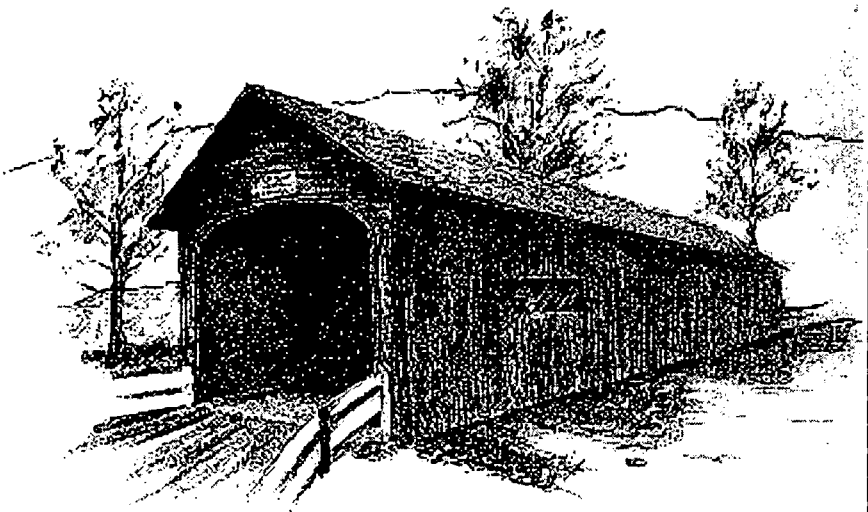


TOWN OF
GUILFORD
VERMONT

FISCAL YEAR
July 1, 2002-June 30, 2003



144th Annual Report

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday	9:00 - 4:00
Tuesday	9:00 - 4:00
Wednesday*	9:00 - 12:00, 6:30 - 8:00pm
Thursday	9:00 - 4:00
Friday	9:00 - 4:00

* *Wednesday: closed afternoon and open evening*

REGULAR MEETINGS

Selectboard: 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 6:30pm
School Board: 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, 6:30pm
Firemen's Meetings & Drills: 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 6:30pm
Fire Department Trustees: 1st Monday of each month, 7:30pm
Historical Society: 3rd Monday of January, April, July and October
Library Trustees: 2nd Thursday of each month, 6:30pm
Planning Commission: 1st Wednesday of each month, 7:00pm
Conservation Committee: 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:00pm
Cemetery Commission: 3rd Thursday each month, 5:30pm

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Town Office	254-6857 (fax 257-5764)
Town Garage	254-2755
School	254-2271
Fire Dept.	To report a fire 911
Burning Permits:	254-7138, or 257-4365
Library	257-4603
Health Officers:	
Septic - Douglas McCrae	257-7532
Disease; Water - Dolores Hale	257-5819
Constable - Walter Thorn	257-8932
Dog Officer - William Nightingale	254-5496

Dog licenses are due April 1st each year. You may come in between January 10 & April 1 to obtain a new license. A current rabies certificate is needed.

Library Hours: Tuesday 9:30am-6pm; Wednesday 1-8pm; Saturday 9:30am-3pm.

Cover: *The Green River Covered Bridge, drawn by the late Tom Hannan, of Packer Corners. The framed original is on display at the Town Office.*



DEDICATION

If you look through the vital statistics in this year's report, you'll see that Guilford lost two old farmers, John Clark and Clyde Covey, and one not nearly old enough farmer, Phil Boyd. They will be missed. Hopefully though, their way of life will be kept alive by a new young crop of farmers. Guilford was once a mostly agricultural town, with bragging rights to 25 dairy farms. Now there are but 6 still in operation. Fortunately, many types of smaller farming grace our community, and many among us are part-time farmers; raising sheep, goats, hens, horses, vegetables, flowers, hay, maple syrup, apples. About a dozen families manage to make a full-time living by farming in Guilford.

Guilford's farmers keep our land open, preserved, and producing. Yes, we have a beautiful landscape, but our farmers see to it that we also have a working landscape. We dedicate this year's Town Report to Guilford's farmers, who inspire us with their determined and dedicated (if not slightly pathological?) work ethic, and we thank them for their part in maintaining Guilford's rural character. *B.T.*

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How to understand this report...

The Town of Guilford is administered by the selectmen using money raised by property taxes, license fees, and State Aid to Highways; and the Guilford Central School is administered by the school directors using monies from State Educational Funds, and a share of property taxes. Money to be expended is voted on by the townspeople at Town Meeting.

In simplified terms, the amount of money necessary to run the town for the year is divided by 1% of the appraised value of property in town (or the "grand list") to get the "tax rate". However, Act 60 and 68 have made it more complicated to calculate at town meeting the effect of a vote for a certain amount on your taxes.

This report starts with a statement of appraised value of property in town and the taxes raised last year, and how the raised money is allocated (pages 8-9).

Pages 10-12 show statements and balance sheets of Town funds. On a "statement", the final fund balance equals the opening fund balance plus income and minus expenditures. On a "balance sheet", the fund balance equals the assets minus the liabilities. A "fund balance" is what municipal governments call "profit", or surplus.

Pages 12-17 show the selectmen's FY2003 budget figures, proposed and actual; and the proposed figures for 2004/05 (Fiscal Year 2005). These amounts include all town expenditures except for the school. The Treasurer's Statement (17-18) has summaries of revenues: the difference between monies appropriated and revenues is the amount to be raised by taxes. Remember that a fiscal year takes its name from the ending year; that is, FY2004 is July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004.

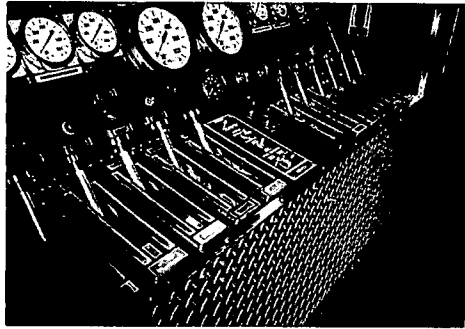
The Equipment Account and Capital Fund reports on pages 18-20 summarize the fact that the Town Highway Dept. "rents" the highway equipment from the town, having been budgeted an amount of money by the Selectmen. If the Highway Department does not spend all the budgeted money on the equipment, the surplus goes into the Equipment Account, to be spent on new equipment.

The rest of the report is further detail of income and expenses, including the school section (pp.29-47); followed by reports from organizations supported by the Town, listings of Town Officials, Vital Statistics, and Town Meeting Minutes and Warnings.

AUDITORS' STATEMENT

We [and the professional auditing firm Jack Laasko & Associates, PC] have verified the existence of stated cash balances, inspected securities, examined the accounts and records of Town Officers and of the School Board, and to the best of our knowledge believe them to be true statements of the accounts of the Town for the year ending June 30, 2003. Pursuant to Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 24, Section 983, we have established the

A fire engine pumper panel, illustrating just one of the reasons firefighters spend so much time in training and drills.



Selectboard's yearly salary as follows: \$1,050 for each member. The board member serving as clerk used to receive a higher salary for doing additional work, but nowadays all board members do additional work. We would like to recognize the Selectboard for the time and effort they put in for the town (they're certainly not in it for the money!).

Our auditing work is made easier due to the skills of Barbara Oles, the Town Clerk and Treasurer, as well as those of Administrative Assistant Kate Snow. The computerized bookkeeping system presents a clear and complete picture of the financial activity. As "amateur" auditors, we further appreciate the work and oversight provided by the professional auditing firm.

We do not reproduce the entire professional audit in this report, partly due to space considerations, but complete copies are available to any townsperson at the Town Office.

We report that Guilford currently carries no indebtedness to the next fiscal year.

Town reports are complicated, and we try to present the information as clearly as possible. We welcome comments and suggestions.

Neil Quinn
Bob Tucker
Cathrine Wilken

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Another year has flown by in Guilford. Events, both national and international, have consumed much of our time and interest. The Guilford Selectboard has focused much of its attention on local concerns. It has been a productive year for our board. Here are some of the items that have taken our attention.

The town road crew had a very busy year. After a long, snowy winter and a really bad mud season, the crew got to work cleaning ditches and cutting back brush. Work was continued on the Weatherhead Hollow Road – preparing and paving in the fall of '02 and installation of the 2 bridges in the summer of '03. We anticipate the paving of the last half-mile of the road



Chimney fire at Ben Rubenstein's: imagine the firefighters on this slate roof after an ice storm!

during the summer of '04 with the funds already allocated for the job.

There was a major problem in the fall when the heavy rains caused a section of the Green River Road to be undermined, collapsing. Using Yankee ingenuity and resources, our crew rebuilt that section of the road so that it was very soon back in operation and safe for traffic. We will watch it this spring to see if any further reinforcements are necessary but it was a great job – commented on by the state inspector.

The board had created a bridge fund last year to set aside money for the repair of bridges in town. Some money comes from the state for this purpose but we have been on a long waiting list and felt that we needed to deal with some of these issues sooner rather than later. One bridge that needs our attention soon is the bridge on Sweet Pond Road by the State Forest on Sweet Pond.

We have installed a fire alarm in the town garage. We also bought a 1998 single axle truck with a sander and wing to replace the 1986 dump truck. This summer we plan to do lots of graveling on the dirt roads and we will do work on the rails of the approaches to the bridges.

The town office continues to be a very active place. Barbara Oles, Kate Snow and Roberta Bremmer cheerfully help many townspeople deal with any number of issues and transactions daily. We plan to install a fire alarm and possibly a burglar system in the town office soon – spurred on by the tragic fire in the Winooski Town Office.

One piece of work that the Selectboard takes on is reviewing and updating various ordinances and policies. The Selectboard finished its work on the new traffic ordinance and it went into effect last summer. The new signs are up and speed limits posted all over town. We did receive some notes of concern about the 35 mph speed limit on the dirt roads. We reminded people that before that there had been just the state's 50 mph speed limit, and also that the 35mph doesn't mean a driver must go that speed. Common sense should prevail.

We also made some revisions to the dog ordinance – and hope to have those changes finalized by spring. We would like to hand out to residents

when they relicense their dogs each spring, a one-page summary of that ordinance so that they are aware of their responsibilities. This will hopefully help to decrease the amount of time taken by the board, constable and the dog officer on complaints about dogs in town.

We reviewed and revised the personnel policy for town employees. We also briefly considered enacting a Firearm Ordinance but heard a resounding response from several townspeople that they did not support this idea. We decided that the state law on discharging firearms offered good guidance to the town in this area.

This fall the board received a report about the condition of the town-owned cemeteries in Guilford. Our cemeteries are historical treasures and yet we have not been budgeting adequate resources to maintain the cemeteries and repair headstones in disrepair. We need to put increased resources – both monetary and human – towards maintaining these historic sites.

The Selectboard continued to advocate for Guilford to get more resources in order to fulfill our obligation to protect our citizens in the event of an accident at Vermont Yankee. We were encouraged by some developments. Steve Goldsmith was hired to work in Windham County as RERP Emergency Planning Zone Planner with towns. Steve has been very supportive and helpful of the board's efforts to increase our resources and improve our plan. Guilford was selected as a pilot site for the Citizen's Alert Network (CAN) that is a phone system that would allow every residence in town to be called and alerted within 10 minutes. There have been some limited tests of the system. The next step is town-wide tests. Last summer, members of the Guilford Selectboard, as well as Selectboards from other towns in the region met with our representatives (Rep. Patty O'Donnell and Sen. Jeannette White) to discuss our needs in relation to the amount budgeted in Montpelier for emergency preparedness. We continue to express our needs to our representatives and to the Vermont Emergency Management personnel.

The number and variety of issues that the Selectboard confronts is always changing. We recently participated in a meeting to consider regional policing by the Windham County Sheriff's Department. In the near future we will update the flood ordinance. As we wrestle with all of these decisions, we strive always to keep the best interests of the citizens of Guilford in mind.

Anne Rider, Chair
Richard Clark
Dennis Franklin

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's Office recorded 740 documents (164 more than 2002), issued 22 marriage licenses and 1 civil union license, filed 23 births, 12 death certificates and burial permits. We also issued 103 fish and game licenses and 531 motor vehicle renewals for the state. 654 dog licenses were also issued.

During this year we purchased new computers and I would like to thank



Guilford's 4th of July parade: color guard leading the way into Guilford Center, followed by Guilford's own marching band.

Rohan Providence who ably installed and networked them so that we were up and running quickly and efficiently. I continue to have old Grand Lists restored and Sally Carpenter is very graciously volunteering some time to copy the newer Grand Lists onto acid free paper so that I may bind them and help preserve this information also.

For any homeowner who did not receive a Form HS-131, please be aware that you must file this form with the state. This form determines whether you will pay a school property base tax rate of \$1.10 for a home-stead or a base rate of \$1.59 for non-residential properties. If you did not receive a form from the state they are available in the Town Office.

Once again, thank you for letting me serve as your town clerk and treasurer.

Barbara B. Oles
Town Clerk/Treasurer

REPORT OF THE LISTERS

The town wide reappraisal is progressing more slowly than we had expected. We have asked the state tax department for a one year extension of the filing date to April 2005. We will not be asking for any additional funds beyond what has already been raised. In one respect this delay is a good thing: the

State has enacted sweeping changes to property tax laws, replacing Act 60 with Act 68, which will have an impact on everyone's tax bill. If those changes were combined with the new reappraisal values in the same year, the effect of each on your tax bill would be almost impossible to separate.

The State Legislature has changed the meaning of several words that are related to property taxation. If your property is your home, you must file State form HS 131 before April 15 2004 with the State Tax Department declaring it your Homestead to get the right tax rate. All other property which is not a "Homestead" is "Non-Residential" property; even if it has a house on it. A Homestead used to be a home and up to two acres of land; but that is now a "Home site"; the Homestead now includes all contiguous land, no matter how much you have.

To pay for education the State will set one tax rate for Homestead values, and a different rate for Non-Residential property. The town also sets a tax rate for town expenses that is added to both categories of property.

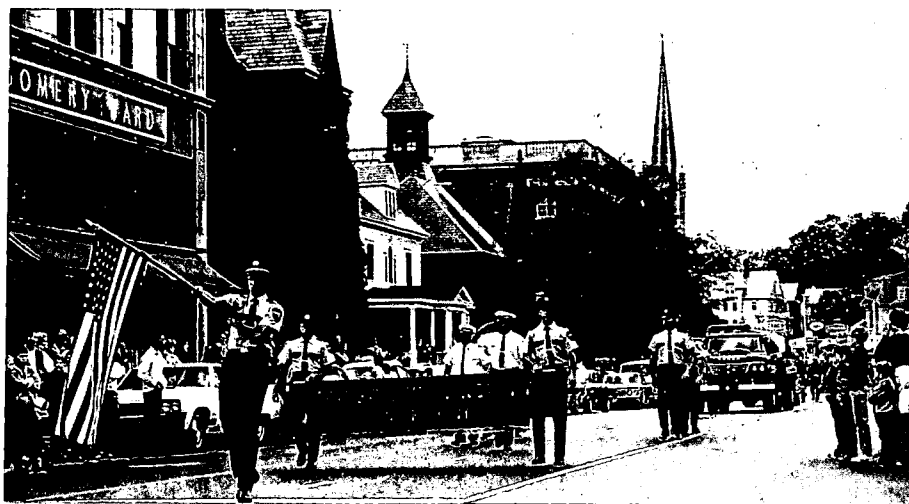
Although the news media has reported rates like \$1.59 and \$1.10, they will all be adjusted by our common level of appraisal (now 65.9%), and by how much money is in the State Education fund, and by how much we vote to spend per school pupil compared to a base of \$6,800. If we spend more per pupil, only the Homestead Education Rate goes up to cover it. The Land Use and Property Tax and Renter Rebate programs will still be in place. The fine-print details of all this are still being worked out.

Frank Rafferty

Jerry Gold

Arthur Givens

A Brattleboro fire department parade over 40 years ago; Ralph Haley chief, Arthur LaChance ass't chief, Richard Bullock flag bearer.



TREASURER'S CALCULATION OF TAXES

FY2003

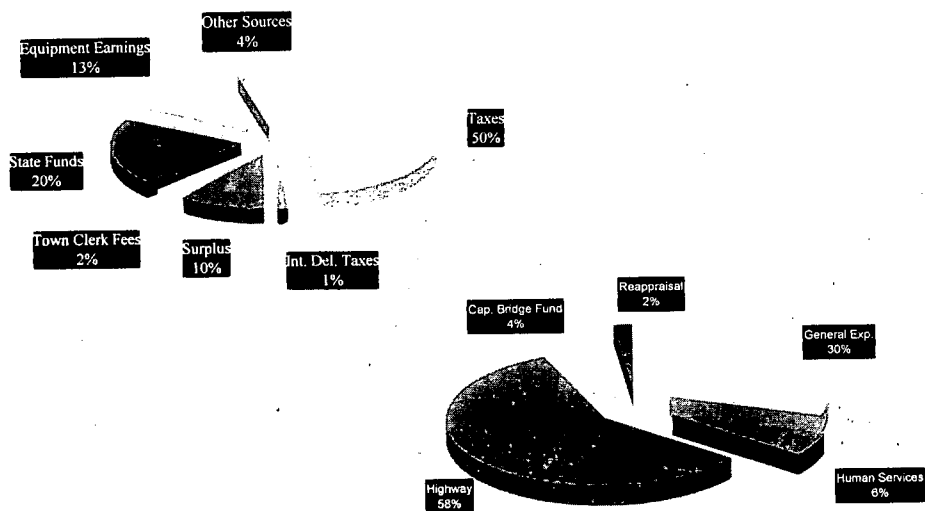
	MUNICIPAL	EDUCATION
APPRAISED VALUE		
Real Estate - Grand List 2002	\$92,685,459.00	\$92,685,459.00
Personal Property		
Cable		461,362.00
Contracts		96,800.00
Veterans Exemption	(60,000.00)	
	<u>\$92,625,459.00</u>	<u>\$93,243,621.00</u>
GRAND LIST CALCULATION		
1% of Appraised Value	\$926,854.59	\$932,436.21
	0.6500	2.5070
Grand List times Tax Rate	<u>\$602,455.48</u>	<u>\$2,337,617.58</u>

TAXES BILLED

Municipal Total plus Education Total	\$2,940,395.01
Lister Adjustments	(0.00)
	<u>\$2,940,395.01</u>

2002 TAXES COLLECTED:

Real Estate	\$2,737,478.62
Delinquents	202,916.39
Fractional Difference	3.00
Total Taxes	<u>\$2,940,395.01</u>



MONIES VOTED AT TOWN MEETING

MARCH 4, 2003

	BUDGET	REVENUES	RAISE BY TAXES	TAX RATE
TOWN 7/2003-6/2004				
General Fund	\$328,704.00	(\$156,999.00)	\$171,705.00	0.19
Highway Fund	537,092.00	(193,821.00)	343,271.00	0.36
Human Services	69,731.00		69,731.00	0.07
Capital Fund	50,000.00		50,000.00	0.05
Reappraisal			0.00	0.00
	\$985,527.00	(\$350,820.00)	\$634,707.00	0.67
Local Agreement Rate				0.01
Total Town Tax Rate			634,707.00	0.68
TOWN GRAND LIST - 2003: \$941,134.96				
General Budget	167,015.00	69,731.00	236,746.00	0.25
Highway Budget	343,271.00	50,000.00	393,271.00	0.42
Local Agreement Rate				0.01
				0.68
	BUDGET	REVENUES	RAISE BY TAXES	TAX RATE
SCHOOL				
Elementary	\$2,372,556.00	(\$526,563.00)	\$1,845,993.00	
BUHS	1,132,471.00		1,132,471.00	
WSESU	105,482.00		105,482.00	
GSSG State Aid		(460,458.00)	(460,458.00)	
School Budget	\$3,610,509.00	(\$987,021.00)	\$2,623,488.00	2.77
State Education Tax			1,503,380.00	
GSSG Support from Education Fund			460,458.00	
Local Share taxes			1,120,108.00	
Education Fund receivable			52,252.00	
Revenues from other sources			474,311.00	
			\$3,610,509.00	
Statewide Property Tax Rate		1,503,380.00		1.59
Local Share Rate		1,120,108.00		1.19
TOTAL SCHOOL TAX				2.78
SCHOOL GRAND LIST - 2003: \$946,716.58				
TOTAL TAX RATE FOR 2003				3.46

The simple graphs to the left indicate where pieces of the "pie" come from, and how that revenue is allocated when spent.

