need is expected to double in Bennington County in less than 5 years. Our goal at Bennington Project Independence is to help people get the most out of their lives and provide an option to traditional nursing home care. BPI is here to help Family Caregivers provide the best possible care for their loved ones. Knowing that their family member has an interesting and caring day center to attend, allows the Caregiver to continue to work, take care of their own children or take care of the other important aspects of life.

This year, BPI continued to make strides in the planning process for a new and expanded Adult Day Center to be built on Rte 7A on Harwood Hill. Once it is built, it will allow BPI to double to quadruple the number of individuals and families that will benefit from the comprehensive services available through Bennington Project Independence.

Our health care staff provides comprehensive nursing and wellness care. BPI's activities are opportunities. Our dedicated, professional staff offers a wide range of individually-tailored social and recreational activities, fitness groups, community trips and intergenerational events. Our handicapped accessible vans and dedicated drivers help us provide community access and specialized door-through-door assistance.

We, at Bennington Project Independence are extremely grateful for the continued support from the residents of Shaftsbury and look forward to continuing to provide the highest quality Adult Day Care and Day Health Rehabilitation Services for Shaftsbury families in need.

Respectfully

Linda Wichlac, Executive Director

BENNINGTON RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

The Bennington Rescue Squad, Inc. is a non-profit Paramedic Emergency Medical Service staffed by career and volunteer members. We not only serve the Town of Bennington, but also the citizens of Shaftsbury who are in need of out-of-hospital emergency medical care and transportation. This year we responded to 118 emergency calls in Shaftsbury.

The NorShaft Community First Response group which is a division of Bennington Rescue continues to first respond to health emergencies in the Shaftsbury and North Bennington area. This group is formed of trained providers living in your community who arrive on-scene before the ambulance to provide immediate emergency medical care. They also pass on important information to the responding ambulance crews, which is essential to assess the level of care needed. They are equipped with radios, pagers, first aid kits and Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's). This group is always looking for new volunteers, so if you think you might be interested let us know.

Bennington Rescue continues to strive to provide the best emergency medical care to the towns and villages it serves. Our volunteer and career staff attend monthly training sessions to maintain their professional skills and to stay abreast of the latest updates and changes in emergency medicine.

In addition to emergency and non-emergency ambulance transportation, we provide cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes to the general public, various demonstrations and displays. If you would like to schedule a class or have us provide a demonstration or attend an event please call.

We seek, recruit and train individuals that truly want to make a difference in their community and help their friends and neighbors. So, if you think you might be interested volunteering or just want to see what we do, stop by the squad house at 120 McKinley Street and see us. You can also visit our web site at www.benningtonrescue.org or e-mail us at bennresq@comcast.net.

Respectfully Submitted

William E. Hathaway, BS, NREMT-P, Director

BENNINGTON RUTLAND OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL, INC.

BROC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Shaftsbury who supported low-income families and our agency through the balloting process over the years. BROC continues to experience a large number of low-income individuals and families coming through our doors each day.

Last year, BROC helped meet the basic needs of 37 families in the Town of Shaftsbury. In addition, BROC weatherized 1 home, comprised of 2 individuals through our Weatherization & Energy Conservation program, BROC's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) reimbursed 3 day care home providers in Shaftsbury for serving nutritious meals to about 30 children in their care, and BROC's Micro Business Development Program (MBDP) worked with 9 Shaftsbury residents interested in starting or expanding a small business. BROC also created several new partnerships and collaborations throughout the year with local organizations and businesses to help raise food for our emergency food shelf; as well as to help raise much needed funds through events and fund raising so that the needs of our neighbors continue to be met.

With your help, BROC is able to help many families facing the difficult decisions on how to make their budgets work with the rise in fuel and gasoline prices. Sometimes being able to access a few meals from BROC or having a dry, warm place to stay at night can make all the difference.

Sincerely

Linda G. Rooker, Executive Director

CENTER FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

The Center for Restorative Justice is a non-profit organization that has been serving Bennington County since 1982- first as Bennington County Court Diversion, Inc. and then changing its name to the Center for Restorative Justice (CRJ) in 2002.

CRJ's primary focus is to provide community based restorative justice services. Many may ask... What exactly is Restorative Justice? Restorative Justice is a process through which offenders accept responsibility for their misconduct to those injured and to the community. The process focuses on restoring the losses suffered by victims, holding offenders accountable for the harm they have caused, and repairing harm caused to the community.

