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December 31st, 2003

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**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING DAY
TUESDAY, MARCH 2ND, 2004
10:00 A.M.**

Meeting to be held at the Bradford Academy Building

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Bradford Town and Village Office Hours

Monday thru Friday 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Phone: 222-4727 Fax: 222-3520 E-mail: bradclrk@sover.net

Trustee Meetings	Second and Fourth Monday	4:00 P.M.
Selectboard Meetings	Second and Fourth Thursday	4:30 P.M.
Water/Sewer Meetings	Second Tuesday	7:00 P.M.
Trustee and Selectboard	First Thursday	5:30 P.M.
Planning Commission	First and Third Tuesday	7:00 P.M.
Board of Adjustment	As needed	
Recreation Council	As needed	
School Directors	Second and Fourth Wednesday	6:30 P.M.
Union 30 Directors	First and Third Thursday	7:30 P.M.
Conservation Commission	Third Wednesday	6:30 P.M.

INFORMATION

Town and Village Offices	222-4727
Town and Village FAX	222-3520
Listers	222-3521
Town Highway Garage	222-5718
Water/Sewer Department	222-4315
Water/Sewer FAX	222-4319
Superintendent of Schools Office	222-5216
Elementary School Office	222-4077
Oxbow High School Office	222-5214
River Bend Career and Technical Center	222-5212
Village Police Chief and Town Constable: Gene Martin	222-5260
Second Constable: Shawn French	222-5260
Game Warden: David Gregory	222-4680
Health Officer: Lora Chatfield	222-4029
Bradford Public Library	222-4536

EMERGENCY

Fire, Police and Ambulance, <u>Emergency Only</u>	911
Bradford Police Station	222-5260
Sewer Plant	222-9640
Water Department	222-4315
Bradford Fire Station	222-5224
State Police Barracks	222-4680
Upper Valley Ambulance	333-4043

DEADLINES

Town and Village Taxes on or Before October 31st, 2004
School Taxes on or Before December 1st, 2004
Dog Licenses on or Before April 1st, 2004

***A RABIES CLINIC** will be held Wednesday, March 24th, 2004 at the Bradford Firehouse from 6:30-7:30 P.M. At which time Bradford residents may license their dogs.

***TO REGISTER TO VOTE:** Make sure your name is on the Checklist. If your name is not on it, you must complete an application to be added to the checklist and be sure it is received at the Town Clerk's office by noon no later than the second Monday before the election. If you are a first time voter in Vermont, you will need to present a picture I.D. and take the Voter's Oath. Applications are available from your Town Clerk or online at: <http://www.sec.state.vt.us>, click on Elections.

ELECTED OFFICERS

Moderator: Lawrence Coffin Term Expires 2004

Town Clerk and Treasurer: Louise M. Allen Terms Expire 2005

Selectboard:

Joel Moore Term Expires 2004

Joseph Sampson, Chair Term Expires 2005

Roger Courtemanche Term Expires 2006

Listers:

Phyllis Russ Term Expires 2004

Leonard Dobbins Term Expires 2005

Harry McLam, Chair Term Expires 2006

Auditors:

Phyllis Lavelle Term Expires 2004

Henrietta Powers Term Expires 2005

Gloria Fox Term Expires 2006

Town Constables:

First Constable: Gene Martin Term Expires 2004

Second Constable: Shawn French Term Expires 2004

Collector of Current Taxes: Cheryl Schultz Term Expires 2004

Collector of Delinquent Taxes: Gene Martin Term Expires 2004

Town Grand Juror and Town Agent: Gary Moore Terms Expire 2004

Trustees of Public Funds:

Vida Perry Term Expires 2004

Tim Copeland Term Expires 2005

Arthur Hyde Term Expires 2006

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE: Terms Expire January 31st, 2005

Shirley Beresford

Philip M. Boudreau

Lawrence Coffin

Leonard Dobbins

Robert Lefebvre

Marianne McClure

Robert W. Nutting

Daniel A. Perry III

Carole P. Taylor

Mary M. Wendell

TOWN OF BRADFORD APPOINTED OFFICERS

Zoning Administrator: Leonard Dobbins Term Expires March 20, 2004
Asst. Zoning Administrator: Louise M. Allen Term Expires March 20, 2004

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Denni Pratt (alternate) Term Expires 2004
Mahlon Thurston (alternate) Term Expires 2004
Bud Haas Term Expires 2005
Doug Miller Term Expires 2006
Richard Darling Term Expires 2006
Shirley Beresford Term Expires 2007
Johannes Swarts Term Expires 2007

Planning Commission:

Lawrence Drew, Chair Term Expires March 30, 2004
Lynn Sheldon Term Expires March 30, 2004
George Pratt Term Expires March 30, 2004
George Huntington Term Expires March 30, 2005
Susan Horrigan Term Expires March 30, 2006
Robert Miller Term Expires March 30, 2006
Thomas Unkles Term Expires March 30, 2006

Walter Lee Committee:

John Corliss Term Expires 2004
Arthur Hyde Term Expires 2004
Joel Moore Term Expires 2004
Skip Barrett Term Expires 2005
Mary Ellen Gray Term Expires 2005
Bob Claflin Term Expires 2006
Dan Smith Term Expires 2006
Bobette Scribner Term Expires 2006

Conservation Commission:

Richard Shearer Term Expires March 30, 2004
Andrea Covey Term Expires March 30, 2004
Jeanette Nordham Term Expires March 30, 2004
Vacant Term Expires March 30, 2005
Linda Neubelt Term Expires March 30, 2005
Noah Ponzio Term Expires March 30, 2005
Nancy Jones Term Expires March 30, 2006
Sandra "Nikki" Darling Term Expires March 30, 2006
David Barthel Term Expires March 30, 2006
Joel Moore, Representative from the Bradford Selectboard

Forest Fire Warden: Robert Nutting Term Expires June 30, 2008

Key Men (Fire Wardens):

Robert Nutting 222-5750 Term Expires March 30, 2004
Todd Terrill 222-4683 Term Expires March 30, 2004
Steve Longmoore 222-4643 Term Expires March 30, 2004
Corey McIntire 222-5878 Term Expires March 30, 2004

Tree Warden: Steve Longmoore 222-4643 Term Expires March 30, 2004

Health Officer: Lora Chatfield 222-4029 Term Expires July 1, 2006

Town Service Officer: Robert Nutting 222-5750 Term Expires April 14, 2004

Upper Valley Ambulance, Local Representative: Vacant

Two Rivers Ottauquechee Transportation Advisory Committee Representative:

Gerhard Postpischil

Green Mountain Economic Development Commission: Rick Parkin
Louise M. Allen

Fence Viewers:

Shirley Beresford Term Expires March 30, 2004
A. Howard Hatch Term Expires March 30, 2004
Kenneth Thurston Term Expires March 30, 2004

Town Members of the Library Board: Marcia Tomlinson
Lurlene Hurlbert
Kimberly Seymour

Central VT Solid Waste Representatives Joel Moore
Donald Lefebvre

Stagecoach Representative: Bobette Scribner

Deputy Registrars: Terms Expire March 15th, 2004 *Appointed by Town Clerk

Hale Funeral Home 222-5758, PO Box 377, Bradford, VT 05033

Michael Polli Home: 222-5513
David Polli Home: 222-5711
Gregory J. Hodge Home: 866-3364

Fire Department: R. Todd Terrill Fire Chief
Gary Moore 1st Asst. Engineer
Daniel Perry III 2nd Asst. Engineer
Kim Richardson Captain
Steve Longmoore Captain
David McLam Admin. Lieutenant

Town Garage/Road Foreman: "Chip" Spear 222-5718

Village Streets Jonathan Thornton 222-9640

**WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 2nd, 2004**

The legal voters of the TOWN OF BRADFORD, VERMONT are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Bradford Academy Building Auditorium in Bradford, Vermont on Tuesday, March 2nd, 2004 at TEN O'CLOCK in the forenoon to transact the following business to wit:

- ARTICLE 1.** To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 2.** To hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers for the year past.
- ARTICLE 3.** To elect all Town Officers as required by law, and to fill all vacancies which may occur at or prior to said meeting.
- ARTICLE 4.** To see what sum of money said Town will vote for general and administrative expenses of said Town for the ensuing year, and to vote time and manner of collecting the same.
- ARTICLE 5.** To see what sum of money said Town will vote for general highway purposes and reconstruction of the roads.
- ARTICLE 6.** To see if the voters will raise the sum of money not to exceed Five Thousand (\$5,000) dollars for the Conservation Commission.
- ARTICLE 7.** To see if the voters will raise the sum of money not to exceed Five Thousand (\$5,000) dollars to help cover the operating expenses at the Bradford Regional Community Center Building.
- ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will appropriate sums of money for the following organizations which have filed requests as set forth below:
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|---|-----------|
| Bradford Teen Center | 5,000.00 |
| Central VT Community Action Council Inc. | 1,000.00 |
| Central Vermont Council on Aging | 400.00 |
| Clara Martin Center | 4,413.00 |
| Green Mountain Economic Development Corp. | 1,319.00 |
| Lower Cohase Region | 1,309.50 |
| Northeast Slopes, Inc. | 1,200.00 |
| Orange County Diversion | 400.00 |
| Orange East Senior Center | 4,000.00 |
| Oxbow Senior Independence Program | 500.00 |
| Retired and Senior Volunteer Program | 500.00 |
| Safeline | 200.00 |
| Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission | 2,894.00 |
| Upper Valley Services Inc. | 1,000.00 |
| Visiting Nurse Alliance and Hospice | 11,025.00 |

ARTICLE 9. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

ARTICLE 10. To adjourn.

Dated at Bradford, Vermont this 22nd day of January, 2004.

Town of Bradford Selectboard:

s/s Joseph Sampson, Chair

s/s Joel Moore

s/s Roger J. Courtemanche

s/s Louise M. Allen, Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing Warning was duly recorded before being posted.

s/s Marianne McClure, Assistant Town Clerk

SELECTBOARD REPORT

2003 was a very busy and successful year for Bradford. It would be difficult for the Board to emphasize on any one achievement. As Chairman I will attempt to recap the year and give thanks to those who have helped make so much happen.

The vote to merge the Village into the Town was finally accomplished. As of this date the documents are in Montpelier just waiting to be approved by the Legislature and the Senate. From what we hear this should be happening very soon. We would be amiss if we did not thank the people who worked so hard on this endeavor. Jim Barton and Bobette Scribner put many hours into this effort as well as the Boards and Town Office staff, but none of it could have happened without the confidence the voters showed at the polls. Thank you. Several grants were applied for and received this year. The area will now have a Community Center due to the many hours of thought and effort put into this application by Bobette Scribner. Thank you Bobette. As we all know it takes many people to make a project successful, and I want to thank the many others that gave of their time and are still giving to make this a dream come true. We also have been fortunate to have Robert Miller and Company join the businesses in the Industrial Park. Not only is it good for the economic climate to have new buildings, but he agreed to be the general contractor on the Community Center. Without his hard work and generosity, this project may not have been happening at this time.

The newly formed Steering Committee has been busy with a focus on planning development for Bradford's future. With the help of private consultant Jeff Staudinger, the committee was instrumental in applying for and receiving a Vermont Community Development Planning Grant to assist the Town in planning for infrastructure in the Lower Plain Area. The expansion of the sewer line in that area is very much needed if Bradford is to continue to grow. Thank you to this newly formed committee.

The Bradford Conservation Commission has been very active and has received a grant to purchase the parcel of land that Devil's Den is located on. Nancy Jones and the Commission should be thanked for all of their time and effort in applying for and receiving this grant. This should be a great pride to Bradford to own this land.

After years of engineering and getting permits, the sidewalk from the Elementary School to Elizabeth's Park is finally nearing completion. The final touches should be completed in the spring of 2004. This is a good example of how slow a project can be when there is

federal, state and local money involved. We hope everyone feels it was worth the wait and enjoys using this in the future. Thanks to everyone involved for their effort.

The Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission administrated most of these grants. I would like to thank all their staff and Peter Gregory for their work on these grants and all the support they have given this year on all the zoning, planning and highway.

The Fire Department received grants totaling \$93,800.00 for new equipment from Homeland Security. I would like to thank Gary Moore and the firemen for writing these. The monies received will indeed help defray expenses we as tax payers would have put into the needed equipment.

The Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development awarded the Town of Bradford a Planning Grant so that the citizens of Bradford could determine if they should apply for a Downtown Designation or a Village Center Designation. Meetings are underway and the grant is expected to reach a conclusion in the fall of 2004.

With newly upholstered chairs and a refinished floor, the Bradford Academy has a new look in the Auditorium. We would like to thank Shirley Beresford and Vida Perry. They worked hours organizing as well as working on sanding and installing the chairs. Many other people worked to help dismantle the chairs, load and unload the truck and sand the backs of the chairs. The use of the warehouse space and equipment as donated by T. Copeland and Sons proved to be extremely helpful in completing this project. Thank you to the many people who helped get this done.

Many new windows have been installed this year. The Police Office is done and the new Lister's Office is done. The old Lister's Office and some other windows will be installed this year. We have started to see a savings on fuel. As you can see in the Town Report, we have dropped the amount to be raised for fuel. We are also changing over some of the steam heat to hot water. This should save us more on fuel. We would like to thank Mahlon and Junis Thurston for stepping in to keep the building clean and working on energy efficiency. We would like to thank Louise, Marianne and Cheryl for their help in the office. With the coming year, the merger will put a strain on the office in closing out two sets of books and becoming one Town..

Due to the increased cost of premiums for health insurance, the Board has made a decision to change coverage and/or the payment of the employees health coverage. We would like to thank the employees for their cooperation in this matter.

This has been a long winter. We have used more salt than we have budgeted for. It is hard to estimate the amount of salt and sand needed from year to year.

The Selectboard and highway crew are looking into buying a backhoe this year and trading in the loader. The loader is getting older. We feel it is time to start looking into a more versatile machine that would do many jobs rather than just load sand. As I am writing this, the Ford 550 is down to Gateway having the third transmission put in. There is a problem with the cooling system on the transmission. Ford will not or cannot fix this. So every year or two we have to put a new transmission into this truck. It is still under warranty so it has not cost the Town any money so far. Before the warranty runs out we are going to start looking for a new ton and a half truck.

Peter Hatch is now part of the highway crew and we would like to thank Chip, Philip and Peter for keeping our roads safe.

As you can see this Town is made up of many people who work very hard to make Bradford a great place to live. We would like to thank everyone who has volunteered their time.

