

ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF BURKE VERMONT



For the Year Ended
December 31, 2003

Please bring this report to Town Meeting

March 2, 2004

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have examined all accounts of the Town of Burke and to the best of our knowledge the statements and reports, for the year ended December 31, 2003, contained here in are correct.

NOTE: The Town Auditors do not audit the School Financial Reports. They are printed as submitted from the Supervisory Union.

Auditors for the Town of Burke

Jeanne Miles: Jeanne Miles

Gail Weed: Gail Weed

Linda Hackett-Corey: Linda Hackett-Corey

Dated February 7, 2004
Town of Burke

Cover picture— Elmer Burrington and his Oxen; Buck & Brite, Pete & Punk, Turk & Swan, on his farm in East Burke on Route 114. Burke Mountain is in the background before the trails were cut. The Burrington's were early settlers of the Town of Burke.

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TOWN CHARTER GRANTED FEBRUARY 6, 1782

FYI

Pursuant to Federal Regulations 51.55(e)(k)(6) the Town of Burke does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in admission to, or treatment of employment in its programs or activities.

The Burke Board of Selectmen is hereafter-designated Coordinator of Burke's Compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

OFFICE HOURS FOR THE TOWN OFFICES
MONDAY – FRIDAY - 8:00 A.M. 'TIL 4:00 P.M.

The Selectboard meets the first Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Offices – 212 School Street, West Burke. If you wish to be put on the agenda, please call the Town Clerk.

The Zoning Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Offices – 212 School Street, West Burke. If you wish to be put on the agenda, please call.

The Planning Commission meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Offices – 212 School Street, West Burke. If you wish to be put on the agenda, please call.

The Board of Listers – Hours for public viewing of records – Monday – Thursday – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. or by appointment.

The School Board meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the School.

Curbside Rubbish Pickup – The entire Town is picked up on Tuesdays, beginning at 7:00 a.m. Please be sure to have proper stickers visible for the attendants, or they will not pick up your rubbish. Keep rubbish in a proper container so that animals will not get into it.

Recycle Hours – Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 8:00 a.m. until noon. You may not leave any recycable materials without an attendant present.

Bulky Item Drop-Off – Third Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. until Noon, by appointment ONLY. You may not drop off any items without an attendant present. We will not be scheduling this service during the winter months. Household Hazardous Days are scheduled twice a year (Spring & Fall).

Deadline for applying to the checklist is always the second Monday preceding any election until 12:00 p.m.

Population for the Town of Burke 2000.....	1,571
Registered voters as of 12/31/2003.....	1,017
Acres in the Town of Burke	20,320
Latitude	44° 39'
Longitude	71° 59'

Burke Town Roads	Miles
CLASS II	17.46
CLASS III	34.10
CLASS IV	5.64
STATE HIGHWAYS	9.99
Total miles in the Town of Burke	67.19

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TOWN OFFICERS

Town Clerk/Treasurer	Priscilla Aldrich	2006	467-3908
Delinquent Tax Collector	Priscilla Aldrich	2006	
Trustee of Public Funds	Priscilla Aldrich	2006	
Moderator	John Hall	2004	467-3037
Selectmen	Kenneth Sanderson, Jr	2006	626-9622
	Emery Noyes	2005	467-8895
	Michael Harris	2004	467-3706
Auditors	Jeanne Miles	2005	467-8822
	Gail Weed	2006	467-3416
	Linda Hackett-Corey	2004	467-3661
First Constable	J. Paul Gallant	2004	626-3691
Town Grand Jurors	Paul Kane	2004	467-3028
	Barry Hertz	2004	467-3484
Town Agent	Jill Broderick	2004	626-3530
Agent to Convey Real Estate	Selectmen	2004	
Listers	Irene Sawyer	2004	626-9565
	Susan Rowe	2004	467-8565
	Jacquie Tardif	2005	467-1085
School Directors	Linda Carr - Chair	2005	467-3034
	Tony Demasi	2004	467-1295
	Russell Henderson	2004	467-1143
	Merton Leonard	2004	467-3515
	Roland Martin	2005	467-3129

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Assistant Treasurer	Cathi Feeley	626-3889
Office Assistant (part-time)	Muriel Feeley	467-3202
Assistant Town Clerk	Linda Hackett-Corey	467-3661
Health Officer	J. Paul Gallant	2004	626-3691
Planning Commission	Al Duey	2006	467-1266
	Darryel Corrow	2005	626-8429
	Mike Sylce	2006	467-3190
	Dean Shatney	2004	467-8315
	Merton Leonard	2004	467-3515
	Carlos Bean	2004	626-1198
Member/Secretary	Diane French	626-3066

TOWN OFFICERS - APPOINTED OFFICERS (Continued)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

David Tower- Chair	2004.....	626-5231
Tammy Wagner	2004.....	467-3372
Richard Wray	2004.....	467-3291
Norbert Kuk	2004.....	626-0989
Roland Martin	2005.....	467-3129
George Wagner	2005.....	467-1122
Weeza Sanderson	2005.....	626-9622
Linda Hackett-Corey	467-3661

Secretary

Zoning Administrator

Harold Tardif, Jr.	2005.....	467-1085
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Cemetery Sexton

Assistant Cemetery Sexton

Ricky Hackett, Sr.	2004.....	467-8316
Marcia Hackett	2004.....	467-8316

Pound Keeper

Brian Fournier	2004.....	467-8746
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Fence Viewers

Tom Blake	2004.....	467-3349
Ralph Temple	2004.....	626-5954
George Wagner	2004.....	467-1122
J. Paul Gallant	2004.....	626-3691

Tree Warden

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Term Began February 1, 2003

Republicans elected at General Election

Weeza Sanderson	626-9266
Jean Davis	626-5269
Susan Carr.....	626-8608

Democratic elected at General Election

Virginia Elliott.....	626-8625
Joseph Kasprzak	626-5658
Joan Harlow	467-3701
Cathleen Feeley	626-3889

These terms will expire January 31, 2005

FEDERAL AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES

State Governor

James Douglas

U.S. Senators

Patrick J. Leahy & James M. Jeffords

Representative to Congress

Bernie Sanders

State Senators

Julius Canns & Robert Ide - St. Johnsbury

Caledonia-Essex District Representatives

Cola Hudson.....	Lyndon
Howard Crawford.....	Burke

**TOWN OF BURKE
WARNING
TOWN MEETING – 2004**

The legal voters of the Town of Burke are hereby warned and notified to meet Monday, March 1, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. (or immediately following the School District Meeting) in the Town Hall, 3293 Burke Hollow Road, for an informational meeting to discuss articles to be voted on by Australian ballot on March 2, 2004.

The legal voters of the Town of Burke are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall, 3293 Burke Hollow Road, in said Town on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 9:00 A.M. to transact the following business:

Australian Ballot - Articles 4 - 20. Polls will be open Tuesday, March 2, 2004 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

**TOWN OF BURKE DISTRICT MEETING
March 2, 2004**

- Article 1. Shall the voters of Burke accept the Town Report?**
- Article 2. Shall the voters of Burke authorize the Selectmen to have all taxes paid into the Treasury as provided by law and if so to establish Friday, October 15, 2004 by 4:00 p.m. as the due date?**
- Article 3. Shall the voters of Burke vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of revenues?**
- Article 4. To elect all necessary Town Officers as required by law? (Australian Ballot)**
- ☐ **Town Moderator**
 - ☐ **Selectman**
 - ☐ **Lister**
 - ☐ **Auditor**
 - ☐ **Constable**
 - ☐ **Town Grand Jurors**
 - ☐ **Town Agent**
 - ☐ **Agent To Convey Real Estate**

- Article 5.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to accept the proposed 2004 Town budget of \$737,978.75 for the ensuing year to meet the expenses and liabilities of the town and to authorize the Selectmen to set a tax rate to provide the same? (Australian Ballot)
- Article 6.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer the 2003 surplus of \$19,842.68 to the Town Equipment Replacement Fund? (Australian Ballot)
- Article 7.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to the East Burke Volunteer Fire Brigade? (Australian Ballot)
- Article 8.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 to the West Burke Volunteer Fire Department? (Australian Ballot)
- Article 9.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$23,919.00 to Lyndon Rescue, Inc.? (Australian Ballot)
- Article 10.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to help support the services of Catamount Arts? (Australian Ballot)
- Article 11.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$600.00 to the Cobleigh Public Library to help continue the library's many free programs and services for all area towns? (Australian Ballot)
- Article 12.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to the East Burke Community Library to help purchase new books for the library? (Australian Ballot)
- Article 13.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$840.00 for the operation of the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium during the ensuing year, in exchange for free unlimited general admission to the Museum for all Burke Residents? (Australian Ballot)
- Article 14.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to Lyndon Area Senior Action Center, Inc.? (Australian Ballot)
- Article 15.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,650.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.? (Australian Ballot)
- Article 16.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.? (Australian Ballot)
- Article 17.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Youth Services? (Australian Ballot)

- Article 18. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$659.82 to the Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) for planning, development, promoting and publicizing the resources of Caledonia, Essex and Orleans counties in cooperation with other towns in the three counties? (Australian Ballot)
- Article 19. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to the Pilgrim Manor Meal Site and Senior Center to help in the purchase of food, gatherings for the senior citizens, upkeep on appliances, and whatever needed to expand the use of the facility? (Australian Ballot)
- Article 20. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$800.00 to the Vermont Leadership Center? (Australian Ballot)
- Article 21. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Selectmen for the Town of Burke

Kenneth Sanderson, Jr. Ken Sanderson

Michael Harris Michael Harris

Emery Noyes Emery Noyes

Dated at Burke, Vermont this 30th day of January, 2004

Attest: Priscilla Aldrich, cve, cvt
Priscilla Aldrich, Town Clerk and Treasurer



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SELECTMEN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2003



The following are the many accomplishments that have occurred during 2003:

We made some changes and renovations in the Town Clerks Office. We put new carpet in the meeting room.

We paved Depot Street in West Burke Village and repaved Sugarhouse Road from Burke Hollow up towards Newark Street. We also paved a portion of the schoolyard.

We received a grant for an engineering study on the bridge in West Burke by the fire station. That bridge will need either a lot of repair or replacement soon.

We put up gates that can be locked at Hillside Cemetery and the town garage yard. We have had vehicles up in the cemetery after dark that have caused some damage. We have had gravestones tipped over, the grass has been torn up by vehicles spinning around. The flag has been taken off the pole and thrown on the ground. A bonfire was set on a plastic tarp and killed some of the grass. In the town garage yard we have had quite a few different pieces of old furniture, garbage, tires and other things left when no one is there. A vehicle was spinning circles in the garage yard and broke a window on the garbage truck. It's too bad we have to put up and lock gates but it seems that is how it is. We will try to keep the cemetery open all daylight hours. We plan on leaving the gate at the town garage open in bad weather for the residents who need sand or salt for their driveway. If anyone has any problem with access please let the Town Clerk, Road Foreman, Cemetery Sextons or the Selectmen know and we will help however we can.

Carlos Bean is looking after the park in East Burke and as anyone can tell he is doing a good job. The park is always well kept. One reason we make mention of this is that Carlos planted nine maple trees along the north side of the park. He dug these trees up on his own land, dug the holes and moved them by himself. He didn't want any pay for the trees or the time it took. The board felt that we should at least pay something towards the trees but Carlos told us he and Betty wouldn't take anything. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their donation and Carlos for the time and care he puts into the park.

We had eight "Bulky Days" this year. Every one of them was quite busy. We shipped 39.85 tons of bulky day waste. Of this total, one load was mostly used and broken skis from the Burke ski swap program. This year we shipped 356.14 tons of household waste to the landfill.

We had access to a hazardous waste day in Coventry at the landfill and we had one just for Burke residents in West Burke. We have received a grant for \$485.00 toward our hazardous waste program. In 2004 we are planning on having our own hazardous waste building. This should save us money plus give Burke residents more access to hazardous programs and recycling.

We purchased a 12-foot cargo trailer to park at the school and make it easier for the school to recycle. When it is loaded we pull it over to the recycling building and unload it.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2003
(Continued)



We sponsored classes by the Vermont Association of Recyclers in the graded school. These classes with actors and props were to help the students learn more about burn barrels and protecting the air we breathe. The children learned more about how to recycle and reduce waste. We had a poster contest about burn barrels. The winning posters are in the recycling building for everyone to see. The town donated four composters to give as prizes to the winners of the poster contest.

Our recycling building is staying busy. We put the addition on this fall. We have an information rack with all kinds of pamphlets about recycling, composting, reuse and reducing waste. We received a grant from the Vermont Solid Waste Program for \$7,662.21 to help with the building and equipment.

In 2003 we collected a total of 96.24 tons of recyclables. We have shipped three trailer loads of baled recycled product totaling 66.24 tons. We are grinding all the glass that we get in. This year we ground up 15.97 tons of glass. This can be used for fill in certain cases and it saves a lot of weight from the landfill.

We accept used motor oil and used cooking oil for both the town garage and the recycling building. We use the oil to run our waste oil furnaces. We accept automobile batteries and used oil at all bulky days and at the recycling building. We have shipped 32.85 tons of scrap metal plus 7.08 tons of tin cans. We have contributed an estimated 2,600 lbs. of returnable for deposit bottles and cans to various organizations in town. We don't keep track of the dollar amount of the returnable containers; we just weigh the bags before they are picked up. We collect labels and box tops for education. We collect greeting cards and send them to St Jude's for children. We have started to collect good usable children's clothes. These are given out by the clothing and boot fund to needy families. We have composters for sale at the recycling building. We collect rechargeable batteries and fluorescent bulbs for recycling. We collect packing peanuts and bubble wrap for re-use. We are using one section of our recycling building to store reusable items. Anyone can drop off something that they think is too good to just throw away and could be of some use to someone else. We feel there is a need for a place people can drop off items that that could be useful to someone else. This would save useful items from being scrapped and sent to the landfill.

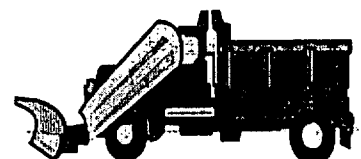
The body on the garbage truck was sandblasted and painted. We added decals of the little skunk "Pepe Le Pew" to make it run better.

Our selectboard meetings are the first Monday of each month. There is usually something interesting going on. We invite people to attend if you have any questions; suggestions or maybe you are just interested in what is going on. Our meetings are where we decide what bridges to repair, roads to work on and all the other decisions that are needed in town business. Public participation is always welcome and is really needed if your elected officials are to keep town affairs going as town residents would like.

It has been another interesting year. Thank you for your support

Burke Board of Selectmen

Mike Harris, Chairman
Emery Noyes
Kenneth Sanderson, Jr. (Sam)





MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

For the year which ended December 31, 2003

Highlights from the Town Office for the year 2003 are as follows:

We seem to get busier and busier each year as you will see by some of the stats that we have shown below. Most are increases over the previous year.

This year we recorded 3,458 pages in the land records. This is an increase of 26% or 685 pages over last year. There still seems to be a lot of refinancing going on as people are taking advantage of the low interest rates. The mortgage deeds that we are required to record in our land records are at least 8 to 16 pages, some even more. This takes up a lot of room in our land records. Our land records are in pretty good shape. We continue to have a couple of volumes restored each year. The vital records are also being restored.

Twenty five marriage licenses were issued this year. There were 17 births and 9 deaths also recorded in our vital records.

We get a tremendous number of phone calls everyday covering just about everything you could imagine. Just for the fun of it we decided to log them everyday. As it turns out we logged 6,659 phone calls in 2003. This is an increase of 117 calls from 2002.

We registered 405 dogs in 2003. There were several dogs still unregistered at the end of the year. These dogs will still have to be registered for 2003 along with 2004. There will be a rabies clinic Saturday, March 6, 2004 at the Burke Town Hall, 3293 Burke Hollow Road from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. This is a perfect opportunity to get your dogs vaccinated and registered at the same time. There will be staff from our office there to register your dogs for you. The deadline for registering your dogs is April 1. After that there will be a penalty applied. We must have a valid rabies certificate and spayed or neutered papers on file at the Town Clerk's Office prior to registration. The fee for spayed or neutered dogs prior to April 1 is \$5.00, non-spayed or neutered is \$9.00, and after April 1 the fees are \$7.50 and \$13.50 respectively. After May 1, the fees double to \$10.00 and \$18.00 respectively. Please remember that there is a dog ordinance which we do enforce. Please stop by the office to pickup a current copy. All owners must keep their dogs under control at all times.

If you are planning on bringing your dogs or cats to the Rabies Clinic, please have your dogs on a leash and your cats in a carrier as requested by the Vet.

We are still continuing to offer vehicle renewals. This is a service that is greatly appreciated by those of us who lead busy lives and just forget to send in our registrations on time.



Message From the Town Clerk's Office - Continued

We can renew a vehicle registration that has expired up to sixty days. We can only renew from a State generated renewal form. We do not accept cash for this service, checks or money orders only, made out to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for the amount of the registration. There is a three-dollar processing fee, which the Town gets to keep. This year we renewed 308 vehicles. This is an income of \$924. Fees like these, for the little extra work that we perform, help to pay for approximately 65% of our office expenses, reducing the amount required from property taxes.

We have had two new additions to the Town Clerk's office this year. The Board of listers have had two resignations and we gained two very competent new listers. Many of you already know Irene Sawyer who had been chairman of the Planning Commission for many years. Irene is extremely knowledgeable of the Town. The other new lister is Susan Rowe. Susan has been in the area for awhile. Susan was Business Manager at Burke Mt. Academy. She has an extensive background in accounting and is also familiar with the Marshall Swift program which is a program listers use in assessing property. Both Susan and Irene bring a wealth of knowledge to the Board of Listers and we would like to welcome them to the Burke Town Office.

The Lister's files are available Monday thru Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Continuing Education in the Clerk's office is a big concern of mine. I am still on the Continuing Education Committee for the Vermont Clerk's and Treasurers Association. I learn so much from this committee and also from the workshops that we put on. I feel that I can run my office more efficiently. This year I had the honor of being appointed to the Executive Board of the Vermont Clerk's and Treasurer's Association.

The Town Clerk's office moved from the north side of the building to the south side which has a nice southern exposure. It also has more space. The meeting room is where the Town Clerk's Office used to be. This has worked out well for all. The lawyers and title searchers have more work space outside the vault now which they really appreciate because it could get pretty crowded when 3 or 4 people came to search at the same time.

We are looking forward to another great year and hope to continue to learn and improve as we go along. If anyone has any questions or suggestions, please feel free to stop by the office or give us a call at 467-3717 and we will be glad to help if we can. Time seems to go by very quickly here, maybe having a nice facility to work in and nice people to work with has something to do with it.

Thank you for all your help and support.

Priscilla Aldrich, CVC, CVT

Cathi Feeley, Assistant Treasurer

Linda Hackett-Corey, Assistant Town Clerk

Muriel Feeley, Administrative Assistant





VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

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

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

- Advocacy representation before the State legislature, administration and judiciary, ensuring that municipalities have the resources and authority to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education and in securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs.
- Training, technical assistance and publications to strengthen the ability of municipal officials to serve their communities. In the past year, we have responded to almost 50,000 telephone calls, 21,200 of them from local officials on the toll-free telephone line available to them. Our Municipal Assistance Center and Group Services staffs provided over 750 workshops and small group training sessions attended by over 4,000 municipal officials and answered over 2,300 legal questions posed by municipal officials. VLCT distributed over 575 copies of local government publications and distributed over 3,200 hard copies or electronic mail versions of VLCT's *Weekly Legislative Report* to municipal officials each week during the legislative session.
- Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost. These include an array of municipal insurance programs, among many others. Examples of how this saves local taxpayers dollars are the securing of municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT, Health Trust represents the most affordable option available to provide health insurance to your employees. The value of VLCT PACIF to all our members was made painfully clear last year when the major re-insurer for the largest private sector option available for municipal property and casualty insurance was declared insolvent by the State of Pennsylvania, threatening the payment of claims made under those policies.

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

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

Who's Who in Local Government

A Publication of the Office of the Secretary of State
January 2004

President Teddy Roosevelt said, almost a century ago that *"Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."* When he included these words in his speech at the State Fair in Syracuse, New York in 1903 he could have been speaking of Vermont's many hardworking local officials. Nearly 5000 municipal officials in our 237 towns, nine cities and 45 villages, devote their free time to everything from hearing zoning disputes and writing land use plans to assessing the value of property in the town and collecting delinquent taxes. They serve for the chance to "work hard at work worth doing." Without them, our communities would not function and our system of self government would come to a standstill.

Serving in local office is a great way to give something back to your community. So why don't you take a turn? Here are the offices you can choose from:

The Following Officials Are Elected At Town Meeting:

MODERATOR - Runs the Annual and Special Town/School Meeting. Should have a good sense of humor, be good at group process, and have experience following Roberts Rules of Order.

TOWN CLERK - Records, preserves and certifies the public records of the town, issues dog, marriage, civil union and hunting and fishing licenses and motor vehicle renewals. Runs the local elections, serves as clerk of the Board of Civil Authority, and hears tax abatement requests and tax appeals. Should have the patience of a saint and be a good ambassador for the town.

TOWN TREASURER - Keeps the town and school's accounts (unless a separate school treasurer is elected), invests money (with the approval of the legislative body,) keeps a record of the taxes voted and pays orders drawn on him or her. Should be very precise, detail oriented and good at math.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR - Hired by the selectboard, the town administrator, sometimes called the administrative assistant to the selectboard, assists the selectboard in managing the business of the town. The town administrator has no independent statutory authority. The scope of his or her duties is determined by the selectboard.

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS - General supervision and control over town, enacts ordinances, regulations and policies for town, oversees town property and personnel, prepares, presents and manages budget, oversees roads, including laying out, discontinuing and reclassifying roads, sits as local board of health, liquor control commission and sewer commission. Should know the town well, be able to understand all sides of complex issues, and have very thick skin.

Who's Who in Local Government (Continued)

LISTERS - Appraise property within the town for the purpose of property tax assessment. Should be able to be polite, yet firm, and not oversensitive to criticism.

AUDITOR - Review and audit all town accounts and prepare the annual town report. Should be very detail oriented. Good, clear writers are a plus.

CONSTABLE - In some towns the constable is the town's local law enforcement officer, with all powers of search, seizure and arrest within the town. In other towns the constable only has the power to serve civil process, assist the health officer in the discharge of his or her duties, destroy unlicensed dogs, kill injured deer, remove disorderly people from town meeting, and, if the First Constable, to collect taxes, if no tax collector is elected. Should be good at de-escalating and resolving conflicts.

COLLECTOR OF CURRENT TAXES - Collects the taxes for the town. In many towns this function is performed by the Treasurer or Town Manager. Should be detail oriented and good with numbers.

COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES - Collects delinquent taxes for the town. Should be good with numbers and also able to work with people who are in difficult circumstances. Should also have thick skin.

GRAND JUROR - Helps to prosecute criminal offenses that occur in the town by giving information to state and local law enforcement. (Generally not a very active position.)

TOWN AGENT - The town agent used to prosecute and defend suits. The selectboard now have that authority. Thus, the Town Agent's duty consists merely of assisting when litigation is in progress at the request of the selectboard. (Generally not a very active position.)