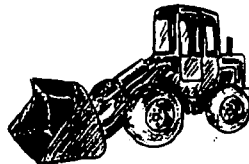
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

ALL FUND TYPES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2003

	GENERAL FUND	REVENUE FUND	CAPITAL FUND	TRUST FUNDS
REVENUE:				
Property Taxes	603,304	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest/Penalties Del Taxes	32,429	0	0	0
Intergovernmental	291,854	0	0	0
Permits and licenses	7,894	0	0	0
Charges for services	28,772	0	0	0
Reimbursement from Library	14,006	0	0	0
Interest Income	7,206	179	547	873
Miscellaneous	5,339	4,176	0	0
	990,804	4,355	547	873
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General Government	306,436	0	0	0
Public Safety	8,268	0	0	0
Public Works	547,401	0	0	0
Solid Waste Management	11,433	0	0	0
Health and Welfare	77,519	0	0	0
Library	14,006	0	0	0
Cemetery Maintenance	697	0	0	205
Revolving Loan Fund	0	63	0	0
County Tax	13,949	0	0	0
Capital:	0	0	34,420	0
	979,709	63	34,420	205
Excess(Deficit) of Revenue	11,095	4,292	(33,873)	668
Operating Transfers	(137,830)	0	138,414	(584)
Excess (Deficit)	(126,735)	4,292	104,541	84
Fund Balance July 1, 2002	510,233	31,862	31,576	44,611
Fund Balance June 30, 2003	\$383,498	\$36,154	\$136,117	\$44,695

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BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES

JUNE 30, 2003

	GENERAL	REVOLVING LOAN	CAPITAL	TRUSTS
ASSETS				
Cash	\$257,946	\$17,629	\$136,117	\$7,032
Investments	0	0	0	37,663
Accounts receivable	9,232	0	0	0
Delinquent taxes receivable	144,123	0	0	0
Notes receivable	0	18,525	0	0
Due from other funds	0	0	0	0
Prepaid expenditures	16,971	0	0	0
Total Assets	\$428,272	\$36,154	\$136,117	\$44,695
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	29,094	0	0	0
Due to other funds	0	0	0	0
Deferred revenue	2,614	0	0	0
Payroll and withholdings	13,066	0	0	0
Total Liabilities	44,774	0	0	0
FUND BALANCES				
Reserved	116,981	36,154	136,117	44,695
Unreserved:				
Designated	240,170	0	0	0
Undesignated	26,347	0	0	0
Total Fund Balances	383,498	36,154	136,117	44,695
Total Liabilities + Fund Balances	\$428,272	\$36,154	\$136,117	\$44,695

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES

GENERAL FUND

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUE:			
Property Taxes	\$596,803	\$603,304	\$6,501
Delinquent Penalty & Interest	31,000	32,429	1,429
Intergovernmental	185,514	291,854	106,340
Library Reimbursement	10,955	14,006	3,051
Permits & Licenses	4,500	7,894	3,394
Charges for Services	15,000	28,772	13,772
Interest Income	18,000	7,206	(10,794)
Miscellaneous	100	5,339	5,239
	861,872	990,804	128,932

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
EXPENDITURES:			
General Government	281,015	306,436	(25,421)
Public Safety	8,850	8,268	582
Public Works	542,104	547,401	(5,297)
Solid Waste Management	11,459	11,433	26
Health and Welfare	71,112	77,519	(6,407)
Library	10,955	14,006	(3,051)
Cemetery maintenance	1,700	697	1,003
County Tax	13,950	13,949	1
	941,145	979,709	(38,564)
Excess Revenue over Expenditures	(79,273)	11,095	90,368
Operating Transfers Out	(49,150)	(137,830)	(88,680)
Excess Revenue over Expenditures	(128,423)	(126,735)	1,688
Fund Balance, July 1, 2002		\$510,233	
Fund Balance, June 30, 2003		\$383,498	

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SELECTBOARD'S BUDGET

	FY03 BUDGET	FY03 ACTUAL	FY04 BUDGET	FY05 PROPOSED
SELECTMEN				
Selectmen	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.00
Assistant	16,000.00	16,044.46	16,806.00	17,479.00
Social Security	21,160.00	20,830.48	22,163.00	22,194.00
Retirement	9,157.00	9,141.70	9,615.00	9,791.00
Health Insurance	48,600.00	52,114.23	57,903.00	49,702.00
Dental Insurance	2,075.00	2,075.40	2,117.00	2,512.00
Miscellaneous	50.00	-	50.00	50.00
Advertising	700.00	391.50	700.00	500.00
Meetings	1,400.00	1,610.44	1,400.00	1,000.00
VLCT	1,330.00	1,330.00	1,621.00	1,716.00
General Liability	10,500.00	10,813.00	10,600.00	10,600.00
Bonding Officers	212.00	-	-	-
Public Officials Liabili	2,700.00	2,337.50	2,722.00	2,491.00
Workmen's Comp	8,200.00	10,230.47	10,140.00	10,219.00
Legal Services	4,000.00	6,585.20	4,000.00	3,500.00
Newsletter	800.00	1,087.25	800.00	800.00
Office Repair/Maint.	1,500.00	1,742.80	1,500.00	1,500.00
Office Grounds/Rubb.	1,200.00	2,057.26	1,200.00	1,400.00
Building Imp.-Town Bldgs	1,500.00	738.81	2,500.00	6,000.00
Electricity	1,500.00	1,499.25	1,500.00	1,600.00

	FY03 BUDGET	FY03 ACTUAL	FY04 BUDGET	FY05 PROPOSED
Heating - kerosene	1,050.00	862.03	1,050.00	900.00
Vehicle Damage	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Trust Fund Money due Sch	-	77.42	-	-
	137,134.00	145,069.20	152,037.00	147,604.00
BCA				
Stipend - meetings	200.00	155.00	200.00	200.00
Ballot Clerks/Moderator	400.00	380.00	200.00	675.00
Ballot Printing	100.00	152.50	100.00	200.00
	700.00	687.50	500.00	1,075.00
AUDITORS				
Compensation	1,500.00	1,192.50	1,500.00	1,500.00
Outside Audit	6,500.00	6,000.00	6,500.00	6,000.00
Town Report Postage	350.00	358.79	350.00	400.00
Town Report Printing	1,600.00	1,440.82	1,600.00	1,600.00
	9,950.00	8,992.11	9,950.00	9,500.00
LISTERS				
Compensation	14,000.00	15,447.00	14,000.00	12,000.00
Reappraisal Salaries	-	114.00	-	-
Reappraisal Expenses	-	85.00	-	-
Meetings & Courses	300.00	4,620.00	300.00	100.00
Mapping	3,000.00	1,615.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Travel Expense	300.00	-	300.00	-
	17,600.00	21,881.00	15,600.00	13,100.00
DEL. TAX COLLECTOR				
Compensation	15,000.00	14,348.81	15,000.00	15,000.00
TOWN CLERK/TREAS.				
Compensation	33,858.00	33,858.24	35,550.00	36,795.00
Asst. Clerk/Treas	23,473.00	23,154.11	24,637.00	25,709.00
Office Supplies Expense	5,500.00	4,762.91	5,500.00	5,500.00
Telephone	1,600.00	1,542.02	1,500.00	1,500.00
Record Preservation	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Preservation Reserve	-	1,145.18	-	-
Travel Expense	1,200.00	1,149.92	1,200.00	1,200.00
Office Equipment	5,000.00	4,931.82	5,000.00	2,000.00
Technical Support	1,200.00	1,258.50	1,200.00	1,200.00
	73,831.00	73,802.70	76,587.00	75,904.00
LIBRARIAN				
Compensation	10,955.00	14,006.52	14,232.00	15,316.00
Library Grant	-	41,655.19	-	-
	10,955.00	55,661.71	14,232.00	15,316.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
Board Expenses	300.00	-	250.00	250.00
PLANNING COMMISSION				
Board Expenses	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00

	FY03 BUDGET	FY03 ACTUAL	FY04 BUDGET	FY05 PROPOSED
CONSTABLE				
Compensation	1,500.00	462.50	1,500.00	1,500.00
School Certification	100.00	-	100.00	-
Travel & Expenses	600.00	87.04	400.00	200.00
Equipment	-	-	600.00	100.00
	2,200.00	549.54	2,600.00	1,800.00
Traffic Control & Enforc. C/S	3,800.00	2,108.61	3,800.00	3,800.00
POUND-KEEPER				
Kennel/Pound Keeper C/S	1,500.00	4,512.10	1,500.00	2,500.00
Boarding Fees	-	1,493.90	-	-
Veterinary Services	-	725.90	-	-
Travel & Expenses	-	525.24	-	-
	1,500.00	7,257.14	1,500.00	2,500.00
HEALTH OFFICERS				
Compensation	400.00	410.00	300.00	300.00
Permit Processing	-	740.00	-	-
Supplies & Expenses	50.00	4.42	50.00	50.00
Travel	100.00	45.56	100.00	100.00
	550.00	1,199.98	450.00	450.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
Pager stipend	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
EM Fund	-	2,460.30	-	-
EM Drill	-	530.83	-	-
	2,400.00	5,391.13	2,400.00	2,400.00
FIRE WARDEN				
Compensation	300.00	-	300.00	300.00
Permit Processing	150.00	218.50	150.00	200.00
	450.00	218.50	450.00	500.00
CEMETERIES				
Mowing - Contracted	1,200.00	326.75	1,200.00	3,500.00
Mapping - Maplehurst	500.00	-	500.00	-
Repair Head Stones	500.00	369.68	500.00	-
	2,200.00	696.43	2,200.00	3,500.00
SOLID WASTE				
Stipend - meetings	300.00	275.00	300.00	300.00
Assessment	11,159.00	11,158.56	15,350.00	15,377.00
Recycle Bin Space Rental	-	-	-	1,200.00
	11,459.00	11,433.56	15,650.00	16,877.00
COUNTY TAX				
Assessment	13,950.00	13,948.65	14,498.00	14,367.00
TOTAL GENERAL BUDGET	304,979.00	363,246.57	328,704.00	324,943.00

	FY03 BUDGET	FY03 ACTUAL	FY04 BUDGET	FY05 PROPOSED
HUMAN SERVICES				
Windham Regional	2,783.00	2,783.00	2,844.00	2,844.00
Rescue, Inc.	8,184.00	8,184.00	9,207.00	10,742.00
Windham Cty. Youth Serv.	1,605.00	1,605.00	1,605.00	1,605.00
United Way Get INFO	360.00	360.00	360.00	360.00
Women's Crisis Center	950.00	950.00	950.00	950.00
Morningside	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Fire Department	26,000.00	26,000.00	30,000.00	55,000.00
Visitng Nurse Alliance	4,345.00	4,345.00	4,780.00	5,025.00
Retired Sr. Vol. Prog.	435.00	435.00	485.00	485.00
HCRS (Mental Health)	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Council on Aging	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
Library	18,000.00	18,000.00	13,000.00	14,000.00
Hospice	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Gathering Place	350.00	350.00	450.00	500.00
Brat Area DropIn Center	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Early Education Services	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00
Brattleboro Area Aids	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
Windham County Reads	-	-	-	500.00
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	69,062.00	69,062.00	69,731.00	98,061.00
SUBTOTAL	374,041.00	432,308.57	398,435.00	423,004.00
TOWN GARAGE				
Operating Supplies	5,300.00	6,226.79	5,300.00	5,300.00
Heat	1,400.00	2,219.17	1,400.00	1,400.00
Signs & Posts	4,000.00	4,167.85	4,000.00	4,000.00
Small Tools & Equipment	3,000.00	3,269.14	3,000.00	3,000.00
Telephone	1,000.00	1,532.89	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bldg. Maintenance	1,000.00	5,486.30	1,000.00	1,000.00
Hazardous Waste Disposal	-	-	-	1,500.00
Electricity	1,600.00	2,241.84	1,600.00	2,400.00
Miscellaneous	50.00	-	50.00	50.00
Radios & Repair	700.00	760.71	700.00	700.00
	18,050.00	25,904.69	18,050.00	20,350.00
HIGHWAY-GENERAL				
Compensation	96,930.00	95,920.48	99,838.00	102,833.00
Gravel	25,000.00	45,780.25	25,000.00	25,000.00
Chloride	14,000.00	9,941.01	14,000.00	14,000.00
Guard Rails	27,000.00	12,508.05	27,000.00	27,000.00
Culverts	4,000.00	4,032.32	4,000.00	4,000.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
Rental Trucks	2,000.00	6,202.30	2,000.00	2,000.00
C/S Tree Removal	2,500.00	600.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Grader	13,200.00	24,555.50	13,200.00	13,200.00
Loader	7,300.00	9,619.50	7,300.00	7,300.00

	FY03 BUDGET	FY03 ACTUAL	FY04 BUDGET	FY05 PROPOSED
Backhoe	8,400.00	13,733.00	8,400.00	8,400.00
2001 Ford	3,650.00	5,066.50	3,650.00	3,650.00
1994 International	10,800.00	9,127.00	10,800.00	10,800.00
1990 International	5,200.00	9,306.00	5,200.00	5,200.00
1998 International	4,500.00	2,508.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
2001 International	10,800.00	11,496.00	10,800.00	10,800.00
2001 Tractor	9,000.00	10,054.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
	244,380.00	270,449.91	247,288.00	250,283.00
RETREATMENT				
C/S Materials & Labor	85,000.00	136,719.17	85,000.00	85,000.00
WINTER MAINTENANCE				
Compensation	66,693.00	65,038.15	68,693.00	70,753.00
Sand	21,400.00	28,285.00	21,400.00	21,400.00
Salt	11,000.00	14,318.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
Chloride	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Grader	7,755.00	8,582.00	7,755.00	7,755.00
Loader	8,910.00	10,032.00	8,910.00	8,910.00
Backhoe	1,300.00	2,480.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
2001 Ford	6,800.00	5,905.00	6,800.00	6,800.00
1994 International	11,880.00	11,976.00	11,880.00	11,880.00
1990 International	7,200.00	5,904.00	7,200.00	7,200.00
1998 International	6,528.00	4,752.00	6,528.00	6,528.00
2001 International	11,880.00	13,416.00	11,880.00	11,880.00
Tractor	-	1,030.00	-	2,000.00
	162,346.00	171,718.15	164,346.00	168,406.00
BRIDGES				
Compensation	2,628.00	1,396.21	2,708.00	2,789.00
Plank & railings	2,500.00	3,478.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Painting	15,000.00	31,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Cement	200.00	-	200.00	200.00
Covered Bridge	200.00	-	200.00	200.00
BR#42 WHH 4 corners	10,000.00	6,367.68	-	0.00
BR#24 WHH Packer Corn	-	-	-	0.00
Rental	250.00	-	250.00	250.00
Loader	400.00	31.00	400.00	400.00
Backhoe	400.00	310.00	400.00	400.00
2001 Ford	250.00	90.00	250.00	250.00
1994 International	250.00	88.00	250.00	250.00
1998 International	-	66.00	-	0.00
2001 International	250.00	110.00	250.00	250.00
	32,328.00	42,936.89	22,408.00	22,489.00
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	542,104.00	647,728.81	537,092.00	546,528.00
TOTAL GEN. & HWY	916,145.00	1,080,037.38	935,527.00	969,532.00

	FY03 BUDGET	FY03 ACTUAL	FY04 BUDGET	FY05 PROPOSED
Spec. Article - Junkyard cleanup -	-	-	-	15,000.00
Spec. Article - WHH Proje	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-
Spec. Article - Reapprai	25,000.00	25,000.00	-	-
Spec. Article - Bridge Fund	-	-	-	10,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	991,145.00	1,105,037.38	985,527.00	994,532.00

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

REVENUE SUMMARY

	FY03 BUDGET	FY03 ACTUAL	FY04 BUDGET	FY05 PROPOSED
GENERAL				
Taxes-General	\$118,829.00	\$125,330.12	\$171,705.00	\$173,962.00
Taxes-Reapprais-Junkyard	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Taxes-Human Services	69,062.00	69,062.00	69,731.00	98,061.00
Subtotal Tax Revenues	212,891.00	219,392.12	241,436.00	287,023.00
Surplus '01	57,252.00	57,252.00	0.00	0.00
Surplus '02	0.00	0.00	33,958.00	0.00
Surplus '03	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,189.00
Int. Del. Taxes	16,000.00	18,041.46	16,000.00	16,000.00
Interest-Current	18,000.00	6,036.10	8,000.00	6,000.00
Town Clerk Fees	15,000.00	28,772.15	18,000.00	18,000.00
Penalty Del. Taxes	15,000.00	14,387.91	16,000.00	16,000.00
Librarian Wages & Fica	10,955.00	14,006.52	14,232.00	15,316.00
Licenses & Permits	4,500.00	7,893.50	4,500.00	5,000.00
Trust Interest	350.00	199.01	300.00	200.00
Misc. Revenues	0.00	5,750.72	0.00	0.00
State Funds:				
Pagers & VEMA Funds	2,400.00	5,820.74	2,400.00	2,400.00
State Land Tax	2,274.00	5,217.00	2,274.00	5,216.00
Current Use	38,137.00	38,780.60	36,385.00	35,860.00
Pilot Program	6,282.00	5,888.00	4,950.00	4,800.00
DDGL Study & Reappraise	0.00	7,413.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Other Revenues	186,150.00	215,458.71	156,999.00	150,981.00
TOTAL GENERAL	399,041.00	434,850.83	398,435.00	438,004.00
HIGHWAY				
Taxes	333,912.00	333,912.00	343,271.00	409,907.00
Taxes -Paving	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	10,000.00
Subtotal Tax Revenues	383,912.00	383,912.00	393,271.00	419,907.00
Surplus '01	71,171.00	71,171.00	0.00	0.00
Surplus '02	0.00	0.00	57,000.00	0.00
Surplus '03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Aid	136,421.00	136,421.80	136,421.00	136,421.00
AOT funds	0.00	52,500.00	0.00	0.00

	FY03 BUDGET	FY03 ACTUAL	FY04 PROPOSED	FY05 PROPOSED
Equipment Earnings	0.00	160,237.50	0.00	0.00
Misc. Funds	0.00	232.32	0.00	0.00
Local Fines	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
Interest - Taft Trust	500.00	163.91	300.00	200.00
Subtotal Other Revenues	208,192.00	420,726.53	193,821.00	136,621.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY	592,104.00	804,638.53	587,092.00	556,528.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$991,145.00	\$1,239,489.36	\$985,527.00	\$994,532.00

APPROPRIATION/EXPENSE SUMMARY

General Expenses	\$304,979.00	\$363,246.57	\$328,704.00	\$324,943.00
Human Services	69,062.00	69,062.00	69,731.00	98,061.00
Reappraisal	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00
Junkyard Cleanup	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
Highway	542,104.00	707,604.31	537,092.00	546,528.00
Capital Fund-Paving-Bridge	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$991,145.00	\$1,214,912.88	\$985,527.00	\$994,532.00

SUMMARY OF HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS

Balance July 1, 2002		\$215,591.32
Receipts:		
Money raised at Town Meeting	333,912.00	
State Aid	136,421.80	
AOT Funds	52,500.00	
FEMA Funds	0.00	
Current Use	0.00	
Capital Fund Reimbursement	50,000.00	
Equipment Earnings	160,237.50	
Designated for Bridges	0.00	
Interest earned - Taft Fund	163.91	
Local Fines	0.00	
Scrap Metal	0.00	
Equipment Rental	0.00	
Misc. Highway Revenue	232.32	733,467.53
Expenditures:		
General	(270,449.91)	
Winter	(171,718.15)	
Retreatment	(136,719.17)	
Construction	0.00	
Bridges	(42,936.89)	
Equipment Expense	(59,875.50)	
Town Garage	(25,938.69)	(707,638.31)
Surplus/(Deficit)		241,420.54

Restricted funds:

Equipment Account	(88,413.81)	(88,413.81)
Unrestricted Balance, June 30, 2003		\$153,006.73

EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT EARNINGS

Grader:		
Earnings	\$33,137.50	
Repairs	(6,933.44)	
Fuel	(2,420.14)	23,783.92
Loader:		
Earnings	19,682.50	
Repair	(2,415.90)	
Fuel	(2,420.29)	14,846.31
Ford Truck '01		
Earnings	11,061.50	
Repairs	(1,217.73)	
Fuel	(2,420.29)	7,423.48
International Truck '01		
Earnings	25,022.00	
Repairs	(6,444.26)	
Fuel	(2,420.29)	16,157.45
International Truck '94		
Earnings	21,191.00	
Repairs	(10,497.65)	
Fuel	(2,420.29)	8,273.06
International Truck '90		
Earnings	15,210.00	
Repairs	(7,903.11)	
Fuel	(2,420.29)	4,886.60
International Truck '86 & '98		
Earnings	7,326.00	
Repairs	(1,616.16)	
Fuel	(2,420.29)	3,289.55
Backhoe		
Earnings	16,523.00	
Repairs	(1,162.32)	
Fuel	(2,067.69)	13,292.99
Tractor '01		
Earnings	11,084.00	
Repairs	(1,303.71)	
Fuel	(1,371.65)	8408.64
Total Net Earnings		\$100,362.00



Guilford firefighters pose in front of the '74 Chevrolet pumper/tanker, the first new truck the department ever purchased.

CAPITAL FUNDS

The Capital Projects Fund was established to account for financial resources to be used for the purchase of major facilities and equipment. This fund includes the equipment account established at the 1962 Town Meeting with net equipment earnings to be set aside from General Account into a savings account to be used for the purchase of any future equipment.