Respectfully submitted, Joseph Sampson, Chair

**SELECTBOARD'S EXPENDITURE & BUDGET REPORT
GENERAL FUND**

	2002	2003	2003	2004
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
OFFICE OF SELECTBOARD				
Selectboard	3,600.00	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
Payroll	31,375.70	35,041.60	35,593.70	35,041.61
Social Security - Selectboard	275.40	321.30	321.30	321.30
Social Security Admin	2,400.22	2,680.68	2,722.98	2,680.68
Health Insurance	6,545.48	8,081.54	8,500.40	8,081.49
Retirement	2,994.35	3,051.25	3,067.96	3,051.25
Legal	1,655.70	3,000.00	661.25	3,000.00
	48,846.85	56,376.37	55,067.59	56,376.33
LISTERS				
Payroll	4,792.76	7,500.00	6,574.01	8,500.00
Social Sec.	366.65	535.50	649.21	650.25
Supplies	104.71	500.00	183.37	600.00
Travel	186.20	100.00	85.75	150.00
Telephone	584.95	800.00	531.75	600.00
Parcel Mapping	1,822.50	1,300.00	575.50	1,300.00
Contracted Services	523.50	1,500.00	135.00	1,500.00
TOTAL	8,381.27	12,235.50	8,734.59	13,300.25
TOWN CLERK / TREASURER				
Payroll-Asst. Clerk/Office	36,104.24	41,709.82	42,265.81	44,886.40
Office Staff	18,313.02	7,500.00	1,737.30	3,000.00
Selectboard Meetings	1,560.00	1,560.00	1,740.62	1,560.00
Joint Meetings	416.63	780.00	434.66	780.00
Trustee Meetings	245.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
Social Security Office	4,234.19	3,764.55	3,449.16	3,663.31
Selectboard Meetings - Soc Sec.	119.29	119.34	133.1	119.34
Social Security Joint Meetings	29.81	59.67	36.67	59.67
Trustee Meetings - SS	16.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
Health Ins. Employer paid ins.	17,308.05	16,163.09	15,047.08	11,819.45
Retirement - Clerk/Treas	605.59	1,311.30	1,356.62	1,192.37
Elections	1,342.52	800.00	1,666.87	1,500.00
Bond	174.00	174.00	0.00	0.00
Office Maintenance	5,761.51	5,000.00	4,846.63	5,000.00
TOTAL	86,230.99	78,941.77	72,714.52	73,580.54

Expenditure & Budget Report Continued:

	2002 Actual	2003 Budget	2003 Actual	2004 Budget
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Auditing	5,330.00	4,500.00	4,449.00	4,500.00
Salaries - Del Tax Coll	2,849.49	0.00	3,854.49	0.00
Social Security - Del Tax Collector	218.00	0.00	294.87	0.00
Salaries - Moderator	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Printing	4,393.99	4,700.00	4,583.69	4,700.00
Office Equipment	3,111.21	8,000.00	3,240.83	6,500.00
Computer - Maintenance./Training.	5,517.50	3,500.00	2,107.50	3,500.00
Continuing Ed.	765.00	700.00	903.30	1,000.00
HR Management Consulting	0.00	0.00	1,800.00	5,405.00
Telephone	987.20	1,500.00	1,009.66	1,000.00
Travel	152.97	1,000.00	1,149.40	1,500.00
Dues	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
V.L.C.T.	1,702.00	1,750.00	2,005.00	2,170.00
Insurance	16,412.00	16,412.00	16,194.00	20,102.00
Unemployment Insurance	2,778.00	3,293.00	3,293.04	3,069.00
CV Solid Waste	5,499.90	5,499.90	5,499.90	5,499.90
Planning/Zoning	875.63	2,500.00	4,588.21	4,000.00
Planning Grant/Downtown Designation	0.00	0.00	400.00	200.00
Sewer Extention Planning Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
Merger	0.00	500.00	1,954.58	0.00
Bank Charges	1,640.68	1,640.00	1,972.29	1,800.00
Miscellaneous	1,998.11	500.00	220.66	500.00
Town Planning Grant	8,500.00	0.00	1,619.90	0.00
TOTAL	62,781.68	56,069.90	61,190.32	68,520.90
 ACADEMY BUILDING				
Payroll	21,299.50	32,474.00	25,125.16	32,000.00
Social Sec.	1,629.29	2,484.26	1,919.01	2,448.00
Health Insurance	1,471.36	0.00	382.47	7,789.36
Retirement	423.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Safety Compliance	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Utilities	24,840.77	27,000.00	29,753.03	20,000.00
Purchased Services	765.75	1,000.00	851.10	1,000.00
Maintenance	12,559.71	10,000.00	11,211.32	10,000.00
New Listers' Office Renovation	0.00	0.00	4,861.52	0.00
TOTAL ACADEMY BUILDING	62,989.38	73,958.26	74,103.61	74,237.36

Expenditure & Budget Report Continued

	2002 Actual	2003 Budget	2003 Actual	2004 Budget
PUBLIC SAFETY				
FIRE DEPARTMENT				
Firemen	4,114.00	5,000.00	4,408.00	5,000.00
Fire Warden	135.90	200.00	0.00	200.00
Shots & Testing	0.00	510.00	0.00	510.00
Safety Compliance	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Fire Service Training	964.96	1,800.00	491.75	1,000.00
Utilities	5,394.41	4,400.00	5,921.43	4,800.00
Telephone	626.29	850.00	580.65	850.00
Equipment Repair	8,968.91	9,000.00	3,475.66	6,000.00
Fire/Fast Squad Repeater	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
New Equipment	2,277.42	2,000.00	1,470.84	2,000.00
Dues	250.00	400.00	250.00	400.00
Fire Dispatching	5,087.50	4,687.00	5,572.00	5,642.65
Gasoline	167.41	250.00	233.37	250.00
Truck Maintenance	2,918.01	3,500.00	1,162.75	4,000.00
Building Maintenance	532.19	1,250.00	1,526.13	1,250.00
Hydrants	740.00	740.00	740.00	740.00
Dry Hydrants	720.50	1,000.00	2,920.09	0.00
Capital Fund-Fire Equipment.	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	25,000.00
Miscellaneous	17.39	100.00	72.38	0.00
TOTAL FIRE DEPT.	53,214.89	56,187.00	49,125.05	58,142.65
Principal & Interest on Loan-Bldg	34,008.76	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FIRE BUILDING	34,008.76	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fast Squad	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
Upper Valley Ambulance	39,285.00	39,285.00	39,285.00	39,285.00
TOTAL RESCUE	45,785.00	45,785.00	45,785.00	45,785.00
Constables	11,463.82	12,300.00	9,261.18	12,700.00
TOTAL CONSTABLES	11,463.82	12,300.00	9,261.18	12,700.00
Insurance	13,420.00	13,420.00	14,224.00	14,500.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	157,892.47	127,692.00	118,395.23	131,127.65

Expenditure & Budget Report Continued

	2002	2003	2003	2004
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE				
Social Security	47.54	115.00	12.51	122.00
* SAFELINE	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
* G.M.E.D.C.	1,269.50	1,309.50	1,309.50	0.00
Health Officer	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Animal Control	1,593.75	1,500.00	763.35	1,600.00
Cemeteries	16,750.00	17,600.00	17,600.00	16,000.00
Recreation	3,545.99	3,546.00	4,228.55	4,000.00
*Orange East Senior Ctr.	3,500.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
Memorial Day	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Library	30,509.45	31,000.00	31,000.00	32,000.00
Conservation Commission	192.50	500.00	500.21	800.00
Orange County Tax	25,517.00	25,517.00	28,821.00	35,162.00
Clock Maintenance	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
*Retired & Senior Volunteer Prog.	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
*Upper Valley Services	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
*Visiting Nurse Alliance & Hospice	10,500.00	11,025.00	11,025.00	0.00
*Central VT Council Aging	400.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
*Clara Martin Center	4,413.00	4,413.00	4,413.00	0.00
*Orange County Diversion	400.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
*C.V.C.A.C.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
*Northeast Slopes	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
*Oxbow Senior Ind.	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
*Two Rivers	2,894.00	2,894.00	2,894.00	0.00
G. D. Aiken Conservation	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
*Bradford Boys & Girls Club	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
*Bradford Teen Center (previously Boys' & Girls' Club)	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
*Lower Cohase Region	1,309.50	1,309.50	1,309.50	0.00
Green Up Day Program	0.00	0.00	236.40	0.00
*Bradford Regional Communit Ctr	0.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	5,000.00
*Bradford Conservation Commission	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00
Bradford Falls Park	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE	113,042.23	133,679.00	136,363.02	105,934.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	540,164.87	538,952.80	526,568.88	523,077.03

HIGHWAY FUND

	2002	2003	2003	2004
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
SUMMER MAINTENANCE				
Payroll	39,908.50	43,680.00	40,344.38	45,760.00
Social Sec.	3,052.99	3,342.00	3,086.32	3,500.64
Purchased Services	6,505.00	6,500.00	8,074.55	7,500.00
Equipment Rental	494.00	3,000.00	2,153.75	3,000.00
Materials	19,282.75	20,000.00	21,232.46	20,000.00
TOTAL	69,243.24	76,522.00	74,891.46	79,760.64
WINTER MAINTENANCE				
Payroll	46,356.53	53,130.00	46,942.18	55,660.00
Social Sec.	3,546.33	4,065.00	3,591.13	4,257.99
Purchased Services	625.00	1,000.00	21.00	1,000.00
Materials	14,886.86	17,000.00	17,089.50	17,000.00
Salt	31,954.77	25,000.00	34,873.07	25,000.00
TOTAL	97,369.49	100,195.00	102,516.88	102,917.99
ADMINISTRATION				
Health Insurance	24,935.04	29,210.00	27,901.57	26,259.12
Retirement	1,768.15	1,971.00	2,000.57	2,500.00
Uniforms	2,263.67	2,400.00	1,858.02	2,000.00
Supplies / Maintenance	4,048.67	5,400.00	4,496.51	5,400.00
Utilities	3,304.34	4,000.00	4,039.04	4,000.00
Telephone	923.16	1,100.00	1,093.30	1,100.00
Maintenance-Garage	2,062.19	2,500.00	791.50	2,500.00
Misc. Hwy.	803.73	1,000.00	1,066.72	1,000.00
TOTAL	40,108.95	47,581.00	43,247.23	44,759.12

EQUIPMENT

Fuel & Oil & Lubes	8,703.86	11,000.00	11,458.10	11,000.00
Truck Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Truck Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grader Maintenance	854.29	2,000.00	1,947.78	2,500.00
Loader Maintenance	3,620.61	2,500.00	2,405.72	2,500.00
Other Equip.	3,086.80	3,300.00	3,230.86	3,300.00
2000 Truck Maintenance	1,476.58	1,500.00	2,919.78	2,000.00
1991 Truck Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2002 MACK truck	411.58	750.00	2,491.95	1,000.00
550 Truck Maintenance	1,642.04	1,500.00	1,539.59	2,000.00
New Equipment	2,450.03	2,500.00	446.14	2,500.00
2000 Truck Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUB-TOTAL	22,245.79	25,050.00	26,439.92	26,800.00

SPECIAL ROADS

Paving	77,519.88	85,000.00	77,592.04	95,000.00
Signs	620.92	650.00	485.74	650.00
Guardrails	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,050.00	4,000.00
Culverts	2,049.60	2,200.00	3,627.33	2,200.00
Line Painting	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
SUB-TOTAL SPECIAL ROADS	84,190.40	91,850.00	85,755.11	103,850.00

Capital Equipment Fund Highway	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Major Projects Capital Fund	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00

TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND	338,157.87	391,198.00	382,850.60	408,087.75
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**SELECTBOARD'S
RECEIPT & BUDGET REPORT**

	2003 Budget	2003 Actual	2004 Budget
GENERAL FUND			
Available Cash	32,229.01	32,229.01	96,380.39
*Current Taxes	361,972.79	393,795.40	327,696.64
Delinquent Taxes	20,000.00	48,323.81	20,000.00
Licenses & Permits	4,100.00	5,621.00	5,000.00
Bldg. Rents	33,000.00	31,528.99	33,000.00
Public Safety	1,000.00	1,158.00	1,000.00
Cemetery	1,000.00	2,724.27	1,000.00
Clerk/Treasurer Fees	24,000.00	32,697.41	30,000.00
Other Income	9,000.00	16,726.44	9,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	486,301.80	564,804.33	523,077.03
HIGHWAY FUND			
Available Cash	26,115.85	26,115.85	17,794.28
*Current Taxes	239,082.15	264,082.15	289,293.47
Village of Bradford	21,000.00	23,768.18	21,000.00
State of VT	80,000.00	87,268.04	80,000.00
Other Receipts	0.00	4,578.19	0.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND	391,198.00	405,812.41	408,087.75
* To be raised by Taxes	GENERAL FUND	327,696.64	
	HIGHWAY FUND	289,293.47	

General Fund Figure Does Not Include Requests in Warning Articles #6, 7 & 8

HIGHWAY CAPITAL FUND

Balance in Highway Capital Fund 01/01/03	5,000.00
2003 Allocation	25,000.00
Withdrawal to reimburse General Fund - 2002 Mack Truck	-20,000.00
Balance in Highway Capital Fund 12/31/03	10,000.00

HIGHWAY MAJOR PROJECTS

2002 Town Meeting Article #6 Used For Major Proj Cap Fund	25,000.00
2002 Town Meeting Article #7	
Prior Year Goshen Road Project	25,000.00
2003 Allocation Articles # 6 - Annual Town Meeting	
To Create Highway Major Projects Capital Fund	25,000.00
2003 Interest Earned - From General Fund	12.05
2003 Highway Major Projects Disbursements	-5,570.00
Balance as of 12/31/03	69,442.05

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND - FIRE DEPARTMENT

Balance 01/01/03	53,201.35
2003 Allocation	20,000.00
2003 Interest Earned From General Fund	262.59
Balance as of 12/31/03	73,463.94

BRADFORD ACADEMY BUILDING CAPITAL FUND

Balance 01/01/03	5,058.85
2003 Allocation	10,000.00
2003 Interest Earned	2.22
2003 Expenses	-9,542.90
Balance 12/31/03	5,518.17

REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Balance 01/01/03	108,001.68
Repayment of loans plus interest	26,325.13
Interest Earned From General Fund	537.06
Loans Extended	-38,000.00
Monies Granted To Bradford Regional Community Center	-15,000.00
Balance as of 12/31/03	81,863.87

FRIENDS OF WRIGHTS MOUNTAIN

Balance 01/01/03	10,506.42
2003 Interest Earned	82.79
2003 Expenditures	-2,327.33
Balance 12/31/03	8,261.88

**BRADFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
WRIGHTS MTN ECOLOGY EDUCATION PROJECT**

Opening Balance 02/03/03	5,000.00
2003 Expenditures	-5,000.00
Balance 12/31/03	0.00

BRADFORD CONSERVATION FUND

Opening Balance 07/14/03	0.00
2003 Deposits	7,695.25
2003 Interest Earned	5.39
Balance 12/31/03	7,700.64

DONALD DARLING QUAD CENTENNIAL FUND

Balance 1/1/03	44.66
2003 Interest	0.20
Balance 12/31/03	44.86

CEMETERY FUND

Receipts:

2003 Interest - Eaton Vance Fund	124.10
Sale of Lots	2,600.00
Total Receipts	2,724.10

2003 Cemetery Orders Drawn	17,600.00
2003 Cemetery Account Receipts	-2,724.10
Paid from General Fund	14,875.90

GEORGE COLBY FUND

Balance 1/1/03	962.07
2003 Interest	3.87
Balance 12/31/03	965.94

BICENTENNIAL CANE ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/03	309.57
2003 Interest	1.52
Balance 12/31/03	311.09

TOWN OF BRADFORD - GENEVA OSTROUT

Balance 1/1/03	1,284.98
2003 Interest	5.17
Balance 12/31/03	1,290.15

WALTER LEE MEMORIAL FUND

Invested Thru A G Edwards	
December 31, 2002 Principal	292,000.00
2003 Added to Principal	1,100.00
December 31, 2003 Principal	293,100.00
Balance 12/31/03	316,792.56
2003 Grants Awarded	9,012.50
2003 Grants Paid	4,702.50
Grants Awarded 2004	9,382.56

**BRADFORD REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER
2003 GRANT AWARD**

Bank Account Opened 09/18/03	0.00
To Receive Federal Grant Funds	
Balance 12/31/03	0.00

**2003 Report of Trustees of Public Funds
Funds & Investments**

Cemetery Fund

Invested funds 12/31/03

Centennial Money Market Trust	Redemption Dec., 2003	\$ (26,410.22)
Wells River Bank CD #904926 Opened 12/30/03		\$ 26,410.22
Transferred from Centennial Money Market Trust at Maturity		

Invested capital of \$26,410.22 in Wells River Savings Bank CD is made up as follows:

Total:	\$ 26,410.22		
Trustees of Public Funds	\$ 12,188.32	46.15%	
Permanent Fund	\$ 4,265.25	16.15%	
Johnston Fund	\$ 4,064.53	15.39%	
Emerson Fund	\$ 3,554.82	13.46%	
Rowell Fund	\$ 2,337.30	8.85%	
Total	\$ 26,410.22	100.00%	

Barry R. Wood Scholarship Fund

Invested Funds 12/31/2003

Wells River Bank CD #904315 Matured 05/17/03	\$ 3,025.13
Interest Earned	\$ 75.16
Amount Towards Scholarship Award	\$ 50.00
Wells River Bank CD #904334 Matured 06/11/03	\$ 1,064.04
Interest Earned	\$ 25.95
Lehman Brothers CD Matured 06/20/03	\$ (2,000.00)
Redeemed and Invested in Wells River Bank CD#904792	
Interest	\$ 50.00
Amount Towards Scholarship Award	\$ 50.00
Wells River Bank CD #904792 Opened 06/27/03	\$ 2,000.00
Interest Earned	\$ 17.47
Transferred from Lehman Brothers at Maturity	
2002 Interest Paid to Town January, 2003	\$ 99.02
2003 Scholarship Award to Lisa Austin	\$ 100.00