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS - Manages, invests and reports on real and personal property held in trust by the town. This includes cemetery trust funds. Should like investing money.

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC MONEY - Oversees "United States Public Money" received under the Act of 1836 held by the town. (It is unlikely any Vermont town still has these funds.)

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER - Responsible for the care and management of the town's cemeteries. If no cemetery commissioners are elected the Selectboard fulfills this role.

PATROLMEN - Patrols town highways under the direction of the selectboard - if the town so orders. (Generally not an active position.)

Who's Who in Local Government (Continued)

ROAD COMMISSIONERS - Can be elected or appointed. Has no independent authority, but can assist the selectboard in overseeing town highways at the request of the board. Should have experience with town highways and be a good communicator.

WATER COMMISSIONERS - Water commissioners supervise the town's water department by establishing water rates and all the rules and regulations for the control and operation of the department. Should be a good manager and detail oriented.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS - Appointed unless town votes to elect. Duties include preparing a municipal plan, making recommendations on matters of land development, conservation, and preservation, and to participate in a regional planning program. Makes site plan and subdivision permit decisions unless there is a Development Review Board in town. Should have a good working knowledge of all aspects of the town and be able to listen to many sides of an issue.

The Following Local Officials are Appointed by the Legislative Body:

MUNICIPAL MANAGER - If the manager system has been adopted by the electorate, the town manager is the official administrator of the local government and general supervisor of the affairs of the town.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR Appointed by the planning commission with the approval of the selectboard. Approves or denies applications for zoning permits. Administers the municipal bylaws literally. Enforces regulations pertaining to the zoning ordinance.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT or development review board members – Holds hearings and makes decisions on land use permit applications and appeals from decisions of the zoning administrator.

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE - Helps develop the regional plan and assess municipal land use plans.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS - Inventory, natural resources of a community and purchases and administers municipal lands for the purpose of conservation.

HEALTH OFFICER - Appointed by the Commissioner of Health to a 3-year term after recommendation by the town selectboard. Enforces the rules and regulations for the prevention and abatement of public health hazards.

Who's Who in Local Government (Continued)

TOWN SERVICES OFFICER - Appointed on or before April 15th of each year. Assists individuals within the town who require emergency food, fuel or shelter assistance when the Vermont Department of Social Welfare is not available.

PATROLMEN - Patrols town highways under the direction of the selectboard - if the town so orders. (Generally not an active position.)

AGENT TO CONVEY REAL ESTATE - Executes the deeds on behalf of the town.

POUNDKEEPER - Cares for the animals that are impounded within the town.

TOWN ENERGY COORDINATOR - Responsible for developing the town energy plan and conducting the town energy audit.

TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN - Appointed by the fire commissioner with the approval of the selectboard. Prevents forest fires in the town by enforcing the laws designed to prevent forest fires. Chairperson for Civil Defense - responsible for the organization, administration and operation of the local committee that is formed for emergency management in the town or city. The emergency management chairperson is under the direct control of the selectboard but may coordinate his or her emergency management efforts with neighboring towns and cities and with the state emergency management division, and with the federal government.

BUILDING INSPECTOR AND DEPUTY INSPECTOR - Appointed only in towns that have adopted a building code. Performs inspections and enforces the local building code.

FENCE VIEWERS - Three viewers are appointed by the selectboard each year. When called up they examine fences and other boundaries within the town.

INSPECTORS OF LUMBER - Appointed upon request to examine, measure, and classify the quality of lumber, shingles and wood sold within the town.

WEIGHERS OF COAL - Serves as a referee over weights of contested loads of coal.

INSPECTOR OF WIRING - Inspects electrical wiring in buildings on request of the selectboard.

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WARNING

APRIL 1st IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER
YOUR DOGS



2004 RABIES CLINIC

MARCH 6, 2004—BURKE TOWN HALL—UPSTAIRS

11:30 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

Rabies \$10 - Distemper \$10



PLEASE BE SURE TO HAVE ALL DOGS ON A LEASH
AND CATS IN CARRIERS

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE
THE TOWN OFFICE STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE TO REGISTER
YOUR DOGS AT THIS CLINIC

THE BURKE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE WILL BE OPEN SATURDAY, MARCH 27,
2004 FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. PLEASE BE SURE
THAT YOU HAVE A CURRENT RABIES CERTIFICATE.



ANIMAL LICENSE FEES PRIOR TO APRIL 1



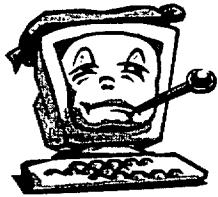
DOGS WHO ARE SPAYED OR NEUTERED	\$ 5.00
DOGS WHO ARE NOT SPAYED OR NEUTERED	\$ 9.00

ANIMAL LICENSE FEES AFTER APRIL 1

DOGS WHO ARE SPAYED OR NEUTERED	\$ 7.50
DOGS WHO ARE NOT SPAYED OR NEUTERED	\$13.50

ANIMAL LICENSE FEES AFTER MAY 1

DOGS WHO ARE SPAYED OR NEUTERED	\$10.00
DOGS WHO ARE NOT SPAYED OR NEUTERED	\$18.00



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SERVICES OFFERED BY THE TOWN OF BURKE

The following is a list of services provided to the taxpayers and residents of the Town of Burke. If there is something that is not listed and you want to know about it please contact the Town Clerk's Office.

Rubbish Removal Curbside pickup each Tuesday morning beginning at 7:00 a.m. You are required to have an orange "B" sticker on your rubbish bags or to use a yellow 33 gallon "B" rubbish bag. These are sold in the area stores (East Burke Market, Bailey's and Burke in East Burke, Mike's Redemption, West Burke Quick Stop, Aldrich's General Store and The Town Clerk's Office in West Burke). The bags and the stickers are \$1.50 each.

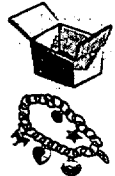


Recycling Center The Recycling Center is located at 212 School Street behind the Town Clerk's Office. The hours are Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon. The following materials are accepted:

#1 and #2 plastics, mixed paper, boxboard, corrugated cardboard, newspaper, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, Aluminum cans, Tin Cans, tinfoil pie plates, glass of all colors, bubble wrap, packing peanuts and air packs.



Computers and microwave ovens are accepted for a fee of \$.18/lb.



Fund Raisers

Box tops and Campbell's labels are collected for education.
Returnable bottles and cans are collected and given to various groups as fund raisers.
We also collect all Occasion Cards, used eyeglasses and costume jewelry

You may bring good reusable items to put in our "FREE SHOP" corner



If someone needs something specific collected and saved, we try to accommodate them.

Composters — available for sale for \$30 each

Bulky Waste Day — Held every third Saturday of each month, from April to October, to give everyone the opportunity to get rid of big items such as beds, furniture, TV's, yard stuff, metal and used oil. You must get an authorization slip from the Town Clerk's office. You are allowed to bring up to one pickup load of bulky items. In addition to used oil, the town also accepts car batteries, rechargeable batteries, batteries from battery-operated tools, and florescent light bulbs. There is a \$25 charge for refrigerators and freezers and a \$3 charge for each tire.



Haz-Mat Day - Household hazardous waste is accepted twice a year. In the Spring we join with other area towns in taking our HHW to Coventry. In the Fall we have a Haz-Mat Day at the Town Garage off, School Street. We are in hopes of having our own Haz-Mat Facility in Burke this coming year—2004



DMV- Motor vehicle renewals The Town Clerk's Office renews vehicle registrations for a processing fee of \$3.00. You must have your current renewal form generated from the State of VT.



Notary Public—There are three Notary Publics in the Town Office who can notarize your very important documents. This service is free to the public.





A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FRIENDLY RUBBISH ATTENDANTS

SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE YOUR CURBSIDE RUBBISH PICKUP SERVICE RUN MORE SMOOTHLY

WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT EVERYONE GET A 30 GALLON CONTAINER WHO DOES NOT ALREADY HAVE ONE AND PUT ONE STICKER ON THE TOP BAG—THIS WILL PREVENT SOME PEOPLE FROM USING TOO MANY STICKERS AND HELP WITH THE ONES WHO DO NOT USE ENOUGH.

- ** Please make your rubbish containers visible to the Rubbish Truck driver from both directions

Use containers no larger than 30 gallons. Please do not use 55-gallon drums to put your trash bags in. It makes it very hard to get the bags out.
- ** Try to be considerate about the weight of each bag. You may put more than one bag in a thirty-gallon container and place a "B" sticker on the top bag. If bags are not placed in a 30-gallon container each bag must display a "B" sticker visible to the driver. Any bags without the stickers will not be picked up. Bags that are too heavy for the workers will be left to be rebagged for next week. You can buy your "B" stickers and "B" bags at any of the stores in both East Burke and West Burke and also at the Town Clerk's Office.
- *** Do not put out tires, fluorescent bulbs or metal at curbside. We will take these items at the bulky days during the summer.
- *** If you have any problems, questions or suggestions, please feel free to call the Town Clerk's Office at 467-3717.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Tom Rexford, Jim Hinman and Roxie MacDonald





MESSAGE FROM THE RECYCLING CENTER

The recycling center in Burke has had a good year. The tonnage of recyclables is up from last year. We received a twelve hundred dollar (\$1,200) grant for educating our community on the hazards of barrel burning. A new addition has been built onto our existing building for extra storage.

The swap shop or reuse shop is up & running with much success. We are taking in more items, such as, packing peanuts, bubble pack, cell phones, eye glasses and costume jewelry. Some of the cardboard and newspaper has even been used by a local business to use for shipping of their products.

Just to let you know a few facts on what your recyclables are made into once they leave our building:

- Paper goes into the making of boxboard, notebook coverings, and more paper;
- Cereal boxes go into the middle of board games;
- Cardboard goes into more cardboard;
- Plastics make fill for sleeping bags, it also goes into making carpet and making new paint containers.

Remember before you throw something into the trash, it costs you \$1.50 per bag and it costs the town \$72 per ton to deposit it in the landfill. If you recycle your mixed paper, cardboard, plastics, aluminum, it brings money into the town. Did you know that recycling one ton of paper can save seventeen trees for the future generations.

We have several composters available for sale for \$30.00 each.

I would like to thank the people of Burke for their financial support and dedication to the recycling program. Any suggestions to make it better are welcome. The recycle center is always willing to help the community collect items for art, gardening, business projects, etc. Anything to help prevent items from going into the landfill is our goal.

Recycling Hours

Wednesday	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Thursday	4 p.m.- 6 p.m. (For businesses ie.—Stores, Restaurants. Etc.)
Saturday	8 p.m. – 12 p.m.



Thanks again

Roxie MacDonald, Attendant

BREAKDOWN OF RECYCLING CATEGORIES

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
1	MAINE PACK – Newspapers, with inserts, telephone books, magazines, catalogues.
2	<p>NORTH SHORE MIX – Junk mail, mixed office paper, classroom paper, box board, fax paper, single layer cardboard, gift wrap, egg cartons, shredded paper, Any color is fine. No containers that have direct contact with food will be taken such as donut boxes and most pizza boxes and waxed containers such as Chinese take-out.</p> <p>Please open junk mail to take out any contaminants. Also, please rip off anything that has been contaminated with food and throw away.</p>
3	<p>OLD CORRUGATED CONTAINERS – brown corrugated cardboard. Staples are OK, tape is OK, please remove the plastic shipping list. Kraft paper bags are OK. No Duct Tape.</p> <p><u>UNACCEPTABLE MATERIAL</u> – Foil containing juice boxes, blueprint paper, carbon paper, waxed or polycoated boxes, gable-top dairy container, food contaminated paper, tissue and paper towels, rubber bands, string, metal or plastic bindings, no books, no ribbon.</p>
4	GLASS – All colors together
5	<p>#1 PETE PLASTIC – Clear and green</p> <p>Brown, blue, or tinted pete containers are not accepted. Also no automotive, animal care, lawn and garden or medical product containers.</p>
6	#2 HDPE PLASTIC NATURAL – Natural milk containers and water bottles only. Oil containers and hazardous product containers not acceptable.
7	<p>#2 HDPE PLASTIC COLOR – Household detergent and personal care bottles. Hood light block milk jugs also go in this group. Also acceptable are Welch's frozen concentrate plastic bottles labeled #2.</p> <p>Oil containers and hazardous product containers not acceptable.</p> <p>The rule of thumb when dealing with HDPE, bottles will have side seams and necks that are narrower than the base.</p> <p>All containers must be empty, clean, and without lids.</p>
8	ALUMINUM – Cans that can be crushed easily such as V-8, soda, etc.
9	TIN CANS – Pie Plates, Aluminum foil, wire coat hangers.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

The Town of Burke with Special Assistance from Heritage Environmental Services of Williston, Vermont sponsors two Household Hazardous Waste Collections Days per year to comply with our "State Plan". One is offered in the spring and another in the fall. Please look for dates and times to be announced at a later time.

WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY?

Household Hazardous Waste is any discarded household material that can be classified as toxic, corrosive, flammable, or reactive/explosive. *Paint, *Acids/bases, *Hobby Chemicals, *Pesticides, *Cleaning Products, *Batteries, *Thinners/strippers.

There may be both short-term and long-term harmful effects to humans and the environment from improper use and disposal of household hazardous waste.

To protect human health and the environment, the Town of Burke is sponsoring this one-day collection event two times per year.

Residents can bring unwanted household hazardous wastes to the Town Garage off 212 School Street in West Burke at times to be announced. Staff from a licensed hazardous waste disposal firm will package and transport the waste to an approved disposal facility. There will be no charge to Town residents wishing to participate in this event. Please refer to the list of acceptable and unacceptable materials when preparing for this event.

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?

Residents of the Town of Burke only. These special days are designed for collection of household generated materials only. Business waste will not be accepted during the hours of collection without prior arrangement. There will be a charge for accepting business waste. Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 467-3717 for more information.

We are sorry, but due to the cost of offering this event, we must limit participation to Town of Burke only. Please follow these instructions:

**** Keep all products in their original containers with labels intact.**

**** Place individual containers in sturdy cardboard boxes for transportation to the collection event. You may want to use newspaper or cardboard to keep items from tipping or hitting each other during transportation. Make sure all lids are on tight.**

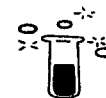
**** Wrap leaking containers in newspapers and place in clear plastic bags. Make sure lids are tight.**

**** Do not mix any chemicals or pesticides together. Place any chemicals that might react with each other in separate areas of the vehicle.**

**** Do not leave products in hot, unventilated vehicles for an extended period of time.**

**** Do not smoke near any chemical products. Smoking and eating are prohibited on site.**

**** Participants are discouraged from bringing small children or pets to the collection event. Neither may leave the vehicle once on site.**



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (Continued)

****Please be patient. There may be a waiting line.**

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

Acids	Mothballs or Flakes
Adhesives	Motor Oil
Aerosols	Muriatic Acid
Antifreeze	Nail Polish
Asbestos Materials	Nail Polish Removers
Auto Batteries	No-Pest Strips
Boric Acid	Oven Cleaners
Brake Fluids	Paints – Latex or Oil-Based
Cements	Paint Removers
Charcoal Lighters	Paint Thinners
Chlorine	PCB's
Cleaning Fluid	Pentachlorophenol
Corn and Wart Removers	Permanent Solutions
Degreasers	Pesticides
Dioxin Insect Pesticides	Photo Chemicals
Disinfectants	Pool Chemicals
Drain Cleaners	Pressurized Tanks
Dry Gas	& Gas Cylinders
Epoxies	Rat Poisons
Dyes	Rug & Upholstery Cleaners
Fiberglass Resins	Rust Solvents
Flea collars and Powders	Solvents
Fluorescent Tubes	Spot Removers
Furniture Strippers	Toilet Bowl cleaners
Hair Removers	Tub & Tile cleaners
Herbicides	Turpentine
Inks	Varnish
Insecticides	Weed Killers
Insect Repellents	Wood Polishers
Lacquers	Wood Preservatives
Lubricants	Wood Stains

WASTES THAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

- >>>> Explosives; shock-sensitive materials and water/air reactive materials (Dynamite, ammunition)**
- >>>> Pathological Wastes; Infectious Wastes (disease-causing organisms); Medicines (medical wastes)**
- >>>> Radioactive Wastes (including smoke detectors)**

LATEX PAINT CANS CAN BE DRIED AND PUT IN WITH YOUR REGULAR CURBSIDE RUBBISH PICKUP

THE TOWN RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY MATERIAL WHICH IS NOT DEEMED ACCEPTABLE BY THE MANAGING CHEMIST ON SITE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU MAY CONTACT:

Priscilla Aldrich, Burke Town Clerk
Sam Sanderson, Selectman
Emery Noyes, Selectman
Mike Harris, Selectman

467-3717 - Days
626-9622 - Evenings
467-8895 - Evenings
467-3706 - Evenings

FROM THE BOARD OF LISTERS 2003

Our office has gone through many changes this past year. Listers Rick Libera, who had served for four years, and Byron Calkins, who had served for three years, both resigned during the year. We thank them for their service and wish them well. Irene Sawyer and Susan Rowe were appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill the vacancies until elections are held at Town Meeting. Irene and Susan come from diverse backgrounds, but share the goal of treating all properties fairly and equally.

We are currently checking all Listers' files to be certain that they are complete and accurate. In February and March, we will be sending out letters to the property owners that need a site visit or other updates. We appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

There were 156 property transfers this year compared to 129 the previous year. Property in Burke is selling at up to 160% above the listed value, which is indicative of the need for the upcoming Town wide reappraisal. We mailed out RFP (Requests for Proposals) to all state approved appraisal firms. The Board of Selectmen will review any bids that the town office receives and award the contract. We assessed 13 new homes, 10 new garages, 3 mobile homes, 4 additions, 1 new barn, 14 new sheds and 1 new camp.

The State has mandated many changes to implement the ACT 68 for the year 2004. The State must receive your Homestead Declaration by April 15, 2004. All town residents must file a "Declaration of Vermont Homestead" (HS-131) by April 15, 2004. Please read the form carefully as it explains many of the changes. We would like to emphasize that you must live in that dwelling as of April 1. More changes are being proposed as implementation of Act 68 nears.

Breakdown of Assessed Values from the Town of Burke 2003 Grand List

1123 Parcels Total Listed Values \$ 94,077,196

Property Classification

	Residential	Manufat Housing	Vacation	Commercial	Utility	Farm	Condos	Woodland, Misc. & Land
# Of Parcels	523	64	97	44	6	4	159	226
% of Parcels	46.6%	5.7%	8.6%	3.9%	.5%	.4%	14.2%	20.1%
% of Assessed Value	57.7%	2.8%	9.5%	7.3%	3.5%	7%	11.6%	6.9%

If you have any questions regarding your property or assessment, please feel to contact any one of the Listers Monday - Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

THE BURKE BOARD OF LISTERS

SUSAN ROWE

IRENE SAWYER

JACQUELINE TARDIF



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Notes



BURKE PLANNING COMMISSION

2003 Accomplishments

It was a busy, exciting year for the Planning Commission. We dealt with subdivisions, alternative energy issues and started the process of revising the Burke Town Plan. We had significant citizen support and participation, which we hope will continue!

The Burke Town Plan: The Planning Commission initiated a project to revise the Town Plan. All the expenses associated with this project are covered by a grant that the Planning Commission applied for and received. The project started with a review and critique of the current town plan and a compiled a list of recommended changes, issues, and topics to address. In order to learn what planning issues were important to Burke citizens and property owners we created a "Burke Citizen Public Survey" questionnaire that was mailed in September. We mailed over 1,600 questionnaires and received 500 responses. This was an excellent response rate for this type of survey and the citizens of Burke are to be commended for taking the time to record their opinions. Survey respondents also provided many additional and valuable comments, which will help the Planning Commission understand the most important issues in the town. The survey responses have been tabulated and a report will be prepared. The goal of the Planning Commission for 2004 is to create a draft of a revised town plan based on the information collected from the public survey and from other sources.

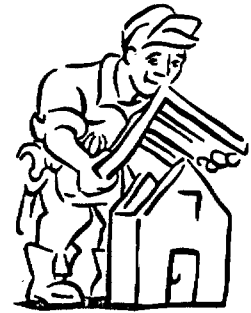
Subdivisions: The board approved 11 subdivisions in 2003. No subdivisions were denied.

Alternative Energy/Viewshed Protection: Due to several proposals to place wind turbines on ridgelines surrounding Burke, the Planning Commission was requested by a group of citizens to create a policy to protect the scenic areas of Burke. A public hearing was held in September to solicit citizen input. The Planning Commission worked with the Selectboard to create a scenic protection policy. In January 2004, there was public meeting to authorize the Planning Commission and the Selectboard to incorporate the Ridgeline Protection Policy and Interim Ordinance into the Town Plan and its attendant Zoning Regulations. This Ordinance will now come back to the Planning Commission to go through the proper steps to be incorporated into the Town Plan.

Planning Commission: The membership of the Planning Commission changed in 2003. Irene Sawyer resigned as Chairperson after many years of dedicated service. The present members, all volunteers, consists of Al Duey, chairperson, Carlos Bean, vice-chairperson, Darryel Corrow, Merton Leonard, Dean Shatney, Mike Sylce, and Diane French, secretary and board member.

The Planning Commission meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 PM in the Burke Town Clerk's meeting room. Citizens are encouraged to attend these meetings and participate in Burke's planning initiatives.

Diane French, Secretary
Burke Planning Commission



MESSAGE FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Once again we had a very busy year. There were a total of 73 Building Permits approved this year. There were 21 permits approved for New Homes. Several permits are for decks, woodsheds, additions to homes, a daycare, a small engine repair shop, a horse barn, antennas for better cell phone reception and a bakery. Seems like our town is growing all the time.

Last year we had 2 cases go to environmental court. One of the cases was withdrawn. We are still waiting for the decision on the other one.

Our all-volunteer board members are Dave Towers, (Chairman), Richie Wray, Norbert Kuk, Tammy Wagner, George Wagner, Roland Martin and Weeza Sander-son. The secretary is Linda Hackett-Corey.

The Zoning Board meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Clerk's Office. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings.

Occasionally we have an opening on the board. If anyone is interested, please contact the Town Clerk's office.