	PROJECTS FUND	EQUIPMENT FUND	TOTAL
Balance July 1, 2002	(\$14,654)	\$46,230	\$31,576
Deposits:			
Interest Earned	149	398	547
Transfer from General Fund	50,000	88,414	138,414
Total Income	50,149	88,812	138,961
Purchases:			
Snowblower, Truck	0	(34,420)	(34,420)
Total Expenses	0	(34,420)	(34,420)
Balance June 30, 2003	\$35,495	\$100,622	\$136,117

TOWN CLERK FEES

Fish & Game Licenses	\$2,204.00	
Paid to Fish & Game Dept	(2,042.50)	\$161.50
Search & copy fees	5,275.04	
Remitted to State	(300.00)	4,975.04
Legal Document Fees	18,502.00	
Preservation Fund Fees	2,869.00	
Vehicle Registration Fees	1,953.00	

Copier Fees	0	
Misc.	311.61	23,635.61
Town Clerk Fees, July 1 to June 30		\$28,772.15
Set aside for preservation*		(\$1,723.82)
Net Town Clerk Fees		\$27,048.33
Balance Preservation Fund 6/30/02		\$7,380.59

*Vt Statute allows a charge of \$1.00 per page of document to be used for preservation

ANIMALS REPORT

Revenue:		
Dog Licenses, 654 dogs	\$4,294.00	
Dog Fees	1,542.00	
Dog Fines	117.50	5,953.50
Expenses:		
Poundkeeper Wages	(4,512.10)	
Boarding Fees	(1,493.90)	
Vet Fees	(752.90)	
Travel & Expenses	(525.24)	
Dog Damage	0.00	
Fees to State	(592.00)	(7,849.14)
Net Earnings, July 1 to June 30		(\$1,895.64)

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Trustees: Michael Dusavitch, Elly Majonen, Don McLean

C.P. WOOD FUND

This is a permanent fund of \$5,370.50. The income is to be used for town purposes.

Balance July 1, 2002	\$5,370.50	
Interest	132.93	
		5,503.43
Disbursements:		
Town of Guilford	(132.93)	
Balance June 30, 2003		\$5,370.50

AURELIA D. TAFT FUND

This is a permanent fund of \$10,800.00. The income is to be used for care of Cemetery Road, then other town highways.

Balance July 1, 2002	\$10,800.00	
Interest	163.91	10,963.91
Disbursements:		
Town of Guilford	(163.91)	
Balance June 30, 2003		\$10,800.00

MRS. C.A. KING & JOHN LYNDE FUND

This is a permanent fund of \$1,000.00. The income is to be used for support of Guilford Schools.

Balance July 1, 2002	\$1,000.00	
Interest	15.18	1,015.18
Disbursements:		
Town of Guilford School District	(15.18)	
Balance June 30, 2003		\$1,000.00

MRS. C.A. KING FUND

This is a permanent fund of \$1,000.00. The income is to be used for the care of the King Cemetery Lot, with the balance for support of Guilford Schools.

Balance July 1, 2002	\$1,000.00	
Interest	15.18	1,015.18
Disbursements:		
Town of Guilford School District	(15.18)	
Balance June 30, 2003		\$1,000.00

LT. COL. CHARLES L. BULLOCK & MRS. MARY ELLEN BULLOCK EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

This was originally a permanent fund of \$10,000, which was increased twice by additional \$2,000 contributions from the Bullock Estate in 1990 and in 2001, resulting in a permanent fund of \$14,000. The income from interest is to be used to "allow Guilford students to attend any two- or four-year institution of higher education, including technical school and post-graduate work". The Trustees express concern that, although this Fund was established in 1990, no student loans have yet been made. We urge the Selectboard and its loan committee to begin making use of these funds for their intended purpose.

Balance July 1, 2002	\$14,000.00	
Interest	221.18	14,221.18
Disbursements:		
Town of Guilford	(221.18)	
Balance June 30, 2003		\$14,000.00
Accumulated interest as of June 30, 2003		\$4,739.77

BIRDIE COOK FUND

Trustee: Barbara Oles

Voted at 1950 Town Meeting that after account reached \$1,500 the income to be available to Selectmen to use at their discretion.

Balance July 1, 2002	\$2,341.48
Interest	39.77
Balance June 30, 2003	\$2,381.25
Available for use by Selectmen	\$881.25

BRAINARD S. GALE FUND

Trustee: Barbara Oles

Originally Good Boy Fund set up by John E. Gale in memory of Brainard S. Gale (born July 22, 1869). Given in August 1963 by Richard E. Gale and John C. Gale. The income to be used to purchase books or educational materials for Guilford School Library. Withdrawal to be made at the discretion of the Town Clerk.

Balance July 1, 2002	\$ 312.09
Interest	1.90
Balance June 30, 2003	<u>\$ 313.99</u>

WARREN WILDER FUND

Trustees: Emery Evans, David Franklin

In trust, income to be used for the care of the Blanchard Cemetery in town. Unused portion to be used for the care of other cemeteries in town.

Balance July 1, 2002		\$5,219.41
Receipts		
Putnam Fund, dividends	120.53	
Gain/(Loss)	(7.57)	
First VT Bank interest	12.04	125.00
		<u>5,220.66</u>
Disbursements		
Ethan Ogden (mowing)	(205.55)	
		<u>5,015.11</u>
Change in Putnam Fund	123.75	
		<u>\$5,138.86</u>
Geo Putnam Fund of Boston		
252.107 shares	3,993.86	
Savings Account First VT	1,145.86	
Assets June 30, 2003		<u>\$5,138.86</u>

CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Trustee: Gerald James

Interest from this fund to be divided equally between the Town and care of Guilford cemeteries.

Balance July 1, 2002	\$4,568.22
Earned Interest	32.04
Bequest	200.00
Cemetery Care	(73.75)
Town of Guilford	(35.72)
Balance June 30, 2003	<u>\$4,690.79</u>

REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The Guilford Housing Rehabilitation Program is to improve and to maintain the housing and quality of life of low and moderate income residents of the Town of Guilford. The program was first implemented in Algiers for sewer connections from existing eligible structures to the Algiers Fire District collection system. The principal and interest payments that represent program income received from the Agency Fund portion of the loan will be directed to the Program account. These monies will create a revolving loan fund account to continue a Town specified program for failed septic systems or other housing rehabilitation work.

Balance July 1, 2002	\$10,982.00
Repayments	2,355.00
Miscellaneous Income	4,176.00
Expenses	(63.00)
Interest	179.20
Balance June 30, 2003	<u>\$17,629.20</u>
Loans Outstanding	<u>\$18,525.00</u>
Fund Balance June 30, 2003	\$36,154.20

INSURANCE ON BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

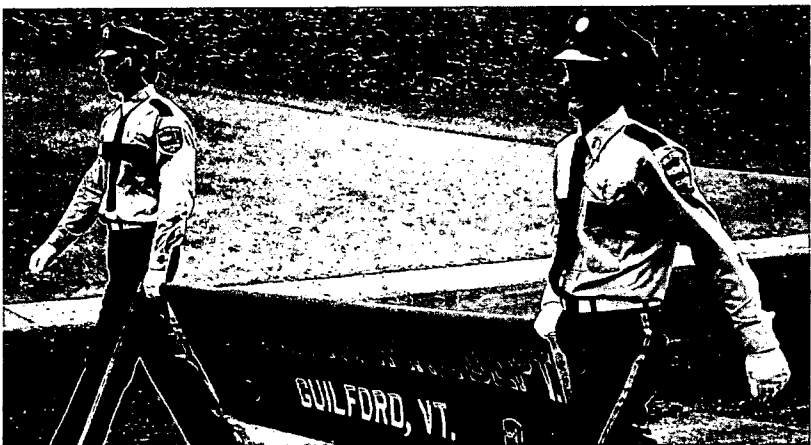
Central School building & contents	\$1,636,514
Central School storage shed & contents	28,615
Town Garage, old building	37,317
Town Garage, new building	235,209
Fuel Storage Shed	22,500
Generator Shed	11,500
Salt Shed	20,000
Chloride Storage Tank	8,000
Library building & contents	70,503
Museum (Old Town Hall)	99,680
Town Office, building & contents	207,954
Green River Covered Bridge	500,000

We are advised that there is Fire and Public Liability on the grader, loader, and town trucks which is considered adequate by the Selectmen. In 1987 Guilford joined the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Insurance Fund to cover the buildings and equipment listed above, except the Central School. The VLCT self-insurance program can provide significant refunds to the Town. As of September 1993 all school insurances were combined with WSESU to save on premium costs.

TOWN HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT LIST

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL
2002	John Deere	6405 4WD tractor
2002	Landpride	roadside mower for 6405 tractor
2001	Ford	1-ton dump truck w/Boss V snowplow
2001	International	2574 dump truck
2001	Swenson	SBD9 tailgate sander
1998	International	2574 dump truck
1998	Caterpillar	416C tractor-loader-backhoe
1998	Caterpillar	IT28G loader and forks
1995	Caterpillar	140 all wheel drive grader
1994	International	2574 dump truck
1993	Morbark	EZ2036 brush chipper
1990	International	2574 dump truck
1987	York	road rake (hydraulic)
	Craig	11' reversible snow plow & wing
	Craig	9' dozer blade (grader)
	Everest	9' wing plow for '94 truck
	Flink	tailgate sanders '90 truck
	Glenhill	11' reversible plow (for loader)
	Miller	Bobcat 225 portable welder/generator
	Millermatic	250 wire feed welder
	Onan	25kw generator
	Swenson	hopper sander for '98 International
		2 snowplows & frames for trucks
		10' wing plow for '01 International
		6,000 gal. poly storage tank for chloride
		1,025 gal. poly spreader tank for chloride

Captain Steve Cutting carries the banner, with the help of another firefighter, in a 70s Brattleboro parade.



TOWN ORDINANCES

The following are the Ordinances which are in effect in the Town of Guilford:

Flood Hazard Area Bylaw

1. Permit Requirements
2. Flood Plain Map

Highway Ordinance (to be revised)

1. Driveway Standards and Permit
2. Town Highway Specifications and Classifications
3. Town Trails and Pent Road Regulations

Ordinance for Road Naming and Road Addressing

1. Numbering System
2. Road Signs

Traffic Ordinance

1. Speed Limits
2. Parking Regulations
3. Traffic Signs and Control Devices

Ordinance for Regulating Telecommunications Facilities

1. Permit Requirements
2. Design Requirements

Ordinance for the Control of Dogs

1. Licensing Requirements
2. Impoundment Fees

Sewer Ordinance Relating to Individual and Multi-Unit On-Site Sewer Disposal

1. Systems Required
2. Permit Requirements

Trailer Park Ordinance

1. Fees
2. License Application and Requirements

The following ordinance is that of the Algiers Fire District #1 in the Village of Algiers in Guilford.

1. Ordinance Regulating the Use of Public and Private Sanitary Sewerage Systems

These ordinances are available in the Town Offices during regular business hours for inspection, or copies at a nominal fee.



DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

Barbara M. Hunt, Tax Collector

July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003

YEAR	RECEIVED FOR COLLECTION	COLLECTED	ABATED	BALANCE
1993	912.40	0.00	0.00	912.40
1994	1,196.82	0.00	0.00	1,196.82
1995	1,313.21	0.00	0.00	1,313.21
1996	1,257.40	0.00	0.00	1,257.40
1997	5,708.14	1,211.70	0.00	4,496.44
1998	10,203.81	5,556.71	0.00	4,647.10
1999	7,505.15	6,975.80	0.00	529.35
2000	26,323.19	13,699.61	0.00	12,623.58
2001	66,776.77	29,924.20	0.00	36,852.57
2002	202,916.39	122,622.44	0.00	80,293.95
	<u>\$324,113.28</u>	<u>\$179,990.46</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$144,122.82</u>
INTEREST		18,041.46		
TOTAL COLLECTED		<u>\$198,031.92</u>		
Delinquent Tax Collector's Fees (8% penalty)				\$14,387.91

DELINQUENT TAX POLICY

1. The delinquent tax collector will not accept late payment of real estate taxes if the penalties are not included.
2. If a delinquent taxpayer has not made arrangements for satisfactory monthly payments to the tax collector six months from the due date, the property will be put up for a tax sale.
3. Partial payments will be at least the total taxes and penalties divided by the number of months remaining before the next due date.
4. There will be no grace period allowed for late payments without penalty except for mailed payments postmarked on or before the due date.

DELINQUENT TAX LIST

as of June 30, 2003

	2002	2001	2000	PREVIOUS YEARS
Anthony, Charles D.	\$632.00			
Bell, Tammi & Benj	2,531.16			
** Blum, Grayce	1,095.66			
Boyd, James & Bren	650.96			
Clifford, Paul B.	2,016.08	1,910.87		
** Covey, Anthony N.	2,850.32	1,628.67		
* Dana, William A.	502.44	476.22	107.78	
* Earle, Dayton W Sr. & Deborah	1,169.20	925.92		
* Farnum, Richard	3,539.20			
Fisher, Reed	1,080.72			
* Garland, Richard	1,006.80			
Gehman, William H.		108.57	54.76	5,268.49
* Good, Lucille	2,202.52	1,351.23		

	2002	2001	2000	PREVIOUS YEARS
Gorman, Robert	919.88	91.92		
* Hanson, Dwight A.	1,794.88	1,701.22	1,510.88	214.14
Herzlinger, Jeffrey	151.68	143.76	127.68	
Herzlinger, Jeffrey	154.84	146.76	130.34	
** Jacobs, Jeffrey & Shirley	2,086.19			
* Jaqueth, Marilyn	1,095.48			3,403.54
Kratz, John				3,238.90
** Krisher, John R	963.80			
Kritzman, Mark P & Gorman, Eliz				273.15
* Labrusciano, Susan	2,363.68			
* Lashway, Richard A.	2,979.88	1,621.63		
Lee, Barbara	2,787.12	1,494.82		
** Lilly, Gail	3,861.52			
Lippke, London	2,556.44	2,423.04		
** Lyman, Paul	969.67			
* Maulucci, Constance	3,760.40	3,008.67		
Mulvey, Joseph	79.00	74.88		
Murano, Gary				208.04
Murray, Paul R.	1,396.72	1,323.83	984.98	
Nasuta, Paul A.	2,480.60	2,351.15	2,088.10	
Nihill, Elaine				728.75
** Norwood, Joseph	1,349.32			
* Olgyay, Victor & Belisle, Laurie	717.32	679.89	286.26	
** Peterson, Steven & Cheryl		2,539.99		
Putnam, Ruth	2,057.16			
** Roswell, Gail	5,530.00	5,241.43	4,655.00	209.02
* Sanderson, Maxine	606.72	389.11		
* Scherlin, Douglas	1,684.28	1,596.39	1,326.85	
* Schroeder, William	1,899.16			
** Shaw, Peter P & B	564.72			
Sousie, Robert II & Jane			353.78	682.29
Squiers, Keith	2,335.24	2,213.38	997.17	
Stevens, Mark J. & Rhoda A.				126.40
* Stockwell, Ann	1,789.48			
Tilghman, Ruth	3,326.76			
** Tkaczyk, Lori	71.83			
** Vrbsky, Nikolas	748.77			
Wallace, David & Barbara	587.76	327.04		
* Weeks, Gerald	1,528.52			
** White, Allison	1,545.85			
** Wood, Michael	834.14			
Woods, RZ	1,747.48	1,656.29		
* Wright, Jeanette	1,690.60	1,425.89		
	<u>\$80,293.95</u>	<u>\$36,852.57</u>	<u>\$12,623.58</u>	<u>\$14,352.72</u>

* Partial since 6/30/03

** Paid in full since 6/30/03

REPORT OF THE GUILFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

The 2003-04 school year has been a year like no other in the history of Guilford Central School. Following a boiler fire and oil spill on October 5th, classes were held in various locations throughout Guilford, and in Brattleboro and Dummerston for two months. Through the entire time, parents, community members, staff and children displayed creativity, resiliency, generosity and courage. The community of Guilford demonstrated that a school is more than a building; it is a community dedicated to the intellectual, emotional and social well being of children.

Significant personnel changes occurred over the summer of 2002. Jane Carey joined our faculty as the Seventh and Eighth Grade Language Arts teacher. Elizabeth Erickson came from the wilds of Alaska to join us as the Special Educator. As the school year began, Troy Revis came aboard as our Head of Maintenance, with Matthew Hatfield following as our Evening custodian.

Our Action Planning team continued to build upon the plan constructed in 2001. The current plan keeps the focus on reading, writing and mathematics. One addition to the plan is the focus area of information literacy: the ability to access, organize and utilize information. The Action Planning team consisted of Susan Hessey, Mary Ann Smith, Tammi Quinn and John Gagnon.

The staff and I want to express our gratitude to all of the volunteers who help teachers, staff and students each year. ELF, Athletics, Winter Sports and GSCA volunteers are an important part of the school community. A special thank you is extended to the members of the Playground Committee for their hard work renovating the playground. The Ralph Canedy Memorial Playground is a tribute to the civic mindedness of these volunteers and all who gave to the Playground Fund.

In closing, I want to again express my gratitude to all who gave of their time, energy, and resources during the fall, especially to the Broad Brook Grange, the Guilford Community Church, the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department and the Guilford Free Library. Without your generosity, the children of Guilford would have been without school for two months.

Finally, on behalf of the staff and students, I want to thank the townspeople of Guilford for their financial and moral support.

John E. Gagnon
Principal

REPORT OF THE GUILFORD SCHOOL DIRECTORS

John Gagnon, in his second year as principal, is providing excellent oversight and administration. The furnace problems and subsequent fire resulted in issues with toxic air quality which had the students at alternate sites for several months at the beginning of the school year. We commend everyone, students, teachers and staff alike, for their ability to make the

experience a positive one. We're happy that everyone is back at the school at this time. One of the students wrote, "I now realize the school is more than just the building", which is an incredible insight. The building is important, but it is the people who make our school excellent. The board recognizes the outstanding teaching and support staff in their continuing commitment to quality education. A big priority in the next couple of years, however, is to have the school building upgraded to the highest level regarding safety and efficiency. As with any aging facility, this will be an ongoing process.

The school board welcomes to Guilford Central School Troy Revis as head custodian, Matt Hatfield as evening custodian, Jane Carey as middle school language arts teacher and Elizabeth Erickson as special educator.

Carol Levin

For the School Board

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

This has been an exciting time in the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union. There have been many changes and program improvements; our teachers and staff members are each committing themselves to the cause of excellence; and, from my observations in the schools, it is evident that our students are working hard and discovering new challenges.

Due to the efforts of our teachers and administrators, the scores on Vermont's Statewide Assessment Program continue to show positive results. There is much more to education than test scores, but these benchmarks indicate that our students are mastering the basic skills. In addition, our teachers and administrators are developing training programs in support of these activities. These initiatives, when linked with strong parent and community support, will help ensure that we achieve our district mission: *The WSESU mission is to develop students capable of thoughtful engagement in their own civic, economic and personal development, who will be successful members of society.*

In order to fulfill our mission, the following district goals have been established to support school action plans, administrative team goals, and individual professional goals.

LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Safe and Healthy Schools:

- Ensure equal access of students to educational opportunities by promoting a safe school environment and healthy climate conducive to learning.
- Allocate resources to close the gap of academic achievement of students from lower socioeconomic status and those from higher income families.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment:

- Support implementation of WSESU Framework of Learning guided by the Vermont Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities.
- Provide teachers with opportunities to support student learning through effective instructional practices.

- Ensure that teachers' individual professional development goals are aligned with schools' action plans and the district professional development plan.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION

- Promote public engagement and family involvement as well as providing sufficient information to parents, school board members, and the community.
- Support consistent and systematic grade level transitions, i.e. from pre-school to elementary, elementary to middle school, high school to post-secondary opportunities.
- Communicate the requirements and implications of **No Child Left Behind Act** and align provisions to state and district policies.

LEADERSHIP

- Establish a clear definition of the roles and responsibilities of the school board, superintendent, principals, and school staff in carrying out the schools' missions.
- Promote positive, respectful, and supportive behaviors that are characteristic of a climate that nurtures a sense of pride and ownership of the school.
- Collect and analyze student data and other indicators of student success to guide our programs.

You can learn more about our schools by visiting the following web sites: <http://www.wssu.k12.vt.us> and <http://crs.uvm.edu/schlrpt/>. Please remember that our schools remain a community resource, and we welcome involvement in programs and activities that will enhance learning for our students. Plan to join us at our schools as we continue to build a tradition that promotes *An Education of Excellence*. Stop by for a visit, attend a concert or a play, or offer to provide a workshop in an area of expertise. See first hand why we are proud of our schools, and help us plan for the future.