SCHEDULE 1

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Flood</u>	<u>Total</u>
Taxes Current	393,795.40	264,082.15		657,877.55
Village Taxes Collected	142,145.75			142,145.75
School Tax Collected	2,176,620.81			2,176,620.81
Delinquent Taxes - All Years	48,323.81			48,323.81
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	9,455.83			9,455.83
Delinquent Collector fee (8%)	3,872.42			3,872.42
Liquor Licenses	850.00			850.00
Dog Licenses	2,954.00			2,954.00
Dog Fines	0.00			0.00
Driveway Permits		210.00		210.00
OW Permits		275.00		275.00
Building/Zoning Permits	1,540.00			1,540.00
Marriage Licenses	184.00			184.00
Hunting Fishing	93.00			93.00
Railroad Tax	2,055.08			2,055.08
Town Planning Grant (2002 Bal -St.Vt.)	3,000.00			3,000.00
Equalization Study	1,282.00			1,282.00
Reappraisal	7,692.00			7,692.00
Land Use	20,121.20			20,121.20
State of Vermont - Current Use	16,743.00			16,743.00
State of Vermont - Pilot Program	3,423.00			3,423.00
Clerk Fees	32,697.41			32,697.41
Restoration Fees	5,459.33			5,459.33
Histories & Medallions	222.00			222.00
Green Up Day	236.40			236.40
Misc General Fund	1,688.27			1,688.27
Public Safety - Constable	1,158.00			1,158.00
Interest Income	1,347.19			1,347.19
WC 2002 Insurance Premium Adj	26.38			26.38
Bradford Academy - 2002 Sign	655.80			655.80
Cemetery	2,724.27			2,724.27
Rents	31,528.99			31,528.99
Village of Bradford - Data Proc Share	600.00			600.00
Elizabeth Park - State Share Reimb	71,786.04			71,786.04
Fire Dept Homeland Security Grants	7,671.40			7,671.40
Fire Dept Vt Rural Fire Protection				
Dry Hydrant Grants Program (2002)	2,000.00			2,000.00
Fire Dept - Utility Hook Ups	107.49			107.49
Revolving Loan Fund (2003)	23,871.67			23,871.67
Revolving Loan Interest Collected 2003	2,453.46			2,453.46
Expense Reimb-Village General Fund	18,204.60			18,204.60
Expense Reimb-Water/Sewer Dept.	33,839.61			33,839.61
State of Vermont -Highway		86,998.04		86,998.04
Village of Bradford - Public Works		23,768.18		23,768.18
State of Vermont - 2002 Equip Rental		270.00		270.00
Highway Miscellaneous Income		3,807.74		3,807.74
TOTAL RECEIPTS	3,072,429.61	379,411.11	0.00	3,451,840.72
Cash on Hand 12/31/02	222,959.18	60,310.55	7,578.14	290,847.87
Total	3,295,388.79	439,721.66	7,578.14	3,742,688.59

	Gen Fund	Hwy	Flood	Total
OPERATING EXPENSE	526,568.88	357,850.60	0.00	884,419.48
Village Taxes	142,145.75			142,145.75
School Tax Collected	2,176,620.81			2,176,620.81
Elizabeth's Park Sidewalk Town Share	28,557.13			28,557.13
Elizabeth's Park Sidewalk State Share	114,228.58			114,228.58
2003 BA Repairs-Renovations	9,542.90			9,542.90
2002 Accounts Payable	4,006.33	334.73		4,341.06
Revolving Loan Disbursement (2003)	53,000.00			53,000.00
Bradford Reg Community Ctr Adv Exp	267.05			267.05
Records Restoration	9,175.60			9,175.60
FD Homeland Security Grant Expenses	16,918.74			16,918.74
Hwy Major Proj Expenditures		5,570.00		5,570.00
				3,444,787.10
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	3,081,031.77	363,755.33	0.00	3,444,787.10
Balance Cash Management 12/31/2003	221,935.16	75,966.33		297,901.49
Restricted Funds:				
Less Revolving Loan Fund	-81,863.87			-81,863.87
Less Capital Equipment -Fire	-73,463.94			-73,463.94
Less Cap Fund - BA Building	-5,518.17			
Less D Darling Quad Centennial	-44.86			-44.86
Less George Colby Fund	-965.94			-965.94
Less Bicentennial Cane	-311.09			-311.09
Less Geneva Ostrout Fund	-1,290.15			-1,290.15
Less Capital Fund - Highway		-10,000.00		
Less Capital Fund - Hwy Major Proj		-69,442.05		
Charter One Bank - Mack Truck Loan		-66,882.77		-66,882.77
Charter One Bank-Money Market AC		66,882.77		66,882.77
Total Cash on Hand	58,477.14	-3,475.72	0.00	55,001.42
Accounts Receivable as of 12/31/03	89,858.80	21,770.00	0.00	111,628.80
Accounts Payable as of 12/31/03	-4,167.49	-500.00		-4,667.49
Reserved Funds - Future Reappraisal	-22,677.00			-22,677.00
Reserved Funds - Reappraisal (2003)	-7,692.00			-7,692.00
Reserved Funds - Elizabeth's Park	0.00			0.00
Reserved Funds - Record Restoration	-14,919.06			-14,919.06
Reserved Funds - Fire Dept. Shed	-2,500.00			-2,500.00
Balance	96,380.39	17,794.28	0.00	114,174.67

EXHIBIT A

Statement of taxes raised

	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>ASSESSMENT</u>
Grandlist:	102,717,698.00	27,734,700.00	130,452,398.00	1,304,523.98
Taxes Assessed:				
General	1,304,523.98	0.3280	427,927.79	
Highway	1,027,176.98	0.2571	264,082.15	
Total Taxes Assessed			692,009.94	
Corrections by Listers			-120.55	
Rounding			91.59	
Total Taxes Billed			691,980.98	
Taxes Accounted for:				
Collections by Treasurer:		General		393,795.40
		Highway		264,082.15
		Tax overpayments payable		-2,202.53
		Delinquent Tax List 11/10/03		36,305.96
		Total Taxes Accounted For		691,980.98

TOWN OF BRADFORD - EXHIBIT B

Year	12/31/2002	To Collector 2003	Collections 2003	Abatements 2003	Balance
1992	408.52				408.52
1993	542.36				542.36
1994	760.31			17.35	742.96
1995	1,149.87			38.68	1,111.19
1996	1,478.57				1,478.57
1997	1,369.76				1,369.76
1998	4,932.91		2,719.67		2,213.24
1999	6,834.60		3,146.97		3,687.63
2000	6,836.56		3,745.83		3,090.73
2001	9,831.07		6,369.88		3,461.19
2002	22,353.86		11,209.02		11,144.84
2003		36,185.41	9,289.99		26,895.42
	56,498.39	36,185.41	36,537.39	0.00	56,146.41
Total Delinquent Taxes 12/31/03					56,146.41

TOWN OF BRADFORD - DELINQUENT TAXES

Year 2003

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Ajello, Albert												111.19
Appleton, Sylvia**											398.10	670.05
Babitt, Charles & Audrey								765.19				
Badger, Robert*											486.89	
Barlett, Wayne										23.14		
Bearnis, Gayle												379.79
Bean, John & Pamela												232.29
Benjamin, Robert Jr.												488.06
Benzie, Tina												460.55
Biladeau, Michael									98.72	111.56		
Bongiorni, Frank & Philip**							254.66	520.28	438.18	495.18	484.14	485.72
Brinkman, Stan B.*												55.99
Brown, Kendall*											192.08	189.31
Brown, Michael & Sarah**									190.57	179.53	211.00	211.26
Burns, Marjorie					51.41	53.24	89.70	85.78				
Cafe Figaro		122.11	22.45	36.74								
Cash, Clayton				287.37								
Crance, Mary*											44.75	46.38
Churchill, William										39.59		43.89
Clements, Donna*												28.67
Cortiss, Alan												13.46
Covey, Burton	35.26	33.53	40.66	37.58	32.78	33.95	57.20	54.70	12.14	13.72	13.44	15.22
Crimmin, Jennifer*											418.50	419.00
Cullman, Duncan												70.22
Davis, Peter												69.05
Dean, Paul Jr.*												48.89
Demick, Kathleen**												481.03
Dickinson, Everett												
Dutton, Judson & Lisa	19.62	29.57	27.33	23.84	24.69	41.60	39.78					
Elliot, David											41.50	41.55
Emerson, Peter R.												104.75
Fisk, Harold & Joyce**											1,996.20	550.09
Fisk, Harold & Joyce**											252.50	2,177.53
Formwalt, Jason*												252.81
Fullerton, Kami												67.36
Garrett, Kathy			177.87	155.89	135.96	140.82	237.25	226.88	145.17	164.07	160.74	428.95
Gilbert, Mary**								288.42	252.86	285.77	279.98	280.31

TOWN OF BRADFORD - DELINQUENT TAXES

	Year 2003											
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Gioia, Robert & Shannon												28.48
Gould, Russell H.												520.24
Green, Tracy												172.63
Heik, Edward												736.77
Hayward, David				266.05	239.89	248.46	418.60	400.31			265.95	286.70
Hines, Patricia*											384.60	385.06
Hosington, Timothy*												20.25
Holy, Robert K.**	353.64	381.00	468.93	108.69	378.09	391.59	659.75	630.92	500.45	565.58	554.11	554.57
Hunt, Muriel						2.10						
Hunt, Paul F											747.58	748.47
Huntington House					431.37							
Isley, Henry*												466.40
Johnson, Steven**									77.81			
Johnson Lumber**									505.31		718.94	533.26
Johnson, Steven**											13.17	
Johnson, Steven**										422.39	1,377.55	1,349.61
Jenkins, Larry											413.83	414.32
K.D.B. Enterprises*												3,048.31
Krapp, Corey												509.71
Kingsbury, Christine & Paul						46.68	78.65					331.22
Kingsbury, Christine & Paul				115.32	100.57	57.48	96.85					27.78
Kreitschmer, Paul & Susan												236.23
Lamour, Nancy												84.27
Larabee, Jody									76.02			
Lauer, Rae**											84.17	
Lesperance, Michael												109.43
Lizask, Camila											80.54	79.00
Manniques, Edward								74.59				8.12
McLam, Douglas P.*												530.19
McLam, Leander*												118.80
McMorrow, Frances & Patricia												35.11
Mitchell, Allen Jr. & Sonia						70.60	97.50	93.24	43.29	48.92	47.93	47.98
Morrill, Bryce											295.28	291.02

TOWN OF BRADFORD - DELINQUENT TAXES

	Year 2003											
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Mullan, Christine												
Nickles, Mark & Judy									146.23	185.26		162.10
Paul, Steve & Elizabeth**									38.83	78.75	77.15	213.27
Pearlman, Elihu*												650.75
Perry, (Meagher) Carol												623.82
Plateau Acres, Inc.						300.15	48.10	46.00				
Rasmussen, James A.												452.45
Rhodes, Harry												120.55
Richardson, Donald*												23.43
(Rogers) Johnston, Ken & Julie**										434.19	454.74	455.29
Rorer, David												840.93
Satzmann, Michael J.**				72.78	77.48		135.20	129.29	124.06	140.20	137.36	137.52
Simmons, Richard**										74.58	73.06	73.15
Suarez, Dale A.			5.72	6.93	6.41							
Sylvester, Peter*												
Taylor, Fred & Ethel**												28.23
Tomlinson, Gery J. & Marcia									244.42		270.62	270.95
Tremont, Stephen J.*								372.03	207.55			
Wadsworth, Jeffrey												37.45
Wait, Richard												141.03
Weich, Kendall*									29.45	19.68		7.02
Wheeler, Patrick*												479.86
Whitcomb, John (Estate)											155.92	391.50
White, Dean												193.58
Wood, Jay S												350.53
Wood, Timothy P												386.23
Totals	408.52	566.21	742.96	1,111.19	1,478.65	1,386.67	2,213.24	3,687.63	3,090.73	3,461.19	11,144.84	26,895.42

Total Delinquent Taxes 12/31/03

\$ 56,187.25

* Denotes Payments received after 12/31/03

**Denotes agreements with taxpayer for paying delinquent taxes.

Starting March 1st I will be filing small claim forms with Orange County Court on delinquent tax payers without agreements.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene H Martin, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

WALTER LEE FUND

During 2003 the Walter Lee Fund committee completed its first full year of operation. Committee members are Skip Barrett, Mary Ellen Gray, Arthur Hyde, Joel Moore, Selectboard representative, Bobette Scribner and Dan Smith.

It was recommended by the committee and approved by the Selectboard that in January of each year the committee would calculate the interest available for grant awards during the coming year. The committee would meet in early May to review the applications and make selections. These selections would be given to the Selectboard for final approval. Forms are available for any group in Bradford that has needs of funds for youth recreational activities. Walter Lee's will does encourage Elizabeth's Park to get preferential treatment.

When an award is given, a committee member agrees to follow up the process to make sure it adheres to the grant request. There are two grant sizes - under \$500 and over \$500. There are different procedures for each.

At the committee's meeting on January 18, 2004, it was determined that there is \$9,382.56 to be awarded during the 2004 calendar year.

All of us in Bradford, thank Mr. Lee for his generous donation. With only the interest being eligible to be used, this fund will live on forever.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT 2003

The Summer of 2003 Projects included:

- * Continued work on Tarbox Road to upgrade to a class 3. This was the 3rd year of the 5 years we have to complete this project.
- * We were involved with a small portion of the Elizabeth's Park Sidewalk project.
- * Paving Projects were done on:
 - Fairground Road
 - Rowell Brook Road
 - Industrial Drive
- * We assisted the Village on resurfacing Bank Street.
- * We had areas of minor flood damage on a number of occasions and will receive monies from FEMA to help defray the cost of repairing some of those areas.
- * The Town also started on surveys and designs for a new road to Plateau Acres.

FIVE YEAR PAVING PLANS

2004 - Finish Rowell Brook Road.

Start Goshen Road

2005 - Chelsea Road, if we get grant, more on Goshen Road.

If no grant Goshen Road.

2006 - Finish Goshen Road, Rogers Hill - Start South Road.

2007 - Finish South Road - Cross Road.

2008 - Lake Morey Road.

This is only an estimated schedule and changes as road conditions change, due to weather or other damages occurring.

The availability of money and grants, and paving price increases.

PERMIT FEES

Building / Zoning Permit: \$27.00
Overweight Permits: \$5.00 Single Vehicle, \$10.00 Fleet
Driveway Permit: \$27.00

These may be done by landowner under the supervision of the Road Foreman with salary of foreman to be paid to town by owner.

Actual cost will be charged for:

Installation of culverts	Culvert
Backhoe and Operator	Gravel
Truck and Driver Labor	

2003 DOG ACCOUNT

A **RABIES CLINIC** will be held Wednesday, March 24th, 2004 at the Bradford Firehouse from 6:30-7:30 P.M. At which time Bradford residents may license their dogs.

The following is the accounting for 2003:

195	Spayed		
172	Neutered	Fees	2,054.00
37	Female	Late Fees	900.00
41	Male	State of VT	445.00
		Total Collected	3,399.00
445	Total Licenses Sold	Paid to State of VT	(445.00)
		Total Revenue	2,954.00

§ 3581. General Requirements

(a) A person who is the owner of a dog or wolf-hybrid more than six months old shall annually on or before April 1st cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed on a form approved by the commissioner for one year from that day in the office of the clerk of the municipality wherein the dog or wolf-hybrid is kept. The owner of a dog or wolf-hybrid shall cause it to wear a collar, and attach thereto a license tag issued by the municipal clerk. Dog or wolf-hybrid owners shall pay for the license \$4.00 for each neutered dog or wolf-hybrid and \$8.00 for each un-neutered dog or wolf-hybrid. If the license fee for any dog or wolf-hybrid is not paid by April 1st, its owner or keeper may thereafter procure a license for that license year by paying a fee of fifty percent in excess of that otherwise required.

(b) Before a person shall be entitled to obtain a license for a neutered dog or wolf-hybrid, he or she shall exhibit to the clerk a certificate signed by a duly licensed veterinarian showing that the dog or wolf-hybrid has been sterilized.

(c) A license fee surcharge of up to \$10.00 per license may be implemented by the legislative body of a city, town or village which has established an animal and rabies control program for the sole purpose of funding the program. This surcharge shall not be considered to be a part of the license fee for purposes of calculating a penalty for late payment.