We are looking forward to another busy year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Hackett-Corey, Secretary



2003 Property Transfers

DATE	SELLER	BUYER	DESCRIPTION	SALE PRICE
January	Madeline Roberts West Burke, VT	Best Way Homes Lyndonville, VT	57 Acres US Route 5	\$140,000.00 transfer without consideration
January	Paul & Joanne Bergquist Chatham, MA	Bergquist Building Corp Chatham, MA	1.03 acres High Meadows Lot	
January	Bergquist Building Corp Chatham, MA	Paul & Nancy Valentine Blauvelt, NY	1.03 acres High Meadows Lot	\$37,000.00
January	Christine Schlegel Gilmanton, NH	Jacob Urban East Burke, VT	House & 11/3 A-Frame Drive	\$50,000.00
January	George Hayes, II East Burke, VT	Steven Cahill Cornish, NH	House & 4.75 Acres White School Road	\$194,500.00
January	Steven Cahill Cornish, NH	Elizabeth Peltier Cornish, NH	House & 4.75 Acres White School Road	
January	J.E. Howard Ch. 11 Tr. Newport & Richford R.R. Co.	Washington County R.R. Co.	Line of railroad Wells River to Newport	transfer of life estate transfer of fee St. of VT.
January	J.E. Howard Ch. 11 Tr. Newport & Richford R.R. Co.	St. of VT. Agency of Transportation	Line of railroad Wells River to Newport	
January	Derek & Pam Newland (Aubin) West Burke, VT	Pam Aubin West Burke, VT	House & 3 Acres Burke Hollow Road	\$721,691.00 transfer to divorce
January	Harry John Lyndonville, VT	Michael John East Burke, VT	House & Rt. 114	transfer parent to child
January	Roger & Catherine Hinman New Cumberland PA	Neal Faulkner West Burke, VT	Mobile Home & 10.01 Acres Gaskell Hill Road	\$50,000.00
February	Mark & Mary Manikian Dover, MA	Salvatore & Mary Perillo Ocean City, NJ	Lot SF-9 High Meadows	Release of spring rights
February	James & Meta Buswell Dunedin, FL	Scott & Mildred Chappell Malden, MA	House & 1 Acre	\$125,000.00
February	Daniel & Nancy Molta Fiskdale, MA	Tina Jaconetta Glastonbury, CT	1.12 acres Lot 21 High Meadows	
February	Ralph & Addie Johnson West Burke, VT	Ralph Johnson, Cynthia Clifford, Robert Johnson, Pamela Carr	1+ & Mobile Home Newark St.	\$34,000.00 transfer between parent & children
February	Norman Chabot West Burke, VT	Robert Welsh Derby Line, VT	0.5 Acres & House US Route 5	\$25,000.00
February	David Patoine St. Johnsbury, VT	Larry & Marie Flood Lyndon, VT	11 Acres Calendar Brook	\$20,000.00
February	Paul & Helen Shaheen Windham, NH	Peter & Gail Bertietti Mansfield, MA	5.3 Acres Pinkham Road	\$32,000.00
February	Thomas & Cynthia Shugart Middletown, RI	Tracey Riley & Nick Bonardi Bedford, NH	1.08 Acres Lot 29 High Meadows	\$30,000.00
February	Ilse Hubner & Thomas Ludwig Neustadt, Germany	Michael & Tina Mitchell Willington, CT 06279	Burkeshire Unit 125 Burke Mountain	\$64,000.00

2003 Property Transfers

DATE	SELLER	BUYER	DESCRIPTION	SALE PRICE
February	Richard & Elizabeth Dwyer No. Branford, CT	Douglas Dupont Southington CT	Sprucewoods Condo Unit 34 Burke Mountain	\$45,000.00
February	Gary & Patti Shepard Peterborough, NH	Bruce & Diane Adams Ashby, MA	Wintergreen Condo Burke Mountain	\$68,000.00
March	Geraldine Carriere Barton, VT	David & Stephanie Ruggles West Burke, VT	0.5 Acres Depot St.	\$2,000.00
March	Harold & Martha Tardif West Burke, VT	John & Lisa Berry West Burke, VT	54 Acres Tardif Drive	\$18,936.00
March	Paul & Emma Goodwin Upper Nyack, NY	Melyssa Sargent-Colburn Ed Whitcomb, East Burke VT	10.1 Acres VT Rt 114	\$22,500.00
March	Steven & Paula Gabrault Platte City, MO	William & Judee Szymanski Oxford, CT	61 Acres Burke-2 Acres in Kirby off Locust Ridge Road	\$62,000.00
March	Robert Farmer Waterford, VT	Victor & Sara Romero East Burke, VT	1.3 Acres Lot 1 Kirby Road	\$15,500.00
March	Washburn Lumber Colebrook, NH	Peaceful Days LLC Montpelier VT	300 Acres East Haven & Burke	\$60,000.00
April	Martin Coyne & Sylvana Myr Plymouth, MA	Nancy Jackson Summerville, MA	Burkeside Condo Unit 113 Burke Mountain	\$89,500.00
April	Gary & Tracey Devaux South Windsor, CT	Timothy Murphy Plymouth, MA	Sprucewoods Condo Unit #20 Burke Mountain	\$50,000.00
April	David Tanych & Meryl Lebowitz Lyndonville, VT	Stuart & Laurie Maynard Takoma, Park, MD	Sprucewoods Condo Unit #45 Burke Mountain	\$59,000.00
April	Charles & Gertrude Hicks Valrico, Fla	Thomas Fox Lyndon Center, VT	2.57 Acres Camp Road	\$13,000.00
April	Dorothy Murtha Naugatuck, CT	John & Petrina Ososki Gashan, CT	10.1 Acres VT Rt 114	\$15,000.00
April	Charles & Dianne Brooks East Burke, VT	First Union National Bank Orlando, FL	House & 1.3 Acres Camp Road	Foreclosure
April	Patricia Emery Lyndonville, VT	Lawrence & Susan Boudreau Suffield, CT	PowderHorn Condo Unit 203 Burke Mountain	\$87,500.00
April	Burke 2000 LLC East Burke, VT	Charles & Rebecca Kilbourne Portland, OR	Lot SF-5 Pinkham Woods	release of restrictions
April	Richard Barger Bolton, CT	Fredrich & Martha Walther East Burke, VT	53 Acres & House Burke Green Road	\$320,000.00
April	Troy & Katie Sullivan East Burke, VT	Peter & Carrie Tomczyk Lyndonville VT	House & .78 Acres Rexford Road	\$92,000.00
April	Murphy Realty St. Johnsbury, VT	Troy & Katie Sullivan East Burke, VT	Lot 2 Northwood Village East Burke, VT	water rights
May	Brian McGregor Putney, VT	Tad & Sherry Wheeler Sherman, CT	Sprucewoods Condo Unit 31 Burke Mountain	\$57,500.00

2003 Property Transfers

DATE	SELLER	BUYER	DESCRIPTION	SALE PRICE
May	Joanna Witte Estate West Burke VT	Robert & Jane Williams Barton VT	House & 5.5 Acres Burke Hollow Road	\$130,000.00
May	ABN AMRO Mortgage Group Jacksonville Fla	Yvonne Veins East Burke, VT	House & 1.4 Acres Walker Road	\$61,000.00
May	Larry & Christopher Bonham Vooheesville, NY	Gerald & Laurie Lettieri Centerville, MA	Sprucewood Condo Unit 24 Burke Mountain	\$31,800.00
May	Burke 2000 LLC East Burke, VT	Thomas & Sylvia Kelley Mystic, CT	House & 12 Acres Pinkham Road	release of covenants
May	Thomas & Sylvia Kelly Mystic, CT	Richard & Claire Shonter, Jr. Largo, FL	House & 12 Acres Pinkham Road	\$220,000.00
June	Peter Foukal Nahant, MA	Peter & Elisabeth Foukal Nahant, MA	Vacation Home & 395 Acres Pinkham Road	Husband & Wife
June	Jody & Tracy Fried East Burke, VT	Dominique Meyers West Burke, VT	House & 10.5 Acres Bugbee Crossing Road	\$138,000.00
June	D&W Mountain, LLC Hauppauge, NY	Burke Cycle & Ski Resort East Burke, VT	High Meadows Condo Unit 2 Burke Mountain	change of partnership
June	D&W Mountain, LLC Hauppauge, NY	Burke Cycle & Ski Resort East Burke, VT	High Meadows Condo Unit 3 Burke Mountain	change of partnership
June	D&W Mountain, LLC Hauppauge, NY	Burke Cycle & Ski Resort East Burke, VT	High Meadows Condo Unit 4 Burke Mountain	change of partnership
June	John Danzi Hauppauge, NY	Burke Cycle & Ski Resort East Burke, VT	High Meadows Condo Unit 5 Burke Mountain	change of partnership
June	Marian Wafer Hauppauge, NY	George Wafer Hauppauge, NY	High Meadows Condo Unit 6 Burke Mountain	change of partnership Transfer Husband & wife
June	George Wafer Hauppauge, NY	Burke Cycle & Ski Resort East Burke, VT	High Meadow Condo Unit 6 Burke Mountain	change of partnership
June	Delinquent Tax Collector Priscilla Aldrich	Byron Calkins East Burke, VT	7.5 Acres Burke Hollow Road	\$3,750.00
June	James Somma Portland, ME	Stephen & Kathi Butt Milford NH	Mobile Home at Glenwood Trailer Park	\$26,215.00
June	Tina & Joseph Jaconetta Glastonbury, CT	Scott & Elizabeth Antonucci Manchester, NH	PowderHorn Condo Unit 1001 Burke Mountain	\$143,000.00
June	D&W Mountain, LLC Hauppauge, NY	George & Marian Wafer Hauppauge, NY	Dixie Drive 60, 146, 160 East Burke, VT	change of partnership
June	David Patoine St. Johnsbury, VT	Peter & Lynne Forlenza Barnegat, NJ	4.6 Acres Calendar Brook Road	\$19,000.00
June	Robert & Jacqueline Hackett West Burke, VT	Robert & Jacqueline Hackett, Gail Weed, Dale Hackett, Rick Hackett, Clark Hackett, Kim Before, Kelly Smith	1 Acre & House	Transfer between parents & children

2003 Property Transfers

DATE	SELLER	BUYER	DESCRIPTION	SALE PRICE
June	Maria Robie East Haven, VT	Diane Volberg Farmingdale, NY	Powderhorn Condo Unit 303 Burke Mountain	\$80,000.00
June	Ronald & Jeanne Aspero Edward & Nancy Davidian Northboro, MA	Michael & Carol Gagne Lyndonville VT	Sprucewoods Condo Unit 27 Burke Mountain	\$35,000.00
June	Neil & Pamela McKiernan East Patchogue, NY	Michael Picard Clinton, CT	House & 11.5 Acres VT Route 114	\$215,000.00
July	William & Claudia McCormack Lyndonville, VT	Robert & Penny Blackwell Sandwich, MA	Powderhorn Unit 302 Burke Mountain	\$87,500.00
July	William & Susan Wolston West Burke, VT	William & Susan Wolston Trustees of the Wolston	House & 12.2 Acres Brook Road	Trust
July	Brian & Lisa Cote East Burke, VT	Robert & Eileen Foster West Burke, VT 05871	House & 1 Acre VT RT 5 A	\$75,000.00
July	George & Mary Beth Grant Auburndale, MA	Timothy Bancroft, Julie Baer Cambridge, MA	Wintergreen Condo Unit 3 Burke Mountain	\$73,000.00
July	Elizabeth Greateorex East Burke, VT	J. Daniel & Monique Hoffman South Portland, ME	House & .79 Acres Dishmill Brook Road	\$120,000.00
July	Ralph & Franklin Temple St. Johnsbury & East Burke Vt	Cheryl Temple Lyndonville, VT	50 Acres West Side of RT 114	\$80,000.00
July	Ralph & Franklin Temple St. Johnsbury & East Burke Vt	Matthew Kvan East Burke, VT	House & 2.4 Acres VT RT 114	\$80,000.00
July	David Patoine St. Johnsbury, VT	Eric Bogie South Ryegate, VT 05069	10.1 Acres US RT 5	\$15,000.00
July	Ronald Luckenbach & Diana Sorgier, Trenton, NJ	Bryan & Sarah Frank Wentworth NH	10.1 Acres Victory Road	\$9,000.00
July	Steven & Pamela Wilkins Lyndonville, VT 05851	Allan Gorham East Burke	Mobil Home Kirby Road	\$10,000.00
July	Persis Learmonth, Faye Smith, Sheryl Barber, VT & NC	Linda & Jack Rivers East Haven, VT	Off Newark Street West Burke, VT	Correct Deed
July	William Warren Westwood, MA	Katherine Nadeau, Tucker Geery Montauk, NY	House & 13.71 Acres Mobile Home	\$264,000.00
July	Sidney Nurenberg Lyndonville, VT	Daniel Tanner West Burke, VT	Evergreen Lane 1.05 Acres	\$18,000.00
July	Rick Schwag Lyndonville, VT	Daniel Tanner West Burke, VT	Evergreen Lane House & 20 acres	\$24,500.00
August	Evelyn Toynton Norfolk, England	Norman Toynton West Burke, VT	Gaskell Hill Road Storage Units & 10.1	Transfer
August	Mark & Jean Daigle West Burke, VT	Seth & Renee Jewell Reginald & Virginia Lussier	US RT 5 House & .5 Acres	\$72,000.00
August	Sherman & Jeanne Laughton Lyndonville, VT	David & Jennifer Peszek East Burke, VT	Maple Lane	\$120,500.00

2003 Property Transfers

DATE	SELLER	BUYER	DESCRIPTION	SALE PRICE
August	Daniel & Jeanne Vooheers East Hampton, NJ	Daniel Vooheers East Hampton, NJ	House & 48 Acres Gaskell Hill Road	Transfer between Husband & Wife
August	Estate of Raymond Mathers East Burke, VT	Holly Mathers Lyndonville, VT	House & 1.1 Acres VT Rt 114	\$63,100.00
August	Richard & Lorraine McHugh Indian Harbor, Fla	Richard & Sandra McHugh West Burke, VT	House & 1.32 Acres Deer Run Lane	Transfer parent to child
August	Charles & Jean Hughes Nantucket, MA	James & Kipper Hughes Nantucket, MA	Burkeside Condo Unit 110 Burke Mountain	\$50,000.00
August	Peter & Elizabeth Foukal Nahant, MA	Philip & Pamela Sirios East Burke, VT	House & 1.1 Rexford Road	\$182,000.00
August	Estate of John Loftus Arlington, MA	Marsha Loftus Arlington, MA	.50 Acres Northwood Village	Transfer Husband & wife
August	Thomas Gould East Burke, VT	David & Valerie Ormiston East Burke, VT	.38 Acres & House VT RT 114	\$75,000.00
August	Thomas Blake West Burke, VT	Thomas Blake, Paula Wagner West Burke, VT	7.8 Acres Sugarhouse Road	\$8,000.00
August	Thomas Blake West Burke, VT	George & Margaret Loriot Providence, RI	House & 2.2 Acres Sugarhouse Road	\$178,000.00
August	Cheryl Temple Lyndonville, VT	Garrett Paquette, Julie Guerette East Burke, VT	3.7 Acres Walker Road	\$23,000.00
August	Robert & Carol Slicer West Burke, VT 05871	John & Raney Bench St. Johnsbury, VT	House & 11 Acre Tardif Drive	\$115,000.00
August	Elizabeth Holton Sutton, VT	Scott & Mildred Chappell Malden, MA	.78 Acre Lot 20 Northwood Village	\$25,000.00
September	Angela Stephan Vooheers, NJ	Herbert & Marcia Pearsons N. Easton MA.	Powderhorn Unit 704 Burke Mountain	\$89,900.00
September	Kevin & Carol O'Brien Sandwich, MA	John & Deborah Thomas Chester Springs, PA	House & 1.36 Acres House & 3 Acres VT Rt 114	\$280,000.00
September	Thelma DiPierro S. Portland, ME	Coralie Curran, Philip DiPierro, Connie Onos, ME	House & 16 Acres Burke Green Road	Transfer w/o consider- ation
September	Barry Ford Sheffield, VT	Forrest & Maureen Carter Ipswich, MA	Sprucewoods Unit 39 Burke Mountain	\$162,000.00
September	Harry & Ruth Tominey Key West FL	Steven & Kathleen Wells Lyme, CT	1.27 Acres Lot 45 Northwood Village	\$40,000.00
September	Estate of Marie York Rye, NH	Robert Devore Trustee Marie York, Rye NH	House & .62 Acres Northwood Village	transfer without consideration
September	James & Janice Maxfield East Burke, VT	Gjyl Mustafa Burlington, CT	House & 2.78 Acres Sugarhouse Road	\$110,000.00
September	Estate of William McGowan Plano, TX	Ann Kiah Caldwell West Burke, VT		\$110,500.00

2003 Property Transfers

DATE	SELLER	BUYER	DESCRIPTION	SALE PRICE
September	Ann Nargi East Burke, VT	Steven & Jennifer Samolewicz Florence, MA	3.7 Acres Lot 4 Kirby Road	\$40,000.00
October	A. David & Kelly Bradley West Burke, VT	Thomas & Lucy Cosentino West Burke, VT	House & 2.4 Acres Burke Hollow Road	\$85,000.00
October	Garrett Paquette & Julie Guerette East Burke, VT	Margaret Niles East Burke, VT	Mobile Home & 2.4 Acres Burke Green Road	\$61,800.00
October	Tracey Doore West Burke, VT	Terrance & Nicole LaPointe West Burke, VT	House & 10.02 Acres Sugarhouse Road	\$135,000.00
October	Charlene Hooper Cullom, IL	Terrance & Rachel Howland West Burke, VT	House & .25 Acres Depot Street	\$68,000.00
October	Terry Laclair Lyndonville, VT	Mark & Janet Simpson Lyndonville, VT	Mobile Home US Route 5	\$6,500.00
October	Richard Wray West Burke, VT	Kristene Moore Lyndonville, VT	1.4 Acres Bumps Road	\$20,000.00
October	John & Anna McCarthy Readville, MA	David & Kathleen Fahey Westford, MA	Powderhorn Unit 201 Burke Mountain	\$125,000.00
October	Nancy Dresser Lyndonville, VT	Thomas Williamson Jr. West Burke, VT	House & .05 acres US RT 5	\$90,000.00
October	John & Jean Davis East Burke, VT	Darryel & Teresa Corrow East Burke, VT	2.25 Acres Route 114 Farm Building & 18 Acres VT RT 114	\$20,000.00
October	Ralph & Franklin Temple St. Johnsbury & East Burke Vt	Cheryl Temple Lyndonville, VT	23 Acres Brook Road	\$70,000.00
October	Richard & Beverly Gess Lyndonville, VT	Gregory & Sally Duda Windsor CT	House & 4.39 Acres	transfer parent to child
October	Dana & Jamie Utley East Burke, VT	Michelle Parker Lyndonville, VT	House & 1 Acre Marshall Newland Road	\$91,400.00
October	Maurice & Janet Tower East Burke, VT	Melanie Colberg, Jody Wright, Maurice Tower Jr. Phyllis Towers	8 Acres Sugarhouse Road	Transfer parent to child
October	Donald & Debra Hale West Burke, VT	Thomas Blake, Paula Wagner West Burke, VT	House & 29 Acres US Route 5	\$5,000.00
October	Jamie Linden, Howard Linden West Burke VT	Dennis Bousquet East Haven, VT	23.3 Acres Washburn Road	\$169,900.00
October	Joanne Washburn Pullman, WA	Ronald Leach Lyndonville, VT	House & 85 Acres Chase Hill	\$22,900.00
October	Roy Chase Sutton, VT	Roy Chase & Shirley Hood Chase Sutton, VT	Bear Path Unit #38 Burke Mountain	transfer between Husband & Wife
October	Barry & Regina Craig Miami, FL	Steven & Lisa Vaillancourt Douglas, MA	Mobile Home 2 Acres White School Road	\$172,000.00
October	Brian & Jacqueline McLaughlin East Burke, VT	Russell Davis Lyndon Center, VT		\$44,000.00

2003 Property Transfers

DATE	SELLER	BUYER	DESCRIPTION	SALE PRICE
October	Robert & Thelma Simpson Lyndonville VT	Larry & Estelle Simpson Lyndonville, VT	House & 0.5 & 4.6 Acres Burke Sutton Calendar Brook	Transfer parent to child
October	Paul & Emma Goodwin Upper Nyack, NY	Gary & Sarah Stevens St. Johnsbury, Ctr VT	10.1 Acres VT Rt 114	\$22,500.00
November	Melyssa Sargent East Burke, VT	Stephen Taylor St. Johnsbury, VT	Mobile Home Glenwood Estates	\$22,500.00
November	Burke 2000 LLC East Burke, VT	Daniel & Michelle Kantor East Burke, VT	2.82 Acres Burke Mountain	\$60,000.00
November	John Sadeski, Michael Moylan Avon, CT	Colin & Rose Nadeau Andover, MA	37.6 Acres Pinkham Road	\$50,714.65
November	John Sadeski, Michael Moylan Avon, CT	John & Laurie Nolan Montauk, NY	85.51 Acres Pinkham Road	\$116,235.00
November	Caleb Temple East Burke, VT	David, Joanne, Nathan Temple East Burke, VT	10.5 Acres State Aid Road 5	\$8,000.00
November	Kevin Racine St. Johnsbury, VT	Jessica Masten West Burke, VT	Mobile Home Glenwood Estates	\$1,000.00
November	Janet Matthews Waterford, VT	Jeffery & Deborah Nicholson Nantucket, MA	Sprucewoods Condo Unit 41 Burke Mountain	\$64,000.00
November	Reginald Lussier Lyndonville, VT	Steve & Robert Lussier Lyndonville, VT	10 Acres Newark St.	\$4,000.00
November	Reginald Lussier Lyndonville, VT	Steven Lussier Sr. Steven Lussier Jr.	38 Acres Newark St.	\$9,000.00
November	Reginald Lussier Lyndonville, VT	Steven Lussier Sr. Lyndonville, VT	25 Acres Newark St.	\$7,000.00
November	Leighton & Patricia Hazlehurst East Burke, VT	Daniel & Michelle Kantor East Burke, VT	House & 7 Acres Dashney Road	\$199,000.00
December	Herbert & Melynda Miller Jr. East Burke, VT	Herbert & Judith Miller Sr. West Burke, VT	Mobile Home & 2.4 Acres Burke Green Road	child to parent Tenancy by entirety
December	Wolfgang & Melanie Frandl East Burke VT	Wolfgang & Melanie Frandl East Burke, VT	House & 2.69 Rexford Rd	
December	John & Deborah Thomas Chester Springs, PA	Mary Jane Cullinan Brighton, MA	.08 Acres High Meadows	\$37,000.00
December	Michael & Carol Gagne Lyndonville, VT 05851	Kenneth McGuire W. Yarmouth, MA	Sprucewoods Condo Unit 27 Burke Mountain	\$47,500.00
December	Kevin & Delores Valentine Orangeburg, NY	Bret & Mary Guaraldi Brockton, MA	Wintergreen Condo Unit 6 Burke Mountain	\$103,000.00

2004 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

Because the reports from organizations asking for appropriations cover many pages they have been condensed. There is a short description of what the organization does for the people of Burke and if the information is present the number of people that have received help. There will be a representative from some of the organizations at the informational meeting and the name of the representative has been given. Summaries are in the order of articles asking for money. Every taxpayer who is interested in how their money is spent should take the time to look at the financial statements of those asking for tax dollars. The complete reports are available and certainly would give the taxpayer an indication of the amount of money spent on different aspects of health care, recreation, education, and development in the area. These full reports are at the Town Clerk's Office and are available for your inspection Monday - Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 7 - East Burke Fire Department – Request - \$10,000.

ARTICLE 8 - West Burke Fire Department – Request - \$12,000.

ARTICLES 9 - Lyndon Rescue Squad - Request - \$23,919.00.

Because the fire departments and Lyndon Rescue depend heavily on the Town for funds the full reports are printed as submitted.

ARTICLE 10 - Catamount Arts - Request - \$500.

This request is the same as last year. Funding will be used to enhance arts education programs and programs that benefit young people. They offer art classes and workshops for adults and children.

ARTICLE 11 - Cobleigh Public Library – Request - \$600.