In 2006, CRJ received 495 referrals to its many programs including Court Diversion which works with juvenile and adult first- time offenders and is an alternative to the formal adjudication process, Teen Alcohol Safety Program (TASP) which works with minors age 16 – 20 who receive a civil violation for consuming, possessing, or attempting to obtain alcoholic beverages, Street Checker Program which provides community based supervision for youth who are delinquent or at risk, Juvenile Restorative Probation Project which provides restorative panels and follow-up services to youth adjudicated delinquent, and Pre-Charge Programs that provide alternative discipline intervention for youth exhibiting behaviors leading them toward the criminal justice system. Over \$6,000 was donated by our clients back to the community and over 1,000 hours of community service were performed.

The voters of Shaftsbury have been extremely supportive of CRJ for many years. It is through our community partnerships that we are able to help youth succeed and give them the second chance they may need. Thank you very much for your support.

Respectfully submitted

Leitha A. Cipriano, Executive Director

COMMUNITY GRANGE

We are asking for your support in our efforts to use our Grange Hall as a Community Center and possibly a food pantry. The monies will be used to make an assessment of the building and help in our effort to obtain grant monies. We will be building a handicapped ramp in the spring aided by the Norshaft Lions Club. We also need to study how other area Community Centers are operated.

We feel that as we are centrally located and have a building with

- a large dining hall
- a kitchen
- a downstairs restroom
- a large dance floor
- a stage area upstairs
- two upstairs restrooms
- a chairlift to assist going up or down the stairs

that this facility could be used for many things. We are glad to rent for parties and meetings and do not charge exempt organizations.

The first Grange in Shaftsbury was the Hale Mountain Grange founded in 1885. They gave up their charter after a few years. The Taconic Grange was chartered in 1930, first meeting in Center Shaftsbury in the old Community House and purchasing the present hall in 1942.

We have done several projects in town, the biggest undertaking in the late 1950's when we cleaned up the Waite Cemetery. It was overgrown with hay and trees growing in it. We mowed hay, repaired stones, cut trees, repaired the fence and had the present entrance gate built. We were recognized for this effort by the Sears Foundation. We have also honored over twenty-five Community Citizens in the Shaftsbury - North Bennington area at our annual Community Citizen Award night.

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club begins in the spring of each year. We hold a plant and bake sale each year to supplement the town's donation to maintain and plant different plots at Cole Hall, West Mountain Road, Vermont Route 67, the Historical Society's Museum and the container at the Village 4 Corners.

We visit gardens around the area, and speakers at some of our meetings give us information and plants such as invasive plants.

The Garden Club, with additional volunteers, organizes the Cole Hall Christmas tree lighting each year.

Our year ends with a Christmas luncheon at a local restaurant where we all donate money for the needy. We match the money contributed with money from our treasury. This year, we donated to the Greater Bennington Interfaith Council's Emergency and Fuel Funds.

Sincerely

Pauline Jacobs, Secretary

**GEORGE D. AIKEN RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND
DEVELOPMENT (RC&D) COUNCIL REPORT**

The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) helps to bring together technical, financial and administrative resources to assist towns with natural resource conservation and rural and community development issues. 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 some staff, through the U.S. Department of Agriculture but, private and community sources make up most of our budget. The Council is a self-supporting 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. In 2006, working with our partner towns and organizations, we secured and administered over \$400,000 for natural resource conservation, public safety, and community development projects.

Some current projects include securing wildland fire gear for fire departments, streambank restoration and watershed improvements, helping to develop a park and playground and helping to connect residents with locally grown food. Do you have a project or program that could use some assistance to "make it happen"? Over the years, the George D. Aiken RC&D Council has helped many communities and organization on a variety of projects.

We work on a request basis, so the first step is up to you, giving us a call. For information and free consultation, call Kenneth Hafner our RC&D Coordinator at (802) 728-9526 or email: kenneth.hafner@vt.usda.gov.

Respectfully submitted

Joshua Powers, Chair

GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST

We are proud that the Green Mountain National Forest is part of Vermont and part of your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous green space in the state. Our desire is to achieve quality public land management under the sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of the people—people in your town as well as all the visitors who come every year.

MARGARET "MEG" MITCHELL ARRIVES AS NEW FOREST SUPERVISOR

Margaret "Meg" Mitchell arrived in July 2006 as the new Forest Supervisor for the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests. Mitchell replaced Paul Brewster who served as the Forest Supervisor from 1999 - 2006.

NEW ENGLAND WILDERNESS ACT WAS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT BUSH ON DECEMBER 1, 2006

The new act establishes about 42,000 acres of new wilderness area and a new National Recreation Area within the Green Mountain National Forest. Towns that are affected by the New England Wilderness Act include: Bennington, Brandon, Glastenbury, Goshen, Granville, Hancock, Leiceister, Lincoln, Middlebury, Mount Tabor, Ripton, Rochester, Salisbury, Shaftsbury, Stratton, Sunderland, Warren, Winhall, and Woodford.