(d) Before obtaining a license for a dog or wolf-hybrid six months of age or older, a person shall deliver to the municipal clerk a certificate or a certified copy thereof signed by a duly licensed veterinarian, stating that the dog or wolf-hybrid has received a current pre-exposure rabies vaccination with a vaccine approved by the commissioner, and the

person shall certify that the dog or wolf-hybrid described in the certificate or copy is the dog or wolf-hybrid to be licensed. The municipal clerk shall keep the certificates or copies thereof on file. The commissioner shall prescribe the size and format of rabies certificates. The owner of any such dog or wolf-hybrid shall maintain a copy of the rabies vaccination form and provide it to state or municipal officials upon request.

(e) For the purposes of licensing a dog or wolf-hybrid, a current vaccination against rabies means that:

- (1) a dog or wolf-hybrid of less than one year of age has been vaccinated;
- (2) a dog or wolf-hybrid of one or more years but less than two years of age has been vaccinated within the preceding 12 months; and
- (3) a dog or wolf-hybrid of two or more years has been vaccinated within the preceding 24 months.

(f) In addition to the license fees assessed in subsections (a) and (c) of this section and section §3583 of this title, municipal clerks shall assess a \$1.00 fee for each license sold. The clerks shall forward the fees collected under this subsection to the state treasurer on or before the 15th day of May, September and January of each year, together with an accounting of the licenses sold. The funds collected under this subsection are to be used for rabies control programs. For this purpose, on or before the 30th days of May, September and January, the State Treasurer shall disburse the funds collected under this subsection as follows:

- (1) Forty five percent to the fish and wildlife fund.
- (2) Forty five percent to the commissioner of the department of health.
- (3) Ten percent to the commissioner of the department of agriculture, food and markets.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The professional audit for the Town of Bradford is available for review in the Town Clerk's office.

2003 LISTER'S REPORT

The Listers this year will be bringing the records up to conform with Act 68, §4041a. The Town continued to receive money to help defray the cost of the next reappraisal. Our equalization rate set by Property Valuation and Review is 93.52%.

Real Estate sales were on the incline this year. There were forty-five transfers that consisted of the following: twenty-five homes, two camps, seventeen land sales, one land sale and moving a home onto it, two new homes completed and several in various states of being built, two new garages, two new Mobile Homes and two new Mobile Homes to update the former old ones.

s/s Harry-McLam, Chair

s/s Phyllis Russ

s/s Leonard Dobbins

BRADFORD ACADEMY CHAIR RESTORATION REPORT

As the final step in Academy Building auditorium renovation, begun six years ago, the floor under the seats had to be refinished. Obviously, to do the floor the chairs had to come out. It was the perfect time to restore them, even though there was no money budgeted and every other worthy cause in town was fund-raising at the same time. The Preservation Fund agreed to undertake the project.

The chairs were removed on October 16, 2003. All the metal parts and cushions were shipped to Irwin Seating of Grand Rapids, Michigan, for professional restoration. New cushions, hardware and fastenings replaced the old parts. They returned on December 8, 2003, to be reinstalled by volunteers. They should last another fifty years.

Our original plan to sand the wooden backs and arms in the auditorium before the floor was refinished, would have been a nightmare. Copeland Furniture saved us from ourselves by offering use of the factory during off hours. Teams of volunteers reported for duty between 4 and 6 afternoons, and from 6 to 11 a.m. on Saturdays. Many of us have learned to use both edge and orbital sanders for the first time. Taping of the backs' metal edges for finishing was truly tedious. Removing the tape was worse.

The Journal Opinion of October 22, 2003, gave extensive coverage of the removal and Gary Moore recalled the original 1961 installation of the used theater seats in the November issue of Behind The Times. He and others recalled the late Nelson Ladd and his crew laying this floor over the original and installing those seats. We're told some of the old standards may be in a concrete retaining wall at Nelson's old house. This project has reminded several people of things long forgotten. The floor refinisher, a true craftsman, remarked on how hard it must have been for that crew to put down this floor. Participants recalled sore backs and knees not unlike the recent volunteers experienced. There are fewer chairs now than there were in Academy days. Between the Fire Marshal and the new elevator, we are down to 290 seats from 374. The Preservation Fund launched a drive to form a BA 290 Club by "purchasing" the restoration of a chair for a donation of \$125.00 in either the donor's name or in honor of someone else. The response has been wonderful. One hundred and fifty chairs have been "sold" representing 178 individuals and 13 organizations as of this writing. Brass name plates are being installed, and there are seats left for anyone who is still interested.

Local taxpayers, many of whom have moved here since Bradford Academy closed, support building maintenance costs annually. We are pleased to report that both they, local graduates and alumni "from away" have so generously supported this effort. Our volunteers and Copeland Furniture deserve particular thanks. The Academy auditorium is a public space in which the whole community can justly take pride.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradford Academy / Woods School Building Preservation Fund, Inc.

Founding President: W. Gilbert Cole, 1907 - 1998

Directors: Horace A. Palmer III, President, Shirley R. Beresford, Arthur L. Hyde,
Bryce W. Morrill and Vida M. Perry

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT 2003

2003 has been a different year than most. We have both the Zoning Document and the Town Plan approved but are having to face Site Plan Approval applications. The latest will be the Drug Rehabilitation application for the Brookside Nursing Home. This has been the hottest topic of conversation in Bradford in quite a while.

Other interests have been the completion of two of the four Industrial buildings in the Pierson Industrial Park, the start of discussions with the Fair Committee about the layout and requirements for moving to their new site on the Lower Plain, the ongoing talks on the Town and Village merger and the sewer extension to the Lower Plain.

The new Zoning Regulations seem to be working well except for an occasional mixup between site plan approval and the ZBA. This is not a problem, but the Planning Commission is starting discussions on working toward a Development Review Board formation which would put all development projects under one Board.

For information to the public, the Site Plan Approval process deals with traffic flow, safety, curb cuts, screening, lighting and any topic related to these areas. Variances, set backs and all other issues are left to the ZBA.

We welcomed Susan Horrigan as a new member to the Planning Commission this year. The other members are: Robert Miller, George Pratt, Lynn Sheldon, Larry Drew, George Huntington and Ted Unkles.

s/s Lawrence E. Drew, Chairman

REPORT OF THE TOWN HEALTH OFFICER

Upon recommendation of the Selectboard, Lora Chatfield B.S.N., M.P.H., was appointed Bradford Town Health Officer (THO) on July 1, 2003, by the state commissioner of health following the resignation of Becky Clancy. On October 30, 2003, the THO attended a Town Health Officers Training in Berlin, Vermont.

Concerns reported by Bradford residents July 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003 are as follows:

Dead animals - 2

Housing related -6

The main duty of local health officers, as stipulated by Vermont Statute, is to investigate and abate any existing or potential health hazards in their town. Residents are encouraged to contact the THO with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted, s/s Lora O. Chatfield

BRADFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Bradford Conservation Commission By-laws, adopted in 1990, establish the following categories as the functions of the Bradford Conservation Commission: a) Resource Inventory; b) Land Acquisition; c) Land Management; d) Public Representation; and e) Education and Information. In keeping with those, a synopsis of 2003 accomplishments follows:

Wright's MT Ecology Education Project:

A \$5,000 grant from Wellborn Ecology Fund enabled implementation of educational and stewardship activities. About 300 Bradford Elementary School and Oxbow High School, Riverbend and Conn. River Academy middle and high school students and 18 teachers participated in trail-building, G.P.S. mapping, photography, carpentry and ecology studies.

Resulting products included: 10 erosion-preventing water bars on the main trail; a new trail developed and blazed from the summit to the vernal pool; all trails mapped; a photo and art exhibit; a vernal pool study and 2 ecology studies with public presentations; a trail head sign installed and dedicated; an information kiosk built to be installed in the Spring; and a Wright's MT "Quest" developed and mapped that will be included in the next edition of Quests of the Upper Valley.

Staffing support for these projects came from VINS Community Mapping Program, ANR Wetlands Ecologists, Orange County Forester, Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT) and CO-SEED. Supplemental grants from the VT Academy of Arts and Sciences and Wells River Savings Bank greatly enriched the learning experiences.

Green Up Day:

About 50 miles of roads in Bradford were covered by more than 170 volunteers, ages 5 - 75 (100 of these were under the age of 15). One hundred fifty bags of trash, and other types of roadside debris, were picked up and disposed of.

Community Events:

"Get to Know Wright's Mountain" on VT Trails Day, June 7, and the Wright's Mountain Sign Dedication and Trail Work Day on August 9 were held.

Bradford Conservation Fund:

When by-laws regulating the use of the Fund were adopted in August, Bradford became the 35th VT town to have such a fund, which will help to leverage Federal and State conservation grants, supplement projects of local interest, and support conservation projects that promote our local economy and culture and protect our natural resources. Thanks to tremendous support from individuals, organizations and merchants, the fund grew to \$10,000 in 6 months! (see full detail of BCF By-laws at www.cohase.org).

Composting:

In response to a State-wide plan to reduce organic waste going into landfills, existing composting facilities were researched and a partnership was formed with Knoxland Farm to compost organic waste from Bradford commercial food waste generators. Central VT Solid Waste Management District funded a consultant from Highfields Institute who has guided the process through site preparation, permitting, plan development and public education. With the help of volunteers and the Town road crew, Fall yard wastes (needed for carbon content) were collected and delivered to the site. Grants for start-up costs are forthcoming; full operation is anticipated for early May. Measures will also be taken to encourage home-based composting.

Nuisance Plants:

BCC members assisted Riverbend Env. Tech's program with release, at 6 sites, of loosestrife-eating beetles. This will help keep populations under control. Americorps volunteers and Boy Scouts assisted with the eradication of Japanese Knotweed at Boch Memorial Park. The Bradford Selectboard approved a plan for residents to cut this plant on their properties and bring it to the Town Garage to be dried, and later burned.

Devil's Den (60 acres):

At Town Meeting 2003, \$10,000 was allocated toward acquisition and conservation and another \$15,000 of in-kind matching contributions were secured. Facilitated by UVLT, a grant was funded by VT Housing and Conservation Board. This parcel will be incorporated into the Wright's MT acreage, under one conservation and management plan. Off-road parking and trails will be developed and mapped.

Wright's Mountain Management Plan:

The revised Plan incorporates the allowed natural resource, recreational, wildlife, educational and forestry uses of Wright's MT and Devil's Den into one document.

The Cabin at the Summit of Wright's Mountain:

A committee is studying alternative plans for the cabin, and the Commission will recommend to the Selectboard whether to restore it to its original condition, simply stabilize it, or dismantle it.

Natural Resources Inventory:

Sources for funding of inventories in Bradford are being sought. Bradford's "environmentally challenged" sites are being informally inventoried, and decisions need to be reached as to how best to get them cleaned up.

Bradford Municipal Forest Land

Working with the Water Commission and the Upper Valley Land Trust, alternatives for conservation and management plans are being investigated for the 500+ acre "Brushwood" property.

End Note:

The support for these projects has been very gratifying. Bradford is fortunate to have community-spirited individuals, organizations and businesses that look after its present and future.

(See full details of BCC By-Laws, and 2003 Priorities at www.cohase.org Click on "State and Local Govt", click on "Bradford" then go to appropriate links)

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Jones, Chair, Bradford Conservation Commission

(Tear Out Page)

Please help the Bradford Conservation Commission with planning for 2004. Indicate your priorities, by numbering the following, with #1 being your highest priority:

- _____ protecting farmland from development
 - _____ preserving forest lands
 - _____ protecting wetlands
 - _____ protecting water resources
 - _____ providing more recreational opportunities, ie for hiking trails, recreation paths, etc.
 - _____ supporting conservation projects that help stimulate the economy
 - _____ protecting wildlife habitat
 - _____ cleaning up illegal dumping sites
 - _____ promoting locally produced farm and/or forest products
 - _____ providing more opportunities for environmental education
 - _____ other _____
-
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I'm concerned about the future of _____

_____ (a particular place) and wonder if it could be conserved for future generations

I'm interested in helping the Bradford Conservation Commission by

- _____ serving on a committee
 - _____ being on call to help out with certain projects
 - _____ other _____
-
-

Name _____

Address _____ (Optional)

Phone # _____ (Optional)

Please tear out this page and mail to Bradford Conservation Commission, PO Box 339, Bradford, VT 05033.

REPORT OF THE BRADFORD STEERING COMMITTEE

For the past year, an ad hoc committee, made up of representatives from the Selectboard, Village Trustees, Planning Commission, Water/Sewer Board, Merchants Association, Connecticut Valley Development Corp. (CVDC), Bradford Community Development Corp (BCDC), Lower Cohase Chamber of Commerce, Green Mt. Economic Development (GMEDC), Bradford Area Workforce Investment Board (BWIB), and Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Planning Commission, in addition to some Bradford's business leaders, have been meeting regularly to facilitate communication between groups and to provide a forum to focus on Bradford's future. This concept evolved from discussions regarding economic development and education and training, held at the regular BWIB meetings. After initial brainstorming, the group decided to focus its efforts on a few issues. First, the group felt that the village/town merger was critical to improve the efficiency of the workings of Bradford. Thanks to the efforts of the Boards and many others. In November, Bradford voters supported this initiative.

Second, the committee recognized the need for extending the sewer line to the industrial/commercial regions of the town around the four-corners on the Lower Plain and representatives went and met with community economic development officials in Montpelier. With no taxpayer funds being spent, a planning grant was then prepared and funded by the state earlier this year and an engineering firm will be hired any day by the Selectboard. If the engineering work and rate and impact studies satisfy the Bradford voters in '04, we believe that, by later 2005, there will be a sewer line extension in place to the industrial park and to the other Lower Plain commercial areas.

Third, we felt that communication had been lacking between local and state political leaders. We organized a luncheon that was attended by our committee members and other local business leaders and representatives of state agencies as well as the legislature and our Washington contingent, as well. We provided a lot of information as to the initiatives underway in Bradford and presented obstacles that hindered our efforts and, in general, we felt it was a very productive meeting. We intend to make this an annual event.

Fourth, there has been a lot of discussion about housing. The possible need for Senior housing, apparent need for improving some substandard housing, more affordable housing, etc., were all discussed. We enlisted the Central Vermont Community Land Trust (CVCLT) as an active partner in these discussions and are pleased to report that they've been meeting regularly with a sub-committee of the Steering Committee and are in discussions with some owners of multi-family rental properties in need of renovation. If all proceeds as hoped, the CVCLT will soon present a plan in which they'll buy, renovate and then manage several multi-family rental properties, thus improving the quality of Bradford's rental housing. (similar to the recent projects completed in Wells River) At the same time, a Senior housing project and other creative housing concepts are being discussed and considered, as we recognize that we're feeling housing pressure from the growth in the Upper Valley hub, south of here.

Finally, we recently met with Commissioner Mike Quinn of the Agency of Commerce and Economic Development and with Robert Miller, the commercial developer that has put up two spec buildings in the Industrial Park and is actively marketing prospective tenants. We recognize the importance of maintaining open lines of communication and building relationships with the state agencies and with private investors like Mr. Miller and hope to meet regularly with them.

Overall, we are pleased with the progress over the past year and we look forward to a productive 2004. As the Selectboard is represented on the Steering Committee, please feel free to address questions or concerns over any of these initiatives to them.

Sincerely, The Bradford Steering Committee

BRADFORD CONSTABLE REPORT 2003

This will be the last report that I will complete before the merger of the Town and Village. Next year you will see a large increase in the numbers of incidents, making one report. Combining the Office of Constable and the Police Department will make the paperwork much easier for me. The total number of incidents for the Village in 2003 was 1,166.

The past year was again very busy. Patrols of all the Town roads during the day or night are ongoing. During the Bear Ridge Speedway race season patrols were in place to ensure the safety of both residents and of the motorist traveling the roads to and from the race track. Radar enforcement of all roads continues and you can expect to see an increase in patrols in 2004.

There are still problems with ATVs on roadways. There are no open roads in the Town of Bradford and operators, if caught, will face traffic fines and have their ATV towed.

Please remember to get your dogs licensed with the Town by April 1st. The penalties greatly increase the cost of licensing your dog. A municipal fine of \$35.00 for not licensing is possible plus the penalties.