Ron Stahley
Superintendent

2003-2004 GUILFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF

Certified Staff:

John Gagnon	Principal
Rebecca Balint	Grade 7/8 Social Studies
Margaret D. Barrand	Grade 1
Susan Bos	Grade 7/8 Science
Jane Carey	Grade 7/8 Language Arts
Katherine Clark	Speech/Language Pathologist
Kate Conant	Academic Skills 7/8 (70%)
Martina Dancing	Art (60%)
Karen Duggan	Kindergarten (90%)
Elizabeth Erickson	Special Education
Stacy Frazer	Academic Skills K-6 (70%)

Colleen Hartman
 Susan Hessey
 Mary Ingram
 Pat Ireton
 Evvie Jakub
 Jennifer Kramer
 Kathleen Lapan
 David Maslauskas
 Patricia Meyer
 Janet Michaud
 Dale Morse
 Judith Nero
 Stephen Rack
 Cherolyn Stimmel
 Harriet Virkstis
 Jane Wilde

Music (50%)
 Library/Media
 Grade 5
 Grade 6
 Physical Education
 Grade 6
 Grade 3
 Grade 5
 Music (50%)
 School Nurse
 Grade 2
 Academic Skills K-3
 Grade 7/8 Math
 Grade 4
 School Counselor
 Technical Coordinator

Classified Staff:

Barbara Clark
 Cynthia Cole
 Paul Cornell
 Sandra Cutting
 Beverly Davidson
 Nancy Detra
 Lucinda Finck
 Barbara Freeman
 Sheila Hanson
 Matthew Hatfield
 Terry Jobin
 Reita Lashway
 Beverley Kerber
 Cindy Molitoris
 Jandi Pond
 William Reser
 Troy Revis, Jr.
 Ken Rochefort, Jr.
 Tammy Sauve
 Cynthia Symons
 Lynn Tobey
 Joann T. Tyler
 William Yeaw

Kitchen Assistant
 Paraeducator
 Paraeducator
 Paraeducator
 School Bus Driver
 Paraeducator
 Paraeducator
 Paraeducator
 Paraeducator
 Custodian
 Paraeducator
 School Bus Driver
 Administrative Secretary
 Paraeducator
 Director of Food Services
 Paraeducator
 Head of Maintenance
 Head Custodian
 Paraeducator
 School Bus Driver
 Paraeducator
 Paraeducator
 Substitute Bus Driver

WSESU Staff:

Ronald L. Stahley
 James E. Kane
 Deborah Merchant

Superintendent
 Business Administrator
 Director of Special Education

GUILFORD TOWN SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Judie Deschaine	1 year	expires 2004	254-6244
Dwight Hanson	3 years	expires 2006	254-3973
Wendy Ireland	1 year	expires 2004	254-2164
Carol Levin	3 years	expires 2004	257-1482
Tammi Quinn	3 years	expires 2005	254-6171

The Guilford Town School Board meets on the first and third Mondays of the month.

OCTOBER 1, 2003 CENTRAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Kindergarten	14	Grade 3	20	Grade 6	33
Grade 1	21	Grade 4	17	Grade 7	25
Grade 2	17	Grade 5	31	Grade 8	33

Total Enrollment - 211

BUHS ENROLLMENT FROM GUILFORD

Grade 7	—	Grade 10	27
Grade 8	2	Grade 11	34
Grade 9	30	Grade 12	27

Total Enrollment - 120

BUHS DISTRICT #6 SCHOOL BOARD ATTENDANCE

In accordance with BUHS District #6 Board Procedures Policy LBP5—Attendance at Board Meetings, below is a report of director attendance at regular and special board meetings

Gilbert Ruff	Attended 3 of 4 meetings (resigned end of March)
Robert Stack	Attended 8 of 8 meetings
Shaun Murphy	Attended 13 of 13 meetings

SCHOOL MAJOR REPAIR FUND

Balance July 1, 2002		\$41,988.78
Interest	1,108.95	
Expenses	(15,568.05)	
Appropriation	22,979.92	8,520.82
Balance June 30, 2003		\$50,509.60

SCHOOL BUS SINKING FUND

Voted at 1963 Town meeting to establish a school bus fund for the purpose of anticipating and spreading over a period of years the cost of replacement of present or future school buses. This fund is to be kept separate from

monies of the district and to be used solely for replacement of buses.

Balance as of July 1, 2002		\$8,411.75
Interest	169.89	
Appropriation	25,000.00	
Bus Purchase	(0.00)	25,169.89
Balance as of June 30, 2003		\$33,581.64

BLAZEJ MUSIC FUND

The Richard D. Blazej Music Fund at the Guilford Central School was established in memory of Richard by his friends and family just prior to his death in the winter of 2000. The purpose of the fund is to support the instrumental music program at Guilford Central School. The music teacher at the school, in consultation with the principal, uses the fund to: purchase instruments otherwise out of reach for the school's music program budget, including Orff instruments, support student attendance at special ensembles, and repair and replace school-owned instruments.

Balance as of July 1, 2002		\$2,228.49
Interest	14.38	
Donations	456.10	
Expenditures	(1,200.17)	(729.69)
Balance as of June 30, 2003		\$1,498.80

BECKY HARRIS AWARD FUND

Becky Harris was a child attending GCS who died unexpectedly and suddenly in March 1996. Her class graduated in 2001; and in her honor, Becky's grandparents donated \$2,000 to the school. After careful deliberations, the decision to use the gift to establish a memorial award was made. Each year at graduation, a departing eighth grader will be recognized for his or her friendliness, positive attitude, sense of humor, and kindness. These qualities embody the best of Becky.

Balance July 1, 2002		\$2,000.00
Interest	65.03	
Balance June 30, 2003		\$2,065.03

PLAYGROUND FUND

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2002		\$0.00
Local Donations	16,541.83	
Playground Equipment	(19,258.00)	
Balance June 30, 2003		(\$2,716.17)

GUILFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT 2004-2005 PROPOSED BUDGET

	2002-03 BUDGET	2002-03 ACTUAL	2003-04 BUDGET	2004-05 PROPOSED
DISTRICT WIDE				
Worker's Compensation	\$7,500	\$8,079	\$8,081	\$9,500
Unemployment Comp.	500	2,968	500	2,000
403 B Benefit	0	0	7,518	0
Social Security (403 Benefit)	0	0	575	0
District In-Service	1,200	1,156	1,200	1,200
Assembly Programs	2,000	1,650	1,000	1,000
Property Liability Ins.	2,850	2,659	3,943	5,000
Employee Assistance Program	750	604	1,200	700
Copier Program (CPC)	6,250	5,116	6,250	5,900
Other Benefits (125)	560	575	640	600
Scamp Program	1,000	767	1,000	900
Technology Ed. Contracted Serv	16,380	15,837	17,010	18,000
Technology Ed. FICA	1,253	1,971	0	0
Total	40,243	41,382	48,917	44,800
ELEMENTARY TEACHERS				
Teacher's Salaries	573,406	587,023	608,131	603,072
1% Fund	6,600	5,599	7,300	7,700
Paraprof.. Salaries	30,028	51,442	55,100	93,894
Substitutes	12,500	20,797	12,500	17,500
Health & Dental Ins.	125,027	124,658	146,509	166,700
Teacher's FICA	45,414	42,928	48,098	47,176
Paraprof. FICA	2,298	3,750	4,215	8,544
Life Insurance	766	768	752	734
Disability Insurance	2,007	1,692	2,251	1,463
403 (b) Benefit	0	3,037	0	5,857
Paraprof. Retirement	751	963	2,314	2,410
125 Plan	0	457	0	500
Teacher Course Reimb.	7,500	6,998	5,000	8,000
Support Staff Course Reimb	0	0	700	900
Contracted Services	0	100	0	0
Instr. Equip. Repairs	500	536	500	500
Travel & Conference	750	308	750	750
Teaching Supplies	11,615	8,723	10,500	9,000
Testing & Supplies	750	0	500	500
Textbooks	5,540	3,524	5,540	4,000
New Instructional Equip.	2,230	3,147	3,400	2,000
New Non-Instr. Equipment	990	1,519	2,700	1,500
Replace Instruct. Equip.	745	549	1,100	750
Replace Non-Instruct. Equip.	1,000	764	2,000	1,000
Computer Repairs	1,000	985	1,000	1,000
Computer Software	1,000	393	1,000	1,000

	2002-03 BUDGET	2002-03 ACTUAL	2003-04 BUDGET	2004-05 PROPOSED
Computer Hardware	5,000	5,087	2,500	2,500
Windham Partnership	1,000	150	1,000	1,000
E.L.F. Program	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Total	839,517	876,997	926,460	991,050
SECONDARY TEACHERS				
Teacher's Salaries	200,274	218,477	221,889	213,654
Paraprof. Salaries	0	0	22,232	0
Substitutes	1,900	2,087	1,900	2,200
Health & Dental Ins.	24,785	17,666	40,635	32,046
FICA	15,466	17,399	17,120	16,500
Paraprof FICA	0	0	1,701	0
Life Insurance	276	83	272	233
Course Reimbursement	2,500	655	2,626	1,500
Disability Insurance	701	207	781	507
125 Plan	0	32	0	48
Retirement	0	0	934	0
403 (b) Benefit	0	357	0	2,025
Contracted Service (elective)	2,300	0	1,750	0
Travel & Conference	1,000	356	1,000	1,000
Tuition	0	0	0	14,000
Teaching Supplies	2,635	3,343	2,700	2,700
Testing & Supplies	500	155	300	300
Textbooks	2,570	2,240	1,500	1,500
Instructional Equipment	480	182	375	250
Non-Instruct. Equipment	500	352	500	350
Replace Instruct. Equipment	200	63	115	100
Replace Non-Instruct. Equip.	500	391	500	400
Computer Software	300	446	300	300
Computer Hardware	5,000	5,075	2,500	2,500
Sports Program Coordinator	500	500	500	500
Sports Program Soc. Sec.	38	4	38	38
Program Improvement Sal	0	9,027	0	0
Prog. Improve. Soc. Sec.	0	0	0	0
Total	262,425	279,097	322,168	292,651
SPECIAL EDUCATION				
Certified Salaries	96,318	102,959	110,318	94,342
Paraprof. Salaries	97,898	66,229	65,038	62,171
Substitutes	2,500	7,677	2,500	2,500
Health Insurance	55,360	60,295	54,000	51,246
Dental Insurance	4,292	21	3,867	3,850
FICA	15,049	13,336	13,625	12,237
Life Insurance	266	206	201	172
Retirement	2,447	3,490	2,732	1,619
Disability Insurance	338	292	407	236
Worker's Comp.	689	1,847	677	557

	2002-03 BUDGET	2002-03 ACTUAL	2003-04 BUDGET	2004-05 PROPOSED
Course Reimbursement	500	424	750	1,500
125 Plan Fees	0	0	0	0
403 B Benefit	0	345	883	944
Social Security	0	0	68	0
Instructional C/S	600	0	250	1,600
Psych. Services	7,500	9,466	5,000	5,000
Physical & Occup. Therapy	4,120	6,895	7,838	5,953
Travel & Conference	300	0	500	500
Transportation	12,098	10,470	5,698	14,521
Special Education Tuition	121,494	110,230	152,461	207,168
Tuition	0	34,140	0	0
Testing Supplies	500	0	500	500
Supplies	500	633	500	500
Textbooks	450	294	450	450
Equipment	250	0	250	250
One Percent Fund	0	0	584	584
Total	423,469	429,249	429,097	468,400
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY				
OT Salary	6,290	4,548	6,336	6,624
FICA	481	0	485	507
Total	6,771	4,548	6,821	7,131
EARLY ESSENTIAL ED				
Early Ed. C/S	34,087	34,187	40,919	33,353
Total	34,087	34,187	40,919	33,353
GUIDANCE				
Salary	43,995	43,424	46,990	50,071
Health & Dental Ins.	10,531	10,117	11,775	12,696
FICA	3,366	3,268	3,595	3,870
Life Insurance	54	46	51	56
Course Reimb.	500	145	400	700
Disability Insurance	154	126	179	126
403 (b) Benefit	0	0	0	507
Travel & Conference	100	100	100	100
Supplies	300	212	300	300
Total	59,000	57,438	63,390	68,426
TESTING SERVICES				
Physical Exams	200	0	200	200
Total	200	0	200	200
HEALTH SERVICES				
Nurse's Salary	30,128	30,786	32,982	35,538
Health & Dental Ins.	10,531	10,117	11,775	12,696
FICA	2,305	2,301	2,523	2,746
Life Insurance	42	0	36	41
403 (b) Benefit	0	0	0	355
Course Reimbursement	500	32	500	700

	2002-03 BUDGET	2002-03 ACTUAL	2003-04 BUDGET	2004-05 PROPOSED
Disability Insurance	106	87	122	89
Travel	100	0	150	150
Health Supplies	375	377	375	375
Equipment	85	68	1,450	500
Total	44,172	43,768	49,913	53,190
MEDICAL C/S				
Speech Salaries	0	391	0	0
Speech Social Sec.	0	30	0	0
Psychological Services	0	1,275	0	1,500
Total	0	1,696	0	1,500
LIBRARY				
Librarian Salary	37,691	37,656	40,622	46,110
Paraprof. Salary	5,355	5,897	5,828	0
Health & Dental Ins.	10,531	7,416	8,648	9,313
FICA	3,293	3,293	3,554	3,563
Life Insurance	48	41	46	46
Course Reimbursement	800	159	800	700
Disability Insurance	132	109	151	109
403 (b) Benefit	0	0	0	461
125 Plan	0	0	0	0
AV Repairs	750	0	500	500
Library Supplies	450	563	450	450
Library Books	5,400	5,169	5,400	4,000
Periodicals	700	468	500	500
Non-Instruct. Equipment	500	461	500	500
Audio Visual Supplies	750	458	750	500
Audio Visual Hardware	600	517	600	500
Audio Visual Software	1,000	348	2,000	2,000
On-Line Resources	4,700	4,071	500	500
Library Ref. Materials	700	709	700	700
AV Site Licenses	2,000	3,202	2,000	2,000
Total	75,400	70,537	73,549	72,452
BOARD OF EDUCATION				
School Board Salaries	4,200	4,150	4,200	4,200
FICA	322	317	322	322
Supplies & Advertising	8,000	1,622	3,500	3,500
Dues & Fees	1,500	1,235	1,500	1,500
Treasurer's Salary	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
FICA	115	115	115	115
Supplies	1,100	1,023	1,100	1,100
Interest (Notes)	3,000	1,200	4,000	4,000
Legal Fees	2,000	0	2,000	2,000
Auditing	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500
Board Liability Insurance	250	0	0	0
Fidelity Bond	150	1,203	223	223
Total	28,637	18,865	24,960	24,960

	2002-03 BUDGET	2002-03 ACTUAL	2003-04 BUDGET	2004-05 PROPOSED
ADMINISTRATION				
Principal's Salary	58,590	55,160	57,750	63,000
Secretary's Salary	24,633	23,296	27,197	29,156
Admin. Substitute	350	1,992	350	350
Health & Dental Ins.	12,988	18,122	20,423	22,923
FICA	6,490	5,900	6,510	7,264
Life Insurance	249	168	176	195
403(b) Benefit	0	0	0	630
Retirement	1,616	965	1,143	2,166
125 Plan	0	107	0	110
Disability Insurance	236	93	212	152
Professional Development	2,000	1,585	2,000	2,000
Travel	500	0	500	500
Software	1,025	550	1,025	1,025
Office Supplies/Software	1,700	1,371	1,700	1,700
Office Equipment	400	357	400	400
Graduation Supplies	400	438	400	475
Total	111,177	110,104	119,786	132,046
BUILDING OPER. & MAINT.				
Custodial Salaries	44,073	43,453	51,204	58,898
Health & Dental Insurance	7,091	10,839	10,963	16,724
FICA	3,372	3,289	3,917	4,506
Life Insurance	30	37	63	62
Retirement	588	993	1,166	1,422
Other Repairs	6,000	12,071	7,000	10,000
C/S Maintenance	6,500	8,788	7,000	9,500
Travel	150	229	150	250
Water Testing	500	816	500	900
Telephone	6,700	4,783	5,500	5,500
Custodial Supplies	6,500	7,065	6,500	7,300
Non-Instruct. Equipment	4,000	3,975	2,000	2,000
Electricity	24,300	21,584	23,000	23,000
Fuel Oil	10,500	9,540	10,500	10,500
Bus Storage	0	1,048	0	0
Grounds Maintenance	1,500	1,995	1,500	2,000
Total	121,804	130,505	130,963	152,562
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES				
Bus Drivers' Salaries	42,272	43,214	47,617	51,775
Bus Driver Substitutes	500	110	500	500
Health & Dental Ins.	14,401	10,754	13,152	18,589
FICA	3,273	3,286	3,643	3,961
Life Insurance	54	42	58	63
Course Reimb./Training	50	40	450	450
Retirement	845	1,230	2,000	1,294
Gas & Lubricants	10,000	8,658	9,000	9,250

	2002-03 BUDGET	2002-03 ACTUAL	2003-04 BUDGET	2004-05 PROPOSED
Bus Maintenance	19,000	21,636	19,000	22,000
Field Trips	1,400	2,400	1,400	1,400
Bus Insurance	1,500	375	1,893	2,200
Bus Storage	2,400	1,721	2,400	2,400
Total	95,695	93,466	101,113	113,882
HOT LUNCH PROGRAM				
Hot Lunch Agent	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
Health Insurance	3,300	0	0	0
Other Benefits	0	87	0	0
Program Subsidy	0	14,279	2,500	2,500
Total	5,100	16,166	4,300	4,300
SPECIAL ARTICLE				
Major Repair	0	0	5,000	5,000
Total	0	0	5,000	5,000
Transfer to the Bus Fund	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
TOTAL GUILFORD SCH	\$2,172,697	\$2,233,005	\$2,372,556	\$2,558,651
BUHS Assessment*	1,051,399	1,051,399	1,132,471	1,392,545
WSESU Assessment	111,242	111,242	105,482	109,413
Vocational Block Expense	0	0	0	67,748
TOTAL	\$3,335,338	\$3,395,646	\$3,610,509	\$4,060,609

* BUHS Assessment -preliminary estimate

Lucy reads a book at the Guilford Free Library.



ACT 68 THREE YEAR COMPARISON

GUILFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005
Budget (approved)				
State Vocational Block Grant (82% FY05)	\$3,204,472	\$3,335,338	\$3,610,509	\$2,663,064
Supervisory Union Assessment				\$67,748
Block Grant State Voc. Ed. Prior Yrs.	\$62,107	\$57,942	\$58,739	\$109,413
Separately Warned Article (approved)				\$5,000
Act 68 Local Adopted Budget	\$3,266,579	\$3,393,280	\$3,669,248	\$2,668,064
Union school Assessment				\$1,392,545
Gross Act 68 Budget	\$3,266,579	\$3,393,280	\$3,669,248	\$4,060,609
Revenues				
Local Revenues	\$374,643	\$471,322	\$474,311	\$469,562
Total Revenues	\$374,643	\$471,322	\$474,311	\$469,562
Adjusted Local Revenues	\$374,643	\$471,322	\$474,311	\$469,562
Education Spending (Act 68)	\$2,891,936	\$2,921,958	\$3,194,937	\$3,591,047
Equalized Pupils	\$368.78	\$358.29	\$348.12	\$335.94
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$7,842	\$8,155	\$9,178	\$10,690
Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil (if any)	NA	NA	NA	\$0
Per Pupil Figure used for calculating District Adjustment	NA	NA	NA	\$10,690
District Spending Adjustment	NA	NA	NA	157.199%
Estimated Homestead Tax Rate (equalized)	NA	NA	NA	\$1.73
Household Income % for Income Sensitivity	NA	NA	NA	3.14%

(Act 68 finalized tax details are pending.)

GUILFORD SCHOOL PROPOSED 2003-2004 BUDGET COMPARISON

	2001-02 BUDGET	2002-03 BUDGET	2003-04 BUDGET	2004-05 PROPOSED	\$ DIFF.	% DIFF.
Operating Budget	\$2,082,654	\$2,147,697	\$2,342,556	\$2,460,903	\$118,347	5.05%
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Vocational Block Spending	0	0	0	67,748	67,748	7.94%
Sub-Total	2,082,654	2,147,697	2,342,556	2,528,651	186,095	7.94%
Special Articles	0	0	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%
Bus Fund Transfer	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	0.00%
Total Guilford (K-8)	2,107,654	2,172,697	2,372,556	2,558,651	186,095	7.84%
WSESU Assessment	105,727	111,242	105,482	109,413	3,931	3.73%
BUHS Assessment*	991,091	1,051,399	1,132,471	1,392,545	260,074	22.97%
Total Budget	\$3,204,472	\$3,335,338	\$3,610,509	\$4,060,609	\$450,100	12.47%
* Preliminary Estimate						

GUILFORD SCHOOL PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2003-2004

	2001-02 BUDGET	2002-03 BUDGET	2003-04 BUDGET	2004-05 PROPOSED
LOCAL/OTHER				
Taxes/State	\$786,191	\$892,380	\$1,172,161	NA
Taxes Act 68	0	0	0	1,321,527
Interest Earned	14,000	14,000	12,000	6,000
Glebe Trust	125	125	125	75
Other Miscellaneous	500	500	500	500
B.U.H.S. Transportation	40,667	42,293	43,985	45,746
WSESU-Medicaid (O.T.)	0	6,771	6,821	7,131
WSESU-Medicaid Sub-Grant	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
WSESU-EPSDT (Nurse)	23,000	23,500	23,500	25,112
TOTAL	874,483	989,569	1,269,092	1,416,091
STATE				
General State Aid	1,923,777	1,936,000	1,911,789	NA
Add'l Education Fund Rec.	119,861	35,336	52,248	0
Education Fund	0	0	0	2,201,772
Special Education	216,190	241,791	257,555	287,076
E.E.E. Program	13,161	14,377	12,519	10,920

Act 68 Tax Impact details are pending.