This request is the same as last year. It will help continue the library's many programs and services for all area towns. The Cobleigh Public Library in Lyndon is committed to serving individuals and families with free library services. The Library has long served the residents of all towns in the area and does not charge for library cards, use of the library services or attendance at programs.

ARTICLE 12 - East Burke Community Library – Request - \$300.

This request is \$100.00 lower than last year. Each month the Library has a different "theme" with appropriate materials displayed in support of that theme. This year 145 library cards were issued, 1,400 people visited the library. Over 200 new books were purchased or donated. Thirteen new chairs were also purchase for the library.

APPROPRIATION REQUEST (Continued)

ARTICLE 13 – Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium – Request - \$840.

The request is the same as last year. The amount is based on \$0.60 per resident with all residents receiving unlimited general admission to the museum. The money is used for the care of the historic building, for maintenance and exhibition of the most extraordinary educational collections of northern New England, and for meeting in part the costs of their services and programs for the region and its visitors. The Museum has extended its public hours by 12 hours per week.

According to Museum records, nearly 10,000 area residents take advantage of the free admission that accompanies municipal support each year.

ARTICLE 14 - Lyndon Area Senior Action Center, Inc. - Request - \$200.

The request is the same as last year. This goes toward keeping the center functional for all senior citizens. This facility is available to all.

ARTICLE 15 - Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. – Request - \$1,650.

The request is the same as last year. The Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. is a private not-for-profit Organization serving Essex, Caledonia and Orleans Counties. It is organized and directed by local citizens who believe the human services should be cost effective and responsive to the needs of our local communities. NKHS served 88 Burke residents in 2003

ARTICLE 16 - Northeast Kingdom Learning Services – Northeast Kingdom Adult Education and Literacy Program - Request - \$200.

The request is the same as last year. They provide on-demand home and learning center services to residents of Burke as well as to almost anyone in Caledonia, Essex, or the tri-county area. They provide instruction for students who wish to obtain their G.E.D. or an Adult diploma, or study for a Commercial Drivers License and in general to study to improve job skills. Town appropriations go toward the purchase of books and other educational materials.

ARTICLE 17 - Northeast Kingdom Youth Services - Request - \$750.

The request is the same as last year. Northeast Kingdom Youth Services (NEKYS) is available to teens and their families twenty-four hours a day every day. NEKYS has provided crisis intervention and outreach programs to families for 24 years. Programs include shelter, Court Diversion of Caledonia and Essex Counties, a Parent Support group, Transitional Living, and Independent Living, as well as Outreach to Schools and communities. NEKYS Staff is committed to helping teens become productive members of the community. NEKYS served 110 Burke residents in 2003. In 2002 – 113 and in 2001 155 were served from the Town of Burke.

ARTICLE 18 - Northeastern Vermont Development Association - Request - \$659.82.

The request is up \$63.82 over last year. This year's request is based on the 2003 appropriations or \$.42 cents per capita, whichever is greater. NVDA has been around a long time. They have been instrumental in getting grants for a large variety of projects in the tri counties. They help with studies, relicensing of dams, and mapping areas that need information. They work with small businesses that wish to expand and in general work toward development in the area. They have helped with Enhanced 911 and local Towns with transportation projects.

ARTICLE 19 – Pilgrim Manor Meal Site and Senior Center - Request - \$500.

The request is the same as last year. Money will be used to provide extra activities for the seniors in the area. The appropriation was also used to help purchase groceries for the senior meals.

ARTICLE 20 - Vermont Leadership Center (The Kingdom Corps.) - Request - \$800.

This is an increase of \$500.00 over last year. The Kingdom Corps hires young men and women from the region to explore the world around them and work together to complete high-priority community service projects. In 2003, 4 Burke residents logged in more than 900 total work hours restoring eroding riverbanks, improving wildlife habitats, and maintaining trails throughout the Northeast Kingdom, including sections of the Kingdom Trails network and the Burke School Fitness Trail.

****There are 14 requests for appropriations for 2004 for a total of \$52,918.82.

Again this year we have requests for the following, which will be paid out of the Darling Trusts with funds available to the Town to be used for this purpose.

Caledonia Home Health Care	\$2,000.00
Northeast Vermont Area Agency on Aging.....	487.50
Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.....	500.00
Umbrella.....	<u>600.00</u>

Total appropriations from the Darling Trusts \$3,587.50

The Town of Burke is asked annually to contribute to the Hand-to-Hand program and the Boot Fund. These contributions are also from the Darling Fund. The Total contributed this year was \$1,952.13 for the two funds. This is an increase of \$537.40.

*****NOTE: Please be advised that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Burke have moved that all articles submitted to them in the future for inclusion on the Town of Burke Town Meeting Warning will need to be submitted in proper form and accompanied by a petition containing signatures of 5% of the LEGAL voters of the Town of Burke.



**A REPORT FROM
EAST BURKE VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE
For the year ended December 31, 2003**

The East Burke Volunteer Fire Brigade responded to 64 calls in 2003.

We are asking for an appropriation of \$10,000.00 from the Town of Burke to help cover the operating costs of running the Fire Department in 2004.

We have had some bad accidents in Burke during the last year. We had done many mutual aid calls to the surrounding towns.

We received Federal Grants that are helping in purchasing very useful and needed equipment which will help to insure the safety of our fire fighters.

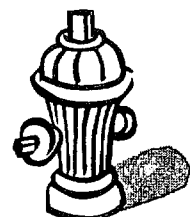
Donations and fundraisers have helped us to meet the 10 percent requirement for these grants. We would like to thank everyone who contributed.

Thank you for your help.

Brian Greer, Chief

Wayne Greer, Assistant Chief

East Burke Fire Brigade





**A MESSAGE FROM THE
WEST BURKE VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT**



The WEST BURKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT is requesting an appropriation of \$12,0000.00 for 2004. This is the same as last year. We were fortunate to receive a FEMA grant this year for money to buy a replacement portable pump, fire turnout gear, and portable radios. This coming year we will be applying for any grant money available but cannot count on the availability, therefore we are asking for the same appropriation as last year to maintain our volunteer fire protection service.

2003 has been difficult with the untimely loss of Chief John Villeneuve. His son Tom has accepted the role of Chief and is adapting quickly to the position.

Equipment replacement still remains our largest continuing expense, mostly due to extreme exposure, damage, and loss while fire fighting.

The Fire Station facility is in need of repairs including re-staining the exterior and painting the interior on both floors. The upstairs meeting room needs carpet cleaning.

We are always pleased and very thankful for all donations received throughout the year. This helps cover unexpected expenses we seem to incur each year.

The WEST BURKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT has 11 active volunteer members on call 24 hours, 7 days a week, serving the greater West Burke, Burke Hollow, and surrounding area. Our Department is also available at any time for mutual aid request service from surrounding towns. We are working with a closer mutual aid association with the East Burke Fire Brigade. Due to the lack of active volunteers with each unit, it is becoming a better responsive practice to have both departments responding together to major fires in town.

During 2003 our unit responded 36 times to a variety of situations. Also, we participated in fire drills, fire prevention seminars, and education courses.

Volunteers are needed. We are interested in able bodied dedicated people to serve your community. Please contact us to set up an appointment for interview if interested.

Thank-you for your continued support

Tom Villeneuve, Chief

Wes Emerson, Assistant Chief





WEST BURKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
West Burke, VT



Financial Report 2003

INCOME

Town of Burke 2003 appropriation	\$ 12,000.00	
Total 2003 donations	951.00	
FEMA Grant Fund	7,215.00	
Burke Town reimbursement Dispatch	1,310.00	
West Burke Village	<u>2,500.00</u>	
Total Income		\$ 23,976.00

EXPENSES

Electricity	\$ 595.00	
Pre Buy Fuel Oil for 2004	619.00	
Gasoline	534.00	
Equipment and Fire Gear Replacement	3,496.93	
Truck Repairs	2,042.85	
Cell Telephone	360.00	
Replacement Hose Nozzles	1,336.90	
Supplies	398.24	
Metal Chain Saws	969.89	
FEMA matching	<u>520.27</u>	
Total 2003 Operating Expenses		\$ 10,873.08
FEMA Grant payout		<u>7,215.00</u>
Total 2003 Expenses		\$18,088.08

2004 Proposed Budget

EXPENSES

Electricity	\$ 700.00	
Fuel Oil with Pre Buy for 2004	800.00	
Gasoline	750.00	
Equipment and Fire Gear Replacement	2,700.00	
Telephone	400.00	
Equipment Repair and Maintenance	3,000.00	
Training	600.00	
Supplies	300.00	
Building Maintenance	4,000.00	
Snow Removal	<u>250.00</u>	
2004 Proposed Operating Budget		\$13,500.00
Purchase Exhaust Fan	1,000.00	
Purchase Floating Suction Strainer	1,000.00	
Purchase Nozzles for E2	<u>1,300.00</u>	
Total 2004 Proposed Budget		\$16,800.00

Lyndon Rescue, Inc.
114 Vail Drive
P O Box 401
Lyndonville VT 05851-
0401



Office: 802.626.1101
Crew: 802.626.4337
FAX: 802.626.8637
www.lyndonrescue.org
In an emergency, Dial 9-1-1

12 December 2003

To the Residents of Burke,

The Crewmembers of Lyndon Rescue wish to thank our member towns for their continued support and the opportunity to serve. We responded to over 920 calls, including over 150 transfers (hospital to hospital, hospital to home, etc), completed our first year as a fully paid service and stayed within budget despite the challenges of dealing with slow-paying insurance companies and compliance with new government regulations. Our roster includes one Director, five Advanced Life Support (ALS) EMTs and four Basic Life Support EMTs and a handful of Lyndon State College student and other local volunteers.

The transfer ambulance we purchased last year has been on the road to Dartmouth and other area hospitals regularly, providing a comfortable and safe ride for our patients. We also received a grant from the USDA to help pay down the loan for this vehicle. Through the generosity of a federal grant, we now have several new Automatic External Defibrillators in the community. All the evidence on cardiac arrest points to early defibrillation as the number one factor in saving a life. Additional grant money from the Department of Homeland Security will give us the ability to better respond to a large-scale disaster.

The biggest challenge we face is the shortage of care providers. We can report that the EMT-Basic course returned to the Lyndon State College curriculum and will be offered again in the Spring semester. This course is open to both LSC students, who will earn three credits, and community members who may take the course at a significantly reduced cost. We continue to work with the college on a new two-year degree, Associate of Science in Emergency Medical Services – Paramedic. The addition of this degree would bring experienced EMTs to our area for training, and while here, they would join our crew. The more responders we have in the community, the faster help gets to those who need it.

A continuing problem remains the lack of 9-1-1 numbers on buildings. In an emergency, it is critical that your property be correctly identified for emergency services. We can produce your 9-1-1 sign for only \$10.00 – very cheap insurance! Remember – *if we can't find you, we can't help you!*

We are also working with the College on plans to expand our building. Our sleeping quarters and garage spaces need to be brought up to code - one ambulance has lived outside for over a year. We are looking for funding for this project both from the State and other sources. Finally, you should know that it costs about \$600 per ambulance run. With government regulations forcing us to accept reimbursements as little as 40%, higher costs for fuel, maintenance, insurance, medical supplies, as well as compliance with state and federal regulations, we must depend on the citizens we serve to bridge the gap between revenue and expenses. Some of this comes from direct or "In Memory Of" donations for which we are grateful. The remainder must come from you. Consequently, Lyndon Rescue requests the sum of \$23,919.00 so we may continue to meet your ambulance needs.

Should you have any questions, please contact me. I thank you for the opportunity to report on your Lyndon Rescue.

Semper fidelis,
Stephen M Pitman IV, Director, 1st Sgt USMC Ret, NREMT-B

A Non-Profit Ambulance Company serving the Northeastern Vermont communities of
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TOWN OF BURKE
2003 TREASURERS REPORT

Balance on Hand December 31, 2003

Checking Accounts	\$ 177,848.51
Money Market at LSB	5,024.94
Cemetery CD	49,117.91
Darling Trust - Vanguard Account	10,715.38
Bridge Fund CD	63,870.40
Reappraisal Fund	36,201.34
Rubbish Truck Replacement	1,696.50
Equipment Replacement Fund CD	5,933.32
Park Fund CD	6,138.68
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	\$ 356,546.98

2003 Receipts

Property Taxes Collected	\$ 1,996,279.11
Administrative	82,956.01
General Services	36,920.84
Zoning Board	3,208.00
Planning Board	5,359.00
Cemetery Town	7,428.00
Cemetery Darling Trust	476.45
Rubbish	31,227.27
Recycling - Misc	71.33
Recycling Town Appropriation	13,500.00
Highway/State of Vermont - Town Roads	115,473.62
Highway Miscellaneous	2,967.59
Darling Trust Funds Dividends	4,132.52
Fire Department Dry Hydrant Grant	1,996.00
Miscellaneous Income	75.81
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Total Revenues	\$ 2,302,071.55

TOWN OF BURKE
2003 TREASURERS REPORT

2003 DISBURSEMENTS

Administrative	\$ 127,182.61
Town Offices	13,795.91
General Services	56,064.78
Insurance	77,896.45
Zoning Board	3,368.81
Planning Board	7,725.66
911 Project	1,012.47
Cemetery	10,981.59
Burke Hollow Cemetery & Church	2,316.02
Rubbish Removal	57,586.93
Recycle	17,598.26
Recycle Building	16,253.38
Highway Garage	1,991.85
General Highway	340,537.20
School Property Taxes	1,450,983.00
Appropriations	49,526.73
Fire Dept. Dry Hydrant Project	2,361.78
Darling Fund Appropriations	5,539.63
Miscellaneous Expense	19.99
Town Portrait Day	40.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 2,242,783.05</u>

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance on Hand January 1, 2003	\$ 294,094.87
2003 Receipts	<u>2,302,071.55</u>
	\$ 2,596,166.42
2003 Disbursements	<u>2,242,783.05</u>
	\$ 353,383.37
Checking Accounts	\$ 177,848.51
Money Market @ LSB	5,024.94
Cemetery CD @ PSB	49,117.91
Darling Trust - Vanguard Account	10,715.38
Bridge Fund CD @ Community National	63,870.40
Reappraisal Fund @ Community National	36,201.34
Equipment Replacement Fund CD	5,933.32
Rubbish Truck Replacement Fund CD	1,696.50
Park Fund CD	<u>6,138.68</u>
Less Liabilities	\$ 356,546.98
Due to Taxpayer - Tax Sale Proceeds	(3,416.47)
Prior Year Adjustment to Taxes	4.85
Unifirst Uniform Adjustment	74.25
Payroll Liability	<u>173.76</u>
	\$ 353,383.37

**TOWN OF BURKE 2003 BUDGET COMPARISON AND
2004 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Account Description	2004 Proposed Budget	2003 Actual Voted Budget	2003 Actual Income/Spent	Variance
ADMINISTRATION INCOME				
Clerk Fees	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 20,154.84	\$ (5,154.84)
Liquor Licenses	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,150.00	100.00
School Treasurer	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	-
Interest On Chkg Accounts	5,000.00	5,000.00	15,937.95	(10,937.95)
Marriage Licenses	-	-	460.00	(460.00)
Listing-St of VT General	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,113.00	(113.00)
Interest Income-Listing	-	-	1,339.51	(1,339.51)
Listing Reappraisal-St of VT	-	-	6,964.06	(6,964.06)
Interest From Del. Taxes	-	-	4,168.12	(4,168.12)
Penalty on Del Tax	-	-	11,249.73	(11,249.73)
Miscellaneous Income	-	-	418.80	(418.80)
Total Administration Income	\$ 42,250.00	\$ 42,250.00	\$ 82,956.01	\$ (40,706.01)
GENERAL SERVICES INCOME				
Traffic Fines	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170.50	\$ (170.50)
Dog Licenses	-	-	2,366.00	(2,366.00)
Dog Fines	-	-	448.00	(448.00)
Pilot-State of Vermont	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,282.00	(1,282.00)
Current Use Program/State	5,000.00	3,500.00	6,062.00	(2,562.00)
Darling Forest-State Land	5,500.00	5,500.00	8,426.23	(2,926.23)
Darling Park Income	-	-	1,175.37	(1,175.37)
Bike Lane Grant Income	-	-	15,990.74	(15,990.74)
Total General Services Income	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 36,920.84	\$ (26,920.84)
ZONING INCOME				
Building Permits	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,760.00	\$ (760.00)
Advertising Inc-Zoning	-	-	448.00	(448.00)
Total Zoning Income	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,208.00	\$ (1,208.00)
PLANNING INCOME				
Subdivision Permits	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 670.00	\$ (170.00)
Advertising Inc-Planning	-	-	280.00	(280.00)
Town Plan Grant	-	-	4,409.00	(4,409.00)
Total Planning Income	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 5,359.00	\$ (4,859.00)
CEMETERY INCOME				
Misc. Cemetery Income	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,078.00	\$ (1,578.00)
Sale Of Lots	-	-	2,350.00	(2,350.00)
Total Cemetery Income	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 7,428.00	\$ (3,928.00)
Total Darling Trust	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 476.45	\$ (476.45)
Burke Hollow Trust				

**TOWN OF BURKE 2003 BUDGET COMPARISON AND
2004 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Account Description	2004 Proposed Budget	2003 Actual Voted Budget	2003 Actual Income/Spent	Variance
RUBBISH INCOME				
Bags & Stickers	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 30,756.79	\$ 243.21
Income to Hazardous Days	-	-	470.48	(470.48)
Total Rubbish Income	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,227.27	\$ (227.27)
RECYCLING INCOME				
Misc. Income To Recycling	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,074.29	\$ 925.71
Sale of Recyclables			4,027.83	(4,027.83)
Income from Grants			8,469.21	(8,469.21)
Addition to Building	-	13,500.00	13,500.00	-
Total Recycling Income	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 27,071.33	\$ (11,571.33)
HIGHWAY INCOME				
Equipment Fund Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125.24	\$ (125.24)
Road Permits	-	-	205.00	(205.00)
Income To Highway	-	-	1,289.16	(1,289.16)
Highway/State Of VT	110,000.00	105,000.00	115,473.62	(10,473.62)
Interest Inc on Bridge Fund	-	-	1,348.19	(1,348.19)
Total Highway Income	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 118,441.21	\$ (13,441.21)
DARLING FUND ACCOUNT				
Vanguard Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,936.05	\$ (1,936.05)
Darling Trust Income	-	-	2,196.47	(2,196.47)
Total Darling Fund Accounts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,132.52	\$ (4,132.52)
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE				
Dry Hydrant Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,996.00	\$ (1,996.00)
Town Portrait Day Income	-	-	10.00	(10.00)
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,006.00	\$ (2,006.00)
RECREATION (DARLING PARK)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65.81	
 Total Revenues	 \$ 200,750.00	 \$ 209,750.00	 \$ 319,292.44	 \$ (109,542.44)

**TOWN OF BURKE 2003 BUDGET COMPARISON AND
2004 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Account Description	2004 Proposed Budget	2003 Actual Voted Budget	2003 Actual Income/Spent	Variance
BUDGETED EXPENDITURES				
ADMINISTRATIVE				
Clerk & Assistants	\$ 80,300.00	\$ 76,035.75	\$ 75,930.05	\$ 105.70
Selectmen	900.00	900.00	900.00	-
Listers	24,000.00	24,000.00	21,441.54	2,558.46
Auditors	1,000.00	1,000.00	991.65	8.35
Election Assistants	300.00	300.00	-	300.00
Election Assistants Tax Exempt	60.00	60.00	60.00	-
FICA-MEDI Expense	8,085.00	-	-	-
General Office Expense	17,000.00	15,000.00	15,102.83	(102.83)
Postage	4,200.00	4,200.00	3,763.60	436.40
Advertising	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,221.99	278.01
Computer Upgrades	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,416.05	(1,416.05)
Land Records/Restoration	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,930.95	(1,930.95)
New Office Equipment	1,500.00	1,000.00	1,423.95	(423.95)
Total Administration	\$ 142,845.00	\$ 126,995.75	\$ 127,182.61	\$ (186.86)
Receipts to Administration	42,250.00	42,250.00	82,956.01	(40,706.01)
Tax Expense	\$ 100,595.00	\$ 84,745.75	\$ 44,226.60	\$ 40,519.15
TOWN OFFICES				
Janitor Wages	\$ 900.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 884.10	\$ (134.10)
FICA-MEDI Expense	70.00	-	-	-
Electricity/Town Office	2,200.00	2,000.00	2,194.45	(194.45)
Telephone	2,500.00	3,000.00	2,468.12	531.88
Fuel/Town Office	3,200.00	2,000.00	3,134.96	(1,134.96)
Maintenance-Town Offices	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,108.59	(1,108.59)
Ground Site Work	7,000.00	-	-	-
Renovations - Listers	-	2,500.00	2,005.69	494.31
Emergency Management	-	-	-	-
Total Town Office	\$ 17,870.00	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 13,795.91	\$ (1,545.91)
GENERAL SERVICES				
Animal Control Wages	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 98.99	\$ 101.01
Constable Wages	3,500.00	3,000.00	3,550.00	(550.00)
Darling Park Wages	1,000.00	500.00	1,002.83	(502.83)
FICA-MEDI Expense	360.00	-	-	-
Darling Park Electricity	150.00	-	134.92	(134.92)
Darling Park Op/Mnt	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,192.74	(192.74)
Darling Park Supplies	300.00	-	289.32	(289.32)
VT State Police	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,120.88	379.12
Security	4,500.00	4,500.00	5,409.45	(909.45)
Dues/Fees - VLCT	1,411.00	1,150.00	1,313.00	(163.00)
Legal Fees	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,310.56	(1,310.56)
Dog Pound & Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,192.98	(192.98)
St of VT-Dog License Fee	-	-	358.00	(358.00)
St of VT-Marriage Lic Fee	-	-	120.00	(120.00)
Interest/Line Of Credit	3,000.00	3,000.00	8,457.86	(5,457.86)
Bike Lane Study	-	-	6,029.00	(6,029.00)
Fire Dept. Dispatch	3,975.00	3,375.00	3,375.00	-
Fire Dept. Workers Comp.	1,377.00	-	-	-
Caledonia County Tax	12,109.25	12,109.25	12,109.25	-
Total General Services	\$ 44,382.25	\$ 40,334.25	\$ 56,064.78	\$ (15,730.53)
Receipts to General Services	12,500.00	10,000.00	36,920.84	(26,920.84)
Tax Expense	\$ 31,882.25	\$ 30,334.25	\$ 19,143.94	\$ 11,190.31