	2001	2002	2003		2001	2002	2003
Assaults	1	8	0	Alarms	7	3	2
Burglary	3	2	0	Extraditions	0	0	0
Thefts	9	6	3	Parking Violations	19	13	6
MV Thefts	1	0	2	MV Violations	137	131	109
Arson	0	0	0	Lost/Missing	3	1	2
Fraud	129	133	106	Found/Reported	3	1	4
Vandalism	7	2	4	General Services	0	2	6
Narcotics	3	0	4	Agency Assist	48	57	78
Other Offenses	20	24	28	Public Service Request	112	165	289
DUI	1	1	2	Animal Control	40	39	20
Liquor Law	3	2	2	Civil Process	15	16	12
Disorderly	0	0	2	Court Time	6	2	5
MV Accidents	10	15	14	Transports	0	0	2
Traffic Control	20	15	9	Crowd Control	21	22	22
				Totals	618	660	733

Respectfully Submitted,
Gene H. Martin, 1st Constable, Shawn French, 2nd Constable

VERMONT STATE POLICE - BRADFORD REPORT

2003 was a year marked by tragedy for members of the Bradford State Police Barracks. On June 15th, Sargent Michael Johnson was killed in the line of duty. Sargent Johnson was attempting to assist fellow troopers that were pursuing a subject that was suspected of having illegal drugs in his vehicle. Sargent Johnson was struck and killed by the fleeing suspect's vehicle.

We wish to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers and continued support following this tragedy. Those who were fortunate to have known him will always remember Sargent Michael Johnson. He was a family man, a leader in our barracks and a vital member of the Bradford community. He is and always will be sorely missed. I have chosen to use this space to remember Mike Johnson, a man who epitomized community service and embodied what it means to be a Vermont State Trooper.

I invite you to review statistics regarding VT State Police enforcement in your town during 2003 on website: vtsp.org/Bradford.html (2003 VT Crime Report).

Respectfully, s/s Lt. Walter W. Goodell, Station Commander

ORANGE COUNTY COURT DIVERSION PROGRAM

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

The OCCDP is a local non-profit organization run by a Board of Trustees and staffed by a three-quarter time director, a one-fifth time caseworker and the 28 community volunteers from Orange County who serve as Review Board members. A volunteer citizen Review Board interviews each offender and decides who will be accepted into the program. The main criteria for acceptance into the program is an admission of wrongdoing, and no prior history of criminal activity. Each client accepted into diversion is required to discuss all issues and questions concerning their offense with the Review Board. Throughout the discussion, the client is made aware of the concerns and needs of both the victim and the community, and held responsible for the offense. The Review Board designs an individualized contract that specifies the conditions of the person's participation.

Contracts may involve an apology to the victim, mediation between offender and victim, restitution, mental health or substance abuse counseling, a jail tour, community service, a donation to a worthy cause, completion of a GED, a job search, writing an essay, or other appropriate activities related to the offense. Diversion clients have performed volunteer work for local libraries, hospitals, cemeteries, road crews, recycling centers, schools, senior centers, volunteer fire departments and the like. Approx. 85% of the clients who participate in the Orange County Court Diversion program successfully complete the program. Less than 5% of the clients who successfully complete the program end up becoming repeat offenders.

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

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

A total of 177 clients were referred for services during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2003. Of this amount, 104 clients were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, and 73 clients were referred for a civil offense of underage drinking. With the exception of a few cases that were transferred from other counties throughout the state, nearly all of the client caseload represented crimes and offenses that occurred in Orange County. In cases involving criminal offenses, clients who successfully completed their Diversion contract during FY 03 paid a total of \$11,747.00 in restitution to victims and victim related causes, and performed 368 hours of community service.

Orange County Court Diversion budgeted \$70,421.00 for its FY 03 operating budget. Approx. 80% of the operating budget was funded by a State grant and client fees. The remaining 20% of the program's funds came from miscellaneous and local funding sources. These local sources were Green Mountain United Way, town appropriations, and individual donations. For a number of years we have been proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County.

Thank you for your continued support. Questions and additional information concerning the program should be directed to David Savidge, Executive Director, Orange County Court Diversion, P.O. Box 58, Chelsea, VT 05038. (802-685-3172)

BRADFORD FAST SQUAD 2003 ANNUAL REPORT

The Bradford Fast Squad is a team of volunteers that respond to all emergency calls such as medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents and fires. The members of the Fast Squad will arrive first in the event of an emergency. They will provide care to you until the ambulance arrives for transport to the hospital for advanced care. The members undergo extensive and ongoing training to provide the best possible level of care. The Fast Squad also works closely with related emergency services, law enforcement and fire departments.

This year the Fast Squad responded to approximately 280 calls, this figure is down from last year. The Fast Squad has recently joined with the Fire department to convert EMS 1 (the towns ambulance) to a Rescue unit, functional for use by both departments. This will increase the overall efficiency of the operations of both departments at fire scenes and accidents. Awnings for the truck will be purchased to create a covered rehabilitation unit on fire scenes. Members of both departments will be aboard while responding. The Fast Squad taught an Emergency Care Attendant/First Responder course early in the year which provided the squad with a couple of additional members. The Fast Squad purchased protective gear for all members, fire resistant jackets, bunker pants and helmets to protect themselves on fire and accident / hazardous scenes. Four Scholarships were given out this year through the Deplphine Benzie Memorial Scholarship. The Fast Squad also developed a new scholarship in effect 2003.

The Fast Squads goals for the upcoming year are to work on increased training and recruiting. As always the Fast Squad appreciates your support and are proud to serve you.
Respectfully Submitted, Molly Bondurant, NREMT
Head of Service, Bradford Fast Squad

BRADFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT 2004 REPORT

The Bradford Fire Department consists of 25 fire fighters, both men and women who give hundreds of hours each year, along with unsurpassed help from the Fire Department Auxiliary and the Fast Squad.

The Bradford Fire Department has had another busy year answering 95 alarms along with many hours in training and truck/station maintenance.

The breakdown of calls is as follows:

Auto Accidents	28	Co tester calls	3
Alarm Activations	11	Structure Fires	2
Grass Fires	5	Smoke or Odor Investigations	5
Mutual Aid Calls	10	Ambulance Assists	5
Auto Fires	7	Miscellaneous	12
Chimney Fires	3	Appliance fires	3
Haz-Mat Calls	1		

This year the men have done an outstanding job. We had three areas to cover for 2003:

Apparatus: The truck committee presented a truck to the department to do multiple functions at a substantial savings to the town. The department voted unanimously to present it to the town.

Equipment: The department received two grants that together added up to 100% off the requested amount.

Community Service: The men stepped up to the plate with community service grass burning, pool filling and working at the Community Center Building. We should all be very proud of our firemen for going beyond the call of duty; Gary Moore for grant-writing, Steve Longmoore for leading the community services team.

This past year we received two grants: one for \$7,800 and the other for \$85,658. This money was used to upgrade air-packs, rescue and metering equipment.

In the past couple of years, with the help of state grants, we have installed dry hydrants located around the rural areas of Bradford. This year we installed a dry Hydrant at the Veneer Mill. This hydrant is very important during a Village fire.

One big thing we try to preach to everyone is safety. Make sure you have a working fire extinguisher and working smoke detectors. Always have and practice more than one escape route, especially with your kids. Have a meeting place outside to go to when exiting your house. Fire is very unpredictable. If a plan is practiced, it will save lives.

Just remember if you need us, Call 911 and we will be there.

Respectfully submitted, R. Todd Terrill, Fire Chief

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Bradford is moving ahead in its preparations to prevent disasters and to better deal with them if they do occur. Thanks to a variety of grants, fire fighters and FAST Squad members have been receiving a lot of excellent training and have purchased equipment to better help those of us in the emergency services do our jobs.

Early in the year I spent quite a bit of time writing grants and Bradford has been fortunate to be awarded three by Homeland Security. One for \$7,800 allowed the fire department to purchase a new inter operable radio, a radiation detection meter, a four gas meter and protective suits. Later, a grant for \$85,168 allowed for the replacement of the fire department's self contained breathing apparatus and the purchase of air bags, blocking and other rescue equipment and a thermal imaging camera. The Water Commission was awarded \$20,000 for a much needed security system for the wells and pump stations. Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission has continued helping us with planning and mitigation to better prepare the town for possible problems. They are in the process of helping us identify what hazardous materials move through town on I-91, the railroad and on the state highways.

It is the individual's responsibility to be prepared for most events. We encourage you to have a supply of food and water on hand to last at least three days. A portable radio and spare batteries will keep you in touch should there be a disaster that leaves the power out for days and the roads closed.

Make sure you have a family contact outside the area and all family members know the person and number. If a disaster happens and you are separated and can not get home, each can check in through the contact.

All Bradford residents should make sure they have adequate working smoke detectors and a co detector. They do save lives. We encourage you to change the batteries when you set your clocks backward or forward for the semi-annual time changes.

Have an evacuation plan for your home in the event of a fire. A meeting point such as a tree, or out building is important. Practice the evacuation until each member of the family does it automatically.

Never hook up a generator to home wiring without a disconnect switch. It is dangerous and illegal to do so. You could cause a back feed that could kill a lineman working to restore your power.

Do not use generators or other internal combustion engines in homes or garages. Be very careful to follow the instructions on space heaters. Each year Vermonters die because they used such devices inside enclosed spaces.

Much of my time is spent attending meetings with representatives of Vermont Emergency Management, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other state and federal agencies. I represent Bradford on Local Emergency Planning Committee 12 and Vermont on the Connecticut River Flood Control and Commission, and the Connecticut River Joint Commissions.

I am a member of the Vermont Hazardous Materials Response Team and the Vermont State Police Search and Rescue Team. As a result I frequently get called all over the state. Each time I learn something that may better help me deal with an emergency should one occur in Bradford.

I am an instructor for the Vermont Fire Academy, Texas A & M's Weapons of Mass Destruction Program and New Mexico Tech's Energetic Materials Research and Testing

Center and have been teaching courses around the state and for our own first responders and one week each month in Texas. Again, I learn from each and that helps back home. Bradford is a caring community and that makes it very special. Please look out for your neighbors. If they have a problem such as a lack of heat during a storm, please check on them and let us know. Tragedies can be averted.

I urge all Bradford residents to think safety. Floods, fires, ice storms and truck and rail accidents can happen here and we need to be prepared. It is an ongoing effort that should involve us all.

Prepare for the worst, hope for the best.

Sincerely, Gary W. Moore, Emergency Management Coordinator

UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE, INC.
Annual Report - 2003

To the Citizens of the Communities we Proudly Serve:

We are pleased to present our 13th annual report to the citizens we serve. Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service to our eight communities since July 1, 1990. In the past thirteen years, Upper Valley has responded to over 17,000 ambulance calls. This year we will have responded to over 800 requests for emergency medical assistance from the eight communities we serve.

2003 has proven to be a very challenging year. Like many small businesses, we have had a difficult time finding qualified employees in a tight labor market. We continue to absorb double digit increases in health insurance, workers compensation and liability insurance. Reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and most other payors continues to lag well behind the actual cost of providing service. Despite this, we continue to provide a high level of service.

2004 should be no different. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 which placed ambulances on a fixed fee schedule was implemented in 2002 and "adjustments" are ongoing. Insurance rates continue to climb, and the job market remains tight. After countless hours of discussion and thought, the UVA Board of Directors have approved the 2004 budget reflecting no increase in our request of \$15.00/ per capita.

The Town of Corinth asked to join Upper Valley Ambulance. The Corinth Selectboard and the Fast Squad have been very pro-active and have contracted UVA services on a trial basis. Things are running well since July on a trial basis. The Selectboards of the UVA member towns have voted to approve Corinth joining as the ninth town served by UVA. The transition of Brookside from a nursing home to a drug and alcohol rehab center will adversely affect our budget. . But as mentioned above, we do not anticipate needing to increase the \$15 per capita request. We were presented late last year with long-standing concerns from the Fast Squad and Fire Department of one of our member towns. With ongoing discussions which included the Selectboard, we feel we were able to appropriately address their concerns.

Our Domicile Risk Assessment Program, "Home Sweet Home...Home Safe Home" continues to grow. Members of Upper Valley Ambulance trained in identifying hazards in and around your home will meet with you to offer recommendations for a safer home

environment. This no cost program was developed to reduce risks around your home and help you identify hazards in the hopes of preventing an injury from occurring. We strongly urge everyone to take advantage of this free program. If you would like to schedule an assessment, or would like to volunteer to assist us with this worthwhile program, please give our office a call.

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

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

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

Sincerely, Larry Lancaster, Chair, Board of Directors

ENHANCED 911 BOARD REPORT

Statewide System Operations - Jan 1 2003 to Nov 30 2003

State of Vermont Enhanced 911 Board

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

(802)828-4911 FAX: (802)828-4109 TTY (802)828-5779 Toll Free 1-800-342-4911

Total Calls Handled System-wide Wire-Line 113,763 Wireless 60,374. Total Abandoned Calls System-wide Wire-Line 15,464 Wireless 3,656. Average Call Answer Time System-wide 5 Seconds. Average Call Duration System-wide 1 Minute 54 Seconds. The Vermont E-911 system continues to perform within established benchmarks. The Enhanced 911 Board operates ten 911 call answering points, known as Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP). They are located at the Springfield Police Department, the Hartford Police Department, the Montpelier Police Department, the Lamoille County Sheriff's Office, the Saint Albans Police Department, the Shelburne Police Department, and the State Police Barracks at Williston, Rutland, Rockingham and Derby to be operational by Jan 2004.

E 9-1-1 Address Confidentiality. In 1996, the General Assembly passed a law requiring Towns that created new street addresses for enhanced 9-1-1 to provide a confidentiality option to residents. This option allows residents to prevent their names from being linked with their new street addresses in municipal public records, such as the Grand List. If you choose to exercise this option, you are required by law to provide the Town Clerk with an alternate mailing address, such as a Post Office box. Copies of the "Confidentiality Option Form" and instructions are available at your Town Office or on the Internet @ www.state.vt.gov/e911. Your Confidentiality Option Form is not a public record and is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Law. Town officials are required to preserve your privacy.

WOODSVILLE/WELLS RIVER FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE

It is hard to believe that another year has passed and it is time again for my annual report from the Woodsville/Wells River Fourth of July Committee. As always I must say that it has been a good year for this committee and for the celebration that we so enjoy putting together.

The past year saw several changes from years gone by. The most major change this past year was found at the very beginning of the day. With the closing of the Davidson Industries (formerly Newman Lumber) property our committee was forced to find a new location to set up our grand parade. With the consent of the Woodsville Elementary School and the cooperation of homeowners and businesses in the area, Parade Chairman Steve Strout and his crew were able to line up this very grand parade and still were able to step off at the appointed hour with very little notice to the thousands of parade watchers. The Fourth of July Committee took the lead on the building of a new office/storage facility on the Community Field. With the consent of the Precinct Commissioners and the financial help of generous donors and much labor from N.F.P. Construction of Woodsville, the building is up. There is still finish work to be done, and contributions are still greatly appreciated. We plan to have the final touches done in time for the 2004 celebration.

The 2003 celebration saw Bingo added to the list of activities on the field. With the help of caller David Victor and the contribution of prizes from Betty Ward, Margaret Hunt, Janice Parkington (Cheap Kids II) and others, this new project brought in some additional and much needed money to our fund raising efforts.

On a much sadder note I feel that it is only appropriate at this time to mention the passing of one of the former Presidents of the Fourth of July Committee. Paul Mayette passed away during 2003. He headed this group for several years and saw the celebration grow and prosper. We will all miss Paul and hope to keep the tradition of this celebration strong and prosperous as Paul helped it to become.

In closing I should also thank all of the volunteers who make this annual event happen. And would like to mention that we are more than just a Woodsville/Wells River Organization. In fact we have officers from Woodsville, Monroe and Barnet, volunteers from Bath, Wells River, Bradford, Mt. Lakes, Ryegate, Littleton and more. So wherever you live feel free to join us in continuing this celebration.

Respectfully submitted, Gary Scruton, President,
Woodsville/Wells River Fourth of July Committee

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Annual Report - Town of Bradford

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

Food and Lodging Inspections: Public health sanitarians inspect eating establishments (restaurants, schools, fairs) to decrease the risk of food borne disease outbreaks.

Inspections include review of a 44 item checklist to evaluate food storage, preparation and handling as well as to identify where there is a high likelihood of practices contributing to illness if left uncorrected. Of the establishments in Bradford, 23 inspections were completed by a sanitarian during 2002.

Special Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children ('WIC'): WIC improves the health of pregnant and postpartum women, infants and young children by assuring access to health care, teaching families about good nutritional practices, and providing an individually designed package of nutritious food to eligible individuals. During 2002, 126 women, infants and children living in Bradford received foods as well as health screening and individualized nutrition education through this program at an average value of \$35.00 per person per month.