Transportation Grant	40,000	47,000	44,000	50,729
Vocational Block Grant	0	0	0	67,748
Total	2,312,989	2,274,504	2,278,111	2,618,245
Federal/Other				
Federal Special Ed.	17,000	20,536	23,306	26,273
TOTAL	17,000	20,536	23,306	26,273
Fund Balance & Transfers				
Fund Balance	0	50,729	40,000	0
Total Fund Balance & Transfers	0	0	40,000	0
TOTAL	\$3,204,472	\$3,335,338	\$3,610,509	\$4,060,609

W.S.E.S.U. FY03 FEDERAL SPECIAL EDUCATION AID DISTRIBUTION

	BLOCK GRANT	INTENSIVE AID	EXTRAORDINARY AID	STATE PLACED	E.E.E. STATE	IDEA FEDERAL	TOTAL AID
Brattleboro	\$435,012	\$2,191,255	\$38,755	\$82,235	\$64,353	\$218,135	\$3,029,745
Dummerston	73,609	193,836	62,996	0	11,834	20,044	362,319
Guilford	93,385	164,714	4,774	0	14,407	23,306	300,586
Putney	91,015	441,428	34,577	0	14,506	35,654	617,180
Vernon	102,885	266,492	26,977	44,833	18,758	31,116	491,061
B.U.H.S. #6	0	0	0	0	0	109,980	109,980
TOTAL	\$795,906	\$3,257,725	\$168,079	\$127,068	\$123,858	\$438,235	\$4,910,871

W.S.E.S.U. 2002-2003 SUB GRANTS SCHEDULE TO DISTRICTS

	FED IDEA SPEC ED	FED TITLE I	FED SUPP TITLE I	EPSDT MEDICAID	SE IEIP MEDICAID	TOTAL
BRATTLEBORO	\$218,135	\$284,465	\$0	\$18,556	\$131,921	\$653,077
BRAT EES	0	20,000	0	0	0	20,000
BUHS #6	109,980	203,250	29,691	24,994	0	367,915
DUMMERSTON	20,044	0	0	34,353	28,900	83,297
GUILFORD	23,306	0	0	25,112	10,000	58,418
PUTNEY	35,654	63,022	0	21,206	28,900	148,782
VERNON	31,116	0	0	29,515	10,000	70,631
TOTAL	\$438,235	\$570,737	\$29,691	\$153,736	\$209,721	\$1,402,120

WSESU OPERATING BUDGET, COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS AND GRANTS

	2002-03 ACTUAL	2003-04 BUDGET	2004-05 BUDGET
REVENUE			
Assessments*			
Brattleboro	\$555,055	\$572,989	\$579,950
B.U.H.S. #6	480,016	505,063	508,908
Dummerston	103,314	115,501	122,917
Guilford	111,242	105,482	109,413
Putney	169,119	156,010	149,265
Vernon	137,573	145,699	153,525
Tuition	1,777,836	1,927,067	2,454,654
Intergovernmental	2,581,438	2,146,998	2,800,000
Interest	7,721	12,000	8,000
Sather Fund	5,657	0	0
Other Local	1,932	3,250	3,250
On-Behalf-of Revenue (Retirement)	72,003	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	6,002,906	5,690,059	6,889,882
EXPENDITURES			
Special Education	258,635	296,521	283,724
Title I/Special Services	1,687	23,692	15,047
Speech	133,758	143,157	150,383
Administrative Support	224,774	193,765	187,122
Superintendent	117,497	108,988	117,347
School Improvement	120,510	143,711	158,426
Admin. Secretary/Personnel	148,567	164,256	176,659
Business Administrator	106,985	108,407	113,858
Other Fiscal Services	318,517	312,380	346,722
District Wide	102	7,992	2,500
Technology Coordinator	70,470	98,951	79,747
Operations & Maintenance	69,211	72,172	75,972
Special Projects (Grants)	2,567,912	2,089,000	2,925,000
Special Class Programs	1,777,859	1,927,067	2,454,654
Sather Fund	4,410	0	0
On-Behalf-of Expense (Retirement)	72,003	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,992,897	\$5,690,059	\$7,087,161

* Please note that the excess of revenue over expenditures relates to activity for restricted programs and grants. These funds are used for future restricted program and grant expenditures.

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

SCHOOL - ALL FUND TYPES

Year Ended June 30, 2002

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST FUNDS
Revenue:				
Property Taxes:				
Town	\$892,384	\$0	\$0	\$0
State	1,447,501	0	0	0
Intergovernmental	978,014	20,667	0	0
Transportation Reimburs.	42,295	0	0	0
Charges for Services	0	29,691	0	0
Donations	0	358	16,542	456
Interest Income	6,479	0	1,279	80
Other Income	2,868	0	0	0
	<u>3,369,541</u>	<u>50,716</u>	<u>17,821</u>	<u>536</u>
Expenditures:				
Direct Instructional				
Central School	1,156,093	0	0	0
High School Assessment	1,051,399	0	0	0
Special Education/EEE	459,999	0	0	0
District/Retirement	92,590	0	0	0
Support Services				
Student Services	177,991	0	0	0
Administration	239,010	0	0	0
Physical plant	130,506	0	0	0
Transportation	93,466	0	0	0
School Lunch Program	0	66,675	0	0
Blazej Music Fund	0	0	0	1,200
Capital expenditures	0	0	34,826	0
Debt Service	1,200	0	0	0
	<u>3,402,254</u>	<u>66,675</u>	<u>34,826</u>	<u>1,200</u>
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenue(32,713)		(15,959)	(17,005)	(664)
Operating Transfers In (out) (64,145)		16,165	47,980	0
Fund Balance 6/30/02	143,305	(208)	50,400	4,228
Fund Balance 6/30/03	<u>\$46,447</u>	<u>(\$2)</u>	<u>\$81,375</u>	<u>\$3,564</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

SCHOOL - ALL FUND TYPES

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST & AGENCY
ASSETS:				
Cash	\$193,504	\$5,370	\$85,684	\$3,097
Investments	0	0	0	2,065
Accounts receivable	5,077	8,245	0	0
Due from other funds	14,929	0	0	0
Prepaid Expenditures	5,792	0	0	0
Inventory	0	333	0	0
Total Assets	219,302	13,948	85,684	5,162
LIABILITIES:				
Accounts Payable	24,840	1,656	0	0
Salaries & FICA Payable	149,944	0	0	0
Deferred revenues	355	0	0	0
Due to Other Funds	0	12,294	2,025	610
Due to Student Groups	0	0	0	988
Total Liabilities	175,139	13,950	2,025	1,598
FUND BALANCES				
Reserved:	45,792	(2)	83,659	3,564
Unreserved, Undesignated	(1,629)	0	0	0
Total Fund Equity	46,447	(2)	81,375	3,564
Liabilities + Fund Balances	\$219,302	\$13,948	\$85,684	\$5,162

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CHILD FIND NOTICE FOR ALL PARENTS

All children need, deserve and have a right to an education. Federal law states that this right to a free education should be available to all handicapped children, too.

The Windham Southeast Supervisory Union, including the school districts of Dummerston, Guilford, Putney, Vernon, Brattleboro and the Brattleboro Union High School District #6, needs to know if there are children or youth between the ages of three (3) years and twenty-one (21) years old who are disabled, or are out of school, or are not receiving services.

In addition, the WSESU needs to locate infants who may be disabled, between birth (0) and two (2) years of age for evaluation and service under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

If you have or know of such a child in your school, home or neighborhood, please write or phone.

Superintendent of Schools / 53 Green Street / Brattleboro / 254-3731

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

SCHOOL - GENERAL FUND

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUE			
Property taxes: Town	\$892,380	\$892,384	\$4
Property taxes: State	1,447,505	1,447,501	(4)
Intergovernmental	887,806	926,806	39,000
Transportation reimbursement	42,293	42,295	2
Interest income	14,125	6,479	(7,646)
Other income	500	2,868	2,368
	<u>3,284,609</u>	<u>3,318,333</u>	<u>33,724</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
Direct Instructional			
Elementary	839,517	876,998	(37,481)
Secondary	262,425	279,095	(16,670)
High School Assessment	1,051,399	1,051,399	0
Special Education	423,469	426,840	(3,371)
Essential Early Education	34,087	33,159	928
District Wide	40,243	41,382	(1,139)
Support Services			
Guidance	59,000	57,439	1,561
Health	51,143	50,013	1,130
Library	65,600	61,942	3,658
Audio-visual	9,800	8,597	1,203
Board of Education	25,637	17,665	7,972
WSESU Assessment	111,242	111,242	0
Administration	108,298	110,103	(1,805)
Plant Operations	121,804	130,506	(8,702)
Transportation	98,574	93,466	5,108
Debt Service			
Interest	3,000	1,200	1,800
	<u>3,305,238</u>	<u>3,351,046</u>	<u>(45,808)</u>
Excess Revenue over Expenditures	(20,629)	(32,713)	(12,084)
Operating Transfers In (Out):	(30,100)	(64,145)	(34,045)
Deficit of revenues over expenditure	(50,729)	(96,858)	(46,129)
Fund Balance, June 30, 2002		143,305	
Fund Balance, June 30, 2003		<u>\$46,447</u>	

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GUILFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

President: Neil Quinn
Vice-President: Harry Evans
Secretary: Nancy Evans
Treasurer: Kate Snow
Fire Chief: Dan Stoughton

Trustees:
Lisa Bernhard
Stephen Cutting
Fred Humphrey
Doug Hunt
Michael Tkaczyk

In 2003 the department responded to 186 calls, the most ever in a year. There were 22 car fires/accidents, 5 structure fires, 3 brush fires, 5 chimney fires, 18 electrical problems, 36 wires down, 9 fuel spill/hazardous materials, and 6 Mutual Aid. In addition, the First Response personnel responded to 82 medical emergency calls.

The Guilford First Responders are trained for medical emergencies by Rescue Inc and our own certified instructors. This group responds with a portable defibrillator, half paid by the town and half by Rescue Inc.

We are fortunate to have volunteers (no one is paid) who give so much of their time; estimated at over 140 hours a year for drills, etc, plus 90-hour classes for some, plus time fund-raising, not to mention time responding to calls!

For the coming year, we are requesting \$55,000 from the town, to help with our expenses providing fire and emergency protection. As taxpayers ourselves, we have always tried to keep expenditures under control. However, you will see from the accompanying financial statement that the town money received covers only part of our total expenses. We have been under-requesting for so many years that we will soon not have the funds to replace apparatus and equipment as it wears out. We recently completed a long-term budget and capital replacement schedule that showed where our finances were heading.

We have only one truck newer than 27 years old. Turn-out gear, Scott air packs, fire hose, radios & pagers all need to be replaced in a timely manner for safety and for protection of your property. Our dispatching service has just notified us that its fee will jump from \$4,000 to \$12,000(!) next year.

We continue with suppers, barbeques, water delivery, and so on to raise money. We catered 2 large events last summer, traveling with our cooking barrels. We write grant applications and apply for State and Federal monies when available. The Auxillary is active with raffles and sales. We try to keep expenses under control as long as the safety of firefighters is not jeopardized.

Our request does not include funds towards the new building we have been researching. We are in the planning stages of a fund-raising campaign. At this point we are looking for advice from townspeople with experience in this area. Speak with a Trustee if you can help us.

Remember that the phone number to report an emergency is **9-1-1**. Do not hesitate to call during the early stages of an event...you may think you'll

be able to put the fire out yourself, but it's better to get the apparatus rolling just in case.

We rely on townspeople for support. Donations are welcomed, and greatly appreciated. The Trustees would like to thank the officers and men for their many volunteer hours, and the town for its support.

Neil Quinn

President, Board of Trustees

GUILFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Beginning Checking Balance, August 1, 2002

\$4,808.95

Income:

Suppers & Barbecues (net)	\$6,158.71	
Building Rent (net)	1,850.00	
Donations: Regular	3,120.00	
Fund Raising	1,896.53	
Memorial Donations	2,470.00	
Soda Machine Donations	122.85	
Raffle	63.00	
Checking Interest	62.34	
Town Appropriation	26,000.00	
Aiken Fund (for Equipment)	1,502.50	
Vt Emergency Management Fund	639.98	
Sale of Truck	1,500.00	
Miscellaneous	787.45	46,173.36

Expenses:

Phone	(1,413.31)	
Electricity	(2,887.57)	
Propane	(500.86)	
Heating Fuel	(1,496.43)	
Building Maintenance	(1,797.85)	
Building Supplies	(235.69)	
Fire District #1 (Sewer Fees)	(263.76)	
Capital Outlay -Trucks	(11,654.40)	
Office Supplies	(804.48)	
Truck Fuel	(958.39)	
Truck Repair	(5,700.99)	
Radio Repair	(1,139.56)	
Fire Fighting Equipment	(7,223.59)	
Insurance	(3,908.00)	
Dues/Dispatching	(5,304.22)	
Custodial Pay	(250.00)	
Education	(927.85)	
Food Supplies at Fires	(68.25)	
Miscellaneous	(227.85)	(46,763.05)

Transfer from Money Market		11,650.00
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Checking Balance as of July 31, 2003

\$15,868.76

Balance in MM July 23, 2003 (interest earned \$384.92)	\$34,794.82
Balance in Building Fund, \$3,685.00	
Balance in CD, July 27, 2003 (interest earned \$1,127.31)	\$35,671.39
Total All Funds, July 31, 2003	<u>\$86,334.97</u>
(Principal & interest remaining due on truck purchase, \$11,654.40) [paid in October '03]	

GVFD INVENTORY

- 1 1995 E-One/Ford pumper w/1,000 gal tank & 1,250 gpm pump
- 1 1977 GMC 6500 truck w/2,000 gal tank & 750 gpm pump
- 1 1972 Ford-Hahn pumper w/1,000 gal tank & 750 gpm pump
- 1 1952 Dodge Power Wagon "brush truck"
- 1 Honda 150gpm portable pump for brush truck, 1 Darley HM350 portable pump, 3 add'l portable pumps, 1,000 feet 4" hose, 1,200 feet 3" hose 2,700 feet 2 1/2" hose, 3,400 feet 1 1/2" hose, 10 Scott Air Packs, 11 spare Scott tanks, 4 portable radios, 6 two-way mobile radios, 1 base radio, individual pagers, a CB base radio, a scanner, a 7,500 btu portable oil heater, 5,000 watt & 2 1,500 watt portable generators, 2 smoke ejectors, and we also have such equipment as axes, hand lights, floor lights, ladders, pike poles, nozzles, hydrant gates and tools, first aid kits, chimney cleaning equipment, and CO2 and dry chemical extinguishers.

GUILFORD FREE LIBRARY

The Guilford Free Library continues to grow and excite imagination. During the fiscal year 2003, we welcomed more than twenty-four hundred patrons who borrowed more than thirty-three hundred library materials (books, audio and video cassettes, and magazines). We held 110 programs for 446 adults and 783 children. Our four public access computers were used by about 8 patrons a week during the year. We are able to provide individual training to help people learn how to use them.

We subscribe to *Vermont Online Library*, a full-text magazine and newspaper article database. Any Guilford citizen can use this database at the library or from the home computer. Information about this service (including the address and password) will be available at Town Meeting, or you can call (or stop by) the library to get that information.

The bathroom became functional in May. It is such a treat to have water, and NOT to have to run outside to a freezing cold outhouse. It's especially appreciated by parents at Preschool storytime. Staff, too. Plus, there is now a place to hang coats, leave boots, and stow backpacks.

The library manages because so many volunteers work to make it happen. During a typical month, volunteers put in at least 62 hours of work doing storytime, staffing, board, administration, and public relations. If we paid for all this work at \$7/hour, we would spend almost \$5,000. Many townspeople also donate books for our annual booksale, which raises money to buy new books for the library

Programs during Fiscal Year 2003 were:

- Summer Reading Program - Forty-eight children signed up, Fifteen programs were attended by 74 adults and 143 children. The final party was attended by at least 100 people.
- Pre-school Storytime - every Tuesday morning
- Halloween Parade and Party - We marched to the Grange, danced, told scary stories, played games and shared snacks.
- Deal Me In - A winter sports program for Guilford Central School children who learned card games such as cribbage.
- Holiday Greetings Workshops - Materials to make Solstice, Chanukah, Christmas, Kwanza, and New Year cards.
- Sheep Week - Three programs during school vacation week
- TV Turn-Off Week - Games and activities at the library instead of watching TV
- School Visits - Librarian visited Kindergarten through 4th grade for a story and introduction to the summer reading program.
- DCF Committee - Twenty-six 4th-6th graders chose Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award books for the library to purchase.

Our Outreach activities include:

- Home Delivery of Books
- Programs at Family Child Care Homes
- Library at Golden Ager's Luncheons
- Read For America - Read to individual kindergarteners and first graders

The library is open Tuesday 9:30am-6pm; Wednesday 1-8pm; Saturday 9:30am-3 pm, and for special programs, as announced.

Cathrine Wilken, Librarian

Trustees: Becky Anderson	Jeanne Seymour
Calista Kristensen	Carol Schnabel
Laura Lawson Tucker	Richard Wizansky

GUILFORD FREE LIBRARY

Cash On Hand, July 1, 2002	\$2,572.39
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Income:

Town Appropriation	18,000.00	
Donations	1,006.94	
Fundraising	10,098.46	
Grants	100.00	
Interest	53.15	
Other	323.72	29,582.27

Expense:

Salary	(14,006.52)
Volunteer Gifts	(61.86)
Library Materials	(3,214.59)
Library Supplies	(28.98)
Furniture & Furnishings	(43.78)

Equipment	(207.47)	
Maintenance	(2,157.70)	
Electricity	(607.28)	
Gas	(909.73)	
Postage	(1,067.51)	
Program	(601.72)	
Telephone	(1,237.37)	
Fundraising	(561.35)	
Office Supplies	(294.47)	
Publicity	(53.70)	
Dues/Subscriptions	(94.95)	
Miscellaneous	(28.24)	(25,177.22)
Cash On Hand, June 30, 2003		<u>\$6,977.44</u>
Agnew Memorial Fund: Building Projects		
Balance July 1, 2002	\$1,085.45	
Interest Earned	13.42	
Transferred to Checking	(13.42)	
Balance June 30, 2003 (MM #092-488006-C)		<u>\$1,085.45</u>
Thomas Memorial Fund: Interest to be used for children's books		
Balance July 1, 2002	\$2,000.00	
Interest Earned	25.02	
Transferred to Checking	(25.02)	
Balance June 30, 2003 (MM #092-524016-C)		<u>\$2,000.00</u>
TOTAL OF COMBINED FUNDS, June 30, 2003		<u>\$10,062.89</u>

GUILFORD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Guilford Community Education was established in 1984, to provide educational opportunities for people of all ages, to use the school facility for the whole community, and to provide courses to attain these goals.

In the spring of 2000, Guilford Community Education disbanded, donating the balance of its bank account to the Guilford Free Library. The funds are restricted to Community Education Programs, and will be coordinated by volunteers. Funds may also be used for Library programs that promote the concept of Community Education.

Balance July 1, 2002	\$803.95
Interest	5.69
Bank Fees	<u>(5.00)</u>
Balance June 30, 2003	<u>\$804.64</u>

ALGIERS FIRE DISTRICT #1

There are presently 75 property owners in the Fire District. There are 90 utilized sewer hook-ups. This year 5 new hook-ups (the maximum per year) were authorized. So far not all of these have been utilized. Because our

annual year runs from July to July, no additional hook-ups can be authorized until July 1, 2004.

June 30, 2003

Total Assets	\$924,179.84
Total Liabilities	(\$107,578.21)
Total Equity	\$816,601.63

July 1, 2003 - December 22, 2003

Income	\$26,710.00
Expenses	(\$72,031.29)
Total Earnings (Loss)	(\$45,321.29)

Prudential Committee:

Herbert Meyer, Chair	Jeffery Houghton
Edward Curtiss, Vice-Chair	Julia Miller, Clerk
Andrea Franklin, Treasurer	

PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY BOARD

The Guilford Partnership Advisory Board (PAB) is a school and community partnership whose mission is to build and strengthen connections between our school and community. The PAB was established in 1993 to support the continuation and development of service learning activities at Guilford School and in the community of Guilford. The Board provides support for service learning activities at GCS in many ways. The Partnership Advisory Board is comprised of GCS teachers, students, parents, school administration, and community members. 2002-03 PAB members are Rebecca Balint, John Gagnon, Susan Guarino, Jennifer Kramer, Tammi Quinn, Devon Sparks, Lynn Tobey, and Cathrine Wilken.

The Partnership Board works to provide long-term support for service learning activities like *The Guilford Gazette*, an annual Service Day at GCS, the School Garden Project, and The Discovery Trail at GCS. Each May the PAB co-sponsors Guilford Community Recognition Evening with the Broad Brook Grange. The PAB also administers a Mini-Grant Program in support of service learning activities in Guilford. Applications for Mini Grants are available at the school.

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

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

In large part, volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials lead these governments. VLCT provides the following services to its member cities

and towns, to strengthen the ability of these officials to provide quality services at affordable levels of taxation:

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

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

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

A community volunteer presents pre-school storytime at the Guilford Free Library.



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

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

Steven Jeffrey
Executive Director

WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION

The Windham Regional Commission works with 27 towns in southeastern Vermont to address regional issues and help towns to provide effective local government. Each town annually appoints two representatives to the commission. Guilford's current representatives are John Kristensen and Bill Murray.

2003 brought with it some new and extensive work for the WRC. Examples of new and unanticipated tasks have included:

Energy issues:

- Catamount Energy, Inc.—a Central Vermont Public Service subsidiary—is seeking to develop up to 50 megawatts of wind power on Glebe Mountain in Londonderry and Windham, which may mean construction of up to twenty-seven wind turbines. To date, the WRC has convened a series of public meetings to review and discuss major issues and worked with state and other regional organizations to better understand the potential impacts involved.