**TOWN OF BURKE 2003 BUDGET COMPARISON AND
2004 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Account Description	2004 Proposed Budget	2003 Actual Voted Budget	2003 Actual Income/Spent	Variance
INSURANCE				
FICA - Social Security	\$ -	\$ 17,850.00	\$ 17,160.12	\$ 689.88
Health Insurance	49,000.00	45,000.00	41,482.16	3,517.84
Workman's Compensation	9,479.00	7,200.00	7,656.00	(456.00)
PACIF (Bldgs & Autos)	7,395.00	6,500.00	7,128.93	(628.93)
Professional Liability	1,518.00	1,270.00	1,270.00	-
Unemployment Insurance	2,110.00	2,449.00	2,449.24	(0.24)
Public Official Bond	150.00	150.00	126.00	24.00
Employment Practices	682.00	591.00	624.00	(33.00)
Total Insurance	\$ 70,334.00	\$ 81,010.00	\$ 77,896.45	\$ 3,113.55
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT				
Zoning Secretary Wages	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,055.31	\$ (5.31)
Zoning Administrator Wages	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,820.00	(320.00)
FICA-MEDI Expense	225.00	-	-	-
Office Expense-Zoning Board	500.00	500.00	493.50	6.50
Total Zoning Board of Adjustments	\$ 3,275.00	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 3,368.81	\$ (318.81)
Receipts to Zoning	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,208.00	(1,208.00)
Tax Expense	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 160.81	\$ 889.19
PLANNING COMMISSION				
Planning Secretary Wages	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 838.15	\$ 261.85
Office Expense - Planning	500.00	500.00	405.67	94.33
FICA-MEDI Expense	85.00	-	-	-
Town Plan Grant	500.00	-	6,481.84	(6,481.84)
Total Planning Commission	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 7,725.66	\$ (6,125.66)
Receipts to Planning	500.00	500.00	5,359.00	(4,859.00)
Tax Expense	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 2,366.66	\$ (1,266.66)
911 PROJECT				
911 Wages	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,012.47	\$ (12.47)
FICA-MEDI Expense	78.00	-	-	-
911 Operating Supplies	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Total 911 Project	\$ 1,578.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,012.47	\$ 487.53
CEMETERY				
Cemetery Sexton Wages	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 8,565.00	\$ 8,595.25	\$ (30.25)
FICA-MEDI Expense	712.00	655.00	657.54	(2.54)
Equipment-Oper/Maint.	500.00	800.00	335.79	464.21
Repairs to Grounds	500.00	500.00	1,053.29	(553.29)
Operating Supplies	500.00	1,000.00	339.72	660.28
Miscellaneous Expense	-	65.00	-	65.00
New Equipment	1,600.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Total Cemetery	\$ 13,112.00	\$ 12,585.00	\$ 10,981.59	\$ 1,603.41
Receipts to Cemetery	3,500.00	3,500.00	7,428.00	(3,928.00)
Tax Expense	\$ 9,612.00	\$ 9,085.00	\$ 3,553.59	\$ 5,531.41

**TOWN OF BURKE 2003 BUDGET COMPARISON AND
2004 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Account Description	2004 Proposed Budget	2003 Actual Voted Budget	2003 Actual Income/Spent	Variance
Darling Trust Cemetery Account				
BH Church Wages	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,196.74	\$ 3.26
FICA-MEDI Expense	99.50	86.00	91.55	(5.55)
Electricity-Church	90.00	107.53	87.67	19.86
Insurance	260.00	254.00	254.00	-
Oper/Maint Equipment	293.00	292.36	-	292.36
Repairs to Grounds	250.00	251.00	550.00	(299.00)
Outside Contractors	-	4,487.61	11.00	4,476.61
Operating Supplies	125.00	119.65	125.06	(5.41)
Equipment Replacement	-	132.23	-	132.23
	<u>\$ 2,417.50</u>	<u>\$ 6,930.38</u>	<u>\$ 2,316.02</u>	<u>\$ 4,614.36</u>
Receipts From Darling Trust	-	-	476.45	(476.45)
	<u>\$ 2,417.50</u>	<u>\$ 6,930.38</u>	<u>\$ 1,839.57</u>	<u>\$ 5,090.81</u>
RECYCLING/RUBBISH				
RUBBISH REMOVAL				
Driver/Asst Wages	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 11,913.17	\$ 1,086.83
FICA-MEDI Expense	995.00	-	-	-
Tipping Fees	30,000.00	28,000.00	28,688.54	(688.54)
Outside Maint/Repairs	1,500.00	1,500.00	7,830.57	(6,330.57)
Truck Replacement Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Operation/maintenance	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,120.23	1,879.77
Rubbish Supplies	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Fuel - Rubbish Truck	2,200.00	2,080.00	2,175.26	(95.26)
Hazardous Waste Days	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,859.16	140.84
Total Rubbish Removal	<u>\$ 62,195.00</u>	<u>\$ 59,080.00</u>	<u>\$ 57,586.93</u>	<u>\$ 1,493.07</u>
Receipts to Rubbish	<u>28,000.00</u>	<u>31,000.00</u>	<u>31,227.27</u>	<u>(227.27)</u>
Tax Expense	<u>\$ 34,195.00</u>	<u>\$ 28,080.00</u>	<u>\$ 26,359.66</u>	<u>\$ 1,720.34</u>
RECYCLING				
Recycling Wages	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,826.09	\$ (826.09)
FICA-MEDI Expense	704.00	-	-	-
Recy Bldg-Electricity	800.00	600.00	745.53	(145.53)
Recycling-Dues & Fees	800.00	800.00	2,150.00	(1,350.00)
Recycling-Outside Maint/Repair	-	-	413.50	(413.50)
Recycling-Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,053.57	(53.57)
Recycling-Oper/Maint.	1,000.00	-	3,434.57	(3,434.57)
Recycling Hauling	1,000.00	1,000.00	975.00	25.00
Total Recycling	<u>\$ 14,504.00</u>	<u>\$ 11,400.00</u>	<u>\$ 17,598.26</u>	<u>\$ (6,198.26)</u>
Recycling Building Operations and Supplies				
Recy Bldg-Operational Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Recy Bldg-Supplies	-	500.00	-	500.00
Recy Bldg-Oper/Maint	-	-	78.30	(78.30)
Recy Bldg-Materials (Voted)	-	13,500.00	13,914.12	(414.12)
Recy Bldg-Equipment	-	-	-	-
Outside Contractors	-	-	2,260.96	(2,260.96)
Total Recycling Building	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 14,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 16,253.38</u>	<u>\$ (2,253.38)</u>

**TOWN OF BURKE 2003 BUDGET COMPARISON AND
2004 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Account Description	2004 Proposed Budget	2003 Actual Voted Budget	2003 Actual Income/Spent	Variance
Recycling Operations (Continued)				
Total Recycling Operations	\$ 14,504.00	\$ 25,400.00	\$ 33,851.64	\$ (8,451.64)
Voted Revenue Addition	-	13,500.00	13,500.00	-
Receipts to Recycling	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>4,271.50</u>	<u>(2,271.50)</u>
Tax Expense	\$ 12,504.00	\$ 16,900.00	\$ 16,080.14	\$ 819.86
HIGHWAY				
TOWN GARAGE				
Electricity/Town Garage	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,401.42	\$ 98.58
Telephone/Town Garage	600.00	600.00	573.54	26.46
Supplies & Repairs	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>16.89</u>	<u>483.11</u>
Total Town Garage	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,991.85	\$ 608.15
GENERAL HIGHWAY				
Highway Wages	\$ 77,750.00	\$ 76,000.00	\$ 73,761.97	\$ 2,238.03
Highway OT Wages	15,500.00	18,300.00	11,586.39	6,713.61
Highway Benefit Wages	9,166.00	8,000.00	10,969.18	(2,969.18)
FICA-MEDI Expense	7,850.00	-	-	-
Uniforms Expense	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,943.01	56.99
Mileage Reimbursement	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,034.03	(34.03)
Outside Maint/Repairs	15,000.00	24,000.00	30,858.71	(6,858.71)
Outside Contractors	5,000.00	-	8,994.41	(8,994.41)
Operations & Maintenance	11,500.00	11,500.00	17,348.08	(5,848.08)
Maintenance Supplies	12,500.00	14,500.00	11,117.24	3,382.76
Fuel - Town Trucks	12,000.00	11,000.00	11,976.04	(976.04)
Equipment Replacement Fund	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>4,330.07</u>	<u>20,669.93</u>
Total General Highway	\$ 194,266.00	\$ 191,300.00	\$ 183,919.13	\$ 7,380.87
CLASS 2 ROADS				
General Maintenance Class II	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ (900.00)
Retreatment/Class II	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,226.84	(226.84)
Bridge Repairs	15,000.00	15,000.00	9,527.68	5,472.32
Winter Road Salt	<u>35,000.00</u>	<u>35,000.00</u>	<u>32,647.56</u>	<u>2,352.44</u>
Total Class 2 Roads	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 93,302.08	\$ 6,697.92
CLASS 3 ROADS				
Calcium/Road Salt	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 13,900.17	\$ 1,099.83
Winter Sand	17,000.00	17,000.00	17,694.95	(694.95)
Gravel Resurface/Class 3	35,000.00	35,000.00	31,233.87	3,766.13
Culverts	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>487.00</u>	<u>(487.00)</u>
Total Class 3 Roads	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 63,315.99	\$ 3,684.01
Total Highway Department	\$ 363,866.00	\$ 360,900.00	\$ 342,529.05	\$ 18,370.95
Receipts to Highway	<u>110,000.00</u>	<u>105,000.00</u>	<u>115,473.62</u>	<u>(10,473.62)</u>
Tax Expense	\$ 253,866.00	\$ 255,900.00	\$ 227,055.43	\$ 28,844.57
Total Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 737,978.75	\$ 731,635.38	\$ 734,311.92	\$ (2,676.54)

**TOWN OF BURKE 2003 BUDGET COMPARISON AND
2004 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Account Description	2004 Proposed Budget	2003 Actual Voted Budget	2003 Actual Income/Spent	Variance
NON-BUDGETED EXPENDITURES				
MISCELLANEOUS				
Appropriations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,526.73	
Fire Hydrant Grant Expense	-	-	2,361.78	
Darling Trust Expenses	-	-	5,539.63	
School Property Taxes	-	-	1,450,983.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	-	-	19.99	
Town Portrait Day Expense	-	-	40.00	
Total Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,508,471.13	
Total Misc & Budgeted Expenses	\$ 737,978.75	\$ 731,635.38	\$ 2,242,783.05	
Town Property Tax Revenues	-	-	531,796.11	
School Property Tax Revenues	-	-	1,450,983.00	
Approp for the Recycle Addition	-	13,500.00	13,500.00	
Total Budgeted Receipts	200,750.00	209,750.00	319,292.44	
	\$ 537,228.75	\$ 508,385.38	\$59,288.50	
 To be transferred to the Equipment Fund			\$ 20,669.93	
To be transferred to the Bridge Fund			5,472.32	
To be transferred to the Rubbish Truck Fund			5,000.00	
Monies received from the State of Vermont for Town Reappraisal			8,303.57	
			\$ 39,445.82	
		Surplus 12/31/2003	\$19,842.68	

**TOWN OF BURKE
STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
DECEMBER 31, 2003**

GRANDLIST - 2003

Municipal	\$	940,771.96
Education	\$	943,671.82

TAXES RAISED

	Grandlist		Rate	Amount Raised
Town - General	940,771.96	x	\$ 0.22	\$ 206,969.83
Highway	940,771.96	x	0.28	263,416.15
Appropriations	940,771.96	x	0.05	47,038.60
Renovations	940,771.96	x	0.02	18,815.44
Local Share	943,671.82	x	0.41	386,905.45
State Share	943,671.82	x	<u>1.13</u>	<u>1,066,349.16</u>
			\$ 2.11	\$ 1,989,494.62

2003 Taxes Collected	\$	1,945,560.28
Delinquent Taxes to be Collected		<u>43,722.36</u>
	\$	1,989,282.64
Veterans Exemption Allowed		211.00
Rounding		<u>0.98</u>
	\$	1,989,494.62

TOWN OF BURKE
ANTICIPATED TAX RATE
2004

Proposed 2004 Town Budget	\$ 737,978.75
2004 Anticipated Receipts	200,750.00
Delinquent Taxes to Be Collected	<u>44,622.32</u>
Anticipated Receipts	245,372.32
Estimated amount to be raised by taxes	492,606.43
Appropriation Requests (If Approved)	<u>52,918.82</u>
Total estimated tax expense	\$ 545,525.25
Divide estimated expenses by last published Grandlist of 4/1/2003 (Municipal)	\$ 940,771.96
Estimated Town Tax Rate for 2004	0.58

Breakdown of Tax Rate

Highway (\$363,866 - \$110,000. = \$253,866.)	0.27
Appropriations (\$52,918.82)	0.06
General Fund (\$374,112.75 - \$135,372.32= \$238,740.43)	<u>0.25</u>
	0.58

Anticipated Town 2004 Tax Rate	\$ 0.58
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Same as last year (2003). If the Grandlist goes up then the tax rate should go down.

TOWN OF BURKE

PROPERTY – EQUIPMENT – TRUST FUNDS

BUILDINGS

Town Offices and Land (3.6 Acres)	\$ 146,200.00
Town Garage and Land (3.5 Acres)	60,000.00
Recycling Building	48,000.00
Cemetery Buildings and Land	
Meeting House/Burke Hollow Cemetery (1.5 Acres)	79,000.00
Burke Green Cemetery (1.25 Acres)	13,800.00
Hillside Cemetery (18 Acres)	21,700.00
Howland Cemetery (4.6 Acres)	10,600.00
Town Owned Land	
Burke Mt Road (8.38)	15,200.00
Darling Memorial Park	24,000.00

EQUIPMENT

Highway	187,110.00
Rubbish Truck	24,300.00
Cemetery	5,402.00
Office	40,500.00
Darling Park	17,717.00
Recycling Equipment	19,450.00
	<u>\$ 712,979.00</u>

ASSETS

Balance on Hand at December 31, 2003

Elmer A. Darling Trust Funds	
Burke Meeting House & Cemetery	
Passumpsic Savings Bank Trustees	\$ 128,077.50
Inhabitants Poor or Unfortunate	
A.G. Edwards & Sons Trustees	
Vanguard Total Bond	158,082.85
Inhabitants Poor or Unfortunate	
Vanguard Account-Board of Selectmen Trustees	<u>10,715.38</u>
Total Market Value – Darling Fund	\$ 296,875.73
Delinquent Taxes Considered Good	\$ 44,622.32
Cemetery Perpetual Care	49,117.91
Money Market	5,024.94
Checking Accounts	177,848.51
Bridge CD	63,870.40
Reappraisal Fund	36,201.34
Recreation CD	6,138.68
Equipment Replacement CD	5,933.32
Rubbish Truck Replacement Fund	<u>1,696.50</u>
	\$390,453.92
Total Current Assets	\$687,329.65

**Town of Burke
2003 Delinquent Taxes Due**

<u>TAXPAYER</u>	<u>AMOUNT DUE</u>		<u>TAXPAYER</u>	<u>AMOUNT DUE</u>	
Aiken, Ronald & Melissa	\$ 747.71	pp	Grosser, Frederick	1,888.45	
Anderson, David	2,507.72		Hackett, Ricky, Jr.	508.51	pp
Bartlett, Stanley W.	322.83		Jackson, Nancy	949.50	pp
Bell, Kaluwa	318.61	pp	Scruton, Kent	207.03	
Bilodeau, Michael	692.08		Lafleur, David	284.40	pp
Bollman, Reva	1,989.73		Leland, William	170.66	
Boulay, Bernard & Doris	1,128.85		Nelson, Alice	33.49	
Britt, Bryan	1,048.67	pp	Nichols, Michael	607.68	
Brooks, Jeffery	481.08		Randall, Timothy	976.24	
Brown, Jane M.	1,382.05		Ruggles, David	1,677.45	
Bushey, Mary	1,791.39		Rumbinas, Eric	780.39	
Call, Robert & Lisa	1,126.74		Scala, Stephan	12.06	
Cassidy, R & B & W	1,662.68		Scherber, Beverly	109.72	
Chamberlain, Leigh	4,555.04		Smith, David	2,080.13	
Chieppo, Timothy	5,630.75		Stephan, Angela	472.23	
Conway, Andrea	1,318.75	pp	Strout, ET AL, Ruth	495.79	
Cote, Brian & Lisa	1,688.00		Switser, Howard	1,711.21	
Gargone, Charles	1,111.69		Tilton, Nancy	384.02	
Gilman, Tom & Peggy	554.39	pp	Williamson, Thomas	314.64	

Total 2003 Due @ 12/31/2003 \$43,722.36

Prior Years Delinquent Taxes Still Due

<u>TAXPAYER</u>	<u>AMOUNT DUE</u>
Bell, Kaluwa	\$ 899.96
Total Prior Years	\$ 899.96
 Total All Taxes Due	 \$ 44,622.32

*** indicates Payment in Full prior to printing

PP indicates there is a payment plan and the taxpayer is making regular payments

Town Employees Wages for 2003

Clerk's & Assistants

Priscilla Aldrich	\$ 33,075.00
Cathi Feeley	22,932.00
Muriel Feeley	6,142.50
Linda Hackett-Corey	18,398.64

Listers

Byron Calkins	\$ 1,905.00
Rick Libera	962.50
Susan Rowe	1,812.63
Irene Sawyer	3,786.75
Jacqueline Tardif	11,652.50

Auditors

Jeanne Miles	\$ 68.25
Gail Weed	119.00

Election Officials

Carleta Legacy	\$ 60.00
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Selectmen

Mike Harris	\$ 300.00
Emery Noyes	300.00
Sam Sanderson	300.00

Constable

Paul Gallant	\$ 3,570.00
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Highway

Robert Batchelder	\$ 38,687.36
Paul Doyon	29,605.29
Brian Greer	12,357.50
Donald Houston	12,519.19
John McClure	375.00

Darling Park

Carlos Bean	\$ 1,026.83
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Janitorial

Lorraine Hackett	\$ 766.50
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Cemetery

Marica Hackett	\$ 4,337.88
Rick Hackett, Sr.	5,847.08

Zoning Administrator

Harold Tardif, Jr.	\$ 1,820.00
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Waste Management

Roxann MacDonald	\$ 8,633.25
Clifford Rexford	10,209.54
James Hinman	4,252.70

Planning Secretary

Diane French	\$ 532.00
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Total Town Employee Wages	\$ 236,354.89
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2003 MARRIAGES

Date	GROOM	BRIDE
March	Randy Beer	Jodine Scharrenberg
April	William Ware	Sadie Gammell
May	Wolfgang Frandl	Melanie Bonemaier
May	Daniel Sanderson	Stacey Graves
May	Paul Leduc	Michelle Gauvin
May	Scott Lawrence	Jessica Noyes
June	Robert Deluca	April Ruggles
June	Bryce Hubner	Kimberly Bonnell
June	Paul Walker	Kristy Harris
June	Jeffrey Welch	Karen York
July	Theodore Broadwater	Mielle Riggie
July	Brendan Kelley	Sarah Ingerson
July	Dwayne Perron	Rhonda Dion
July	Andrew Lowry	Jamie Crystal-McClung
July	Terrence Howland	Rachel Wagner
July	Michael Stone	Hillary Labounty
August	Leon Turmel	Tammy Houghton
August	Jared Pritz	Karyn Crowe
August	Matthew Laferriere	Meghan Jarvis
August	Greg Ely	Stephanie Switser
August	Brian Sanborn	Dawn Morse
August	George King	Julia Brown
September	Nathan Emmons	Christine Rice
September	Jeffrey Lewis	Karen Kristiansen
December	Rodney Facteau	Juanita Lerch



2003 BIRTHS



DATE	NEWBORN	FATHER	MOTHER
January	Millie	Jonathan Clarner	Disa (Nourjian)Clarner
February	Derick,Jr.	Derick Morse	Sabrina Miller
March	Lilian	George Wagner Jr.	Tammy Wagner
March	Cody	Justin Van Dine	Gwen (Stevens) Van Dine
May	Wilson	Justin Krause	Jessica Simpson
May	Katelynn	Dennis Humphrey	Kimberly (Bressette) Humphrey
July	Jaden	William Hayes	Catherine (Lavoie) Hayes
July	Emily	Terrance Dickey	Kimberly Deth
August	Matthew	Phillip Sirois	Pamela (Audibert) Sirois
August	Jezeiah	Ricky Hackett Jr.	Celeste (Brasseur) Hackett
September	Jeffrey	Jeffrey Gallagher	Christina (Wilson) Gallagher
October	Dylan	Herbert Miller Jr.	Melynda (Sargent) Miller
October	Kathryn	Peter McAllenney	Judith McAllenney
October	Emma	Tracy Newland	Meredith (Sanderson) Newland
November	Abigail	Christopher Roy	Maude (Holman) Roy
November	Aiden	Eric Bogie	Michelle Laferriere
December	Avery	Peter Tomczyk	Carrie (Hibshman) Tomczyk





2003 DEATHS

DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE	AGE
January	Thomas Connell	Plymouth, MA	47
January	John Villeneuve	West Burke	54
February	Avis Ford	West Burke	96
March	William McGowan	West Burke	74
June	Betty Rogers	West Burke	74
August	Kenneth Davis	West Burke	76
October	James Brown	West Burke	67
November	Theodore Bollman	West Burke	72
November	Gloria Stowell	West Burke	65
November	Edward Grimes	East Burke	37



**TOWN OF BURKE
2003 TOWN MEETING MINUTES
AND AUSTRALIAN BALLOT RESULTS**

The legal voters of the Town of Burke met Tuesday, March 4, 2003 at 9:00 A.M. in the Town Hall, 3277 Burke Hollow Road to transact the following business.

Moderator John Hall opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Moderator Hall asked for a moment of silence for the town residents who had passed on during the year.

Article 1. Shall the voters of Burke accept the Town Report? Nancy Berge commented on how nice the Town reports were and also made a motion to accept the Town report as amended. The amendment was on page 36, the East Burke Volunteer Brigade report where the words donations and fundraisers were omitted. Motion seconded by Joe Anastasia. Approved by voice vote.

Article 2. Shall the voters of Burke authorize the Selectmen to have all taxes paid into the Treasury as provided by law and if so to establish Wednesday, October 15, 2003 as the due date? Motion made by Dwight Davis, Seconded by Nancy Berge. Approved by voice vote.

Article 3. Shall the voters of Burke vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of revenues? Motion made by Ford Hubbard, seconded by George Wagner. Approved by voice vote.

Article 4. Shall the voters of Burke support the retention of the East Burke dam by opposing the proposed removal of the dam by the Passumpsic Land Trust? There was extensive discussion on this subject. Dwight Davis, Ford Hubbard and Herman Hoyt gave a detailed presentation and urged everyone to support this article. Virginia Elliott made a motion to table the article for lack of information. Mrs. Berge seconded. The audience voted against the motion to table. Ford Hubbard moved to vote on the article, Karl Wieland seconded. A vote was taken to support the article, which passed by voice vote.

Article 5. Be it resolved that the citizens of the Town of Burke urgently call upon our municipal leaders, state legislators, governor, and Congressional delegation to put Vermont in the forefront of a sustainable energy future. Specifically, we request immediate and ongoing action on legislative initiatives designed to promote energy efficiency in Vermont's homes, businesses, public buildings, and transportation systems, and to encourage expansion of the renewable energy industry in the state of Vermont.

Mr. Vernon Gray gave a detailed overview on Wind Towers and Wind Farms. He urged the taxpayers to vote against any proposals to allow wind farms in the area. A motion by Donna Otto was made to table the article until further information is available. Gerald Welden seconded the motion. The article was tabled by a voice vote.