Vaccine-Preventable Diseases: Proper vaccination protects children and adults against many diseases, saves health care dollars, and minimizes sick leave from school or work. Immunization has reduced reportable cases of preventable diseases in Vermont to record low levels. Still, total annual hospital charges from vaccine-preventable disease in Vermont is \$2.6M, and each year 150 to 200 Vermonters die of pneumonia or influenza. During 2002, the Health Department distributed 6,055 doses of vaccine to health care providers in Orange County. This represents a value of \$82,999.86 to these communities, including children living in Bradford.

West Nile Virus (WNV) Surveillance: WNV first appeared in the U.S. in New York City in 1999 and has become well established in the United States. Birds, mammals and people can get WNV from the bite of an infected mosquito. The Vermont Departments of Health and Agriculture conduct surveillance for WNV each year from June until cold weather limits mosquito activity in the fall. In 2003, 5 Town Health Officers in different parts of the state also participated in the program, assisting primarily with mosquito trapping. As of September 19, 2003; 450 mosquito pools were tested, with nine positive for WNV, and three horses have tested positive (one each from Addison, Orleans and Franklin Counties). In Orange County from June-Sept 16th, 2002, 38 dead birds were reported, 13 were tested, and one found to be infected with WNV. There were no reported human or equine cases reported during this same time period.

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

If you would like more information about these efforts, or if you have a public health concern, please call the White River Jct. District Office at 802-295-8820. Please visit our website at www.HealthyVermonters.info for information on health topics, public health emergency preparedness and response, news releases, publications, reports and general public health information.

**VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.
HOME CARE, HOSPICE AND FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES
Report to the Town of Bradford**

The Visiting Nurse Alliance is like the local police and fire departments - a strategic part of the community's safety net - with services that must be continuously available to anyone in need. The need varies dramatically from month to month and year to year. The VNA provides a comprehensive range of care, requisitioned by hospital staff and physicians, for everyone, regardless of ability to pay.

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

- Enables your family, friends and neighbors to remain independent and at home as they receive skilled clinical care during times of injury, recovery from surgery or accidents, disability, whether for short-term and chronic illness. For many such patients, many are addressing multiple medical, emotional and social issues at the same time.
- Provides emotional support plus pain and symptom management during terminal illness. Hospice care extends to family members as well. More and more patients want to be at home during their end of life, and through hospice they have that control.
- Provides community-wellness programs and assistance to young families at risk. Clients range from fathers and/or mothers who want to be more effective parents through learning parenting skills or providing a balanced diet; infants who require hi-tech health care; and children who grow and learn through play groups that offer interaction with other children.

The VNA provided the following services this past year:

Visits July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003

Skilled Nursing	2,100	Family Support Services	
Physical Therapy	270	Families served	3
Homemaker	222	Individuals Served	3
Occupational Therapy	65	Home Visits	9
Medical Social Worker	18		
Home Health Aide	2,302		
Total Visits	4,977		
Hospice VNH		Orange County Parent Child Center	
Patient Families Served	1	Families	42
Children	69		
MCH		Clinic Attendance	
Children	46	Flu	46
Home Visits	685	Foot	16

**Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT and NH
2003 Budget Statement of Operations**

Total Operating Income	\$ 15,824,678.00
Total Operating Expense	\$ (16,167,007.00)
Operating Gain/Loss	\$ (342,329.00)
Non-Operating Income	\$ 596,055.00
Net Gain/Loss	\$ 253,726.00
Gains/losses on investments	\$ 0.00
Decrease in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 253,726.00

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Larman, BSN, MBA, Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT and NH, Inc.

President and Chief Executive Officer, 46 S. Main St., White River Junction, VT 05001

2003 BRADFORD SWIM STUDENTS

The following Bradford students participated in the Red Cross certified swim instruction program at Halls Lake on a regular basis for the 2003 season. There were a total of 19 teaching days instead of 20 because of a rain day. We served 62 Bradford students, 57 Newbury students and 22 tuition students for a total of 141 students.

Jessica Baribeau	Ian Gilbert	Walter Cobb	Jake Senecal
Ashley Baribeau	Chris Grant	Chris McLam	Drazen Smith
Natalie Barton	Nick Grant	Daniel McLam	Willow Smith
Nicolas Buonanduci	Morgan Gray	Jayda Pape	Wren Smith
Austin Cassidy	Bailea Gravlin	Allison Paton	Jessie Sylvester
Dustin Chicoine	Taylor Gravlin	Andrew Paton	Chris Taylor
Riley Chicoine	Jordan Huntington	Daniel Perry	Heidi Terrio
Ian Dudley	Reilly Johnson	Alysabeth Pike	Stacy Terrio
Kyle Downing	Grady Johnson	Jadeleigh Pike	Kate Thurston
Felicia Downing	McKendrick Johnson	Tia Randall	Brendon Timmons
Mercedes Ellis	Jacklyn Largresse	Kathryn Reger	Vanessa Valley
Brittani Fisk	Shawna Lefebvre	Shelby Salomaa	Alexandra Valley
Courtnei Fisk	David Lefebvre	Abigail Schramm	Tanner Weigel
Dayna Fisk	Katrina Lury	Lee Ann Senecal	Joseph Wood
Ben Fournier	Tela Lury	Derrick Senecal	Jasmine Wood
Ian Fournier	Tabatha Lury		

BRADFORD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

As the years go by the BCDC becomes a better Development Corporation as the various Board members and community members participate in projects and learn how to get things done. A successful year in a number of areas, the following is a brief out line of the 2003 accomplishments.

1. the Andrew and Ida Memorial Park at the Bradford Falls was maintained by the Village, prettied up with flowers from the Bochs, Elm Trees delivered and planted by Don Morgan and his son John and most importantly enjoyed by many, many visitors - local and those traveling through.
2. the Beautification Committee kept up the great work of making Bradford a prettier town with flowers put in and maintained all over town - in particular the Gazebo, the Library, the Park and Ride, Sarah Hope's Garden and the barrels on Main Street. This is a working group and each year the number of community members helping with the work grows.
3. two successful events were held where we invited all the local organizations to a spaghetti dinner at the Fire Station followed by a sharing of information about the various groups. Everyone in attendance learned something about a project or activity that was new information to him or her. We are an active town and as we strive to support each other the projects will only get better.
4. the Bradford Regional Community Center - their report appears in a different section of this booklet, but we are very pleased with the outcome of that project and applaud all who helped make it happen.
5. the Merger process was helped along by several BCDC members getting actively involved in putting the word out, helping to develop the plan and coming to the informational meetings and Public Hearings to help explain the whys and how comes. BCDC prepared the Merger booklet. However, we at the BCDC know that without Dr. Jim Barton the vote could easily have been different. This was another project, where lots of Bradford people worked together to bring about a successful conclusion.
6. the Downtown Designation Planning Grant finds the BCDC administering the grant and handling all the other types of office work. To date there have been several meetings and ultimately the group, which has broken into committees, will make a recommendation to the Selectboard regarding the Downtown and the Village Center Designations. Two other products from the grant will be a booklet to help other communities, if they want to investigate going for one of these designations, and a vision of what Downtown Bradford could look like if we make a commitment and work hard.
7. the BCDC Board typically selects a new project for each year. 2002 was to begin the meetings outlined in #2 above and this year various Board members chose an organization in Bradford to attend meetings, listen and bring back information to the regular BCDC meetings. As examples you will see Richard Peck at the Planning Commission meetings, Steve Longmoore at the Firemen's meetings and the Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings, Arthur Hyde at Selectboard meetings and Hod Palmer at the Steering Groups meetings. This is an expansion of our 2002 project with the ultimate goal of letting everyone, who is interested, know about what is going on in Bradford.

The BCDC meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 PM - now at the Bradford Regional Community Center. Any one interested in participating in projects in Bradford as well as spending time planning for the future is encouraged to attend.

s/s Horace Palmer, III President

Bobette Scribner, Executive Director

s/s Horace Palmer, III, President

**BRADFORD REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER
ANNUAL REPORT**

In 2002, after we did not get funded twice by the Vermont Community Development Program, we regrouped and pressed forward. We were holding fund-raises and considering many different options.

In the spring of 2003 we once again put together a grant application to the VCDP requesting \$400,000. The budget we developed was a "bare bones" budget that would allow us to get to occupancy in the building but there would still need to be a lot of things finished by volunteers.

In July we were awarded a Vermont Community Development Program grant for \$300,000. This brought a feeling of elation as well as the knowledge that it wasn't enough money. We had raised, from many different sources, about \$130,000. Some of these funds had to be used with the planning grant and some for expenses but we still had about \$100,000 to be added to the \$300,000 grant. So with the total of \$400,000 we discussed, reviewed and considered the options and how best to utilize the funds to achieve the most good for the greater Bradford area.

In August we put together another (optimistic) budget and started into the project. The architect took some time in getting plans to us but once received we went out for bids under a sealed bid procedure. When we met with the potential bidders and during the "pre-bid walk thrus" we were emphasizing that we had \$360,000 to spend on renovations. The additional \$40,000 was allocated to the architect and administration. When the bids came in, the closest one to \$360,000 was almost \$480,000 - now what were we to do? Every so often something comes along that is so wonderful you can hardly believe it. Our something was Robert E. Miller owner of REM Development Co. He agreed to work with us in getting the project done for our \$360,000. We agreed to do preliminary work - much demolition, clean up, etc. Our thanks to the Firemen and Connecticut River Academy folks for making sure this clean up happened. During the months of November and December those groups did a lot of dirty and hard work to be ready for January 5th when Mr. Miller had the first sub contractors arrive and start on the project.

As you read this the BRCC will either be up and running or very close to it. There will, however, still be things to do. The outside work will not be completed until warm, weather. We need to raise money for the outside canopy. There will be much interior painting to be done by volunteers. If you can paint, please let us know and we will provide you with a schedule.

The Bradford Regional Community Center was a project handled under the Bradford Community Development Corporation umbrella. This will be the last report from the BRCC Board since the BCDC will henceforth be handling the building. It has been a challenging four plus years with many starts and stops, but we believe that we have demonstrated that it is possible to do a big project in Bradford without the tax payers having to vote hundreds of thousands of dollars at Town Meeting to make it happen. However, there will be on going small requests, until ultimately the mortgage is paid off and the building can totally sustain itself.

We thank every one of you who have participated in the project. This is a facility that will benefit the greater Bradford Community for many, many years.

Bobette Scribner, Chair

BRADFORD TEEN CENTER

As of July 1, 2003 the Bradford Teen Center was reactivated. For many years this organization has been run by volunteers with support from the Town of Bradford. Our goal was to provide a safe place for teens to come and be teens. That is still our goal. With the BRCC we now have a permanent home.

During 2003 we sponsored a number of events for the teens and were again convinced that there is a way to make all teens feel welcome if they want to participate.

It is expected that before the end of this school year we will once again see a large number of teens regularly taking advantage of the Teen Center.

The Teen Center has run well with volunteers but we know that there are many more programs and opportunities we can offer if we have some part time paid help. Some of the grants we have been awarded actually require that we have paid staff. We would like to assure the voters that we recognize that our job is to be as thrifty as possible in running the Teen Center. Several young people, who grew up in Bradford have shown an interest in making the center grow and we are grateful for having these people who remember how much they liked the teen center and are willing to keep it happening for the "new" teens.

The \$5,000 we request from the Town of Bradford provides us with funds to pay the insurance, telephone, supplies and other needed items. These are items that are very difficult to cover using only grants and volunteers. We thank you for your past support and ask that you support us in 2004.

Bobette Scribner, Chair

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB IN BRADFORD

Over 150 Bradford youth aged 6 to 18, as well as many others throughout the greater Bradford area, have been served by the Club since in began in 2002 as a Unit of the Boys and Girls Club of the White River Valley.

Club programming for 6 to 12 year olds has taken several forms in the past year, including Summer Day Camp and the POWER Hour / After School Club, both based at Bradford Elementary.

Summer Day Camp served almost 50 youth from over 30 families with a busy and diverse schedule, sports clinics and at least one off site excursion per week. Currently, the After School Club offers an assortment of activities and trips on Friday Fun Days, and POWER Hour provides homework help to about 20 fifth and sixth grade Bradford students Monday through Thursday. Through the Our Voices: Our Community grant from the VT Children's Forum, a core group of local teens participated in a youth leadership camping retreat last August, with a teen and Club staff member co-facilitating. Since then the group has seen success with their chosen community Project by offering an overnight trip in January for youth aged 13 and up to see a Boston Celtic game. A variety of trips will also be presented throughout the coming year. The planning activities involved in the Project give each participants a chance to serve our community (i.e. their Holiday Dinner) and earn money towards their next trip if they choose to lend their unique strengths to future trips and events.

Cooperation and resource sharing with others have been top priority in the Club's outlook from the start. Collaborative efforts continue with the YMCA S.A.F.E. program, Bradford Merchants Association, Orange County Parent-Child Center, Bradford Conservation Commission, BEST Friends, Orange County Provider Network, the American Legion-Bradford Post and area schools. We look forward to working with these and other local businesses and organizations in the coming year to serve Bradford youth with more safe, fun and positive programs.

Jennifer Grossi, Unit Director

Noah Ponzio, Assistant Unit Director

bgebradford@hotmail.com

BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
"Preserving the Past"

This has been an especially busy year for the Bradford Historical Society. Civil War historian Howard Coffin joined us for a pot-luck supper in May and spoke on his new book *The Battered Stars*. Later in the summer Dr. Victor Henningsen presented material on FDR's "Four Freedoms" speech and evaluated the four Norman Rockwell posters that hang in the Bradford Public Library illustrating those four freedoms. An audience of students and adults enjoyed Sarah Payne's one-woman program in October as she portrayed Victoria Woodhull, the first woman to run for President. We marked Veterans' Day with a presentation by UVM Professor Mark Stoler entitled "World War II: American Perspectives and Historical Realities". These programs were underwritten by a grant from the Vermont Council on the Humanities and co-sponsored by the Bradford Public Library.

The Society has participated in the Vermont Historical Society's History Expo held each June at the Tunbridge Fair Grounds. Our 2003 display featured the life of General Ernest Harmon a 1912 graduate of Bradford Academy and an outstanding battlefield commander in World War II. We took our 2002 exhibit "Along the Waits" to the Riverbend Trade and Technical Center Expo in March. That allowed many more area residents to see the pictures we had gathered of the factories, dams, farms and recreational activities that the Waits River brought to Bradford. These two exhibits are still being shown at the Museum for those who missed them. Our 2004 display is currently being developed and will deal with the history of Bradford Academy. We are seeking additional pictures and items to illustrate the role that the Academy played in Bradford's history.

We held our 12th annual summer concert series with three concerts in the park. This series is underwritten by a number of area businesses and organizations. It continues to be a part of Bradford's summer schedule for residents and tourists.

In September, the 3rd Annual Graveyard Gossip was held at the Upper Plain Cemetery. This year members and friends of the Society portrayed individuals from Bradford's history who died between 1880-1920. Although the turnout was small this performance allowed us to recall the lives of Governor Roswell Farnham, David and Adeline Low Blakey and Annie Spaulding among others. The 2004 program will feature individuals buried in the West Bradford cemetery.

Artifacts and pictures continue to be given to the Society for display in the museum, which is located on the third floor of the Academy building and is open Fridays from 2-4 PM and by appointment. This year our long-time curator Phyllis Lavelle retired after countless hours of work on our behalf. Karen Serosa has agreed to be our new curator and she has some new ideas for exhibits. That will be made possible by a donation from Bruce Locke of two magnificent display cases. They were moved to the museum by the Bradford Fire Department.

We also award the Bradford Canes to the eldest male and female citizen in Bradford. The canes are currently held by Margaret Pratt and George Barber. The Society is constantly receiving mail or e-mail requests from individuals seeking information on Bradford and family history. We do research free of charge but sometimes are rewarded by donations. These donations allow us to buy items that are being offered for sale by local dealers and over the internet. Our membership is open to all and is a great bargain at \$3 per year. Membership dues can be sent to Diane Smarro, 854 Goshen Rd., East, Bradford. We also welcome both workers and participants in our activities as well as contributions to the museum collection. Please support us as we preserve Bradford's past.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Coffin, President

BRADFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Bradford Library had a change of staff in 2003. Ellen Bradley retired in mid Fall for health reasons and Irene Mann, children's librarian, became Director.

Ellen brought many innovative ideas and goals to the library. Some of her accomplishments are: wider scope of interest books, large video collection, increased number of audios.