- On a later schedule and therefore consuming less WRC staff time at present, is an anticipated proposal by Green Mountain Power to significantly expand the Searsburg wind farm.

- Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee filed an application for Vermont Public Service Board approval to increase its power output by approximately 20%, from 540 to about 650 megawatts. The WRC is participating in this proceeding, which began in January 2003 and is expected to continue into spring 2004. At the same time, we anticipate that Entergy will apply in 2004 for approval of dry cask, on-site storage of spent nuclear fuel, which will extend this higher level of involvement well into 2005 or 2006.

Public Transportation:

- This region, along with most of Windsor County, received public transportation services from Town and Village Transportation Services (TVTS) for several years. Also known as "Town & Village Bus," TVTS experienced severe financial difficulties and ceased to exist as a non-profit transit provider at the end of 2003. Since that time, we have helped to form a new corporate entity, Connecticut River Transit, Inc. which is filling the important role of providing transportation for human services, medical needs, and travel to work.

Other on-going work has included:

- Regional transportation efforts, which included work with many towns to conduct Road Surface Management System inventories; identification of bridge and culvert issues; helping the Vermont Agency of Transportation to develop and implement its highway access management system; continued work on the West River Trail project; continued management of the Route 121 reconstruction project in Rockingham and Grafton; help to towns on lower-scale but important projects like sidewalks and other bicycle/pedestrian improvements; and others.

- Natural resource planning, which is at the core of the WRC's mission and has included work with the West River Watershed Alliance and other "basin planning" groups, review of state programs and policies aimed at improving energy efficiency in Vermont; work to improve local and regional programs and policies that affect water quality, such as stormwater management and wastewater disposal rules; and others.

- Community development and related planning work, which included major efforts like the WRC's Brownfields Reuse Initiative; municipal planning and land use regulation assistance; increased work to provide education and information for local officials; help to the Vermont Environmental Board as it considered changes to its rules and procedures; the "Livable Communities" education program; continued help on Connecticut River Scenic Byway projects, including the now completed Bellows Falls Waypoint Interpretive Center; and others.

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

The WRC's core budget is partially funded by member town assessments, which are essential to receiving other state and federal support. The \$1.39 per resident rate for 2004, based on 2000 population estimates, results in a total assessment of \$2,844.00 from Guilford for the new fiscal year. For information on the WRC and its programs, contact your Town Representative or the WRC office at 139 Main Street, Suite 505, Brattleboro, (802) 257-4547; e-mail wrc@sover.net. Visit our website at www.rpc.windham.vt.us.

James P Matteau
Executive Director

GUILFORD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

This year has seen much controversy over the funding of local emergency management by Vermont Emergency Management. The intent of the Legislature seemed to favor a more direct funding to towns located in the Emer-

agency Planning Zone for the Entergy Vermont Yankee plant in Vernon. As a partial result, Guilford received a funding grant of \$5,000.00 to help offset the costs of implementing an emergency plan. A committee has been set up to oversee the use of this fund.

As a result of our local concerns about notification in the event of an emergency, Guilford has been selected as a pilot project for the use of a town-wide telephone alert system. At this time, this program has been installed and twice tested in a limited fashion. Some glitches were found, and changes have now been implemented. By Town Meeting, a town-wide test should have occurred. Ongoing work on the emergency plan continues. I have asked the Selectboard to schedule a public hearing to look at the plan when the changes requested by Guilford have been implemented.

At no cost to the Town, I was selected for and attended a three day "Train-the-Trainer" course put on by FEMA for training Community Emergency Response Teams.

Herb Meyer
Emergency Management
Director

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Guilford Conservation Commission has been in existence since 2000. Serving on the commission during 2003-2004 have been: Al Haumann, chairman; Bill Jewell, vice chairman; Linda Hecker, clerk; James Young, treasurer; Laurel Green; Patty Szostak, Mary Ellen Franklin, Robert Stack and John Kristensen. Meetings are held at the Guilford Town Office on the third Thursday of each month, starting at 7pm.

The Conservation Commission has continued collecting information about the natural, scenic, recreational, historic, cultural, architectural,

Some of the fire department volunteers at a recent Guilford Fair chicken barbecue, a significant fund-raiser for the GVFD.



agricultural, and archaeological resources of the town. We have been doing this through a series of so-called "Walks". About once a month, a member of the Conservation Commission chooses a portion of Guilford he or she feels would be interesting to visit. Where possible, the public is invited through notices in the local media to participate in our walks. The commissioner who made the suggestion leads the walk and helps point out some of what makes this part of Guilford unique. We are working on the development of a database that will ultimately add the information to the Guilford town maps, and will be accessible to all at the town offices.

The Guilford Conservation Commission sponsored a booth at the 2003 Guilford Fair where we presented information on invasive plant species and problems they pose to Vermont. The commission is also working with the Guilford School on joint projects that integrate with school conservation education programs.

The Commission also is considering developing a trail system in Guilford.

If you seek more information on the Guilford Conservation Commission you are welcome to attend any of our meetings.

Al Haumann
Chairman

RESCUE INC

Providing Rescue Inc's nine communities with emergency medical services is a \$1.5 million effort each year. Rescue's overall expenses reflect the costs for preparedness. They include 24-hour paramedic and volunteer staffing, communications equipment and supplies, support for First Response teams, medical supervision and maintaining a physical plant. A team of over 40 volunteers from around the area contributes over \$225,000 worth of their time to offset the agency's operation expenses. Without these dedicated volunteers, we would not be able to operate as we currently do. Fee for service comes from five main sources: Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance companies, private paying clients and special service contracts.

Last year, Rescue responded to a total of 3,364 emergencies and provided transport services for a total of 2,523 patients. 92 of these calls were in Guilford.

Like many other nonprofit agencies, Rescue has been hard-hit by a significant decline in the amount of monetary contributions by both individuals and corporations. At the same time, Federal rule changes, which Rescue is required by law to comply with, have resulted in a significant increase in costs and a decrease in income.

While our income has increased at a rate of about 3% per year over the past five years, insurance and the cost of personnel benefits (e.g. health insurance, workers comp. etc.) have increased by 103%. Requisite vehicle maintenance costs and dispatch fees have risen a staggering 200%. We are in need of new vehicles, but have not purchased them due to the current financial environment.

Despite generous contributions of time and money, combined with town subsidy payments, Rescue no longer finds it possible to cover its costs. Each town has been asked to increase its subsidy for the forthcoming fiscal year from \$4.50 to \$5.25 per capita. This is still a bargain as some Vermont towns are paying as much as \$21 per capita for emergency services. Our subscriptions service continues to be a source of income for us and a good value to the subscriber. Unfortunately, only about 14% of the eligible households participate in the Subscription Program.

Rescue members, both paid and volunteer, continue to upgrade their knowledge and abilities in order to make a difference in a life-threatening situation. Town residents can be assured that when they dial 911, they will receive timely, capable, and professional care.

Amanda Franklin
Guilford's Rescue Trustee

ENHANCED 911 BOARD REPORT

The Vermont E-911 system continues to perform within established benchmarks. From 1/1/03 – 11/30/03, the statewide system handled 113,763 wire-line calls and 60,374 wireless calls for a total of 174,137 calls. The average call answer time was 5 seconds, and the average call duration was 1 minute and 54 seconds. There were 224 calls from Guilford.

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

State law requires towns that created new street addresses for Enhanced 911 to provide a confidentiality option to residents. This option allows residents to prevent their names from being linked with their new street addresses in municipal public records, such as the Grand List. If you choose to exercise this option, you are required by law to provide the Town Clerk with an alternate mailing address, such as a Post Office box. Copies of the "Confidentiality Option Form" and instructions are available at the Town Office or on the internet at www.state.vt.gov/e911. Your Confidentiality Option Form is not a public record and is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Law. Town officials are required to preserve your privacy.

State of Vermont
Enhanced 911 Board

FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT GUILFORD

We are pleased to again be included in the Town Report, and wish to remind everyone in Guilford that most of our concerts are admission-free, and we hope you'll attend some of our events this year.

We began the year 2003 with a very fine concert of "American Sonatas"



A homeowner's worst nightmare....in this case the Guilford firefighters saved the house attached to the barn.

in March, including premieres of works by a New Hampshire composer and by Guilford composer Zeke Hecker. We concluded our "season" — but not the year — with a well-attended choral jazz program, "Summertime," at Guilford Community Church. During the summer we presented a concert at the Kopkind Colony session in Guilford.

Our 38th season began with our two-concert Labor Day Weekend Festival, at the organ barn in Guilford. The first concert featured our restored, century-old pipe organ, with special guest A. Graham Down, who founded these concerts, returning to the organ bench for a third year. Mr. Down was in residence for several days, and worked with technician Larry Nevin on more tonal improvements on the organ, and his concert coincided with his 74th birthday. Our festival — all-French on this occasion — concluded with the outdoor program of orchestral music, on which we celebrated the Berlioz 200th anniversary. This is a wonderful event, and many bring picnic lunches, blankets and lawn chairs.

Our busy fall season continued with a November guest appearance by tenor Antonio Abate, whose family lives in Guilford. He is now beginning a career with regional opera companies throughout the country.

Our holiday programming began with the snowiest Community Messiah Sing in our 33 years of presenting this event. We were amazed that about 150 folks braved the storm to sing with us. We then returned to Guilford for our annual Christmas program at historic Christ Church, featuring carols of the New World and a reading from the work of Guilford's own Royall Tyler.

We're engaged in a Long Range Planning process to provide ways for our organization to continue after our founders have retired. We've been working on this for two years, and anticipate we'll be at it for another two!

We invite Guilford townspeople to participate in, attend, and support our

programs. Perhaps you may join us for the concluding events of our 38th season. First of these is our May 1 program of "Madrigals", to be presented in Brattleboro. And we again return to our biennial Guilford Garden Tours, a fund-raiser co-sponsored with the Guilford Historical Society, in late June. Both events are listed in our season calendar, which will be available at town meeting.

Don McLean
Administrator

BRATTLEBORO AREA HOSPICE

Brattleboro Area Hospice (BAH) is an independent, community-based, non-profit volunteer hospice organization. BAH provides grassroots volunteer-staffed programs to supplement and provide alternatives to the professional services utilized by dying and grieving community members. We also provide education and outreach to increase our community's understanding of and ability to cope with the issues of death and dying. All of our services are free of charge. Referrals to any of our programs can be made by a physician, hospital, home health care provider, nursing home, or family members.

BAH is one of less than 200 volunteer hospices left in the United States. Although the hospice movement in this country was originally volunteer-focused, today many agencies offer complex medical services while overlooking the crucial role of the volunteer. Yet the compassionate assistance of neighbors helping neighbors during the difficult journey of terminal illness and grief cannot be underestimated. Given the dramatically increasing elder population in the United States, hospice volunteers are and will continue to be a vital component in maintaining quality end-of-life and bereavement care.

Many of our clients tell us that Hospice is one of the rare places where people who are dealing with death and grief are unconditionally supported. We are deeply grateful for the support of the towns we serve, which allows us to offer these free services for the dying and grieving. We respectfully request Guilford to support our programs in the amount of \$300.

Susan Parris
Executive Director

COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT

The Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont (COASEV) fosters and supports successful aging of seniors in the Guilford community and throughout Windham and Windsor Counties. Working with elders and others, COASEV develops, advocates, coordinates, and assures access to services that enhance the quality of seniors' lives. To accomplish this mission in Guilford, we work through collaboration and partnership with other organizations, as well as provide direct services. Responding to the needs and directions of Guilford citizens age 60 and over and their families, we do the following:

Information and assistance through the Senior Helpline (800-642-5119) provides resources, tips, applications for benefits, and assistance with health insurance information.

Senior Nutrition provides home delivered meals through the Brattleboro Senior Center, and twice-monthly congregate meals at the Guilford Grange.

Transportation to medical appointments is arranged for non-Medicaid seniors.

Case management is provided on a one-to-one basis to those wishing to stay in their communities. We manage the Medicaid Waiver Program that provides nursing home-like care. With self-neglect referrals we assist individuals to become aware of and access services thus regaining control of their lives.

Advocacy assists with accessing a wide array of benefits such as VHAP pharmacy, fuel assistance, food stamps, Supplemental Security Income, telephone lifeline, and tax rebates. Home visits to assist with these services are also provided in Guilford.

Care Giver Respite is provided through a special grant. We are able to provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia and other chronic diseases.

Senior Companion Program provides friendly visiting, as well as a stipend paid employment opportunity for older, limited income workers.

Successful Aging Initiatives provides a series of small community grants for groups and organizations to create and expand their programs.

Planning for seniors is accomplished by working with legislators, other agencies, and the communities we serve.

Your town contribution of \$750 generates \$4,250 in federal matching funds to support all of these activities. Services are provided at no cost, but participants are encouraged to make anonymous voluntary contributions. The support of Guilford citizens, as well as that of hundreds of volunteers and dedicated staff, makes these services possible

Marie Saunders
Executive Director

EARLY EDUCATION SERVICES

Early Education Services (EES) is the umbrella organization that coordinates and implements programs which provide primary prevention and early intervention for families throughout Windham County. The goals of EES are to promote the healthy development of young children; prepare them to succeed in school; enhance the social, economic, and personal well being of the whole family; and empower the family to use existing community resources more effectively.

Services are provided through home visiting, center-based classrooms, playgroups, and parent groups. Though criteria vary for participation in each program, the structure, staffing, and commitment to community collaboration ensure that all families with pre-school children in Windham County may be served.

Funding for programs within EES comes from federal, state, local, and private foundation sources. EES programs include: Early Head Start, Head Start, Vermont Parent-Child Center, Esteyville Preschool, Families in Recovery, Family Education Program, Healthy Babies, Reach Up, and Welcome Baby Program.

We appreciate the support Guilford has given in the past. This year, EES requests an allocation of \$850 to assist in continuing to support Guilford families.

Debra J. Gass
Executive Director

UNITED WAY GET INFO

United Way GET INFO (formerly Helpline) is a comprehensive information and referral service that serves as the first point of contact for those who need help or those who wish to offer help to others.

Many people facing new problems or life transitions do not know where to turn for help. United Way GET INFO performs a critical service in Guilford and throughout greater Windham County by assessing and linking residents to community resources to help them maintain their health and well being.

From July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, we assisted more than 2349 individuals and families through our telephone helpline. Our assistance includes a careful assessment of each person's needs, problem-solving support, information and referrals to appropriate community services for those needs, and follow-up if needed.

New in 2003, we are pleased to announce the launch of our online Vermont Community Resource Guide, a user-friendly searchable database of health and human services, available at our website www.vermont211.org.

Although our expenses have increased with inflation during the last year, we are not passing on the increase to towns. During the past year, as a result of securing new funding sources, we have reduced our reliance on funding from towns from 11% to 8% of our total budget. The remaining 92% of expenses are covered by United Way funds, individual contributions, grants, contracts, and special event fundraising. The 8% we receive from towns is critical to our ability to effectively provide assistance to those in need. We appreciate the past support of Guilford and ask for continued support in the amount of \$360 for this vital service to town residents.

Sharon Tierra, CIRS
Windham County Coordinator

MORNINGSIDE SHELTER

Morningside Shelter offers three programs: Emergency Shelter, Service Enriched Housing, and Outreach.

Morningside Shelter provides temporary, emergency housing for the homeless. During fiscal year ending June 30, 2003; 4,586 "bednights" of

shelter were provided to 329 persons, including 57 children. Morningside Shelter provided housing and services to a Guilford family with 3 children and one single Guilford woman, for a total of 119 nights during the past year. The shelter offers safe, clean, supportive temporary housing, an emergency food shelf, advocacy, and assistance with finding employment and housing. Morningside is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.

The Service Enriched Housing program provides affordable long-term housing and support to individuals and families leaving the shelter who are committed to making positive changes in their lives. Clients and advocate meet at least weekly to discuss progress and address important issues and concerns.

Outreach services provide short-term support to make the transition from Morningside to the community. Outreach services are targeted to individuals leaving the shelter and intervention services to those living in the community who have been identified as at risk of becoming homeless.

Morningside Shelter requests that the Town of Guilford assist in providing shelter for homeless persons in Windham County by allocating \$500 for operational expenses. We hope that you will give favorable consideration to our request.

Richard McNerney
Director

BRATTLEBORO AREA DROP IN CENTER

The Drop In Center provided emergency food assistance to Guilford households 259 times in 2002. Overall, the Center provided food to 1470 households, as well as outreach and case management services to 259 homeless individuals.

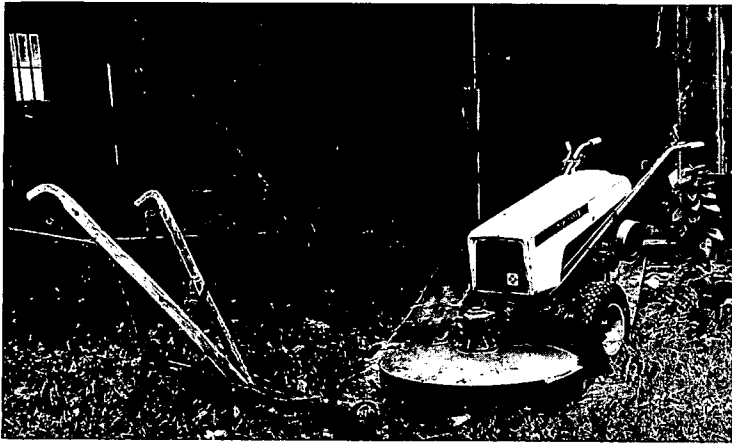
We have been serving an increasing number of working families who are unable to make ends meet in times of high costs for fuel, medicine, and childcare. We do not anticipate this trend reversing itself in the coming year.

We request funding of \$300. We are very appreciative of the support Guilford provides to our agency. Thank you.

Melinda Bussino
Executive Director

RSVP

The Retired and Senior Volunteer program of Windham County (RSVP), a part of the national Senior Service Corps, offers people 55 and older the opportunity to have a positive impact on the quality of life in their communities, and on their own lives, by sharing their experience, abilities and skills through volunteer service. Volunteers receive training, assessment, supplemental insurance coverage, and recognition for their contributions. RSVP's affiliated "Volunteer Connection" refers people under 55 who wish to volunteer. RSVP is a United Way member agency and is sponsored by Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont, Inc.



An early 1800s shed at the Shedd farm. This building housed a wagon-maker, and later served as a mail drop/pick-up point for the area.

Last year 496 RSVP volunteers contributed 76,928 hours of service in Windham County through 129 not-for-profit community agencies. Guilford residents received an estimated 3,539 hours of service through the work of those volunteers, which in dollars equates to approximately \$52,797. We are asking Guilford voters to consider providing \$485 in funding, the same amount as last year.

Examples of how RSVP volunteers make a difference for Guilford residents: Help improve children's reading skills, as RSVP America Reads partners with Early Education Services for "Teddy Bear Teas" at Guilford Central School; ensure that people who lack transportation are able to get to medical appointments, by serving as drivers for organizations such as Valley Transportation and Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired; support independent living and help to alleviate loneliness and isolation, by delivering Meals-On-Wheels, helping elderly citizens with their tax forms, and visiting or entertaining local nursing home residents; promote environmental awareness by volunteering for Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center; help people get through tough times by serving in local thrift shops and soup kitchens, and by knitting or crocheting sweaters, mittens and baby sets for local children through the Reformer Christmas Stocking; provide around-the-clock coverage for Guilford's Emergency Management Center in the event of an extended emergency.

RSVP would like to thank Guilford voters for your investment in our program for the past twenty years. With your renewed support, RSVP will continue to make a difference for school children, frail elders, struggling families, and those needing a helping hand to get back on their feet.

Virginia A. Milkey
Director

HEALTH CARE & REHABILITATION SERVICES

HCRS requests an appropriation of \$3,000.00 from the Town of Guilford at the 2004 Town Meeting to help defray the cost of services to its residents for the Mental Health Walk-In-Clinic. In the year ending June 30, 2003, HCRS provided a comprehensive range of community-based services to 4,424 residents of Windham and Windsor counties. The services that are available to Guilford residents include the following:

Outpatient Mental Health Services: The mission is to provide caring, high quality, cost-effective mental health care at every level of need. Our highly trained staff of professional therapists, social workers, and psychiatrists help individuals and families cope with stress and anxiety, develop their full potential, and maximize control of their lives. We are now offering walk-in clinics to any resident who has an urgent need to see a mental health counselor for support and more effective coordination of services.

Alcohol & Drug Treatment Services: For adults and family members who are adversely affected by the use of alcohol or drugs, we offer a comprehensive program of assessment, inpatient referral, outreach, outpatient treatment and aftercare dedicated to aiding the recovery from chemical dependency and its effects.

Community Rehabilitation & Treatment Program: Provides comprehensive services to adults over the age of 18 who are suffering from a mental illness so serious that it interferes with that person's capacity to function in the community. We provide help and information to concerned family members and help clients regain stability and learn how to manage their mental illness, either in a hospital setting or as outpatients.

Community Services Division: Provides services to people with developmental disabilities and their families.

The Alternatives Program: A short-term alternative to hospitalization, we provide crisis stabilization, respite, and support to clients with psychiatric disabilities or to any adult experiencing an acute mental health crisis, including transitional residence for those leaving an inpatient setting.