RECREATION PROGRAMS

On the south half of the National Forest, in Wallingford and Mt. Tabor, we improved approximately four miles of snowmobile trail along the Ten Kilns trail area. In Woodford, work was done to restrict illegal motorized use of the Little Pond Area and approximately 6 miles of trail had maintenance work performed with an excavator.

CEMETERY RESTORATION CONTINUES TO ATTRACT MANY VOLUNTEERS

This year, our 8th season, we had 12 volunteers in the "Passport in Time" (PIT) program who cleaned, mended, re-erected and documented headstones at historic cemeteries. Such sites on the Green Mountain National Forest generally date to the 19th century, and until recently were under-recorded and poorly maintained.

17 TEACHERS PARTICIPATED IN A FOREST FOR EVERY CLASSROOM IN 2006

This professional development program for teachers targeted the southern part of the National Forest this past year. Four workshops (one in each season) concentrating on forest stewardship and place-based education were held in 2005/2006. A Forest For Every Classroom is a partnership between the Green Mountain National Forest, Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park, Shelburne Farms and the National Wildlife Federation.

Sincerely

Gina Owens, District Ranger

GREEN MOUNTAIN RSVP

In 2006, The RSVP volunteer program completed its 33rd year of coordinating talented volunteers in Bennington County with important work in non-profit organizations. As part of the Corporation for National and Community Service, RSVP was established locally in 1972. Since that time, RSVP has matched hundreds of individuals with agencies and neighbors who benefit from their donation of skills and talents. Many RSVP volunteers, provide service to their community for 5, 10, or even 20 years, giving their time generously to a variety of positions and places. The savings to local nonprofit organizations, schools and public agencies over the years is in the millions of dollars.

Shaftsbury Elementary School, The Shaftsbury Historical Society, Second Chance Animal Center and the Shaftsbury town office are just a few of the programs directly impacted by the efforts of our Shaftsbury RSVP volunteers. Many Shaftsbury volunteers also serve in other capacities throughout Bennington County. For example, "friendly visitors" to residents in area nursing homes, as "Gray Ladies" at Southwestern VT Medical Center, delivering Meals on Wheels, knitting hats and mittens for children in area daycare centers and assembling bulk mailings for agencies with a critical need to get their service message out to community.

Today, RSVP continues to evolve in order to meet the changing needs of our communities. Last year, we established "Play Pals and More" in local schools including Shaftsbury Elementary. RSVP volunteers, residing at The Centers for Living and Rehabilitation visit with students once a week. They read with the children and share special moments. We are currently working to establish an RSVP Bone Builders Exercise Program in the Shaftsbury area. This program is designed to prevent and/or delay the effects of osteoporosis.

As we move ahead in the 21st century, we look to the Baby Boomers to find out how RSVP can be their ticket to fulfillment. The staff at RSVP is energized to help caring people find their niche in the world of the future. It is our hope that retired individuals and those who are still in the workforce will get in touch to see how they can continue RSVP traditions and create new ones.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia M. Palencsar, Executive Director, Green Mountain RSVP

GREEN UP DAY
MAY 6, 2006

Thirty-six 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 educating about the benefits of a litter free environment.

Well over 15,000 Vermonters participated in Green Up Day 2006, using some 40,000 Green Up bags, collecting hundreds of tons of trash, piles of mixed metals and tires. Green Up Vermont continued providing 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 including thousands of Green Up trash bags, promotion and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to keep Green Up growing for Vermont.

Respectfully

Melinda Vieux, President

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This was a memorable year for the Shaftsbury Historical Society. At our Open House in June, we introduced Rachel Peterson and Isaac Leslie as the first recipients of our Galusha / Vaughan Scholarship Program. We established this program to recognize a Shaftsbury resident who excelled academically, did community service, is aware of and interested in the history of our town.

Our mission is to preserve and promote the history of Shaftsbury; we hope to encourage students to participate and continue this goal through future generations.

The exterior of our Museum was finally painted. David Herzfeld (owner of Bottum Studios in Shaftsbury) made new signs for the Historic District and the Museum. We also had the Entering Shaftsbury signs reinstalled after they were removed without our knowledge.

Our one-day book and bake sale was a success.

Anne Bugbee, our Curator, organized a successful bus tour throughout Shaftsbury, narrated by Ruth Levin and Tyler Resch. She also worked with the Vermont Humanities Council to have Helene Lang portray noted local author, Dorothy Canfield Fisher, at our Annual Meeting. Anne and Eugene Kosche represented the Shaftsbury Historical Society again with our exhibit at the Annual Tunbridge Fair. At our Open House, Norm Gronning and Gene Kosche invited the public to bring in pieces to be appraised. Anne has been helping visitors and others with genealogy research. We gratefully acknowledge and thank Annette Jenks for her help with genealogy research. We welcome and encourage visits from school classes.