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Article 6. To elect all necessary Town Officers as required by law? (Australian Ballot) – 246 voters

- ☐ Town Moderator – John Hall, Elected 1 year
- ☐ Town Clerk – Priscilla Aldrich, Elected 3 years
- ☐ Town Treasurer – Priscilla Aldrich, Elected 3 years
- ☐ Delinquent Tax Collector – Priscilla Aldrich, Elected 3 years
- ☐ Trustee of Public Funds – Priscilla Aldrich, Elected 3 years
- ☐ Selectman – Kenneth Sanderson, Elected 3 years
- ☐ Lister – Rick Libera, Elected 3 years
- ☐ Auditor – Gail Weed, Elected 3 years
- ☐ Constable – Paul Gallant, Elected 1 year
- ☐ Town Grand Jurors - Barry Hertz, Elected 1 year
- Paul Kane, Elected 1 year
- ☐ Town Agent – Jill Broderick, Elected 1 year
- ☐ Agent To Convey Real Estate – Selectmen, Elected 1 year

Article 7. Shall the voters of Burke vote to accept the proposed 2003 Town budget of \$718,135.38 for the ensuing year to meet the expenses and liabilities of the town and to authorize the Selectmen to set a tax rate to provide the same? (Australian Ballot) PASSED – 201 YES 40 NO 5 BLANK

Article 8. Shall the voters of Burke vote the sum of \$13,500.00 to put an addition onto the recycle building for additional storage space? (Australian Ballot) PASSED - 173 YES 65 NO 8 BLANK

Article 9. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to the East Burke Volunteer Fire Brigade? (Australian Ballot) PASSED 229 YES 13 NO 4 BLANK

Article 10. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 to the West Burke Volunteer Fire Department? (Australian Ballot) PASSED 214 YES 28 NO 4 BLANK

Article 11. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$19,280.73 to Lyndon Rescue, Inc.? (Australian Ballot) PASSED 197 YES 38 NO 11 BLANK

Article 12. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to help support the services of Catamount Arts? (Australian Ballot) PASSED 132 YES 104 NO 10 BLANK

Article 13. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$600.00 to the Cobleigh Public Library to help continue the library's many free programs and services for all area towns? (Australian Ballot) PASSED 186 YES 52 NO 8 BLANK

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- Article 14.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to the East Burke Community Library to help purchase new books for the library? (Australian Ballot) PASSED 187 YES 51 NO
7 BLANK 1 SPOILED
- Article 15.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$840.00 for the operation of the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium during the ensuing year, in exchange for free unlimited general admission to the Museum for all Burke Residents? (Australian Ballot) PASSED 189 YES 49 NO
7 BLANK 1 SPOILED
- Article 16.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to Lyndon Area Senior Action Center, Inc.? (Australian Ballot) PASSED 180 YES 56 NO 10 BLANK
- Article 17.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to Lyndonville Youth Baseball/Softball Program? (Australian Ballot) PASSED 155 YES 81 NO 10 BLANK
- Article 18.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,650.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.? (Australian Ballot) PASSED 137 YES 100 NO 9 BLANK
- Article 19.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.? (Australian Ballot) PASSED 138 YES 98 NO 10 BLANK
- Article 20.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Youth Services? (Australian Ballot) PASSED 143 YES 96 NO 7 BLANK
- Article 21.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$596.00 to the Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) for planning, development, promoting and publicizing the resources of Caledonia, Essex and Orleans counties in cooperation with other towns in the three counties? (Australian Ballot) PASSED 150 YES 89 NO 7 BLANK
- Article 22.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to the Pilgrim Manor Meal Site and Senior Center to help in the purchase of food, gatherings for the senior citizens, upkeep on appliances, and whatever needed to expand the use of the facility? (Australian Ballot) PASSED 188 YES 52 NO 5 BLANK 1 SPOILED

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- Article 23.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$280.00 to the Riverside Life Enrichment Center, Adult Day Health Services? (Australian Ballot) PASSED 175 YES 66 NO 5 BLANK
- Article 24.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$430.00 to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living in assisting Vermonters with disabilities to live as fully, productively and independently as possible? (Australian Ballot) PASSED 175 YES 66 NO 5 BLANK
- Article 25.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to the Vermont Leadership Center? (Australian Ballot) PASSED 130 YES 109 NO 7 BLANK
- Article 26.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to the Village Improvement Society to help defray the costs for the maintenance of the pool at Powers Park? (Australian Ballot) PASSED 141 YES 101 NO 4 BLANK
- Article 27.** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

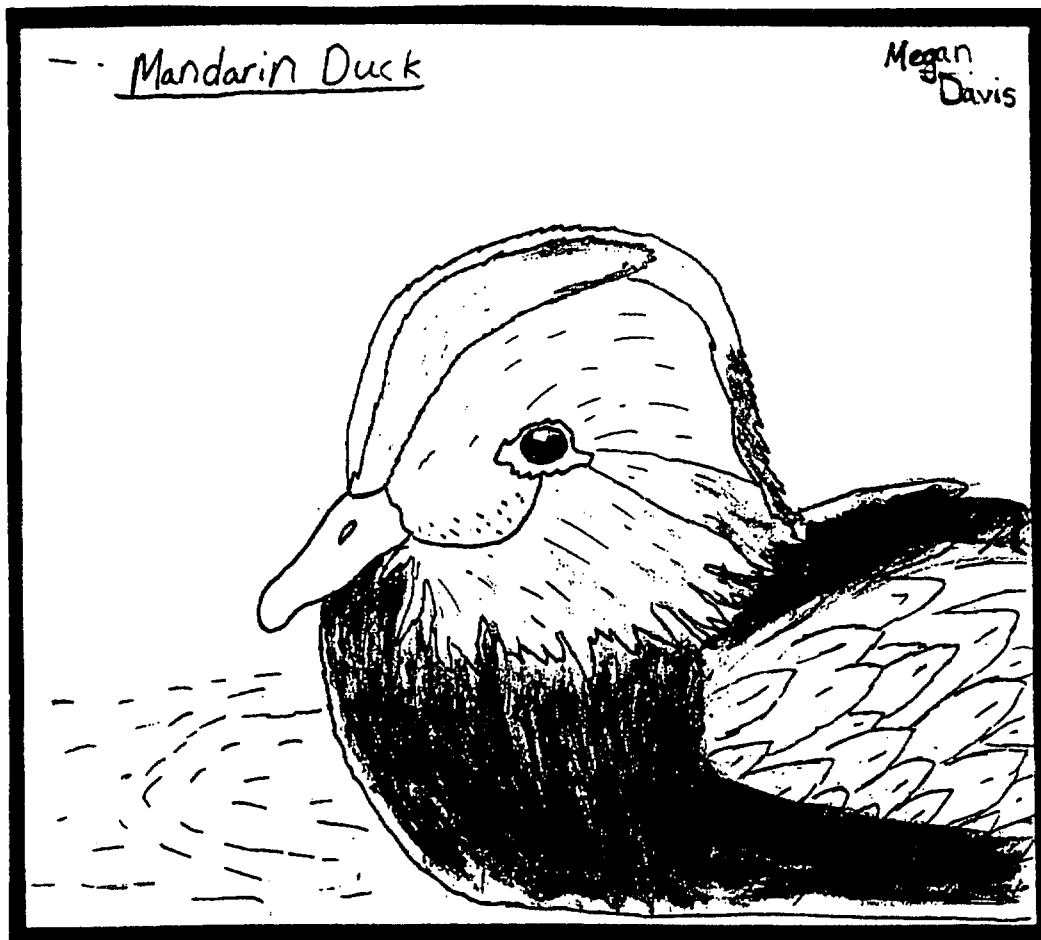
Sam told the audience that the Board felt that they should preserve the Town's Painted curtain that is hanging above the stage at the Town Hall. He felt that it should be moved to the Town Offices. After a brief discussion on the subject, Dwight Davis made a motion to move the historical curtain to the Town Offices. Ford Hubbard seconded. Passed by voice vote.

With no other business to come before the Town, Gerald Welden made a motion to adjourn. Roland Martin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Priscilla Aldrich, cvc, cvt
Town Clerk & Treasurer

Burke Town School District



2003

WARNING

ANNUAL MEETING OF BURKE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice to Voters:

- 1) Residents, who are not already on the voter checklist, may register to vote no later than 4:00 on Monday, February 23, 2004, at the Burke Town Clerk's Office.
- 2) Registered voters may apply at the Town Clerk's Office for an early voter ballot for Australian ballot issues until 4:00 p.m. the day before the election.

Warning Notice:

The legal voters of the Burke Town School District are hereby duly warned and notified to meet in the Town Hall in said town on Monday, March 1, 2004, at 6:30 P.M. to hold an informational meeting on Articles One and Two (1 & 2). Voting for Articles One and Two (1 & 2) will be by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, with the polls open between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

The legal voters of the Burke Town School District are hereby duly warned and notified to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Monday, March 1, 2004, immediately following the informational meeting for the Australian Ballot articles to transact the following business in Article 3 through Article 10.

- Article 1.* To elect all necessary School District officers as required by law (Australian Ballot):
- a) School District Moderator
 - b) School Director for the balance of a 3 year term to expire in 2006
 - c) School Director for 2 years, term to expire in 2006
 - d) School Director for 3 years, term to expire in 2007
- Article 2.* Shall the voters of the Burke Town School District appropriate the sum of \$2,584,380 (operating expenses of \$2,553,427 and long term debt service of \$30,953) necessary for the support of its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2004?
(Australian Ballot)
- Article 3.* Shall the voters of the Burke Town School District authorize the transfer of \$10,000 from the Accrual Accounting Reserve Fund to the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005 in order to reduce the tax burden in FY2005?
- Article 4.* Shall the voters of the Burke Town School District authorize the School District to transfer any surplus in the district's General Fund from the school year ending June 30, 2004 to the Capital Reserve Fund?
- Article 5.* Shall the voters of the Burke Town School District authorize and empower the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of receipts and to give a note or notes in the name of the District to secure payment thereof?

- Article 6.* Shall the voters of the Burke Town School District authorize the School Directors to accept and to expend such grant monies as may from time to time become available to the school district?
- Article 7.* Shall the voters of the Burke Town School District authorize the School Directors to allow public use of school facilities and equipment pursuant to Title 16 V.S.A. 562/11?
- Article 8.* Shall the voters of the Burke Town School District designate Lyndon Institute as the public high school for the Burke Town School District?
- Article 9.* To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Linda Carr, Chairman

Linda Carr

Russell Henderson

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Anthony Demasi

Anthony J Demasi

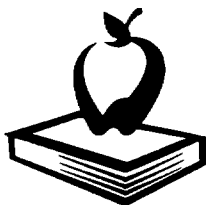
Merton Leonard

Merton Leonard

School Directors, Town of Burke School District

Dated this 23rd day of January 2004.

Attest: Priscilla Aldrich, c.v.c., c.v.t.
Priscilla Aldrich, Town Clerk and Treasurer



MESSAGE FROM THE BURKE TOWN SCHOOL DIRECTORS

2003

It has been another successful year for the Burke Town School with a slight increase in students. The Board lost two people due to resignations, Anthony Amodeo and Charles Chapman. Tony Demasi and Mert Leonard were appointed to fill the positions until elections on this town meeting day.

Many thanks to the town for paving our drive. Thanks also to the Burke School and Community Association for all the time, energy and money they give our school without which we could not carry on all our programs! Thanks to the teachers for all the hours they spend in preparation as well as teaching. We appreciate the support of parents and the Townspeople which helps our school run smoothly.

Much time and energy was put in this year's budget by the budget committee. We hope you will take the time to look it over carefully, come to our annual meeting on Monday, March 1st at 6:30 P.M. and voice questions or concerns you may have. Because of Act 68, a sort of revision to Act 60, we will have a decrease in the tax rate.

It is both a rewarding as well as an interesting experience to serve as school directors.

Burke Town School Board of Directors

Linda Carr. Chair

Roland Martin

Russ Henderson

Tony Demasi

Merton Leonard





3293 Burke Hollow Road
West Burke, Vermont 05871-8913

Phone: (802) 467-3385

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February 9, 2004

Dear Burke Residents,

I find it amazing that I have become one of the most veteran educators having an historical perspective on education in this Northeast Kingdom district. Much has changed not only in education but in the world during the last three decades. I know for a fact that the knowledge base of your teachers in content areas and pedagogy of learning strategies, mixed with modern scientific research of how the brain operates is at an all time high in your school. Also at an all time high are the challenges and needs that our students bring with them through the schoolhouse doors. We can no longer ignore the impact that society and 21st century issues are having on our children and our families and our community.

The last five years has brought the most significant changes in education that I can ever remember. Your school went from a single dial up account to our current high speed wired and wireless connections. The explosion of information and digital technology is everywhere in our lives. More than half the people in our nation – and 65% of our children – are now online. As a country, we now use the internet for business transactions, shopping, entertainment, information searches, communication, and of course learning. (Economics and Statistics Administration, 2002). Although we are “connected” and after several years of Technology grants have acquired substantial equipment, software and professional services, we are only at the very tip of providing to our students the skills they will need to succeed in the 21st century.

I was fortunate to recently attend the Technology, Reading and Learning Difficulties Conference. One of the many presenters was Donald Leu, Endowed Chair of Literacy and Technology at the University of Connecticut. He addressed these skills not as “technology,” but as Literacy for the 21st century. According to Leu, “We would put ourselves at risk to depend only on the traditional literacies of print.” Especially since other countries of the world including Ireland, Finland, New Zealand and Australia are investing in these new literacies to promote, with success, their economic growth and development.

Another huge impact on education is the recent legislation known as *No Child Left Behind*. It mandates that ALL children (THAT MEANS EVERY SINGLE ONE) will MEET OR EXCEED rigorous standards. Testing has now become a very high stakes, political endeavor. Schools and or districts that don't meet these standards will be financially penalized or taken over by authorized or private agencies. (Interestingly, NCLB, better known as “nickel-B,” only uses the traditional literacies of print to assess children! There is no state in the union that allows students to use any of the technological accommodations they use on a daily basis with which to take their tests.) Other mandates and legal obligations span from confidentiality, civil rights and harassment not to mention drug and alcohol protocols and criminal screenings of providers. We live in a different time and yet struggle to hold on to the community commitment that has made Burke able to provide a place of hope and a simpler life.

Let me share one example of the “New Literacy” skills. As in the past higher order thinking processes need to be developed and taught. Skills such as identifying important questions (learning how to question), searching for relevant information, analyzing information critically, synthesizing and summarizing information to address the questions and then communicating answers to others through a variety of media are still important. Now add on top of these high level skills, the ability to read and evaluate the informational text on the Internet as compared to traditional informational text in books.

Books	Internet
Familiar text book formatting (Cover, Title page, table of contents, etc.)	Little consistency in formatting (every site is different)
Pass through several editing processes	Little quality control (anyone can have a site)
Amount of information is bound within a book	Amount of information is overwhelming and connected to endless links
Publication date is easy to locate	Resources may be out of date or not updated
Images (pictures, graphs, etc.) are identified	Digital manipulation and deception possible
Information for kids is designed primarily to inform or elaborate	Information for kids is intertwined with hidden social, economic and political agendas

The challenge we face as educators, parents and community members is to help students develop 21st century skills that enable them to fully realize technology's most positive effects and balance it with our rural heritage.

Some days I feel overwhelmed by the changes and mandates put before us as educators and then as a community member trying to fund it. At the same time I am so excited by new knowledge and developments in helping all kids be successful (even if they don't meet the standards.) Every child's growth, no matter how great or small is an accomplishment. Some days I am very tired when I think about the roadblocks that stop us from doing what we know best. Other days I feel like I am just starting out as a traveler to a new land and listening to our children to guide me to where I have to go to help them.

I hope I have encouraged you to think about what our school might need to be in the future, the challenges we face as a community in educating our youth and the role we want to take in the global and digital technology education of our children. Perhaps I have allowed some of you to play in those higher order thinking arenas and kindled some great ideas for the future for Burke students.

Thanks to all those folks that do make our school a great place – all staff members, school board members, town officers and town office personnel, the road crew, parents, BSCA workers, community members and students– you know who you are! I look forward to sharing another year of challenging, but rewarding work.

Sincerely,

Sonja P. Davis, M.Ed.
Principal

The following questions are examples of web site critiquing. I have applied them to this letter as an example.

Who created the information at this site? Sonny Davis, Principal for 15 years at Burke, 34 years in Caledonia North SU.

Purpose of this site? To inform Burke residents on the current issues, activities and happenings at the Burke Town School and recognize the support from the many people who live and work in and for this town.

When was it created? February 9, 2004

Where to go to check accuracy? Burke Town School, Town Offices, CNSU offices, Department of Education.

How has this site information been shaped? Sonny Davis is an active supporter of education in Burke and the state of Vermont. She is pro-Burke and supports the school and the many people that are responsible to make it an exceptional school.

**Grants and Other Funding Sources
2003-2004**

Funding Source	Description	Amount
Federal Title II D Technology Grant	Technology Equipment, Infrastructure and Professional Development	\$15,000.00
E-rate Reimbursement	Phone and internet access reimbursement	\$4,500.00
Federal Title I Helping Disadvantaged children meet high standards	Reading teacher to work with students in K-3 who need extra support in reading Reading Recovery teacher and training	Funds are available at the CNSU level; requests must follow locally developed action plans and criteria – Approx. \$40,000.00 for local use.
Federal Title II Eisenhower Professional Development Program	Professional development for staff in math, science, and literacy.	Funds are available at the CNSU level; requests must follow locally developed action plans and criteria – Approx. \$31,500.00 for local use.
Federal Title IV Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities	Programs and activities which promote positive behaviors: Life Skills Curriculum, Student Leadership Opportunities	\$2,000.00
Federal Title VI Innovative Education Program Strategies	There are eight assistance areas that are available. Funds School Health Fair and Home School Coordinator	\$3,000.00
Vermont Rural Partnership	Coalition of 18 small, rural, poor schools to promote community awareness and opportunities, student leadership, and activities which promote local natural and cultural heritage	\$2,500.00
Medicaid Reimbursements	Programs and activities which promote positive behaviors and student success: Homework Hall, Morning Program, Summer Fun Study, Extended School Year, After School programs	\$20,000.00
In kind improvements and services provided by the Town of Burke	Paving lower parking lot	\$4,584.00
	Recycling Trailer and workshops	4,575.00
	Mowing	393.00
	Rubbish Pickup (estimated)	2,640.00
	Constable responding to alarm	100.00
	Town Report	500.00
	School budget revotes (3)	3,000.00
	Ball Field Bathroom	535.00
	Total	\$16,327.00
Burke School and Community Association	Provides a variety of enrichment programs: ski/skate, swimming, arts performances and residencies, special equipment and supplies, field trips.	\$15,000.00+
TOTAL		\$149,827.00 +/-

These grants provide our school with funds that offer programs, opportunities and services for our students and staff in addition to the budget. Funds cannot normally pay for budgeted expenses.

NOTE: The Town Auditors do not audit the School Financial Reports. These reports are printed as submitted from Caledonia North Supervisory Union.

**Burke Town School
Proposed Revenues and
Estimated Tax Rates
FY 2005**

	Adopted FY 2003	Actual FY 2003	Adopted FY 2004	Proposed FY 2005
Expenditures Budget	2,367,656	2,742,727	2,406,909	2,584,380
Estimated Income and Reimbursements				
Building Rental	650	1,335	800	800
Tuition from sending towns	25,000	48,254	42,000	40,000
State Transportation Aid	35,587	35,587	37,754	42,514
State Aid - Capital Debt	0	2,035	0	1,800
Special Ed Reimbursement	145,083	264,046	188,702	213,001
IDEA-B Federal (SPED)	15,500	26,682	15,500	43,328
Care & Custody (SPED)	0	19,411	0	12,000
State Placed Students	0	0	0	6,950
Vocational Tuition Reimburs. from L.I.	8,600	28,035	26,744	36,000
EEE Grant (Federal Grant)	0	11,575	0	0
Interest Income	5,000	50,159	12,000	6,000
LI Interest Reimbursement	0	4,048	5,500	5,000
Miscellaneous Income	1,000	16,958	1,500	0
E-rate Reimbursements	4,750	8,637	4,000	4,000
Other Federal Grants	0	0	5,000	0
Small Schools Support Grant	14,569	14,569	14,861	14,900
Medicaid	0	15,758	2,750	17,500
Building Fund	3,000	0	3,000	3,000
Transfer from Accrual Fund	25,000	0	25,000	10,000
General Fund Surplus	0	0	0	0
Transfer from Capital Reserve	21,000	0	36,000	0
	304,739	547,086	421,110	456,793
Education Spending (Act 68 definition)	2,062,917	2,195,641	1,985,799	2,127,587

FY 2005 Act 68 Estimated Tax Rates

Fy 2005 is the first year under the latest Vermont education funding formula. These estimates are based on the most likely outcome of current legislative amendments being considered.

Town	Equalized Pupils	Education Spending	Cost per Pupil	Act 68 Residential Actual Rate	Act 68 Non-Resident. Actual Rate
Burke	270.87	2,127,587	7,856	1.38	1.76

Comparison of tax rates FY 2004 (Act 60) vs FY 2005 (Act 68)

Last year the funding formula was calculated under Act 60, which was different than the current Act 68.