Emergency Services: The Emergency Services Team has a very specific mission to act quickly in critical situations. Specially trained mental health professionals are available 24 hours a day for emergencies.

We thank Guilford for your past support and for your continued interest in HCRS.

George Karabakakis, PhD
Director of Adult & Emergency Services

THE GATHERING PLACE

For the past fourteen years, The Gathering Place has provided adult day services for local residents who are frail, isolated, or disabled. TGP is committed to helping participants remain respected community members by encouraging their independence, and challenging them to reach and maintain their maximum levels of physical strength and mental wellbeing. TGP is

both a cost-effective way to minimize the stress of providing home care, and an affordable alternative to nursing home placement.

TGP offers on-site physical and occupational therapies, counseling, and daily exercise. Personal services include hairdressing, showers, podiatry, and assistance with the activities of daily living. Our professional staff includes a full-time nurse, recreational therapist, and occupational therapist.

Scholarships are available based on an income-sensitive, flexible fee schedule. We are a Medicaid and VA provider. Our program is open Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm. Transportation is available via wheel-chair accessible vans.

The Gathering Place is located in downtown Brattleboro in a lovely Victorian home with a large deck and outside area for games, relaxation, and gardening. Our program includes stimulating and varied activities, entertainment, lectures, socials, field trips, and local walks. We serve a light breakfast, mid-day meal, and afternoon snack.

TGP also provides caregivers with the respite, support, and education they need. We make it possible for many of them to remain employed while confident that their loved ones' needs are being met. TGP also sponsors a monthly Parkinson's Disease Support Group and facilitates a monthly Caregivers Support Group.

Last year, TGP delivered 943 hours of adult day services to Guilford residents. We request funding in the amount of \$500 from the Town of Guilford to help subsidize our services.

Lynn Bedell
Executive Director

The GVFD drilling in 1970 with a controlled burn of Paul Stone's shed. Gerry James & Jim Nortz handling this section.



WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As my first year as sheriff comes to an end, I have found the position to be extremely exhilarating, and also have found that there are not enough hours in a day to accomplish all that I had set out to do. I have worked to improve on the community policing done by the deputies in the field: this was done through additional training, restructuring the supervision, and constant monitoring. Although I feel that we have made some improvements there is still work to be done. We have also felt the impact of budget cuts and have continued to provide timely professional service by rearranging schedules to better cover peak times. We have obtained six additional fulltime positions through the federal cops grant which we are investigating the best way to utilize. The towns have been supported by two highway safety grants over the year; one for seatbelt enforcement, and the other for driving while intoxicated enforcement. The Department was also just awarded a speed grant from the Governor's highway safety program. The last two grants are new to the department this year.

The struggle is that budget cuts impact us in maintaining deputies so that they can be available when needed. We are working to gather the towns together so that a plan could be implemented which would meet the needs of all, at the lowest cost to the taxpayers. This will take some time however. Arrests seem to be going up, as evidenced by the paperwork submitted by the deputies going to court. We are looking for whatever assistance towns can provide to increase the funding which would allow for increased visibility in the town in order to prevent crimes.

Additionally, as we all know, the cost of insurance, gasoline, vehicles, etc. continues to go up. Also, in 2004 the county is no longer funding the dispatchers for the sheriff's department.

Sheila Prue
Sheriff

Windham County Sheriff's Department, Guilford Annual Statistics:
Criminal Incidents: Vandalism, 7; Trespass, 1; Burglary, 1; Drugs, 1. Non-Criminal Incidents: Suspicious Activity, 2; Other, 7; MV Accidents, 3; Animal Problems, 2. Public Assist: Assist, 1; Lost/Found Property, 1; VIN Verification, 8; Welfare Check, 4; Abandoned Vehicle, 1; Obstruction in Roadway, 2. Traffic Statistics: Speed, 46; Starting Parked Vehicle, 1; No Registration, 15; Display of Plates, 1; Vehicle not Inspected, 20; Defective Equipment, 3; No Insurance, 8; No License, 7; Operate after Suspension, 3; Plates Not Assigned, 1.

AIDS PROJECT OF SOUTHERN VERMONT

The AIDS Project of Southern Vermont (APSV) is a non profit, community-based AIDS service organization providing direct services to people living with HIV/AIDS and their families, and HIV prevention services to those at highest risk for HIV infection.

With the help of the community for the past 15 years, APSV has offered case management and volunteer assistance to people living with HIV/AIDS and to their families and partners.

APSV also offers HIV prevention services to youth, women at risk, gay and bisexual men, and injection drug users and their partners. APSV has operated a legal syringe exchange program in Brattleboro since 2000. The Dove program engages members of faith communities in gathering donations of food and household supplies for people affected by HIV.

APSV also offers OraSure testing and counseling, a new and more accessible method of HIV testing, to our communities.

The AIDS Project serves Guilford residents who are living with HIV/AIDS through its direct services program. However, we do not publish the numbers of people served in each town who are HIV-positive because of confidentiality concerns. Our HIV prevention services were provided to 42 Guilford residents in the past year.

The AIDS Project would like to thank the residents of Guilford for making funding available to help us improve our services. We are requesting \$350 for the coming year.

Susan Bell
Executive Director

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Vermont Department of Health works to protect and improve the health of all citizens. The following are some of the essential services available to residents of Guilford.

Bioterrorism – Emergency Preparedness: The Brattleboro District Office of the Vermont Department of Health is actively working with local, state and federal agencies to assure a rapid and effective response to bioterrorism and other public health threats or emergencies. Local health departments may be involved with: early identification of disease entities; investigating disease sources; providing accurate and timely information to the public and health professionals; collaboration with other agencies during biological, environmental or weather events; assuring availability of personnel training; planning regional responses with hospitals and LEPCs and; planning of and participation in joint exercise.

Reportable Disease Case Investigations: Infectious diseases continue to be major sources of illness, disability and death in the U.S. and Vermont, accounting for 25% of all doctor visits each year. The Health Department investigates all cases of disease such as meningitis, hepatitis, pertussis (whooping cough), and infectious diarrhea to determine their source, to recommend control measures (including current treatment standards) and to prevent further spread of the disease. In 2002, the department investigated 183 cases of disease in Windham County.

West Nile Virus (WNV) Surveillance: WNV first appeared in the U.S. in New York City in 1999 and has become well established in the United

States. Birds, mammals and people can get WNV from the bite of an infected mosquito. The Vermont Departments of Health and Agriculture conduct surveillance for WNV each year from June until cold weather limits mosquito activity in the fall. As of November 17, 2003, 450 mosquito pools were tested with none positive for WNV. In Windham County, there were 132 dead bird reports, 52 were tested and 23 were found to be infected with WNV. Three humans were positive (two from Addison County and one from Windham County). Four horses have tested positive (three from Addison and one from Windham).

Food & Lodging Inspections: Public health sanitarians inspect eating establishments (restaurants, schools, fairs) to decrease the risk of food borne disease outbreaks. The five greatest risks for food-borne outbreaks are: keeping food too long at improper temperatures, inadequate cooking, contaminated equipment, food from an unsafe source, and poor personal hygiene among food handlers. Of the 5 establishments in Guilford, 3 inspections were completed by a sanitarian during 2002.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children ("WIC"): One of the most effective ways to improve the health of the overall population is to improve nutrition and physical activity. WIC improves the health of pregnant and postpartum women, infants and young children by assuring access to health care, teaching families about good nutritional practices, and providing an individually designed package of nutritious food to eligible individuals. During 2002, 49 women, infants and children living in Guilford received food as well as health screening and individualized nutrition education through this program. The average value of foods provided is \$35 per person per month.

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

If you would like more information about these efforts, or if you have a public health concern, please call the Brattleboro District Office at (802) 257-2880. Please visit our web site at www.HealthyVermonters.info for information on health topics, public health emergency preparedness and response, news releases, publications, reports and general public health information.

Frances deFlorio, RN, MPH
District Director

VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VT AND NH

The Visiting Nurse Alliance is like the local police and fire departments – a strategic part of the community's safety net – with services that must be continuously be available to anyone in need. The VNA provides a compre-

hensive range of care, requisitioned by hospital staff and physicians, for everyone, regardless of ability to pay.

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

- Enable Guilford residents to remain independent and at home as they receive skilled clinical care during times of injury, recovery from surgery or accidents, disability, whether for short-term or chronic illness.

- Provides emotional support plus pain and symptom management during terminal illness. Hospice care extends to family members as well. More and more patients want to be at home during their end of life, and through hospice they have that control.

- Provides community-wellness programs and assistance to young families at risk. Clients range from fathers and/or mothers who want to be more effective parents through learning parenting skills or providing a balanced diet; infants who require high-tech health care; and children who grow and learn through play groups that offer interaction with other children.

The VNA provided the following visiting services for the Town of Guilford during the past year: skilled nursing 542; physical therapy 103; occupational therapy 41; medical social worker 15; home health aide 494; homemaker 55. Also Hospice VNA 3, and clinic attendance for Flu 30, Blood Pressure 68.

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

Susan H. Larman, BSN, MBA
President and CEO

WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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

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

The District did experience problems due to recycling contamination

from people putting garbage and other non-recyclable items in the drop-off containers. This resulted in having to close yet another drop-off site this past year along Route 30 in West Dummerston. Everyone's cooperation is needed to help keep these sites clean and used properly.

We once again obtained a federal grant to provide educational assistance to residents, businesses and institutions within the District. We provided book and textile recycling throughout the District. The mercury thermometer exchange program and the hypodermic needle disposal from home use programs have been highly successful and will continue to be available for District residents.

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

As always, the District Convenience Center in Brattleboro is available for residents and accepts used crankcase oil, fluorescent tubes, batteries, ballasts and other materials on a daily basis. Call ahead for costs and a list of items that can be disposed of or recycled through this program.

Please call the District at 257-0272 with any questions or to arrange a tour of the facility. Everyone is always welcome to view what happens to the recyclables once they arrive at the Materials Recycling Facility for processing.

George Murray
Director

WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER

The mission of the Women's Crisis Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County. Since our beginnings in 1977, we have provided intervention services to survivors of these crimes, as well as prevention and education services to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency services such as shelter, crisis intervention, emotional support, and information and referral are available 24 hours a day; 365 days a year. Legal and welfare advocacy, individual and group support for both women and children, and referral and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003, the Crisis Center responded to over 975 crisis calls. Fifty three women and their 87 children were sheltered for a total of 1,231 shelter days. In addition, many hundreds of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, and childcare have been provided to more than 200 women and 100 children who have been emotionally, physically, and/or sexually abused. The Women's Crisis Center continues to provide education about domestic violence and sexual assault to a wide range of groups in our community. As always, Windham County

residents make up a large majority of the women and children who utilize our services.

The Women's Crisis Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your town's contribution to the Crisis Center, and hope you will look upon it as an investment in creating the safe and productive future that each of us deserves. Our request for next year is \$950.

Susan Friedelson
Administrative Coordinator

YOUTH SERVICES

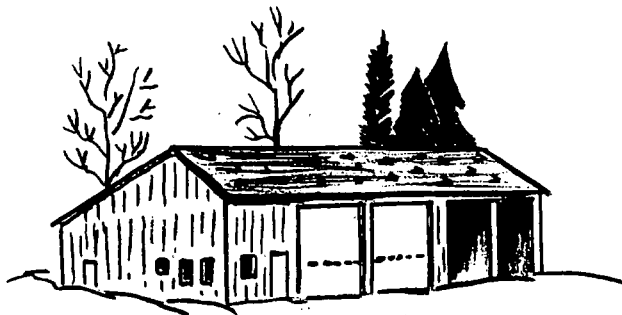
For over thirty years, Youth Services has helped Windham County area youth and families overcome life's challenges and learn healthy new ways to live. Whether it be problems such as substance abuse, family crisis, or general issues of growing up, our organization's staff of professionals helps youth and families find solutions. Equally important, Youth Services works in partnership with other local service providers and schools to deliver services that help our area's youth and families, regardless of their ability to pay.

Some of the services we provide include Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Youth and Family Counseling, Home-Based Family Services, and mentoring through our Big Brothers Big Sisters Program. In addition, we offer crisis intervention through our Youth Outreach, Transitional Living Services, and Runaway Programs; and alternatives to the court system, through our Juvenile and Adult Court Diversion and Restorative Programs.

This past year, Youth Services served over 2,019 youth and family members overall, including 81 from Guilford.

Youth Services requests \$1,605 from the town of Guilford. Town support can make a significant difference in the lives of families and youth, contributing to the positive quality of life in your community.

Leitha Cipriano
Executive Director



TOWN OFFICES FOR 2003

TERM EXPIRES

Moderator	Neil Quinn	2004
Town Clerk/Treasurer	Barbara B. Oles	2005
Selectmen	Anne Rider, Chair	2004
	Richard Clark	2005
	Dennis Franklin	2006
Listers	Jeremy Gold	2004
	Arthur Givens	2005
	Frank Rafferty, Chairman	2006
Auditors	Cathrine Wilken	2004
	Neil Quinn, Chairman	2005
	Robert Tucker	2006
Town Agent	Patricia Beu	2004
Union High School Directors	Shaun Murphy	2006
School Directors	Wendy Ireland	2004
	Judy Deschaine	2004
	Carol Levin	2004
	Tammi Quinn	2005
	Dwight Hanson	2006
Library Trustees	Richard Wizansky	2004
	Carol R. Schnabel	2005
	Calista Kristensen	2006
	Rebecca Anderson	2007
	Laura Lawson Tucker	2007
	Jeanne Seymour	2008
Trustees of Public Funds	Elly Majonen	2004
	Michael Dusavitch	2005
	Don McLean	2006
Grand Jurors	Merton Garland	2004
	Don McLean	2004
Trustee of Cemetery Funds	Gerald James	2004
Trustees of Warren Wilder Fund	David Franklin	2004
	Emery Evans	2004
Cemetery Commissioners	Verandah Porche	2004
	Jessica Fletcher	2004
	(replacing Cynthia Symons, 2008)	
	Shaun Murphy	2005
	Mark Fuller	2006
	Eric Morse	2007
Justice of the Peace	Clifford Allard, Rep., Allard Road	
	Frederick Humphrey, Dem., Tater Lane	
	Douglas Hunt, Rep. Carpenter Hill Road	
	George Lewis, Rep., Melendy Hill Road	
	Lori Nelson, Dem. Tater Lane	
	Anne Rider, Dem., Bonnyvale Road	
	Cathrine Wilken, Dem., Bonnyvale Road	

Selectboard Appointments (Annual)

Road Commissioner	Daniel A. Zumburski	
Del. Tax Collector:	Barbara M. Hunt	
Constable	Walter Thorn	
Fence Viewers:	Lee C. Stone	
	Daniel L. Ingold	
	Merton Garland	
Conservation Commission	William Jewell	2004
	James Young	2004
	Laural Green	2005
	Alan Haumann, Chairman	2005
	Patty Szostak, Clerk	2005
	Mary Ellen Franklin	2006
	Linda Hecker	2006
	Robert Stack	2007
Dog Officer	William E. Nightingale, Jr.	
Alternate Dog Officer	David Nightingale	
Windham Regional Commission	John G. Kristensen	
	Frederick Humphrey	
Planning Commission	Douglas Hunt	2004
	Eric Morse	2004
	Richard Stewart, Secretary	2004
	Suzanne Borichevsky	2005
	Merton Garland	2005
	Sabina Dickel	2005
	Richard Zamore	2006
	David Franklin	2006
	Susan James	2006
Emergency Manage. Coord.	Herbert Meyer	
Council on Aging Rep.	Dorothy Humphrey	
Energy Coordinator	Michael Marcy	
Tree Warden	Daniel Zumburski	
Rescue Trustee	Amanda Franklin	
Landfill Reps.	Elizabeth Frye	
	Richard Holden, alternate	
Low Level Waste	Stephen Detra	
	Daniel Ingold, Chairman	
	John G. Kristensen	
Bullock Education Loan Comm.	Suzanne Immekus	2004
	Gretchen Gerzina	2005
	Laura Lewis	2006
Admin. Assistant/Selectboard	Kathleen Snow	
Appointed by Town Clerk (Annual)		
Ass't Town Clerk/Treasurer	Roberta Bremmer	
	Kathleen Snow	
State of Vermont Appointments:		

Health Officers	Dolores J. Hale
Deputy Health Officers	Douglas McCrae
	Dan Ingold
Fire Warden	Bernard L. LaRock, Sr.
Deputy Fire Warden	Dan Stoughton
Service Officer	Susan and Richard Davis
WSESU Superintendent	Ron Stahley
Representative to Legislature	Patricia O'Donnell

VITAL STATISTICS

July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003

BIRTHS

July 11	Oliver Ven McLaughlin	Asha Tyska McLaughlin Mark Joseph McLaughlin
July 21	Nathan Wilder Kenny	Dawn Michele Kenny James Richard Kenny
August 9	Jade MacKenzie Bruneau	Jessica Helen Bruneau
August 12	Eliza Meadow Webber Gebb	Gretchen Gail Webber Adam Elton Gebb
August 15	Jenna Ingalls Barry-Stoughton	Lisa Chaplin Barry Daniel James Stoughton
August 30	Kevin Allen Atkins, Jr.	Amanda Dawn Atkins Kevin Allen Atkins, Sr.
September 7	Travis Scott Goselin-Craven	Michelle Anne Craven
September 12	Forrest William Wohnus	Theresa Anne Madden Wohnus William Henry Wohnus
October 6	Sarah Anne Butterfield	Jessica R. Butterfield John Joseph Butterfield
October 7	Maggie Isabel Frazer-Olson	Stacey Frazer James Frederick Olson
October 11	Elaine Mae Atkins	Amanda Dawn Atkins Kevin Allen Atkins, Sr.
October 13	Zebulon William Forchion	Serenity Smith Forchion William Dandridge P. Forchion
October 25	Hannah Patricia Geno	Kelley Thayer Geno Scott Christopher Geno
October 29	John William Therieau	Kristin Marie Smith Shawn Albert Therieau
October 30	Spencer Rodney Lawrence	Marianne G. Lawrence John Henry Lawrence
November 6	Patrick Allen Thayer	Amie Sue Thayer Shane Edward Thayer
January 19	Wyatt Gray Rosinski	Rosemary Georgia Gray Glenn John Rosinski
January 24	Emma Claire Ragaller	Grace Marshall Ragaller

February 13	Samuel James Freitas-Eagan	Matthew James Ragaller Julianne Eleanor Eagan Kevin Joseph Freitas
April 9	Kiera Alexis Noble	Sarah B.T. Noble Peter Michael Noble
April 12	Kalub Tyler LaPointe	Josette Lynn Jacobs Jason William LaPointe
April 29	Jasmine Rose Bete Mitchell	Julie Anne Bete Elliott Loran Mitchell
June 2	Terry Lee St John, Jr.	Debra A. St John Terry L. St John

MARRIAGES

July 6	Mark Donald Waddell Tammy Jean Grant	Marlborough, CT Marlborough, CT
July 20	Jonathan Edward Shippee Cindy Lynn Crowder	Guilford, VT Enfield, CT
July 25	Charles Winfred Wilde Kimberly Ann Flanders	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
August 2	Geoffrey Daniel Putnam Melissa Ann Pasternak	Guilford, VT Virginia Beach, VA
August 31	Jeffrey J. Colucci Jennifer L. Young	Colchester, CT Colchester, CT
September 5	Mark William Angevine Atsuko Ozeki	Riverside, RI Chiba City, Chiba
September 7	Anthony Joseph Squiers Mary Rose McMahon	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
September 14	Robert Franklin Steele Megan Katherine Borichevsky	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
September 28	Donald James Spencer Shirley Edith Temple	Guilford, VT Westbrook, ME
October 4	David Paul Gassira Toni Ann Matey	North Branford, CT North Branford, CT
October 5	David Allen Burt Tammy Marie Bundy	Bernardston, MA Bernardston, MA
November 2	David Pier Hazelton Karen Jean Kelley	Guilford, VT Brattleboro, VT
November 13	James Deane Paulin Anita Gerlinde Galbraith	Erving, MA Erving, MA
December 2	Ryan Anthony Johnson Melissa Marie Barford	Groton, CT Springfield, MA
December 15	Alan Foster Bristol Michaelyn Agnes Caron	Guilford, VT Vernon, VT
December 30	Harwinder Singh Dhama Manjit Kaur Mahal	Rochdale, MA Montreal, Quebec
January 23	Robert Illa Annette Marie Jacobs	Burlington, CT Burlington, CT

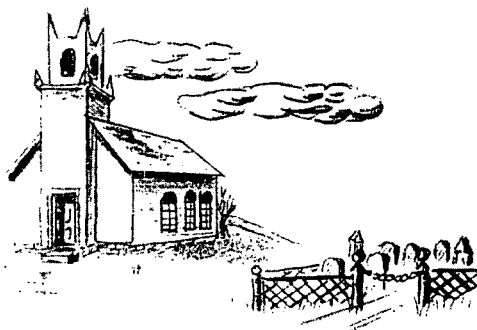
February 1	Christopher M. Rathbun	Guilford, VT
	Donna R. Covey	Guilford, VT
March 5	Michael Junior Tennant	New London, CT
	Leticia Isabel Guillen	LaMirada, CA
April 14	Howard Paul Hurowitz	North Branford, CT
	Muriel Charlotte McGuinness	North Branford, CT
April 18	Dennis William Bruneau, Jr.	Springfield, MA
	Dawn Paula Westover	Springfield, MA
May 3	Danial K. Wright	Guilford, VT
	Jessica Jean Rancourt	Brattleboro, VT

CIVIL UNIONS

August 12	Riley Devin Keenan	Bangor, ME
	Alison Melissa Fayle	Bangor, ME

DEATHS

July 24	John Joseph Dusavitch	84
August 13	Dr. Ben O. Rubenstein	88
August 30	Kevin Allen Atkins, Jr.	Birth
September 8	Joshua Cardona Jr	20
September 27	John Aaron Clark	83
October 3	Douglas Lionel Carpenter	82
January 6	Clyde F. Covey	101
March 13	Harold L. Smith	83
May 25	Ralph Earl Canedy	81
June 3	Wallace John Cummings	57
June 15	Philip Bruce Boyd	68
June 7	Dale W. Oles	59



SUMMARY OF TOWN MEETING – 2003

The polls were officially opened at 10:00 am for Australian Ballot voting for the following officials: Selectman, School Directors, BUHS Director, Lister, Auditor, Town Agent and School District Article #1.