Angie Abbatello worked with John Dumville, Chief of Historic sites Operations of Vt. Division for Historic Preservation (and the approval of the Galusha family) to have an historic site marker placed in front of Gov. Jonas Galusha's homestead on Rt. 7A. We thank Norm Gronning, Dave Herzfeld, Chuck and Dawn Bushey for their help in getting it installed. Angie arranged for Governor Jim Douglas to officially dedicate the marker on Oct. 15, 2006 at the Galusha Homestead with four generations of the Galusha family in attendance (including Marjorie), as well as residents. It was a very special, historic event.

Respectfully submitted

Norman D. Gronning, President

JOHN G. MCCULLOUGH FREE LIBRARY

The McCullough Free Library continues to provide services to the residents of North Bennington, Shaftsbury, Bennington and surrounding towns, adding 180 new patrons since January 1, 2006. The Library hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 1pm to 8pm; Thursday and Friday, 1pm to 6pm; Saturday, 10am to 2pm.

The Library provides meeting space for non-profit groups at no cost.

In the spring, the library sponsored a reading group series from the Vermont Humanities Council on Shakespeare's Comedies. These reading discussion series are always well attended and enjoyed by community members. The McCullough Library's own regular reading group, Booked for Lunch continues to meet on a monthly basis and membership has grown over the past year.

The Friends of the Library group that was started in 2005 has continued to grow in membership and add new activities. In the Spring of 2006 they began a Library Program for the children in the Headstart Program. This introduces the children to the Library, where the volunteers read to them, lead them in activities and help them to select books to take back to Headstart. The program has expanded in the Fall of 2006 to include three different classes from Headstart.

The Friends have also initiated a Homebound Readers Program which takes library materials to patrons who cannot come to the Library on their own. Working through RSVP and the Visiting Nurses Association, volunteers will be paired up with a homebound person and make bi-monthly visits to take them books, periodicals, audiobooks, and videos.

The Children's Room has been active this year as well, Bonnie Dundas, the Children's librarian, continues to make weekly visits to Hiland Hall School; the NBGS kindergarteners make a weekly visit to the library, and Southshire School has brought students, as well. The Summer reading program was also a success, with a performance by storyteller Jane Hosford. In all, 114 people attended the Summer Reading Program, including those at the evening program. The First Day of School was celebrated with free ice cream cones for children at the end of the school day.

The Library was the recipient of several significant gifts from community organizations. The Fund for North Bennington donated a custom designed McAdoo rug depicting the village, showing the key landmarks of the Library, the bank, the train station, and the Park McCullough House. This wonderful gift to the community can be seen in the Library foyer. The Vermont Country Store's Bennington Community Action Team also made a generous gift to the Library, enabling us to purchase a sturdy bicycle rack, two wooden benches for the back lawn, and a high quality set of wooden blocks for the Children's Room.

Susanne Warren, Director

NEIGHBORWORKS OF WESTERN VERMONT

The mission of NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont, (NWWVT), formerly known as Rutland West Neighborhood Housing Services Inc., is to transform lives by promoting safe and affordable housing for families in Addison, Bennington and Rutland counties. The year 2006 has proven to be one of the most productive years for our organization.

This year, 32 families purchased their first homes after completing the education classes and counseling at the center and 15 of them received loans totaling \$358,450 from NWWVT towards their home purchase. 31 families repaired their homes with \$482,197 in loans benefiting 72 individuals, and NWWVT provided 110 families with \$41,501 of emergency services. We welcome the involvement of residents on committees or volunteering time for special projects. Call us at 438-2303 extension 215, or stop by our office located at 110 Marble Street, West Rutland.

Together we can build strong communities!

Respectfully

Lucy Biddle, Executive Director

NORSHAFT LITTLE LEAGUE

On behalf of the Norshaft Little League, we would like to thank the residents of Shaftsbury for their continued support year in and year out. The money that is appropriated to us each year goes a long way in helping us improve our league to better serve the youth of the Town of Shaftsbury.

2006 was a fantastic year for Norshaft Little League. After a long separation, we have once again joined forces with Arlington Little League to form a bigger and better Norshaft. We currently provide 150 – 170 children with the opportunity to participate in an organized program that teaches hard work, teamwork, leadership skills, and sportsmanship.

Our all-star teams were very successful in 2006. The 7-8 year old all-stars took 1st place in the Hudson Falls, New York Tournament and 2nd in the Norshaft Tournament. In the 9-10 year old division, Norshaft took 2nd place in the Cambridge, New York Tournament

At this time we are asking the Selectboard to appropriate the same amount for 2007 as you have in years past. Your \$1000 contribution this past year was greatly appreciated and it is our hope that the Town of Shaftsbury can see its way clear to continue this support for years to come.