She was very proud when she received her certification on September 11. During the Open House on November 8 for our newly renovated Reading Room, Ellen was presented with a miniature pen and ink drawing of the "castle on the hill" as she liked to refer to the library. She truly loved the library. Because she enjoyed such a wide-range of books, she could help any patron find what they wanted or recommend a new author with ease. The Board of Trustees has purchased a window in the Reading Room to honor all of Bradford's librarians. The Reading Room renovations were made possible by a Freeman Grant. Kudos to Norm Collette and Connie Longo for the magnificent job they did here along with refinishing some of the furniture. They are dedicated, hardworking perfectionists. To complete the Reading Room festivities, Dot Cole, in memory of her husband W. Gilbert "Bud" Cole, donated a Joe Knowles 1912 painting of Bradford Village.

Our on-line computers are constantly in use.

We are looking for someone to chair a "Friends of the Library" Program. We have several people interested in volunteering to be members. Anyone interested in helping with the growth of the library please call 222-4536.

We were pleased to be able to accommodate our young adults with many of the non-fiction titles they needed for their summer reading lists.

Story Time continues to be at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. The children love to do craft projects -- especially glue, glue, glue.

In May, children's author, Reeve Lindbergh, was our story time guest reading some of her books. The Midnight Farm, The Day the Goose Got Loose among others.

For our children's summer reading program "Summer Feast", on July 6, Steve Glazer of Valley Quest led us on a quest in Bradford. The Bradford Memorial Quest should be in the latest edition of his book. On July 22, Jane Hosford gave us an informative and fun view of Cajun culture with music, stories, songs, and action. For our feast, we had moon pies and RC Cola along with peels of laughter. Our August 13 program had a performance by Peter Burns, Storyteller. The Library received \$100 matching grant for his program.

We were happy to host a new children's author and illustrator Moria Stephens of Post Mills on October 7. Moria read her story Persephone, the Ladybug at Story Time. The combined sponsorship of the Bradford Public Library, Historical Society and the Vermont Humanities Council offered two World War II programs. (See Historical Society Report.)

The trustees worked hard to obtain another grant from the Freeman Foundation for \$35,000. These funds will be used for new storm windows in 2004.

Our Middle Earth Fund-raiser was a resounding success. A good time was had by all. Letters for our Second Annual Drive were mailed in December. We are pleased with all the support the community is giving to us.

Larry Coffin has had a very busy year delivering books to the day care centers and seniors who cannot come to the library. His efforts are greatly appreciated by the library and his book recipients.

Our volunteer, Bertha Bouffard, helps out wherever we need her during Story Time. She continues to do an outstanding job with our ongoing book sale also. She pitches in when we need her the most. We thank her very much for all her help during Ellen's absence.

Nikki Darling, Abby Fleming and Marie Longnecker were wonderful summertime volunteers. Again, thanks! Our latest volunteers, Michael, along with his mentor Bob Cavellius have helped crunch numbers and move furniture.

We continue to collect food fines to help the Food Bank by replacing fines for people who are overdue 2-3 days with requests for canned goods. If you would like to donate even without having overdue books, Gene Perryman will be grateful. She coordinates our efforts. Gene also helps out at Story Time. We thank her..

Come by the library and check out books, movies, audios and magazines. If you haven't already seen our beautiful Reading Room, please do. It's a quiet place to read or write.

Circulation Statistics:

4658	Adult Books
6324	Children Books
583	Audio Books
1923	Videos
446	Magazines
142	Borrowed through the VT. Library System
108	Loaned books to other libraries

Respectfully submitted, Irene Mann, Library Director

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Bradley, Library Director

CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (CVCAC)
Report to the Citizens of Bradford, Fall 2003

Since 1965, the Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc. has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. CVCAC's programs and services are designed to help families work toward better lives and to improve the overall quality of life in their communities. This year, CVCAC worked with nearly 9,000 individuals in 4,700 households through Head Start/Early Head Start, our Child Care Food Program, Community Economic Development programs, Family/Community Support Services, Welfare to Work programming, Weatherization assistance, Crisis Fuel resources, and Community Action Motors.

In our most recently completed program year, Central Vermont Community Action helped 370 individuals in 115 Bradford families with emergency assistance and comprehensive program services designed to teach important skills and help people access the resources they need to build better futures.

Here are some CVCAC program statistics for Bradford:

- 82 households (including 216 family members) received emergency assistance with food, shelter, Crisis Fuel, and other basic needs.
- 12 households participated in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 40 family members.
- 5 households with 23 family members received Weatherization assistance to help lower fuel bills an average of 20%-the equivalent of 70 gallons of fuel oil or 105 gallons of propane.
- 6 individuals participated in our Community Economic Development programs which include micro business development, individual development accounts, the Central Vermont Revolving Loan Fund, and the Vermont Women's Business Center.
- 2 individuals participated in our Farm workers Program designed to help agricultural workers improve their employment status and their financial outlook. Seven family members benefitted from comprehensive supports and services that boosted average annual earnings from \$9,000 to \$19,000.
- 7 child care providers participated in our Child Care Food Program to serve the approximately 56 children in their care nutritious meals.

Our 2004 Funding Request: Community Action uses a formula for our funding requests to all towns based on population, number of residents served, and dollars spent in each community. Based on that formula, we are requesting \$1,000 from the citizens of Bradford to support Community Action. Your support is critical to our work, and the Board and staff of Community Action are most grateful for your help.

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

CLARA MARTIN CENTER

11 Main Street
Randolph 728-6000

24 South Main St
Randolph 728-4466

1483 Lower Plain
Bradford 222-4477

356 Route 110
Chelsea 728-4466

Challenger School
579 Route 14 South
East Randolph 728-3896

CVSAS
Airport Rd
Montpelier 223-4156

Safe Haven
4 Highland Ave
Randolph 728-5233

Regional Alternative Program
Norwich Ave
Wilder 295-9628

Quitting Time
61 Depot Rd
Wilder 295-1311

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

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

Why Should You Help?

The Clara Martin Center has continually demonstrated its commitment to the greater Orange County community and the 2003 calendar year has been no exception. In May, our Challenger School was awarded a long-term approval rating from the State of Vermont Department of Education. Staff were noted as being "top notch", with an overall sense of caring and flexibility regarding the needs of children.

In July, the Clara Martin Center received another three-year accreditation from CARF (Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities). This marks the 10th consecutive year in which the Agency has been accredited. A rigorous peer review demonstrated the Agency's adherence to internationally recognized standards. Strengths identified, include the following:

- "Staff members throughout all areas of the organization demonstrate dedication and a commitment to providing quality services to individual persons served and the local community."
- "The collaboration between CMC and other healthcare providers in the community allows for a more thorough and comprehensive approach to the care of persons served."
- "The organization takes pride in and emphasizes maintaining a safe environment for the staff members and the persons served."

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

FY 03 Total Served at CMC		Total Served from Bradford	
Children and Family Services	635	Child and Family Services	74
Adult Services	474	Adult Services	62
CSP Services*	180	CSP Services*	24
Substance Abuse Services	1,140	Substance Abuse Services	41
Walk-In Clinic Services	106	Walk-In Clinic Services	1
Emergency Contacts	2,274		
Total Served:	4,809	Total Served:	202

Additionally, the Clara Martin Center provides services within the Oxbow High School three days a week through our Student Assistance Program, which offers students access to substance abuse education and counseling, in addition to other services of CMC. Furthermore, the Agency provides a Home School Coordinator to Oxbow High School five days a week. The location of one of our site offices within the Bradford area greatly benefits its' local community members with easily accessible and varied mental health support services.

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

CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING
Report of Services to the Town of Bradford
October 1, 2002 - September 30, 2003

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

Services include case management, information and referral, community and home delivered meals, senior center services, transportation and a number of volunteer opportunities for people of all ages.

The Case Manager for the Town of Bradford is Marianne Barnett. Case Managers are trained to assess needs and create a care plan for individuals that includes public, private and volunteer resources.

The Council on Aging contracts with Orange East Senior Center for the provision of community and home delivered meals for seniors. Noontime meals are served 3 days a week in towns throughout the service area. Home delivered meals are also delivered to the homes of elders who cannot get out to the mealsite.

Transportation is provided under contract with the local transportation authority. Under this agreement, rides are provided to elders to get to and from mealsites, medical appointments and shopping.

Other services such as legal assistance, health insurance information and referrals to other agencies can be provided by calling the senior help line at 1-800-642-5119.

We appreciate the support for programs and services for central Vermont elders from the Town of Bradford. Please call us for more information or assistance.

Sincerely, Charles W. Castle, Executive Director

COTTAGE HOSPITAL

90 Siftwater Road, Woodsville, NH (603)747-9000 FAX 603-747-3310

It has been another very exciting year at Cottage Hospital. Over the past year we have seen growth in many areas of the hospital, including our Obstetrics department, and we welcomed three new providers to the area.

In general, the year was something of a turn-around year as the full impact of Critical Access revenues was felt as well as slight volume increases. We were incredibly fortunate to achieve Critical Access designation, which has turned the hospital's position to a positive bottom line for the second year in a row for 2002-2003.

At Cottage Hospital we are all very proud of the personal care that we are able to give to our patients. Time and time again, we hear about the outstanding care that patients and family members have received while with us.

We know our communities are supportive of our institution, and we are extremely grateful for the financial support that our area towns have provided over the years. Although funds are always needed and welcomed at Cottage Hospital, we know there are many worthy organizations also asking for money this year. Therefore, the Cottage Hospital Board of Trustees has decided NOT to ask the town of Bradford for financial support for the tenth consecutive year.

We thank you for your continued support and pledge to continue to do our best to provide you with the best healthcare possible.

We will appreciate your including this message in your 2003 Annual Report, and we will forward our 2003 Annual Report to you as soon as it is available. Best wishes for a healthy new year.

Sincerely, Reginald J. Lavoie, Administrator

**CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FY 2003 REPORT**

The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District provides leadership, education, and services for residents and businesses in reducing and managing their solid waste in order to protect public health and the environment to the greatest extent feasible. From July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003, the District worked toward achieving both measurable results, such as increased recycling and resident participation rates, as well as the kinds of qualitative results that grow out of hands-on educational workshops and one-on-one interactions.

The District Board of supervisors and staff also developed the District's new Solid Waste Implementation Plan during this time frame, and submitted it to the state. This document will guide the District's work for the next 10 years, and sets a new tone for District programming. From this point forward, we will be striving to develop and implement a philosophy and programming which leads to a Zero Waste region. Our hope is that we will no longer produce "trash" which needs to be disposed of, but will instead utilize it as resources for the production of something new. For example, business and residential food and yard waste will no longer be seen as "waste", but rather as the raw materials for compost, improving the soil throughout the region and increasing the health of our agricultural economy.

We are excited about the possibilities, and we encourage you to review our Plan for yourself. It's available on our website: www.cvswwmd.com, under the Member Town Info. link.

Here are some of the highlights of the District's program work. Please contact us for more information about specific programs and services-802-229-9383. Please call for a copy of our complete FY 2003 Annual Report.

- **Illegal Dumping Prevention** -Three new illegal dump sites were cleaned and adopted through the Adopt-A-Site program, bringing the total number of sites member communities have worked on to 38. Work at new sites and maintenance of existing sites yielded 2.8 tons of trash, 9 electronic components, 12 yards of metal, 146 tires, and one gallon of household hazardous waste. The cleanups cost \$1,110 and were undertaken by 108 volunteers in 151 volunteer hours.
- **Illegal Burning Prevention** -Burning garbage, tires and treated wood in barrels, wood stoves and open piles is dangerous to humans and the environment. The District's approach to this persistent problem is education first. Information was distributed throughout member communities via point-of-purchase displays, radio and print ads, fliers, and at home shows.
- **Recycling Depots** -During FY 2003, more than 770 tons of recyclables were collected at 9 District staffed and volunteer depots, in addition to 71 tires, 425 tons of metal, 411 tons of cardboard, and 391 appliance freon units. In addition, the District was responsible for managing the trash collected at three of the depots; it totaled 1,168 tons.
- **Hazardous Waste** -392 households and 30 businesses utilized the nine collections held May through October 2003-104 more households and 18 more businesses than last year. Hazardous wastes collected included: 17,239 lbs. of paint products; 518 lbs. of household products; 11 mercury thermometers; 3.5 lbs. of mercury; 585 lbs. of pesticides; 5462 feet (more than one mile!) of fluorescent bulbs; 92 lbs. of asbestos;

3,715 lbs. of flammable liquids; 240 lbs. of acids, bases and reactives; 204 lbs. of oily solids; 1241 lbs. of ballasts; and 41 propane tanks.

- **Non-Toxic Education** -210 families in 13 elementary schools throughout the District took part in the eight-week detox Family Program for parents and school staff. The program aims to help reduce the use of toxic products in the home and in schools. 73% of follow-up survey respondents indicated they use fewer hazardous products now, as a result of the program.
- **Art and the 3rs Workshops** -Education staff led 19 Art and the 3rs Workshops in nine District communities via community centers, alternative education programs, Community Connections, school-based Green Up Day celebrations, Studio Place Arts in Barre, and the Washington County Youth Service Bureau Teen Center.
- **Clothing Drop 'N Swap** -This biannual event diverts tons of clothing from disposal; about 1,000 District residents take part in each event.
- **Junk Car Assistance** -The District offers assistance with the free removal of junk cars from member towns. We helped 51 residents recycle 66 vehicles in FY 2003.
- **Green Up Day Grants** -18 member communities requested and received reimbursement for Green Up Day activities in FY 2003. The average reimbursement per town was \$266.52.
- **Computer Collections** -The District collected 36,894 lbs. of computer equipment for recycling through an on-going collection at the Barre Town Recycling Depot and three special collections held in conjunction with satellite household hazardous waste collections.

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

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

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

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

GMEDC ANNUAL REPORT - OCTOBER 2003 - R.E. WEBBER, CEO

Throughout the year, GMEDC was an active participant in bringing the Randolph DuBois and King (D&K) project closer to reality. The project will establish the Vermont Technical College's (VTC) business incubator and a new downtown Randolph office building. GMEDC provided a key component of the funding by structuring a \$216,000 assumption agreement that was originally advanced to the Connecticut River Valley Revolving Loan Fund from Rural Development. GMEDC voted to assume the loan and then advance the needed funds to the Randolph Area Community Development. This strategic approach provided the critical piece to the project's financing structure and enabled the D&K project to proceed. This project represents the first in our region that has been funded through the U.S. Department of Commerce. We met with the U.S. Undersecretary of Commerce during his August visit to the VTC campus and participated in the October D&K groundbreaking ceremony in Randolph. During these ceremonies, GMEDC's Diane Murphy received special recognition for her "exemplary performance dealing with the grant administration process".

Directors face significant challenges in fulfilling their responsibilities to oversee the activities of modern Economic Development/Investment Companies. Changes in the marketplace have created a more competitive and demanding environment. As a consequence, the role of director has grown in importance and complexity. Directors must take an active role in governing, monitoring, and evaluating the company's business activities and risks. Directors must also balance the needs of the community, the interests of the clients/members, and the image of the company. In late summer early fall, we initiated the process of recruiting and nominating directors with significant community leadership and business experience. Messrs. Fred Thomas, Peter Johnson, Matt Bucy, Hod Palmer, Dick Podolec and Ed Childs officially join the GMEDC Board at our annual meeting scheduled for October 21, 2003. Elections are pending.

In June, Governor Douglas signed the Vermont \$105 million Jobs Bill into law. We were delighted that the Jobs Bill included a component to provide \$25 million for a new capital pool of mezzanine level investment called the Vermont Opportunity Fund. This fund is being designed to provide capital to existing businesses for job creation. Recent research indicates strong regional market support for the development of this early stage capital pool to assist growing companies. GMEDC is eager to work with entrepreneurs that need early stage financing. Successful entrepreneurs are building companies that are being positioned to provide job security, economic growth and stability to the region. GMEDC will assist strategically in fueling that economic growth and we applaud the Governor's efforts in this important area of economic development.

We organized municipal and corporate visits for senior representatives of the Douglas Administration throughout the late summer and into the fall. These sessions were designed to provide a forum for discussion and an opportunity for listening. We will continue to facilitate such meetings. We arranged for a briefing by China experts at the Tuck School for Secretary of Commerce Dorn. This luncheon briefing took place prior to the Secretary's departure for China on a trade mission designed to explore strategic exporting possibilities. We are pleased that Commissioner Quinn joined us when we presented our Board resolution to Peter White the son of our principle founder Craig W. White in recognition of his father's leadership in the 1982 formation of GMEDC.