Town	FY 2004 Act 60	FY 2005 Act 68			
	Act 60 Actual Rate	Act 68 Residential Actual Rate	(Decrease)	Act 68 Non-Resident. Actual Rate	Increase
Burke	1.58	1.38	(0.19)	1.76	0.18

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	Budget Approved FY2003	Budget Actual FY2003	Budget Approved FY2004	Budget Proposed FY 2005	Explanation:
*****ELEMENTARY BUDGET*****					
1100	<u>Instruction</u>				
110 Teachers' Salaries	530,190	529,592	505,622	526,540	This includes all classroom teachers, music, art, and phys. ed.
115 Paraeducators' Salaries	36,478	60,917	19,604	10,909	
116 ESL Program	0	0	0	3,000	Funded by Medicaid
120 Substitute Salaries	7,000	15,601	7,000	8,000	
210 Health Insurance	90,533	80,601	110,070	106,424	
220 Social Security	43,886	45,413	40,715	41,727	
240 Municipal Retirement	1,459	1,733	784	436	
241 On-Behalf Teachers Retirement	0	32,035	0	0	
250 Workman's Comp	3,343	2,366	3,414	4,909	
260 Unemployment Insurance	0	26	0	0	Self Funded
270 Staff Development	3,740	421	4,800	3,056	
280 Dental Insurance	2,784	3,275	3,726	3,485	
290 Disability Insurance	2,437	1,780	2,258	2,345	
320 Special Programs-Museum	1,650	2,123	2,000	2,000	Field Trip
321 Summer Program / After School	0	0	0	4,500	Funded by Medicaid
330 Professional Services	0	0	0	0	
430 Repairs & Maintenance	3,000	4,526	3,000	3,000	This covers repairs and maintenance contracts for two photocopiers.
510 Transportation	0	0	0	6,500	Funded by Medicaid
565 State Ward Tuition	0	0	0	0	
580 Staff Travel	175	0	175	0	
610 Instructional Supplies	12,000	12,156	10,000	10,000	This is for supplies, workbooks, etc. used in the classrooms.
640 Textbooks	8,000	3,835	6,000	6,000	
730 Instructional Equipment	1,000	3,240	1,000	3,000	
790 Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	
Sub-Total	747,675	799,638	720,169	745,831	
1110	<u>Home School Coordination</u>				
330 Contract Services	7,500	5,750	7,500	9,500	\$2,000 funded by Medicaid
Sub -Total	7,500	5,750	7,500	9,500	
1200	<u>Special Education</u>				
110 Teachers' Salaries	26,844	35,950	36,750	53,225	1.5 FTE teachers
115 Paraeducators' Salaries	111,288	81,089	99,670	114,874	9 FTE paraeducators
119 Tutors	12,075	0	0	0	
120 Substitute Salaries	1,800	1,719	1,800	1,800	
210 Health Insurance	5,381	10,909	13,102	14,654	
220 Social Security	11,629	9,724	10,574	12,997	
240 Municipal Retirement	4,452	3,550	3,987	4,595	
250 Workman's Comp	815	530	887	1,529	
260 Unemployment Insurance	0	0	0	0	
270 Staff Development	500	376	1,900	500	
280 Dental Insurance	192	216	266	257	
290 Disability Insurance	1,036	203	594	731	
320 Professional Services	750	0	1,850	0	
321 Home School Coordinator	0	0	0	0	
322 Summer Program / ESY	0	0	0	3,500	Funded by Medicaid and IDEA-B
330 Professional Consulting	1,500	2,470	1,500	0	
510 Transportation	0	18,479	4,565	2,500	
561 Elementary Billback	0	50,027	0	0	
566 Tuition-Private	0	0	24,000	0	Alternative placements
580 Staff Travel	0	0	0	0	
610 Instructional Supplies	600	20	600	600	
640 Textbooks	500	1,097	500	500	
670 Software	150	705	150	150	
730 Instructional Equipment	300	1,155	300	300	
Sub-Total	179,811	218,221	202,995	212,712	Special Education Costs 57% reimbursable
1300	<u>Vocational Education</u>				
320 Special Programs	1,700	2,321	2,200	2,400	6th and 7th grade vocational partnership with Lyndon Institute.
Sub-Total	1,700	2,321	2,200	2,400	

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	Budget Approved FY2003	Budget Actual FY2003	Budget Approved FY2004	Budget Proposed FY 2005	Explanation:
2120					
<u>Guidance Services</u>					
110 Teachers' Salaries	30,760	33,240	33,880	34,930	
210 Health Insurance	5,545	0	0	0	
220 Social Security	2,353	2,543	2,592	2,672	
250 Workman's Comp	181	151	220	314	
260 Unemployment Insurance	0	0	0	0	
270 Staff Development	300	150	300	300	
280 Dental Insurance	154	101	0	192	
290 Disability Insurance	132	0	146	150	
580 Staff Travel	300	0	300	0	
610 Instructional Supplies	70	253	70	300	
Sub-Total	39,796	36,438	37,508	38,858	
2130					
<u>Health Services</u>					
110 Teachers' Salaries	34,419	33,766	35,790	37,160	One full time position, 5 days per week.
210 Health Insurance	9,322	7,605	11,313	7,244	
220 Social Security	2,633	2,406	2,738	2,843	
250 Workman's Comp	203	151	233	334	
260 Unemployment Insurance	0	0	0	0	
270 Staff Development	200	50	200	0	
280 Dental Insurance	192	202	266	206	
290 Disability Insurance	148	112	154	160	
610 Supplies	700	527	700	700	
690 Shots / Vaccines	1,000	77	600	200	
Sub-Total	48,817	44,896	51,994	48,847	
2136					
<u>Physical and Occupational Therapy</u>					
330 Professional Services	1,000	7,102	5,000	7,500	Special Education Costs 57% reimbursable
Sub-Total	1,000	7,102	5,000	7,500	
2140					
<u>Psychological Evaluation</u>					
330 Professional Services	8,750	13,735	8,400	11,700	This is a projection based on evaluation schedules. Special Education Costs 57% reimbursable
Sub-Total	8,750	13,735	8,400	11,700	
2150					
<u>Speech Pathology-CNSU</u>					
110 Teachers' Salaries	12,822	13,222	13,425	14,475	Special Education Costs 57% reimbursable
115 Paraeducators' Salaries	9,583	9,583	11,416	11,627	
210 Health Insurance	2,673	2,673	3,181	3,491	
220 Social Security	1,714	1,547	1,900	1,997	
240 Municipal Retirement	383	0	457	581	
250 Workman's Comp	132	76	161	235	
260 Unemployment Insurance	0	0	0	0	
270 Staff Development	250	0	250	50	
280 Dental Insurance	72	0	80	0	
290 Disability Insurance	167	58	107	112	
320 Professional Services	0	0	0	0	
580 Staff Travel	250	0	250	0	
610 Instructional Supplies	350	0	350	0	
810 Dues & Fees	0	0	0	0	
Sub-Total	28,397	27,159	31,577	32,568	

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	Budget Approved FY2003	Budget Actual FY2003	Budget Approved FY2004	Budget Proposed FY 2005	Explanation:
2220 Library					
110 Teachers' Salaries	2,857	4,555	4,555	4,660	This provides us with one half day per week of licensed services.
115 Paraeducators' Salaries	9,405	9,454	11,575	13,260	This provides us with 7 hrs per day 5 days per week.
210 Health Insurance	0	0	0	0	
220 Social Security	938	1,072	1,234	1,371	
240 Municipal Retirement	376	378	463	530	
250 Workman's Comp	72	76	105	161	
280 Dental Insurance	0	0	0	0	
290 Disability Insurance	83	6	69	77	
320 Professional Services	0	0	0	0	
430 Repairs and Maintenance	0	0	0	0	
610 Instructional Supplies	500	223	500	500	
640 Books	3,000	2,709	3,000	3,000	
650 Audio Visual Materials	500	67	500	300	
611 Software	0	0	0	0	
730 Instructional Equipment	250	0	250	250	
731 Tech Support	0	0	0	0	
Sub-Total	17,981	18,540	22,251	24,109	
2225 Information Technology					This 6th year program promotes our use of technology in the classroom, instructing our teachers and students to use technology to their benefit.
110 Teachers' Salaries	0	0	0	0	
210 Health Insurance	0	0	0	0	
220 Social Security	0	0	0	0	
250 Workman's Comp	0	0	0	0	
260 Unemployment Insurance	0	0	0	0	
270 Staff Development	500	0	500	0	
280 Dental Insurance	0	0	0	0	
290 Disability Insurance	0	0	0	0	
330 Professional Services	2,000	0	2,000	1,500	
321 In house Professional Services	8,320	12,079	8,536	8,536	
430 Repairs & Maintenance	2,500	500	2,073	2,000	
610 Instructional Supplies	750	1,338	750	750	
611 Software	1,000	232	700	700	
730 Equipment	4,000	4,210	0	1,500	
Sub-Total	19,070	18,361	14,559	14,986	
2311 School Board					
110 Salaries	500	492	500	500	
115 Minutes Clerk	700	634	700	700	
220 Social Security	92	86	92	92	
250 Workers Comp	3	0	0	0	
610 Supplies	400	0	400	50	
810 Dues & Fees	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,300	
Sub-Total	2,895	2,411	2,892	2,642	
2315 Legal Services					
330 Professional Services	3,000	130	3,000	5,000	
Sub-Total	3,000	130	3,000	5,000	
2317 Audit Services					
330 Professional Services	3,500	4,250	500	200	CPA audit required by law every third year.
331 Professional Services - GASB 34	0	0	666	151	
Sub-Total	3,500	4,250	1,166	351	
2319 General Board Expenses					
115 Early Retirement Pay	6,600	6,870	6,870	0	
250 Workman's Comp	0	671	0	0	
260 Unemployment Insurance	0	95	0	4,000	Self Funded
522 Liability Insurance	2,500	5,237	4,575	4,460	
523 Bonds	250	250	250	250	
540 Advertising	1,000	775	1,000	1,000	
Sub-Total	10,350	13,898	12,695	9,710	

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	Budget Approved FY2003	Budget Actual FY2003	Budget Approved FY2004	Budget Proposed FY 2005	Explanation:
2321 <u>CNSU Office</u>					
331 Administrative Svcs.	46,096	47,182	45,434	57,699	
331 Information Tech Svcs.	6,004	0	0	0	
Sub-Total	52,100	47,182	45,434	57,699	
2410 <u>Principal's Office</u>					
110 Principal Salary	58,740	58,740	61,677	63,219	2.5% increase per board
115 Secretary Salary	16,724	16,724	22,704	22,932	Per current contract.
210 Health Insurance	5,381	6,763	6,523	7,434	
220 Social Security	5,773	5,537	6,455	6,591	
240 Municipal Retirement	669	669	908	917	
250 Workman's Comp	445	341	548	775	
270 Staff Development	1,500	0	1,500	1,500	
280 Dental Insurance	192	216	266	257	
290 Disability Insurance	378	222	363	370	
530 Postage	900	754	920	920	
580 Travel	500	0	500	100	
610 Supplies	500	197	500	500	
810 Dues & Fees	850	905	850	850	
Sub-Total	92,552	91,068	103,715	106,365	
2420 <u>Special Education Administration</u>					
331 Professional Service CNSU	11,521	11,521	11,968	13,622	
Sub-Total	11,521	11,521	11,968	13,622	Special Education Costs 57% reimbursable
2520 <u>Fiscal Services</u>					
270 Staff Development	0	0	0	0	
330 Professional Services	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	This is what we pay to the Town Clerk's office for accounting services.
610 Supplies	500	131	300	300	
611 Software	0	0	0	0	
830 Short Term Interest Expense	0	30,822	0	0	
830 LI Interest Expense	5,500	4,048	5,500	5,000	100% reimbursed by LI
Sub-Total	26,000	55,001	25,800	25,300	
2600 <u>Physical Plant</u>					
110 Regular Salaries	27,914	27,770	31,409	29,135	This is for our custodial payroll - 2 people
210 Health Insurance	6,932	6,054	8,412	9,053	
220 Social Security	2,135	2,125	2,403	2,229	
240 Municipal Retirement	1,117	897	1,256	1,165	
250 Workman's Comp	165	114	204	3,077	Increase in rates, higher risks associated with non-office employees
290 Disability Insurance	209	12	135	125	
411 Water	1,000	929	1,000	1,000	Water testing and filtering.
430 Repairs / Maintenance	9,000	10,189	6,000	6,000	
521 Property Insurance	1,800	2,967	3,612	3,601	
530 Telephone	4,800	4,729	4,500	3,500	We receive E-Rate discounts to offset some of this cost.
531 Internet Fees	1,500	4,938	1,500	1,200	
610 Custodial Supplies	3,500	2,932	3,000	3,000	
622 Electricity	12,500	13,437	13,500	14,177	5% increase in rates
624 Heat	7,000	7,306	7,000	7,300	By using group buying we are better able to manage rising costs.
730 Non-Instructional Equipment	6,000	15,561	3,000	3,000	This is to cover the cost of replacing chairs, tables, desks
Sub-Total	85,572	99,959	86,931	87,562	
2630 <u>Upkeep of Grounds</u>					
430 Repairs/Maintenance	3,000	1,395	3,000	2,000	Snowplowing
Sub-Total	3,000	1,395	3,000	2,000	
2700 <u>Transportation</u>					
510 Bus Contracts	88,600	84,293	86,724	91,060	50% reimbursed by the State
519 Field Trips	3,000	735	1,500	1,500	
Sub-Total	91,600	85,028	88,224	92,560	

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	Budget Approved FY2003	Budget Actual FY2003	Budget Approved FY2004	Budget Proposed FY 2005	Explanation:
5100					
<u>Long-Term Debt Service</u>					
830 Interest Payments	17,320	17,320	7,360	14,503	
910 Principal Payments	25,000	25,000	25,000	16,450	
Total LT Debt Service	42,320	42,320	32,360	30,953	The cost of paying off Municipal Bond Bank notes
Elementary Total	1,524,907	1,646,323	1,521,337	1,582,775	
	10.83%	7.96%	-0.23%	4.04%	
*****SECONDARY BUDGET*****					
1100					
<u>Instruction</u>					Since we tuition all of our secondary students to schools in the area, we do not directly manage how these dollars are spent.
120 Secondary Substitutes	0	2,130	0	0	
121 Tutorial services	0	0	1,500	1,500	
220 Social Security	0	100	0	0	
560 504 Fees	200	1,690	2,000	2,575	
561 Tuition-Public	0	0	0	0	
580 Staff Travel	0	0	0	0	
566 Tuition-Private - Other Than LI	0	0	0	165,467	Includes LEARN, Burke Mt. Academy and St. Johnsbury Academy students
567 Tuition-Private - LI	782,393	844,191	777,828	651,493	69.5 LI students
Sub-Total	782,593	848,111	781,328	821,035	
1200					
<u>Special Education</u>					
115 Paraeducator Salaries	17,120	3,422	0	0	
120 Substitute Teachers	0	785	0	0	
121 Tutors	0	2,940	0	0	
220 Social Security	0	322	0	0	
240 Municipal Retirement	0	0	0	0	
250 Workman's Comp	0	0	0	0	
260 Unemployment Insurance	0	0	0	0	
290 Disability Insurance	0	0	0	0	
330 Professional Services	0	500	0	2,500	
510 Transportation	0	79	15,000	26,000	
561 Supplies	0	121	0	0	
566 Tuition-Private	33,936	148,980	62,000	113,426	Alternative placements
580 Staff Travel	0	0	0	0	
Sub-Total	51,056	157,149	77,000	141,926	Special Education Costs 57% reimbursable
1300					
<u>Vocational Education</u>					
510 Transportation	500	0	500	500	
566 Tuition-Private	8,600	28,129	26,744	38,144	Students at St Jay Vocational program
Sub-total	9,100	28,129	27,244	38,644	
2140					
<u>Psychological Evaluation</u>					
330 Professional Services	0	945	0	0	
Sub-Total	0	945	0	0	Special Education Costs 57% reimbursable
Secondary Total	842,749	1,034,334	885,572	1,001,605	
	0.42%	22.73%	5.08%	13.10%	
Expenditures for Federal Grants	0	62,070	0	0	
Grand Total All Expenditures	2,367,656	2,742,727	2,406,909	2,584,380	
	6.89%	15.84%	1.66%	7.37%	

Three Prior Years Comparisons

ESTIMATES
ONLYDistrict: **Burke**
County: **Caledonia**LEA: **036**
S.U.: **Caledonia North**

Expenditures

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005
Budget (local budget approved in prior years)	2,215,073	2,367,656	2,406,909	2,584,380
82% of base payment per FTE paid to tech centers by the State on behalf of the district in FY2005	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	-
S.U. assessment (included in local budget)	62,570	63,621	57,402	71,321
Deficit (if included in local budget)	-	-	-	not applicable
+ Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years	-	-	-	-
+ 1. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
+ 2. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
+ 3. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
- Act 144 Expenditures, (excluded from "Education Spending")	-	-	-	-
Act 68 local adopted budget	2,215,073	2,367,656	2,406,909	2,584,380
+ Union school or joint school district assessment	-	-	-	-
+ Deficit if not included in budget or revenues	-	-	-	-
+ Special programs expenditures (if not included in local budget)	-	-	-	-
Gross Act 68 Budget	2,215,073	2,367,656	2,406,909	2,584,380
Act 144 expenditures (if any - excluded from "Education Spending")	-	-	-	-

Revenues

+ Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including Act 144 revenues)	285,869	302,704	420,739	456,793
+ Capital debt aid	1,615	2,035	371	-
+ Special program revenues (if not included in local budget)	-	-	-	-
- Deficit if not included in budget or expenditures	-	-	-	-
- Act 144 revenues	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	287,484	304,739	421,110	456,793
- Fund raising (if any)	-	-	-	-
Adjusted local revenues	287,484	304,739	421,110	456,793

Education Spending (Act 68 definition)	1,927,589	2,062,917	1,985,799	2,127,587
Equalized Pupils	286.59	276.56	266.88	270.87
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	6,726	7,459	7,441	7,856
Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil (if any)	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	-
Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	7,856
District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$7,856 / \$6,800)	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	115.529%
Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized (115.529% x \$1.05)	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	\$1,213
Household Income Percentage for income sensitivity (115.529% x 2.0%)	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	2.31%

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Two important initiatives are occurring in the district that focus on the traditional and central 3 R's of Reading, Writing, and 'Rithmetic albeit through the lens of modern and rigorous state and national standards. Federal funds have enabled skilled math teachers within CNSU to provide guidance and training to their colleagues. Federal funds have permitted the purchase of consulting services in English Language Arts from experts throughout Vermont. District teachers are devoting hours to honing their teaching knowledge and skills with the help of these professionals. In addition, initiatives are underway to offer alternative programming through Lyndon Institute for high school students and to create a regional collaborative to serve Caledonia County students on the autistic spectrum.

Although the media has reported on turnover among principals and superintendents in Vermont, relatively little attention has focused on the turnover of school directors. The school board plays the critical role of setting the overall direction of the school, reviewing the performance of staff and students, and monitoring the budget. Without sustained leadership, including that of the school board, schools flounder. Please support the efforts of your school directors and consider serving in the post yourself.

The budget recommended by the School Board is for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 (FY05). It reflects the transition from the Act 60 education funding formula to the formula established by the Legislature in Act 68. Under Act 68 the grand list will be split between homestead property and all other property. The education tax rate for homestead property will depend on the level of per pupil spending in your school district; the rate for all other property is set uniformly throughout Vermont by the Legislature.

In recent years the student population in Vermont has been declining. Accordingly, taxpayers rightfully ask if school costs can be reduced. I would make two observations: 1) In many settings, the per pupil cost cannot be held at previous levels because, although enrollment has dropped, a) the basic physical plant maintenance needs remain the same, b) regulations imposed at the state and federal level require the school to provide specific programs and services, and c) the public demands and authorizes programming beyond traditional academic instruction. 2) Vermonters cherish the benefits of community schools with small classes. Large savings in school budgets cannot be achieved without larger class sizes. Against this backdrop school boards struggle to control their expenditure budgets.

I value the contribution that each of you make to the budget discussion as well as the time and talent that you volunteer to your local school. No work, no legacy is more important than the preparation of children and youth to assume the responsibilities of adulthood.

Burke 2003 - 2004 Enrollment (Based on 40 Day Average Daily Membership Report)

Kindergarten	27	Grade 4	16	Grade 8	16	Grade 11	23
Grade 1	20	Grade 5	19	Grade 9	20	Grade 12	26
Grade 2	19	Grade 6	26	Grade 10	21		
Grade 3	16	Grade 7	24				

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Riggie
Superintendent of Schools

CNSU Budget Proposed FY 2005

Revenues		Adopted FY2003	Actual FY 2003	Adopted FY2004	Proposed FY 2005	
1510	Interest Income	15,000	2,959	15,000	3,500	
1932	Tech. Coordinator (separate assessment)	37,059	-	-	-	Included in admin. assessment this year
1940	Lyndon Accounting	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,500	
1941	East Haven Accounting	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,100	
1942	Miller's Run Accounting	5,684	5,684	5,684	5,850	
1990	Miscellaneous income	4,000	388	4,000	1,000	
3201	SPED Admin assessment	74,331	75,059	80,866	90,000	Not included in admin. assessment
4250	Title I Administration Revenue	20,000	14,911	20,000	15,000	Per federal grants application
5900	Fund Balance Used	30,000	5,724	32,480	35,000	
1931	District Assessments	307,121	297,519	319,197	381,205	Allocated to schools on ADM basis
Total Revenues		\$ 513,195	\$ 422,244	\$ 497,227	\$ 552,155	

Expenditures		Adopted FY2003	Actual FY 2003	Approved FY 2004	Proposed FY 2005	
Salaries						
101	Superintendent	\$ 67,896	\$ 68,058	\$ 70,000	\$ 71,750	
101	Assistant Superintendent	-	-	1,000	-	
102	Director, Student Services	81,349	56,779	55,000	56,375	
102	Assistant Director, Student Services	-	-	17,100	17,100	
103	Operations Officer	50,055	49,291	51,650	55,000	
113	Fiscal Manager	30,566	30,638	31,382	32,167	
114	Spec. Ed. Admin. Asst.	27,941	22,364	22,423	22,984	
117	Operations Assistant	22,857	22,902	23,467	24,054	
118	Secretary Receptionist / Human Resources	21,679	21,212	22,423	22,984	
119	Technology Coordinator	-	-	-	45,000	New position
Total Salaries		\$ 302,343	\$ 271,245	\$ 294,445	\$ 347,414	
Benefits						
210	Health Insurance	\$ 49,578	45,474	55,527	76,907	Premiums increasing 9.75%
220	Social Security	23,129	20,085	22,525	26,577	
240	Municipal Retirement	6,404	5,397	6,570	8,088	
250	Worker's Comp	1,784	-	2,356	3,127	Estimated premium increase is 15%
260	Unemployment Comp	2,298	1,729	2,238	1,563	
270	Office Staff Development	3,500	5,224	4,800	4,800	
280	Dental Insurance	1,800	1,732	1,800	2,185	Premiums increasing 7%
290	Disability Insurance	1,300	851	1,266	1,494	
Total Benefits		\$ 89,793	\$ 80,492	\$ 97,082	\$ 124,741	
Supplies & Services & Equipment						
320	Spec prog-scholarships	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	
330	Professional services	1,000	300	1,000	1,000	
331	Technology services	37,059	3,493	25,000	-	New position above
360	Legal services	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	
370	Audit services	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	
390	District-wide in service	2,500	444	2,500	2,000	
441	Building rental	18,000	18,000	18,000	21,000	
450	Janitorial and renovation costs	1,300	303	1,300	1,000	
522	Insurance	2,500	495	1,500	1,500	
530	Telephone	7,500	5,077	7,500	6,500	
535	Postage	5,500	5,410	5,500	5,700	
581	Superintendent travel	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	
582	SPED Director travel	3,000	2,600	3,000	3,000	
583	Business Manager travel	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	
584	Staff travel reimbursements	600	133	600	500	
610	Supplies/services	8,000	7,549	8,000	8,000	
670	Maintenance of software/hardware	6,500	5,428	4,000	4,000	
730	Equipment	8,000	5,165	8,000	7,000	
810	Association dues & fees	4,300	2,809	4,500	3,500	
Total S,S&E		\$ 121,059	\$ 70,507	\$ 105,700	\$ 80,000	
Total Expenditures		\$ 513,195	\$ 422,244	\$ 497,227	\$ 552,155	

FY 2005 CNSU Administrative Assessments for District Schools

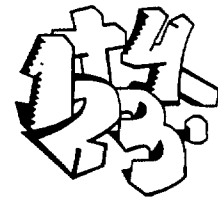
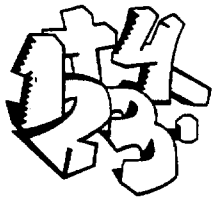
District	ADM Count Percentages FY 2004	Assessment Administration FY 2004	ADM Count Percentages FY 2005	Assessment Administration FY 2005	Dollar Decrease/ Increase	Percentage Decrease/ Increase
Burke	14.80%	47,229	15.14%	57,699	10,470	22.17%
East Haven	4.00%	12,766	4.05%	15,452	2,686	21.04%
Lyndon	51.82%	165,410	51.39%	195,891	30,481	18.43%
Newark	4.88%	15,589	4.80%	18,296	2,707	17.36%
Sutton	10.57%	33,741	10.77%	41,041	7,300	21.64%
UD #37	13.93%	44,461	13.86%	52,827	8,366	18.82%
Totals	100.00%	319,196	100.00%	381,205	62,009	19.43%

Other Sources of Revenue for CNSU which support programs in member school districts

Consolidated Federal Program		
FY 2004		
Title I	674,377	Improving the academic achievement of the disadvantaged
Title II Part A	293,735	Teacher Quality (professional development)
Title II Part D	38,649	Enhancing education through technology
Title IV	34,078	Safe and drug-free schools and communities
Title V	25,842	Innovative education programs
	1,066,681	

Early Childhood Program	
	FY 2004
Essential Early Education (EEE) - State grant	67,112
Early Education Initiative (EEI) - State grant	29,000
IDEA-B Pre-school - Federal Special Education grant	10,638
	106,750

Detailed information is available in audit reports on file in the CNSU office.



MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

The schools of Burke, East Haven, Miller's Run, Newark, and Sutton have benefited during the 2003-2004 school year from support offered in the area of mathematics. This support has been provided by Amy Patoine-Gale, through a position created and funded by federal Title HA grants. As Mathematics Teacher Leader, Amy has worked in the classrooms of many teachers in these schools. Support has taken a variety of forms, including coaching teachers in best practices in mathematics instruction, teaching model lessons for teachers to observe, planning instruction with teachers, facilitating meetings, and providing coursework related to mathematics.

One of the priorities identified for the Math Teacher Leader was to assist in the formation of mathematics teams within each of the five schools. The math team meetings bring teachers within the school together on a regular basis to confer on issues pertinent to mathematics instruction. Topics such as the new grade level expectations for state testing in mathematics are discussed. Plans are made to provide teachers and students with the instruction necessary to help improve understanding and results on assessments. The Mathematics Teacher Leader assists in implementing those plans, either within a classroom, across the school, or supervisory union wide, whatever is most appropriate.

Amy Patoine-Gale

Mathematics Teacher Leader, CNSU



SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

UPDATE

The Caledonia North Supervisory Union has a commitment to, and engages in, practices designed to support the free, appropriate, public education of students with a wide range of disabilities in the general education setting as appropriate for each student. This commitment is based on and aligned with the federal law, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 1975. The regular education classroom is the first placement option for all students with disabilities in our district with proper consideration for their individual need for appropriate supports. Not all students with disabilities will necessarily be placed in the regular education classroom full time; the individual's program and placement will be determined in accordance with the student's rights as provided by IDEA. Each school in this district is committed to the least restrictive environment based on an individual's disability and learning style.

Support for general education access and the use of a variety of service delivery models for serving the needs of students with disabilities drives the need for paraprofessionals. The fact is, the number of special education referrals is rising as more and more students are coming to school with severe emotional and behavioral concerns along with learning impairments that impact on the regular education environment. Students who are not making appropriate progress in general education in meeting the Vermont standards/curriculum are then referred to special education for supplemental services. Ever-increasing standards and high-stakes accountability demanded by the state and federal government continue to add to the increase in special education identification and costs.

Vermont Act 230, adopted in 1990, requires a prescribed educational support system in each school to catch and remediate learning problems early on and to reduce referrals to the special education system. School districts are required to develop a Comprehensive System of Education Services that include an Education Support Team and system to provide supports to help all students be successful in school. In 2000 the Vermont Legislature passed Act 117. This Act mandated that schools develop a support system to increase participation of students in the regular education environment and to provide them with support regardless of their eligibility for categorical programs. The EST team, composed of several education staff members, assists teachers in developing accommodations and supports for their struggling students. It also requires school districts to provide training opportunities for ALL teachers and administrators on meeting the needs of all students. The intent of the act was to increase the ability of the school to meet the needs of students in the regular education environment without relying on alternative programs. The Education Support System may include services that are operated under different federal programs such as Title I, Section 504, and Special Education. Examples of programs are: Reading Recovery, guidance, nutrition services, teacher advisors, mentoring programs, Early Essential Education, Success by Six and Head Start. Funding for these programs is supported with a variety of local, state and federal funds. The fact that special education costs are rising faster than any other area of education is of great concern all over Vermont.

Questions and concerns continue to come up over the high cost of educating disabled students and the impact on the regular education environment. At the time IDEA was made law, many students with disabilities were not getting proper educational services, and at times no services at all. We continue to face many challenges in educating all students. Increases in costs are driven by the higher special education services count and related increases in the need for paraprofessionals to assist in educating ALL students appropriately.

Each school in the CNSU district shares in the commitment to meet the individual educational needs of all students. Although Vermont has a policy of inclusion, a pull-out model continues to be the most appropriate placement for students with more severe issues and educational needs. The demand for special education services and supports remain high in our district. IDEA protects and provides for all handicapped students, whatever the cost, to provide a "free and appropriate public education." Special education costs cannot easily be reduced unless there are alternative support services for kids. Act 230 was adopted to provide early, less costly, alternatives for students. CNSU schools continue to provide support to students through their Educational Support Systems.

Terri McDaniel

Special Education Coordinator

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES "Child Find Notice"

In accordance with state and federal laws (PL 94-142 and 101-476) Caledonia North Supervisory Union, serving the towns of Burke, East Haven, Lyndon, Newark, Sheffield, Sutton and Wheelock, serves notice that special education and related services are available to appropriately identified individuals between the ages of birth through twenty-one. Anyone wishing to avail themselves of these services or desiring additional information and/or a copy of "Parental Rights in Special Education" may contact Teri McDaniel, Student Services Coordinator, at 802-626-6100.

If there are parents within the supervisory union who should have information interpreted or written in other languages, please notify Caledonia North supervisory Union.



Burke Town School District Employee Wages 2003

Salary		Salary	
<u>Teachers</u>		<u>Para-Educators</u>	
Aronoff, Sheila (Retired)	\$ 6,869.89	Aiken, Nancy	\$ 22,611.58
Black-Foley, Patricia	41,347.44	Barber, Megan	649.00
Burger, Amanda	31,192.92	Caouette, Teresa	11,470.98
Dudley, Derek	20,598.59	Felsing, Dawn	18,418.92
Fortin, Rhonda	37,446.14	Hall, Maria	10,782.42
Kirchoff, Joan	4,157.08	Harris, LeAnn	16,222.84
Manges, Jacalyn	44,061.74	Harvey, Lynn	5,581.18
Michaud, Lois	45,420.21	Kendrick, Candace	9,161.85
Morse, Margaret	35,505.95	Lawson, Beverly	13,279.30
O'Farrell, Analisa D	4,798.90	Parenteau, Pamela	12,377.95
Palmer, Linda	41,972.78	Richardson, Bruce	1,376.67
Parker, Michelle	28,478.36	Sjolander, Karen	3,405.28
Richardson, Douglas	27,476.82	Stimpson Teresa	984.20
Ross, Shari A	45,178.64	Vendituoli, Sidney	10,971.58
Simpson, Jessica	29,662.24	Williams, Louisa G	7,068.60
Surridge, Tracie	26,601.39		
Thompson, Teri	43,715.62	<u>Hot Lunch</u>	
Williams, Carol	22,740.79	Bourtelle, Dee Dee	\$ 13,180.17
Wilkins, Catherine	34,599.80	Patridge, Pauletta	13,940.05
<u>Library/Media</u>		<u>Hot Lunch Subs</u>	
Mold, Susan (Aide)	\$ 10,507.26	Bandy, Nancy	\$ 218.75
Morrow, Linda	3,226.43	Henderson, Rene	43.75
<u>Nurse</u>		<u>Substitutes</u>	
Doyon, Deborah	\$ 4,065.72	Bandy, Elaine	\$ 664.38
Kane, Linda	28,180.61	Bigelow, Jeni	43.75
Valentinetti, Tina	2,322.72	Burns, William	1,495.00
		Davis, Lori	1,800.00
<u>Custodians</u>		Day, Jon	108.75
Friend, Jessie	\$ 5,336.70	Dudley, Dorothy	130.00
Friend, Randy	22,789.72	Edwards, Debra	195.00
		Gray, Lisa	195.00
<u>Speech Pathology</u>		Henderson, Rene	3,053.15
Hayes, Kathy	\$ 13,030.70	Hill, Mary P	130.00
Wheeler, Catherine (Aide)	10,222.44	Kresser, Sarah	107.28
		Lany, Nina	262.50
<u>Guidance</u>		Masten, Jessica	32.50
Winkler, Heather	\$ 33,461.54	Mesics, Heather	542.50
		Santilli, Kenneth	195.00
<u>Principals Office</u>		Sargent, Elaine	1,485.00
Davis, Sonja	\$ 60,253.75	Somna, Jamie	65.00
Amodeo, Elizabeth	19,306.68	Tack, Martha	357.50
		Williams, Jeanne	5,891.50
<u>School Directors</u>			
Amodeo, Anthony	\$ 100.00	<u>Summer School</u>	
Carr, Linda	100.00	Rick Libera	\$ 900.00
Chapman, Charles	100.00		
Henderson Russell	49.98		
Martin, Roland	100.00		
Feeley, Kathleen (Clerk)	780.00		

Total Burke School Wages \$ 975,158.43

BURKE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 2003

The Burke Town School District informational meeting and annual meeting were held Monday, March 3, 2003 at the Burke Town Hall at 6:30 P.M.

Moderator John Hall brought the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone and reviewed the order of business. He then read and explained each of the articles on the 2003 School District Warning.

After all of the articles were reviewed, Moderator Hall introduced Representatives Cola Hudson and Howard Crawford to the gathering.

Representative Hudson told the group that a lot of changes had taken place due to the new republican governor and his administration. Cola's committee worked on getting the age limit on judges removed. They are also working on an overhaul of the human services department.

Howard Crawford gave everyone a handout about Act 60. Student enrollment has been dropping statewide since 1997 and yet we have more teachers. The legislature is trying to devise a plan to pay for education, which does not rely so heavily on property taxes and also encourages cost containment. There may be an increase in the consumption tax and the sales tax. There is also a proposal to have separate tax rates for residents and non-residents.

Otto Kremer wanted to know if the tax increase on beer and wine would be used to support rehabilitation programs. Howard said that the increase would be used for education only.

School Director Tony Amodeo was the next to speak. He thanked CNSU, the School Directors, Sonny and all of the school staff who work so hard to provide a good education for all of our children.

Tony explained that this year's budget is up about 7%. The increase is due to salaries, increased secondary and special education costs and an increase in health insurance premiums.

Frank D'Ascencio wanted to know what the difference was between the "equalized tax rate" and the actual tax rate? Mark Belanger explained that the equalized rate is what taxpayers would be charged if all properties in Burke were taxed at 100% of fair market value as determined by the tax department. Right now, the tax department says that Burke properties are only assessed at 95.10% of fair market value. This means that the actual tax rate has to be set higher in order to raise the amount of monies we need for education.

Donna Otto asked why we need to designate Lyndon Institute as our designated high school? Sonny explained that this means that LI must accept all of our students without restrictions and it also puts a cap on the tuition that we pay.

Moderator Hall returned to the podium to ask if there were any other questions. As there were none, he closed the informational meeting and opened the Annual School District Meeting.

Article 3. Shall the voters of the Burke Town School District authorize the transfer of \$36,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund to the general Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004 in order to reduce the tax burden in FY 2004?

A motion was made by Mike Harris and seconded by Ford Hubbard to adopt Article 3. The motion passed by voice vote.

Article 4. Shall the voters of the Burke Town School District authorize the transfer of \$25,000 from the Accrual Accounting Reserve Fund to the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004 in order to reduce the tax burden in FY 2004?

A motion was made by Tracie Surridge and seconded by Sonny Davis to adopt Article 4. The motion passed by voice vote.

Article 5. Shall the voters of the Burke Town School District authorize the School District to transfer any surplus on the district's General Fund from the school year ending June 30, 2003 to the Capital Reserve Fund?

A motion was made by Tracie Surridge and seconded by Howard Crawford to adopt Article 5. The motion passed by voice vote.

Article 6. Shall the voters of the Burke Town School District authorize and empower the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of receipts and to give a note or notes in the name of the District to secure payment of thereof?

A motion was made by Sam Sanderson and seconded by Howard Crawford to adopt Article 6. The motion passed by voice vote.

Article 7. Shall the voters of the Burke Town School District authorize the School Directors to accept and expend such grant monies as may from time to time become available to the school district?

A motion was made by Dwight Davis and seconded by Linda Kane to adopt Article 7. The motion passed by voice vote.

Article 8. Shall the voters of the Burke Town School District authorize the School Directors to allow public use of school facilities and equipment pursuant to Title 16 V.S.A. 562/11?

A motion was made by Otto Kremer and seconded by Sam Sanderson to adopt Article 8. the motion passed by voice vote.

Article 9. Shall the voters of the Burke Town School District designate Lyndon Institute as the public high school for the Burke Town School District?

A motion was made by Weeza Sanderson and seconded by Roland Martin to adopt Article 9. The motion was passed by voice vote.

Article 10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Barry Hertz wants the Board to look into establishing a preschool program in Burke. The following motion was made: Shall the voters of the Burke Town School District request the School Board to look into the possibility of re-instituting the preschool program in Burke? The motion was made by Barry Hertz and seconded by Russell Henderson.

George Willy wanted to know how much more people could afford to pay for school. This year's budget is 2.5 million dollars. He would be willing to support the program as long as it doesn't increase taxes. Barry Hertz said the benefits outweigh the costs. We can pay now or we can pay later. Millers Run uses Medicaid funds to pay for their preschool. Andrew Otto felt that "PreSchool" programs were replacing the mother's role. Preschool can't correct everything. The motion was reread. The motion passed by voice vote.

Tracie Surridge requested volunteers for her pen Pal Project. Info is available on the display table.

With no other business to come before the meeting Howard Crawford made a motion to adjourn, which Tracie Surridge seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathleen Feeley

Minutes Clerk

Results of Australian Ballot

Article 1: To elect all necessary School District officers as required by law.
School District Moderator- John Hall
School Director for the balance of a 2 year term - Russell Henderson
School Director for 3 years, - Charlie Chapman
School Director for 2 years, - Roland Martin

Article 2: Shall the voters of the Burke Town School District appropriate the sum of \$2,519,574. (operating expenses of \$2,478,650 and long term debt service Of \$40,924) necessary for the support of its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2003? YES 117 No 127

The article did not pass on the first vote. After three additional votes, the budget was passed on May 20, 2003.

TOWN OF BURKE
ROAD NAMES AND LOCATIONS

Town Highway #	Town Road Name	Location	Class	Miles
#1	Newark Street	From VT Route 5A to the Newark Town Line	2	2.38
#2	Burke Hollow Road	From VT Route 5A to the Route 114	2	4.95
#3	Calendar Brook Road	From VT Route 5 to the Sutton Town Line	2	1.40
#4	Burke Hill Road	From Depot Street (TH #36) to Sutton Town Line	2	1.24
#5	Victory Road	From VT Route 114 to Victory Town Line	2	3.41
#6	East Darling Hill Road	From Darling Hill Road (TH #46) to Burke Hollow Road (TH #2)	2	1.10
#7	Mountain Road	From VT Route 114 to the Toll Road	2	1.95
#8	Kirby Road	From Mountain Road (TH #7) to Kirby Town Line	2	1.03
#9	Sugar House Road	From Newark Street (TH #1) to Sutton Town Line	3	1.67
#10	Old County Road	Off Sugar House Road (Untraveled)	4	0.30
#11	Old County Road	Off Newark Street ending in woods (Untraveled)	4	0.50
#12	Old County Road	Off Sugar House Road ending in woods (Untraveled)	4	0.10
#13	Brook Road	From Burke Hollow Road (TH #2) to Newark Town Line	3	2.82
#14	Carter Road	From Brook Road (TH #13) to Burke Green Road (TH #15)	3	0.95
#15	Burke Green Road	From Burke Hollow Road (TH #2) to Newark Town Line	3	2.90
#16	Rice Road	From Burke Green Road (TH #15) to Newark Town Line	3	0.20
#17	Carter Road	From Brook Road (TH #13) to Marshall Newland Road (TH #19)	3	1.25
#18	Walter Road	From Carter Road (TH #17) to Newark Town Line	3	0.50
#19	Marshall Newland Road	From White School Road (TH #39) to VT Route 114	3	1.98
#20	An Old County Road	From VT 114 to Marshall Newland Road (TH #19) (Untraveled)	4	0.32
#21	An Old County Road	From Victory Road (TH #5) to Portland Pipeline (Untraveled)	4	0.06
#22	Flower Brook Road	From Victory Road (TH #5) to end of no where	3	0.65
#23	An Old County Road	From Victory Road (TH #5) to end of Darling State Forest (Untraveled)	4	0.62
#24	An Old County Road	From Victory Road (TH #5) to end of no where (Untraveled)	4	0.55
#25	An Old County Road	From Victory Road (TH #5) to end of no where (Untraveled)	4	0.30
#26	Old Farm Road	From Newark Street (TH #1) to Sugar House Road (TH #29)	3	0.65
#27	An Old County Road	From Sugar House Road (#29) to end of no where	4	0.25
#28	McDowell Road	From Burke Hollow Road (TH #2) to Farm House and Barn	3	0.08
#29	Sugar House Road	From Burke Hollow Road (TH #2) to Newark Street (TH #1)	3	2.24
#30	North Ridge Road	From VT Route 5A to Sutton Town Line	2	0.07
#31	Hayden Crossing Road	From VT 5 to Burke Hollow Road (TH #2)	2	0.31
#32	School Street	From Burke Hollow Road (TH #2) to VT Route 5A	2	0.43
#33	Bridge Street	From School Street (TH #32) to VT Route 5A	3	0.10
#34	Church Street	From VT Route 5A to VT Route 5	2	0.20

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Town Highway #	Town Road Name	Location	Class	Miles
#35	High Street	From VT Route 5 to Depot Street (TH #36)	2	0.13
#36	Depot Street	From VT Route 5 to VT Route 5	2	0.16
#37	An Old County Road	From VT Route 5 to Burke Hill Road (TH #4)	2	0.79
#38	Gator Alley	From Burke Hollow Road (TH #2) to Burke Green Road (TH #15)	4	0.40
#39	White School Road	From VT Route 114 to Burke Green Road (TH #15)	3	1.43
#40	Old County Road	From White School Road (TH #39) to Marshall Newland Road	4	0.02
#41	Pinkham Road	From the Mountain Road (TH#7) to VT Route 114	3	3.38
#42	Gaskell Hill Road	From Burke Hill Road (TH #4) to VT Route 5	3	1.85
#43	Crosscut Road	From Gaskell Hill Road (TH #42) to Calendar Brook Road (TH #3)	3	1.10
#44	Bugbee Crossing Road	From VT Route 5 to Burke Hollow Road (TH #2)	3	1.71
#45	Bumps Road	From Bugbee Crossing Road (TH #44) to West Darling Hill Road (TH #58)	3	0.55
#46	Darling Hill Road	From East Darling Road TH #6) to Burke Hollow Road (TH #2)	3	1.70
#47	An Old County Road	From Darling Hill Road (TH #46) to West Darling Hill Road (TH #58) (Untraveled)	4	0.40
#48	Maple Lane	From Kirby Road (TH #8) to Lyndon Town Line	3	0.52
#49	Legacy Lane	From Kirby Road (TH #8) to end	3	0.20
#50	Dashney Road	From the Mountain Road (TH#7) to end	3	0.83
#51	Alpine Lane	From the Mountain Road (TH #7) to end	3	0.38
#52	Beldon Hill Road	From VT Route 114 to Maple Lane (TH #48)	4	0.14
#53	Post Office Road	From VT Route 5A to Church Street	3	0.05
#54	Chase Hill Road	From School Street (TH #32) to end	3	0.15
#55	Hoffecker Hill	From School Street (TH #32) to end	3	0.15
#56	Worden Road	From VT Route 114 to end	3	0.15
#57	An Old County Road	From Alpine Lane (TH #51) to end	4	0.03
#58	West Darling Hill Road	From Bugbee Crossing Road (TH #44) to Darling Hill Road (TH #56)	3	1.47
#59	Smith Hill Road	From VT Route 114 to end	3	0.14
#60	Rexford Road	From Pinkham Road (TH #41) to end	3	0.15
#61	Orchard Road	From Rexford Road (TH #60) to end at Cul-de-sac	3	0.35
#62	Dish Mill Road	From the Mountain Road (TH #7) to Orchard Road (TH #61)	3	0.09
#63	Washburn Road	From Pinkham Road (TH #41) to end	3	1.05
	STATE ROADS			
	VT Route 5			
	VT Route 5A			
	VT Route 114			

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	PRIVATE ROADS			
	A-Frame Drive	Off Sugarhouse Road (TH #9)	PVT	
	Armstrong Road	Off Gaskell Hill Road (TH #42)	PVT	
	Bear Path Lane	Off High Meadow Road	PVT	
	Before Auto Drive	Off VT Route 5	PVT	
	Bow Hill	Off High Meadow Road		
	Burkeland Lane	Off Church Street (TH #34)	PVT	
	Burkeside Road	Off the Sherburne Lodge Road	PVT	
	Camp Road	Off Flower Brook Road which is off the Victory Road (TH #5)	PVT	
	Carr Drive	Off VT Route 114	PVT	
	Chapman Drive	Off Sugarhouse Road (TH #9)	PVT	
	Cottage Lane	Off VT Route 5	PVT	
	Deer Run Lane	Off West Darling Hill Road (TH#6)	PVT	
	Devon Road	Off Calendar Brook Road (TH #3)	PVT	
	Dixi Drive	Off East Darling Hill Road (TH#46)	PVT	
	Evergreen Lane	Off Gaskell Hill Road (TH #42)	PVT	
	Glenwood Estates	Off Burke Hollow Road (TH #2)	PVT	
	High Meadow Road	Off Sherburne Lodge Road which is off the Mountain Road (TH #7)		
	High Ridge Road	Off Sugarhouse Road (TH #9)	PVT	
	Joanne Drive	Off Washburn Road	PVT	
	Lilac Lodge Lane	Off Burke Hollow Road (TH #2)	PVT	
	Mitchell Drive	Off Calendar Brook Road	PVT	
	Monash Road	Off Carr Road which is off VT Route 114	PVT	
	Mt Brook Road	Off Alpine Lane (TH #51)	PVT	
	Powderhorn Road	Off Sherburne Lodge Road which is off the Mountain Road (TH #7)	PVT	
	Roundy Brooke Road	Off Bugbee Crossing Road (TH # 44)	PVT	
	Sherburne Lodge Road	Off the Mountain Road (TH #7)	PVT	
	Slippery Hill	Off Brook Road (TH #13)	PVT	
	Sweetwater Lane	Off Burke Hollow Road (TH #2)	PVT	
	Tamarack Road	Off the Victory Road (TH #5)	PVT	
	Tardif Lane	Off Gaskell Hill Road (TH #42)	PVT	
	Toll Road	Off Burke Mountain Road (TH # 7)	PVT	
	Town Garage Road	Off School Street (TH #32)	PVT	
	Walker Road	Off Kirby Road (TH# 8)	PVT	