Sincerely

Jeff Whitesell, President

PARAN RECREATIONS

During the summer of 2006 Lake Paran continued its tradition of providing a pristine lakefront for the community. It is the only lake in southern Vermont to provide both lifeguard coverage and a range of family-oriented activities.

Paran Recreations expanded its summer entertainment during this year's season. The ever popular Music at the Lake series was well attended and attracted both old and new lake lovers to four wonderful musical events and one children's program. Rental canoes and rowboats were again available for use and the concession stand provided food at a reasonable price. Swim lessons for beginner and intermediate swimmers were very popular as well. Two outdoor family movies were shown during the season attracting over 50 viewers. A well-received two week children's Cultural Exploration Camp was offered for a second year. Lake Paran sponsored the first annual Clam Bake and Chicken Barbeque to more than 100 satisfied patrons. These events are sure to continue!

Lake usage was quite strong again this year. In all, the lake served over 3,000 individuals over the 10 week summer season. The Lake saw a total of 2,192 day visitors this year; 1,471 of whom were children. This is the highest usage the Lake has recorded since records have been kept. The lake saw 284 day visitors from Shaftsbury, up from 130 last year, Bennington day visitors increased from 605 to 779, and visitors from North Bennington increased by 50 to an all time high of 906. Over 200 visitors came for the day from outlying areas. Memberships for the year increased to 12; of which 9 were from Shaftsbury, 24 from Bennington, 62 from North Bennington, and 7 from outside the vicinity. The lake provided group memberships to several local summer camps and schools adding approximately 600 additional visitors over the summer. Three-quarters of these participants were from Shaftsbury, North Bennington and Bennington. In addition, the lake hosted several wedding showers, birthday parties, and family reunions for area residents. We look forward to serving these and other families in the coming year.

We will continue our efforts to enhance Lake Paran as a community resource and ask for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted

Lesley Jacobson, President

PROJECT AGAINST VIOLENT ENCOUNTERS

In 2006, PAVE continued to offer comprehensive services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Those services include: 24-hour emergency hotline, court and social service advocacy, support groups, emergency financial assistance, information and referrals, community and in-school education, supervised visitation and access to emergency, safe housing and transitional housing. Services are free and confidential.

All volunteer advocates are trained and supervised by staff. These dedicated citizens helped us provide safety, support and options to more than 600 women, men, and teens in the past year. Moreover, our coordinator offered eleven Sexual Harassment training sessions to four Bennington County businesses in the past fiscal year.

Over the past year, thanks to the receipt of two federal grants, we added three advocacy positions. PAVE now has advocates housed in the Bennington Police Department and Department of Corrections. This enables us to address the needs of victims from the initial police contact through any issues resulting from the batterer's involvement with probation and parole. In addition, with the addition of a half-time Transitional Housing Advocate, we are more able to locate and assist clients as they seek more stable housing.

Our supervised visitation program housed in Family Time Center provided children safe access to 93 families from all corners of Bennington County. Trained monitors supervised visits for families referred by the Department of Children and Family Services, the courts, lawyers, probation and parole and self-referrals. Further, in cooperation with DCF and Stop Child Abuse Vermont, our supervised visitation program offered an effective parenting program in the Spring. It was so successful we will offer two twelve week sessions in 2006-07.

We continue to offer violence prevention programming to young people throughout Bennington County. Our focus this year has been on healthy expression of feelings and alternatives to violence. In all, our education program reached 1940 young people and 2747 adults in 2006.

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

Sincerely

Joan M. Sakalas, Executive Director

SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging provided the following services to elders in Shaftsbury during the past year:

SENIOR MEALS

The Council, helped supply 1,174 meals that were prepared and delivered to the homes of 12 older persons in your community. This service is often called "Meals on Wheels". We also provided "Blizzard Bags" containing "shelf-stable" meals to home delivered meal participants and other isolated elders for use in a weather related emergencies. In addition, 45 Shaftsbury elders enjoyed 1605 meals at one or more of the luncheon sites in our region, providing participants with an opportunity to share both good food and good company.

CASE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

32 elders in your community were helped by SVCOA Case Management staff. Case Managers provided help with applications and problem solving with programs such as Fuel Assistance, SSI, Medicaid, Food Stamps, etc. Case Managers also helped elders connect with available in home assistance, including Medicaid Waiver services. This was especially important to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wished to stay at home.