GUILFORD TOWN MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am

Article 1 Neil Quinn was elected moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2 The Auditors' Report was adopted as amended.

Article 3 Appropriated the sum of \$537,092, and to raise through taxes and other sources of revenue funds sufficient to defray the highway expenses for the fiscal year July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004.

Article 4 Appropriated the sum of \$328,704, and to raise through taxes and other sources of revenue funds sufficient to defray the general expenses for the fiscal year July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004.

Article 5 Voted to establish a Bridge Fund and use \$50,000 of surplus highway funds to set it up.

Article 6 Appropriated the sum of \$50,000 to continue improving the Weatherhead Hollow Road south of where the pavement ends to the town line.

Article 7 Appropriated the sum of \$13,000 to the Guilford Free Library for the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004.

Article 8 Appropriated the sum of \$30,000 to the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department.

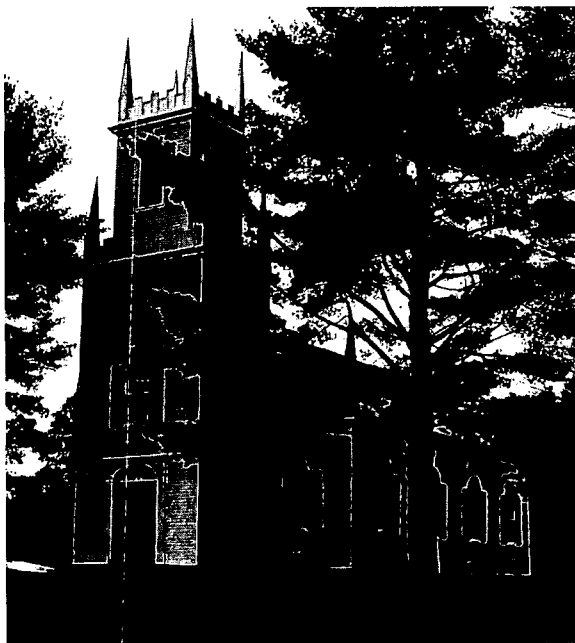
Article 9 Appropriated the sum of \$23,887 for the following Human Service Organizations: Rescue Inc, \$9,207; Windham County Youth Services \$1,605; United Way Get INFO (Helpline) \$360; Women's Crisis Center \$950; Morningside \$500; Visiting Nurse Alliance \$4,780; Retired Senior Volunteer Program \$485; Mental Health Services \$3,000; Hospice \$300; Gathering Place \$350, Council on Aging \$750, Hospice, \$300; Gathering Place, \$450; Early Education, \$850; Brattleboro Area Aids Project, \$350; and Brattleboro Area Drop In Center, \$300.

Article 10 Appropriated the sum of \$2,844 to continue membership in the Windham Regional Commission and defray the Town's share of its expenses.

Article 11 Officers elected for the ensuing year were: Trustee of Public Funds, Don McLean; Ellie Majonen for unexpired term of Phillip Hunter; Library Trustee, Jeanne Seymour; Trustee of Cemetery Funds, Gerald James; Trustees of the Warren Wilder Fund, Emery Evans and David Franklin; Cemetery Commissioner, Cynthia Symons; First Grand Juror, Merton Garland; Second Grand Juror, Don McLean.

Article 12 Voted to collect the taxes through the Treasurer without discount. Interest at 1% per month or fraction thereof will be charged after October 15th.

Article 13 Voted to authorize the Town Clerk to approve additions to the Checklist pursuant to Title 17, VSA, Section 2144(b).



Christ Church in Algiers in 1968. This was the first Episcopal church in Vermont. When the Shelburne Museum wanted to buy this building and move it to Shelburne, some local individuals formed the Christ Church Guilford Society to preserve the building right here.

Article 14 Authorized the Selectmen to borrow money on notes in anticipation of taxes and/or current expenses.

Article 15 Adopted the resolution: "Be it resolved that the citizens of the Town of Guilford urgently call upon our municipal leaders, state legislators, governor and Congressional delegation to put Vermont in the forefront of a sustainable energy future. Specifically, we request immediate and ongoing action of legislative initiatives designed to promote energy efficiency in Vermont's homes, business, public buildings, and transportation systems, and to encourage expansion of the renewable energy industry in the State of Vermont."

Article 16 Adopted the following resolution by paper ballot of 161 yes and 90 no: "Whereas, we the voters of the Town of Guilford, Vermont who by our elected representatives had originally agreed to a single license term for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station; and Whereas there is no solution to the problem of disposal of the radioactive waste the Vermont Yankee reactor generates; and Whereas we support the transition to renewable energy sources; Therefore, be it resolved that the voters request the Legislature of the State of Vermont to take action immedi-

ately to bar relicensing of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station whose current license expires in 2012; to bar the licensing of any other nuclear generation station in the State of Vermont; and to proceed forthwith implementing a state energy plan that relies upon renewable energy sources to supply Vermont's energy needs."

While the votes were being tabulated the following resolution was read by Anne Rider: Whereas, John Kristensen retires from the Guilford Selectboard today, and Whereas, John has supported the education of the children of Guilford through his work on the Guilford Town School Board for twelve years, the Union School District Board for two years, and the Vermont State Board of Education for six years, and Whereas, John's even-handedness and unflappable demeanor in his role of the Town Moderator for twenty-four years kept many a Town Meeting on an even keel, and Whereas, he generously shared his talents as a moderator with the WSESU district by moderating the high school's annual budget meeting for sixteen years, and Whereas, John served the Town in the role of Town Agent for twenty-five years and Justice of the Peace for ten years, and Whereas, John earned the respect and admiration of his fellow legislators as he represented our district in the legislature for six years, and Whereas, John brought integrity, high standards, respect for all and a gentle sense of humor to all his interactions as he worked for the Town of Guilford; Therefore be it resolved that today is recognized as John Kristensen Day and that the voters gathered at this Town Meeting do hereby declare our deep appreciation and thanks for John's contributions to the Town of Guilford and signify so by giving him a standing ovation.

Jeanette White, Senator for Windham County spoke for a few minutes.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:45pm to begin again at 1:30pm. The meeting resumed at 1:40pm.

Article 17 Adopted the following resolution: Resolution calling on the local government to defend state and federal constitutions from threats imposed by the USA Patriot Act, the Homeland Security Act, and orders and rules of the executive branch; We call on our local government to act in the spirit of our state and federal constitution by asking local and state police, the local U.S. Attorney's office, and the FBI to: 1) Report to citizens regularly and publicly the extent to and manner in which they have acted under the USA Patriot Act, the Homeland Security Act, and orders and rules of the executive branch, or COINTELPRO-type regulations, including disclosing the names of any detainees; 2) Not participate, to the extent legally permissible, in law enforcement activities that threaten civil rights and civil liberties such as surveillance, wiretaps, and securing of private information, which the Acts and Orders authorize; 3) end racial, ethnic or ideological profiling in law enforcement and detentions without charges; 4) Openly work for the repeal of the parts of the Acts and Orders that violate civil rights and civil liberties; 5) Ask the Town Clerk to notify the above authorities of our action in this regard.

Article 18 Gerry James stated that it was a wonderful recognition of thanks for John Kristensen and would like the people here today to enthusiastically

cally and unanimously thank Calista Kristensen for all the contributions she has made to the community.

Al Haumann proposed a resolution: Whereas the principal function of Town Meeting is to conduct town issues; and Whereas the interest of non-binding articles is to poll people of Guilford in their views on issues; and Whereas the Town Meeting is inherently discriminatory especially to working people who would have to lose a days pay to attend Town Meeting; Therefore he would like non-binding articles brought before the Town of Guilford to be voted on by Australian Ballot.

Barbara Oles, Town Clerk, stated in order for this to happen an article needed to be place on a Town Meeting Warning for people to discuss and vote on. If they vote in the affirmative, then the next Town Meeting any article of this type could be by Australian Ballot.

Bea Garland stated that anyone who really wanted to come to Town Meeting could. Very few businesses object to taking this day off. They can take personal time, vacation time or whatever. It is your prerogative if you want to vote or not.

Dale Morse thanked John Kristensen for letting them know the cost of road signs and that all should spread the word for young or older people not to deface those signs or steal them as it costs the town \$50 per sign.

Pat Lyman requested Al's resolution be put in the minutes. Barbara Oles replied that it would be.

Susan James stated that there was no information on candidates running for School Board and Selectboard and would like to see a forum strictly to give people a chance to question those candidates and find out what their platform is.

Wendy Ireland asked the Selectboard to notify the federal government not to put us into a war with Iraq unless the President has the backing of the United Nations.

Fred Humphrey, speaking as a former selectman, said the work is tedious and archaic and we need a way of getting information out and using the BCTV to broadcast those meetings would be helpful. Robin Miede, the director of BCTV, said "if you want it you got it."

Barry Aleshnick urged the comments that Barbara Oles, Town Clerk, made be put into the minutes as Vernon has an Australian ballot going on and it happened last year in their Town Meeting under other business.

Craig Wells hesitates about the use of Australian Ballot as sometimes very little information is known about people running because they can not make their pitch during Town Meeting. It would be the same with articles.

Don McLean said that the Broad Brook Grange sponsors a pre-Town Meeting on a Friday evening just before Town Meeting where the Selectboard and School Board present what they're bringing before Town Meeting plus the candidates are urged to come and speak. Sometimes we get coverage in the Reformer, he said.

Bill Heyman stated if you add TV to small meetings, people may not feel comfortable speaking as a camera can be imposing and inhibitive of speaking. Should get an audio recording instead, he said.

Anne Rider said the Guilford Gazette is a good opportunity to put articles in and that an issue comes out just before Town Meeting. She also stated that the town depends on a lot of volunteers and would appreciate people signing up for some committee work.

Gerry James moved the meeting be adjourned at 2:40pm. The motion was seconded and adopted.

GUILFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

Article 1 Adopted by Australian Ballot the following: Shall the make-up of the Board of School Directors of the Brattleboro Union High School District, as approved by the voters at the time the Brattleboro Union High School District was formed, be amended to provide that each member town school district is entitled to one board representative per 3,000 citizens (or fraction thereof) as measured by the U.S. Decennial census (which initially creates a nine member board); and to further provide that to produce staggered terms, one Brattleboro director will be elected to a one-year term (to be replaced by a director with a three-year term), two Brattleboro directors will be elected to two-year terms (to be replaced by directors with three-year terms), and all other directors will be elected to three-year terms.

Article 2 Neil Quinn was elected moderator for the ensuing year.

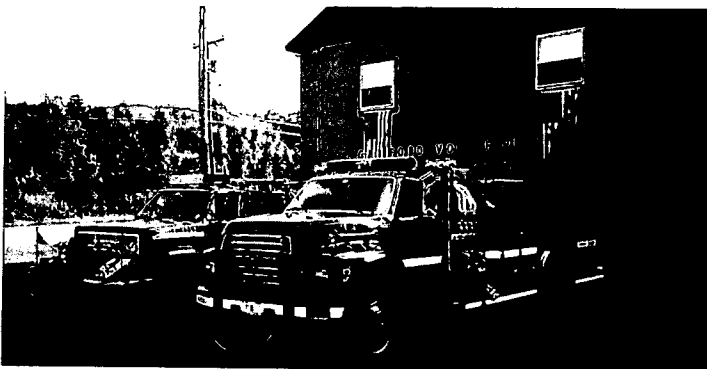
Article 3 Authorized the School Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 4 Authorized the School Board to accept and expend categorical grants and aid received from the State of Vermont or the United States Government.

Article 5 Appropriated the sum of \$5,000 to the Major Repair Fund to be used for the new playground equipment.

Article 6 Appropriated the sum of \$2,473,038 the portion of this sum to be raised by taxes be only that portion not received from revenues from

Fire trucks on display in 2001. The pumper/tanker in front had to be specially designed to be low enough to fit the small firehouse doors.



other sources.

Article 7 Eric Morse said the Blazej Music Fund reminded him how he always looked forward to the unique input of Richard Blazej at Town Meeting. He wants us all to appreciate the presence of the fund and keeping the memory of his contributions alive.

Bill Heyman would like to see a transparency on what school funds come from the lottery. He feels the lottery program is a scam and Guilford is not getting its fair share of money. Ron Stahley advised that Bill speak to local representatives about the lottery.

Robert Stack wanted people to notice that Emery Evans was not there. We should acknowledge Emery Evans. He came dressed, was well spoken and was a big part of being a citizen on Town Meeting Day.

Cathrine Wilken said the photos in the town report all were from the bicentennial celebration Guilford had. The three albums from which they came were brought today and are on display at the library table.

Priscilla McKinley thanked the eighth graders for the lunch and great job running the microphones.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

2004 SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING WARNING

The legal voters of the Town School District of Guilford are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Guilford Central School in said Town of Guilford on Tuesday, the second (2nd) day of March next at 10:00am to act on the following articles, viz...

ARTICLE 1 To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2 To see if the Town School District will authorize the Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town School District will authorize its School Board to accept and expend categorical grants and aid received from the State of Vermont and the United States Government.

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Major Repair Fund.

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town School District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses and liabilities for the period of July 1, 2004 thru June 30, 2005 and, if so, in what amount.

ARTICLE 6 To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Guilford this 29th day of January, 2004.

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Town Clerk Guilford VT

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CAROL LEVIN, Vice-Chairman

JUDIE DESCHAMPE, Clerk

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2004 TOWN MEETING WARNING

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Voting for Selectperson, School Directors, Lister, Auditor, Town Agent to be by Australian ballot between 10:00am and 7:00pm.

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To act on the report of the Auditors.

ARTICLE 3. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$546,528 and to raise through taxes and other sources of revenues, funds sufficient to defray the highway expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005?

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$324,943 and to raise through taxes and other sources of revenues, funds sufficient to defray the general expenses for the fiscal year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005?

ARTICLE 5. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000 for the Guilford Free Library?

ARTICLE 6. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 for the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department?

ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,717 for the following Human Service Organizations:

Rescue Inc	\$10,742
Windham County Youth Service	1,605
United Way Get INFO(Helpline)	360
Womens Crisis Center	950
Morningside	500
Visiting Nurse Alliance	5,025
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	485
HCRS (Mental Health)	3,000
Council on Aging.....	750
Hospice	300
Gathering Place.....	500
Early Education	850
Brattleboro Area Aids Project	350
Brattleboro Area Drop In Center	300

ARTICLE 8. (By Petition) Shall the Town of Guilford raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to support Windham County Reads programs?

ARTICLE 9. Shall the Town vote to continue membership in the Windham Regional Commission and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,844 to defray the Town's share of its expense?

ARTICLE 10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 to set aside for potential clean up of the lower level of the Squires property?

ARTICLE 11. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to add to the Bridge fund?

ARTICLE 12. To elect the following officers: Trustees for Public Funds, Grand Jurors(2), Library Trustee, Trustee of Cemetery Funds, Trustees of the Warren Wilder Fund, and Cemetery Commissioners?

ARTICLE 13. Shall the Town collect its taxes through the Treasurer without discount? Interest at 1% per month or fraction thereof will be charged after October 15th.

ARTICLE 14. Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money on notes of the Town in anticipation of taxes and/or current expenses?

ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town vote to allow the use of voting machines to count ballots. (HAVA Federal Law)

ARTICLE 16. Shall the Town vote to exempt from taxation for five (5) years (From 4/1/04-3/31/09) the real estate owned by the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department on the Town Grand List and on the School Grand List. (32VSA, §5404a(c)(1).

ARTICLE 17. Shall the Town vote to exempt from taxation for five (5) years (From 4/1/04-3/31/09) the real estate owned by the Guilford Recreation Club. (32VSA, §3832(7).

ARTICLE 18. Shall the Town vote to exempt from taxation for five (5) years (From 4/1/04-3/31/09) the real estate owned by the Broad Brook Grange No. 151. (32VSA §3840)

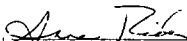
ARTICLE 19. Shall the Town vote to increase the Justices of the Peace from a seven member board to a nine member board.

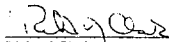
ARTICLE 20. (By Petition) Whereas the rising cost of health insurance is placing an increasingly unsupportable burden on town and school budgets, the voters of the town of Guilford call upon the Selectboard, the Governor and our State Legislators to support and actively work for the creation of a UNIVERSAL AND COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE SYSTEM which is publicly financed and accountable to the citizens of Vermont, and which will reduce costs by eliminating most current administrative expenses?

ARTICLE 21. Shall the Town vote to place all non-binding, advisory only, public questions on an Australian ballot?

ARTICLE 22. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Dated at Guilford this 28th day of January, 2004.


Anne Rider, Chair


Richard Clark

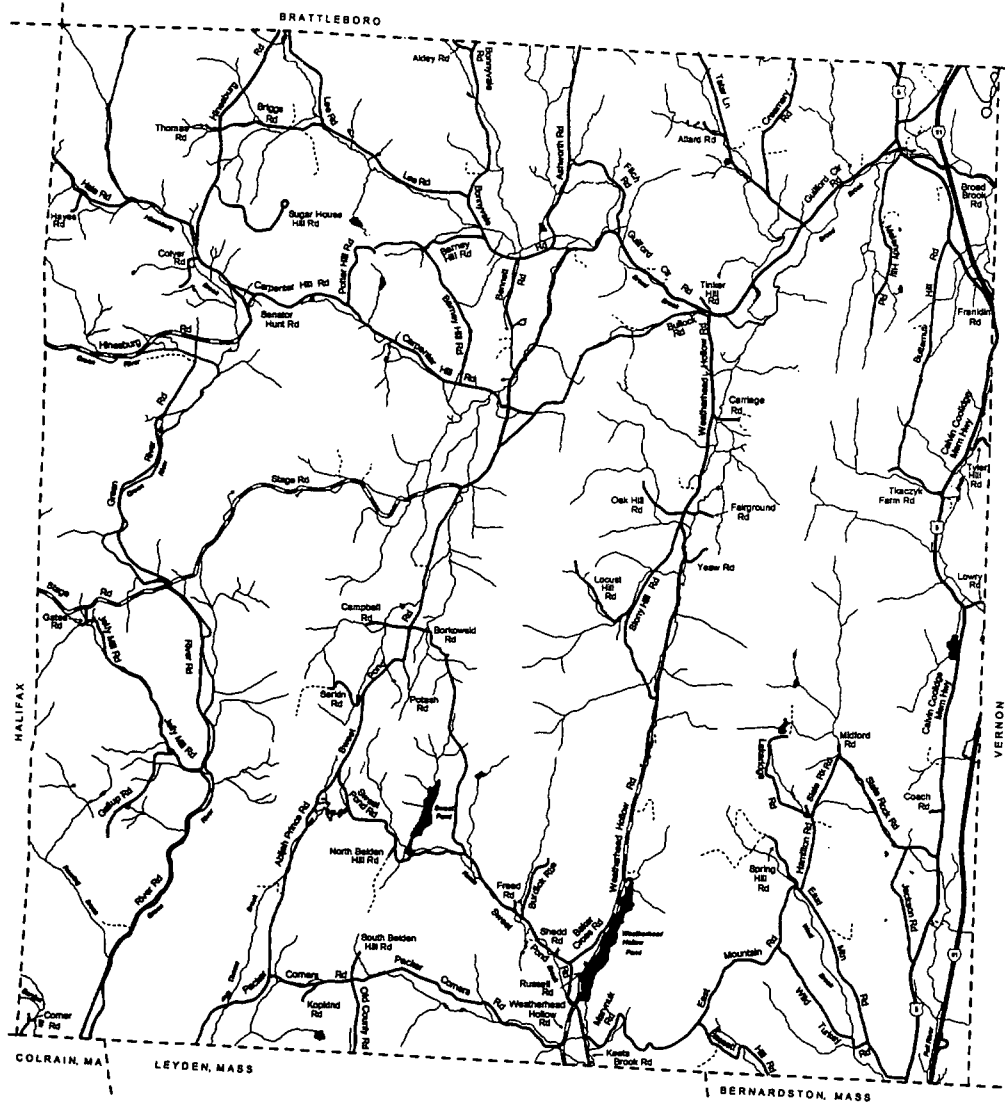

Dennis Franklin

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