OTHER

The Council also provided: 1) "Senior Help Line" assistance at 786-5991 or 1-800-642-5119. This service provided real person phone response to elders and others in need of information about programs and supports available to older persons; 2) Medicare D, health benefit counseling information and form filing assistance through our SHIP Program; 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Information about elder issues via the "Elder Connection" column appearing in the Bennington Banner; 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by the Council's Registered Dietician; 6) Senior Companion help for frail, homebound elders; 7) Outreach services to elders dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician program provided in cooperation with the United Counseling Service; 8) Transportation assistance through the Red Cross and Bennington Project Independence; 9) Community Development assistance and 10) Caregiver support and information to family members and others who are providing much needed help to elders in need of assistance.

Respectfully

Claire Granger, Case Management Supervisor

SUNRISE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Sunrise offers a broad range of education and support services to children and families throughout Bennington County including Shaftsbury. Thanks to contributions such as yours our services reached 1160 families and individuals last year.

- A weekly playgroup plus regular parenting classes are available to all wishing to strengthen their parenting skills.
- Nationally accredited childcare continues as a core service. Enrolled children averaged a 56% gain in all domains as measured by the Vermont standards.
- Home visits providing parenting support are available to a variety of families --- those with newborns and young children, with children in high risk or stressful circumstances, or moving towards economic self-sufficiency.
- Comprehensive services for parenting teens are a special focus. We reach young couples early in their pregnancies supporting early engagement in pre-natal care and completion of high school. Last year 4 young Shaftsbury families received these services.
- The Bennington County Childcare Association under the Sunrise umbrella answered 238 referral inquiries and processed 562 subsidies applications for families seeking childcare (a 25% increase over 2005!). We also provided consultation and trainings to childcare providers.
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Strong, healthy families benefit all our communities. Sunrise looks forward to continuing our work strengthening the families and community of Shaftsbury.

Respectfully

Linda Dean-Farrar, Executive Director

THE TUTORIAL CENTER

This past year at The Tutorial Center, our 35th Anniversary, has again been one of exciting growth. Due to the support from towns such as Shaftsbury, we were able to provide a growing range of unique and vital educational services to more and more people. Shaftsbury residents participated in many of our services, including adult education, family literacy and tutoring.

The Tutorial Center is Vermont's most comprehensive educational support center, and continues to be recognized around the state as a model success story. Several new statewide educational programs have been based on programs we developed at The Tutorial Center, such as our Bridge-to-College program (in partnership with CCV-Bennington).

Requests for our tutoring services came at a record level this year, with area students receiving an all-time high of 4,651 hours of learning assistance, in subjects ranging from beginning reading to calculus!

Overall highlights of our past year at The Tutorial Center include:

FOR ADULT LEARNERS- 381 learners were enrolled in literacy and basic education classes and received over 12,000 hours of FREE instruction; 71 adults passed the GED exam or received their high school diploma; 32 adults successfully entered college; 188 adults gained at least 1 level in general literacy skills; 60 adults improved work skills and/or got a job; and 11 adults received English as a Second Language instruction.

FOR CHILDREN- 149 students received individual tutoring instruction to help them succeed in school, with a total of 4,651 hours of instruction provided. Virtually all subject areas were taught including all levels of math, reading, writing, history, and science, plus special topics such as SAT preparation.

FOR FAMILIES- Our "Tell Me a Story" community literacy project supported many family-centered literacy activities throughout our region, reaching literally hundreds of children and adults with storytelling, reading, bookmaking, and other literacy-building activities.

We again brought literacy support and education to the general public via public access TV. We continued to sponsor the Bennington Free Library's remarkable children's reading TV series, appropriately called "Tell Me a Story", which airs on CAT-TV. We also continued to fund broadcasting of the "GED Connection" program for literacy improvement and high school equivalency prep on GNAT-TV and CAT-TV.

We are very grateful to the town of Shaftsbury for supporting our literacy efforts in the past and we look forward to your continued support.

Respectfully submitted

Jack Glade, Executive Director

TREE WARDEN REPORT

It appears that the Forest Tent Caterpillar infestation that many Shaftsbury homeowners have experienced over the past 2-3 years is rapidly winding down. A variety of naturally occurring controls, including parasites, viruses and bacteria, have increased in number in response to the building caterpillar population and early signs are pointing to a collapse in the Forest Tent Caterpillar numbers this year. If you do happen to have large numbers of caterpillars on a lawn tree, limited success in halting the movement of the caterpillars can be achieved by wrapping the tree trunk with "tanglefoot". Do not use grease or any type of oil as that will harm the tree.

Several members of the community have been discussing the establishment of a memorial tree fund; the first recipient to be Charles Yoder. Charles served for years as a member of the select board, planning commission and BCRC. Contributions to this fund may be made through the Town Administrator. The current thought is to plant memorial trees along Route 7A at the center Shaftsbury cemetery.

We hope to apply for a planning grant (the unfortunate pre-requisite of an implementation grant) to determine those roads along which tree planting would be both desirable and practical. If you have ideas of where shade trees would improve Shaftsbury's Streetscape, please let me know.

David Mance, Tree Warden

VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) is grateful for the support of the residents of Shaftsbury. With your help, we are reaching out a hand of hope to those in need in our communities, particularly our friends and neighbors who are living with vision problems which make independence and the tasks of daily living a challenge.

Last year, our agency provided services to four adults and two children in the Town of Shaftsbury.

VABVI, a non-profit organization founded in 1926, is the only private agency to offer free training, services and support to visually impaired Vermonters. Our mission is to enable individuals with vision problems to achieve and maintain independence. Each year we serve hundreds of children from birth to age 22 and adults age 55 and over (those in age groups not covered by state services). Three thousand Vermonters are legally blind, and approximately eight thousand others are visually impaired.

VABVI's services include rehabilitation and orientation and mobility training in adaptive techniques for daily living; procurement and training in assistive technology use; social networking opportunities; and a statewide transportation network. VABVI offices are located in Burlington, Brattleboro, Montpelier and Rutland, with training rooms in our Montpelier Mini Center to showcase the latest technology in assistive aids for individuals with visual impairment.

For more information about VABVI's services, or to volunteer, please contact us at 1-800-639-5861, email general@vabvi.org or visit us on the web at www.vabvi.org.

Please contact Michelle Connor, Development Coordinator, at mconnor@vabvi.org or (802) 863-1358 x 17 if you would prefer to receive this information by email.

VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

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, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of disabled people into community life.

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

Preliminary data show that VCIL responded to over **2,300** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referrals and program services for individuals living with a disability. We provided one-on-one peer counseling to **296** individuals which helps increase their independent living skills and life opportunities; we provided **351** households with financial and technical assistance for making their bathrooms and entrances accessible to a disabled family member; VCIL provided **268** individuals with personal assistance and/or assistive technology; and provided **405** individuals with home-delivered meals through VCIL's Meals On Wheels program for Individuals Under the age of 60 with Disabilities.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier with three smaller regional offices in Bennington, Brattleboro and Chittenden Counties. Our locally based Peer Advocacy Counselors are available to people with disabilities in every municipality in Vermont.

During FY 06, VCIL provided services to **4** residents of **Shaftsbury** utilizing the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
- Peer Advocate Counseling (PAC)
- Home and Community Access Program
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:
1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at www.vcil.org.

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS 2006 REPORT

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that is owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 147 other municipal entities, including villages and fire districts.

Vermonters use local government services, including highways, police, fire, recreation, libraries, sewer, and water, on a daily basis. In large part, volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials lead these local governments.

VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns, so that they may provide their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

- Legal, consulting and education services. In the past year, VLCT responded to over 3000 inquiries for assistance from municipal officials. Our Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) conducted 15 workshops that attracted over 1200 people, as well as 15 on-site trainings. MAC distributed more than 200 handbooks to municipal officials and debuted a new, electronic Resource Library.
- Advocacy representation before the state and federal governments to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority they need to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education finance debate, in land use discussions, and in securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs.
- Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost. Examples include municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust represents the most affordable option available to provide health insurance to municipal employees. The value of the VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) to all our members is realized daily as members take advantage of loss prevention training and assistance, as well as reasonable insurance rates. These two trusts, with the addition of the VLCT Unemployment Trust, were responsible in 2006 for \$60 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services.

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

VERMONT STATE POLICE INCIDENTS

Total number of State Police incidents in the Town of Shaftsbury for the time period between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006.

911 Hangup Call33	Lost Property2
ATV Accident/Incident..... 1	Motor Vehicle Complaint114
Abandoned Vehicle.....2	Medical Emergency5
Traffic Accident w/ Damage..... 41	Miscellaneous CAD Call Record1
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries16	Missing Person5
Agency Assistance45	Noise Disturbance4
Alarm23	Operating Vehicle w/o Consent1
Alcohol Offense 6	Phone Problem /Harrasment..... 5
Animal Problem9	Public Speaking5
Assault1	Recovered Stolen Vehicle1
Background Investigation2	Restraining Order3
Non-sufficient Funds Check4	Runaway Juvenile1
Burglary16	Service Abuse Prevention Order8
Burglary Alarm7	Sex Offense6
Child Abuse or Neglect1	Snowmobile Accident/Incident1
Citizen Assist22	Attempted Suicide 1
Citizen Dispute11	Suspicious Person/Circumstance .. 98
Driving License Suspended4	Theft18
DUI Alcohol or Drugs 6	Threatening3
Dead Body 2	Traffic Hazard13
Disorderly Conduct/Noise 6	Traffic Violation3
Controlled Substance Problem11	Trespassing5
Escort1	Unlawful Mischief1
Family Fight/Domestic15	Unlawful Mischief36
Fireworks2	Wanted Person6
Litter/Pollution/Public Health3	Welfare/Suicide Check21
Intoxicated Person.....1	
Fish & Game Complaint1	
Fraud3	
Juvenile Problem15	

Total Incidents during 2006 for This Agency: 677

**THE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT
HEALTH CARE**

The VNA & Hospice of Southwestern Vermont Health Care provided home care services to 1,000 residents of Bennington, North Bennington, Woodford, Pownal and Shaftsbury during the time period of October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006. These visits were provided to individuals ranging in age from newborn to over 100 years of age.

<u>Service</u>	<u>Volume</u>
Adult Nursing	6,517 Visits
Hospice Nursing	1,068 Visits
Pediatric and Maternity Nursing	1,625 Visits
Physical Therapy	3,304 Visits
Speech Therapy	99 Visits
Occupational Therapy	635 Visits
Social Work	310 Visits
Home Health Aide	9,115 Visits
Homemaker	1,386 Hours
Medicaid Hi-Tech	4,962 Hours
Medicaid Waiver	14,583 Hours
Hospice Days	4,131 Days

The Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice provides access for medically necessary home care services regardless of ability to pay, and provides access to health and flu clinics. Such access to these services is made possible through town funding and charitable contributions.

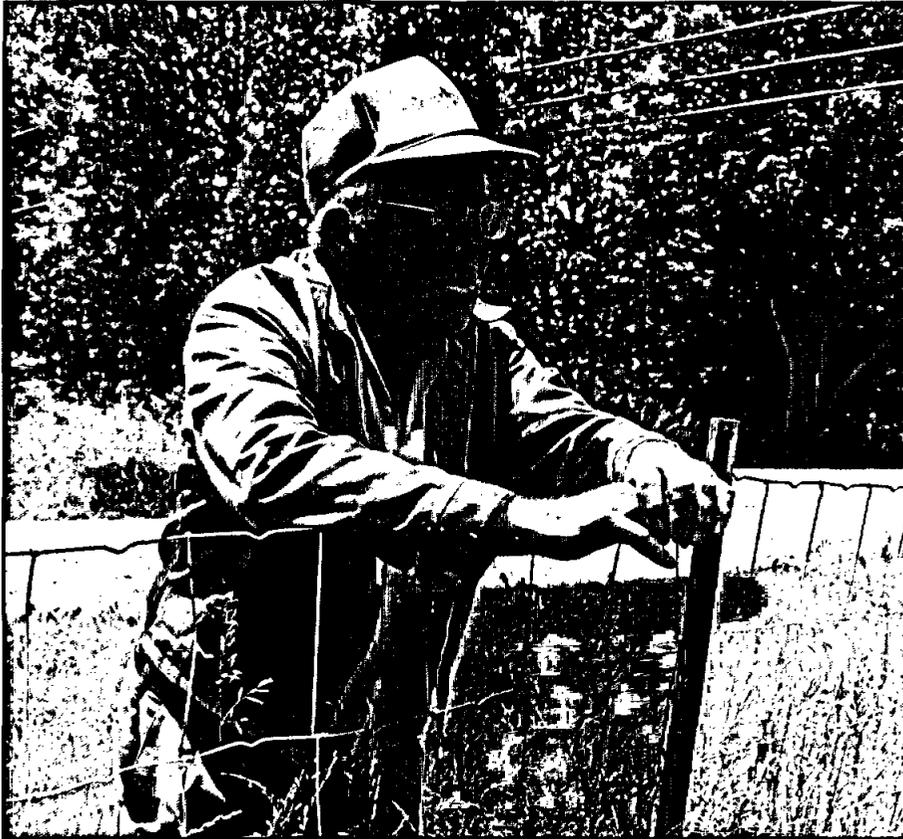
Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted

Julia H. Maroney RN, MHSA CHCE, Executive Director

Alvan Lawrence:

Alvan J. Lawrence, a native Vermonter, began his life on his parents' farm in Morristown, Vermont, in 1925. True to his family heritage, he earned his BS degree in Dairy Production at UVM in 1950 after having served in the US Navy from 1944 - 1946. He managed Hi Lo Farm in Darien, NY, for a few years and then returned to Vermont as manager of Polymeadows Farm in Shaftsbury from 1953 - 1956. He then purchased the farm on which he raised registered Jersey cows.



Alvan was dedicated to Vermont agriculture and was active in numerous farm related organizations during his total career. Alvan served on the Shaftsbury Select Board for nine years and as Justice of the Peace for several years. He was devoted to his wife and family. He and his wife were members of the Shaftsbury Methodist Church. In recognition of his contributions to state agriculture and the Town of Shaftsbury, this Town Report is dedicated to his memory.

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