GMEDC is actively assisting in the capital formation process for a new company, Vermont Plywood LLC. The company was recently formed to purchase and operate the former Chesapeake facility in Hancock. We have introduced qualified investors and are involved in structuring the due diligence process. At a public hearing held on October 14, 2003, the town of Hancock enthusiastically supported the project and initiated the application process for a \$750,000 community block grant to demonstrate their commitment. If the grant is approved, proceeds of this grant will be loaned to Vermont Plywood and used for working capital and the purchase of equipment. VEDA, USDA and banking companies are completing their due diligence. The economic impact of the success of this pending acquisition is significant; plant employment currently approximates 50 jobs, which is down from 90 when the plant was at full capacity. GMEDC is a leading candidate to administer the \$750,000 community block grant.

**“GREEN UP VERMONT”
Green Up Day, May 1, 2004**

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

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501c(3) organization that promotes litter-free communities by supporting Green Up Day, civic pride and education.

Over 13,000 Vermonters participated in Green Up Day 2003, using over 33,000 Green Up bags, collecting over 200 tons of trash, piles of mixed metals and tires. Green Up Vermont arranged widespread promotional support in excess of \$25,000.

The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients. One is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups who volunteer to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont.

With your town’s help, we can continue our unique annual Vermont tradition of, taking care of our beautiful landscape and promoting civic pride so our children grow up with Green Up.

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up’s costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 15 percent of our budget. The rest comes from gifts from towns, individuals and businesses. These funds pay for supplies, promotion and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to keep Green Up growing for Vermont.

COHASE CONNECTION 2003 ANNUAL REPORT
LOWER COHASE REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Chamber Office 802-222-5631 or 1-866-LCOHASE Web Site www.cohase.org

2003 has been a busy year for your Chamber. Following are some of the highlights:

Membership: At the end of the year membership is at an all time high of 109 members.
Business After Hours: During the year we had BAH events at Catamount Quilt Shoppee, Copelands, Seams Sew Easy, Dress Depot and Hubert's. BAH is a great opportunity to visit a business and meet informally with other Chamber members. Let us know if you would like to have BAH at your business.

Web Site: www.cohase.org continues to grow, with new businesses added and more information for tourists. Check it out and use it to market your business. Use the Community Calendar for promoting events of your business and other organizations to which you belong.

Farmers Market: The Lower Cohase Farmers Market has continued this year, but has struggled with low numbers of vendors and customers. Help us find some new vendors to keep the market going.

Blues and BBQ: The First Annual Whole Hog Festival was a huge success, with 1000 people attending, a good time for everyone and a profit for the Chamber. We're already planning for next year's festival on September 18, 2004.

Board of Directors:

Bill Bailey	Marie Bigelow	Tony Brainerd
Tim Copeland	Keith Darby	Ann Fabrizio
Scott Jacob	Judy Jowell	Richard Pollock
Al Stevens		
Karen Whalen	Lynn Wheeler	

NORTHEAST SLOPES REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2003

Northeast Slopes was able to operate for its 67th season thanks to the continued support of the three Towns of Corinth, Topsham and Bradford. The monetary support from the three towns helped to off set our expenses of over \$15,000.

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

We have been successful in our quest of obtaining our 501(c)3 status with the IRS. With our new tax status, we are in the process of applying for grants for financial help.

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

New volunteers are always welcome and appreciated.

Respectively submitted, Steve Simpson, President Northeast Slopes

ORANGE EAST SENIOR CENTER 2003 ANNUAL REPORT

21 Upper Plain, Bradford 222-4782

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

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

We have prepared approximately 3,805 meals in Bradford. Our wonderful volunteers donated 7,308 hours to the center. Our volunteer drivers drove 15,736 miles this year to deliver hot meals to those in need. Without these volunteers, these meals would not be possible. I thank every one of them. They are very special people.

Our long time volunteers Robert and Margaret Erickson were honored by Governor Douglas for outstanding community service. It was a wonderful award that they deserved very much.

Several Bradford seniors were helped with their federal and state income tax returns. The center has offered other services such as blood pressure clinics, foot care clinics, flu shots, hearing tests, repairs of hearing aids, exercise class and computer classes. We have had speakers at the meal sites speaking on important issues such as fire safety and medicare issues. Activities are held for the seniors to encourage them to get out and socialize where live music, special speakers, raffles, holiday celebrations, coffee socials, trips and visits from local schools are featured.

We always have a need for volunteers to deliver meals either on a regular basis or as substitutes. We need volunteers to help at the meal sites and at the center. If you have some free time and would love to feel appreciated, call me at the center anytime.

Please feel free to come and join us anytime. Everybody is welcome.

Respectfully submitted, s/s Victoria Chaffee, Executive Director

**OXBOW SENIOR INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM
ADULT DAY SERVICES**

Main Street, Newbury, Vermont 05051, (802) 866-5465

Member, Green Mountain United Way

Home alone - and when it occurs it can be as lonely as it sounds. How does it happen? In our part of the country a contributing factor may be that we live in a rural area. This means there is very little public transportation; a person may no longer be driving, family members may all be working, a spouse may be in a nursing home, and life-long friends may be in the same situation.

Fortunately, there are Adult Day programs. Most people's dearest wish is to remain at home, or, if not at home, at least in the community. We at the Adult Day Program serve men and women who come from Bradford, Corinth, Fairlee, Newbury, Topsham, and Wells River, giving people the community-based care so important to them.

Participants who attend the OSIP Adult Day program benefit in several ways. They gain by having the opportunity to make new friends, they gain by not eating dinner alone, and they gain as we promote flexibility in managing choices to control more of their lives.

Someone in the early 1900's wrote: "It is the little things in life that create differences, and in the bigger things we are as one."

In 2003 we provided 9,178 hours of service. Your contribution directly supports a relative, a friend, a neighbor, or someone unknown to you who live down the road.

Board of Directors:

President, M. Robin Barone; Vice President, Horace Palmer; Secretary/Treasurer, Susan Tarantino; Phyllis Ellis; Robert Haradon; Craig Hervey; Susan Kennedy; Cathy Kidder; Wayne Richardson; Paul Sachs; Marjorie Shane; Richard Showalter.

Cecil Ross, Adult Day Representative.

Adult Day Director: Martha Knox

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP) A Volunteer Center for Central Vermont and Northeast Kingdom

Mission Statement for RSVP - Volunteers getting things done for our Central Vermont and Northeast Kingdom Communities.

Provides the following benefits:

- Serves all Vermonters, regardless of health or income.
- An assessment of your skills, interests and talents.
- An opportunity to put those skills, interests and talents to work as a volunteer, helping solve community problems.
- An opportunity to be trained in volunteer work of your choice.
- A belief and practice in the philosophy that volunteers need to be recognized. RSVP does this in many ways.
- Coverage by Excess Liability insurance, while performing volunteer duties, driving to and from the work site or (heaven forbid) should an accidental death occur while performing a volunteer activity.
- An opportunity, if a need exists, to receive mileage reimbursement, when driving to and from your volunteer work.
- Provides training to organizations utilizing volunteers.

Operation:

- Has been in Vermont for over 30 years.
- Is sponsored by the Central Vermont Council on Aging and governed by three Advisory Councils.
- Funding is provided by the Federal Government (through The Corporation for National and Community Service), State and Local town governments, Green Mountain and Lamoille County United Way and other local fund raising.

Statewide there are 6 RSVP programs serving over 4,500 volunteers at over 1,023 volunteer stations contributing over 280,000 volunteer hours of service. In 2001, 1,240 RSVP for Central Vermont and Northeast Kingdom volunteers gave over 105,728 hours of service to 150 non-profit organizations in Caledonia, Essex, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans and Washington Counties.

SAFELINE, INC. - ANNUAL REPORT
Based on Fiscal Year July 2002 - June 2003

Safeline Inc. is a 501 C 3 nonprofit Domestic and Sexual Violence agency serving women, men and children in Orange and upper Windsor counties in Central Vermont. Safeline Inc. offers numerous services to victims and survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence including but not limited to; a 24 hour toll free hotline service, legal advocacy, hospital and police advocacy, information and referrals, and prevention based educational programs for all ages in local schools and communities.

Safeline's Mission:

To provide respite and services to victims of Domestic and Sexual abuse within Orange County and northern tier towns in Windsor County, Vermont. The overriding goal of the organization is to contribute significantly to the prevention and mitigation of such types of abuse.

Service Area:

- Safeline's catch-met area has a population of 36,786.
- There are no metropolitan areas in Orange or Upper Windsor counties.
- Randolph, Vermont has the highest concentration of people at an approximate population of 4,900.
- Much of Safeline's service area is very rural; many clients live on unpaved roads, and have limited access to services.
- Some Safeline clients do not have a phone, vehicle, or even running water.

Volunteers:

- Safeline volunteers received 514 hours of training in fiscal year 2002-2003.
- Safeline Staff hours for volunteer training equaled 186.
- Safeline has 27 volunteers that have received 20 or more hours of specific Domestic and Sexual violence training, to meet the guidelines for Crisis Worker Privilege as defined by Vermont State Statute. (12 V.S.A. 1614)
- Safeline volunteers donated 7,862 hours of time to victims and survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence.
- The Safeline Board of Directors donated approximately 540 hours of time in Fiscal year July 2002 to June 2003.
- Safeline volunteers are Vermont Law School students, artists, social workers, hairdressers, mothers, and survivors.

Safeline Inc. Fiscal Year Statistics for July 2002 to June 2003:

- There were 196 victims of Domestic Violence in Orange and Upper Windsor Counties.
- Over 600 hotline calls came from victims or survivors of Domestic Violence.
- There were 32 new victims of Sexual Violence.
- Over 60 hotline calls came from victims and survivors of Sexual Violence.
- Safeline staff and volunteers provided 1914 services for victims and survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence.
- More than 145 children in Orange and Upper Windsor counties witnessed family violence.
- Safeline staff and volunteers spent 2000 hours increasing Domestic and Sexual Violence outreach to local communities. Some of the outreach activities included: theatrical productions, postings on bulletin boards in every town in the Safeline

service area, awareness campaigns at Vermont Law school, and mailings to doctor's offices, libraries, churches, and schools.

Prevention:

- Safeline's prevention programming includes; Hands are not for Hitting, Safety Planning, Healthy Relationships, Safe Art, and Teen dating violence.
- Safeline's program educator tailors programming to each school, or communities' need.
- 870 School children came to 64 different Domestic Violence prevention programs.
- 328 School children came to 57 different Sexual Violence prevention programs.
- 845 hours of staff time was used for prevention programming.
- Community prevention programming by Safeline Inc. ranges from presentations to local Rotaries, first responders, doctors, nurses, principals, and police to informational booths at local fairs.
- There were 149 local community prevention programs about Sexual or Domestic Violence, with 1301 professionals and community members in attendance.

Finances:

- Payroll Expenses: \$85,647.00
- Other Restricted expenses including rent, travel, paging, telephone and hotline costs: \$18,751.91
- Total Unrestricted Expenses including but not limited to; repairs, training, printing, postage, supplies, advertising, insurance, client emergencies, and education: \$27,294.18
- Funding Income: Private Foundation Grants: \$18,000 (these monies were time limited, 1 year only grants)
- Federal Funding (FVSPA, VOCA) \$ 54,226.00.
- SAE (Sexual Assault Education Grant) \$7,316.
- State of Vermont Funding: \$40507.00.
- Other Unrestricted Funding including but not limited to; town appropriations, fund-raising, and individual contributions: \$9709.00
- Total Income: \$156, 430.00
- Total Expenses: \$133,104.00

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TWO RIVERS OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION
2003 Year End Report

During 2003, the Regional Commission continued to provide technical expertise and resources for municipal officials as well as advocated for members' needs with the State Legislature and with state and federal agencies. We function as staff for many of our towns and most of our work was initiated at the request of Selectboards, Planning Commissions, and other town officials. Major accomplishments for this past year included:

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

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

Emergency Planning Activities - The Regional Commission's emergency management planning program continued to be funded by FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security. Projects focused on all-hazards planning associated with natural and man-made disasters. Our staff helped write and coordinate many of the \$800,000 First Responder Grants for safety equipment received by our towns.

Economic Development Planning - In 2003, the Regional Commission continued working on a \$200,000 Environmental Protection Agency grant to assess the level of contamination on many sites throughout our Region. Once the level of contamination is known, the Regional Commission will help towns locate funding sources for clean-up. Additional federal dollars are being sought to continue this program. In addition, TRORC spent considerable time obtaining and maintaining the eligibility of our Region for federal economic development administration money. This resulted in over \$800,000 for the Town of Randolph.

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

Respectfully submitted, Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director
William B. Emmons, III, Chairperson, Pomfret

**UPPER VALLEY RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE
CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS
Annual Report - 2003**

This year the Upper Valley Subcommittee began to update our Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan with a close look at water quality and water-related issues in our region, particularly the need for more complete information on the safety of the river for swimming, fishing, and boating.

The Town of Norwich and City of Lebanon have sent new representatives to the Subcommittee, bringing new ideas and interests to ensure that discussions continue to be well-balanced. There is currently a vacancy in Bradford's membership. Citizens interested in representing the Town are invited to contact the selectmen.

The Subcommittee has continued to carry out our legal obligation to provide information and assistance to the states, towns, and local landowners on projects near the river, advising the two states on the Orford/Fairlee bridge restoration, advising a landowner on a dock proposal, and following the continued commercial and highway developments in West Lebanon. We are also monitoring the success of a major riverbank restoration project in Fairlee.

We have encouraged all towns in our region to review our current Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan, and to incorporate its recommendations as they update town plans and revise their zoning ordinances, particularly for shoreland protection. The heavy rains of last August demonstrated the critical importance of giving rivers and streams enough room.

The Upper Valley River Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome to participate in our meetings, on the third Monday evening of every other month, at the Lyme Town Office. More information, including a calendar, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work in or near the river, and a summary of the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan, is on the web at www.crjc.org/localaction.htm.

Robert Miller, Bradford representative

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS
Annual Report 2003

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions have looked at issues as wide-ranging as the status of municipal wastewater treatment plants in the watershed to the hazards of development on the varved clays left by glacial Lake Hitchcock. Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, the CRJC are advisory and have no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river and its valley.

With the support of the four US Senators from NH and VT, the Commissions were able to provide \$85,000 in Partnership Program grants for locally-inspired projects, including grants for a major conference on storm water management, a documentary film on Vermont's copper mining history, the Orford Conservation Festival, the bi-state Milk Marketing Study Group, and a northern extension of the Connecticut River Birding Trail. In 2003, the Commissions completed a major riverbank restoration demonstration project at the Fort at No. 4 in Charlestown, which protected both a key Contact Period archeological site at the fort and a population of federally endangered mussels just offshore. We continue to work to bring the attention of federal and state agencies to the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan, to give local people new influence in the decisions of their government when it comes to their river. Our five local river subcommittees are an active voice for river issues in their regions.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard natural, agricultural, and historic assets of the valley, and are working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through visitor centers in ten "waypoint communities" along the Connecticut River Byway. This year we worked to provide signage for each of them, and provided staff and coordination for the Byway effort. Visit the Byway at www.ctrivertravel.net. We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of each month. Visit our web site at www.crjc.org for a calendar of meetings, useful information and links, and our newsletter, River Valley News.

Gary Moore, Connecticut River Commissioner and President, CRJC

UPPER VALLEY SERVICES, INC.

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

The services that we provide are as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

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

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

- *Advocacy representation before the State Legislature, administration and judiciary, ensuring that municipalities have the resources and authority to serve their citizens.

- VLCT is a leader in the education finance debate and in securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs.

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

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

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.

TOWN MEETING RECORD
March 4, 2003

Reverend Harvey Bartlett offered the invocation. The Flag Salute was lead by a Boy and a Girl Scout.

Town Clerk Louise Allen declared the polls open for voting on the proposed Zoning Bylaws.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warning, the voters of the Town of Bradford, Vermont, met at the Bradford Academy Auditorium on Tuesday, March 4, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon to transact the following business to wit:

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Lawrence Coffin. There being no objection, the reading of the Warning was dispensed with.

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

Selectboard chair, Joseph Sampson called for nominations for moderator. Motion made and seconded to nominate Lawrence Coffin as moderator. So voted by voice vote.

Moderator Coffin stated that in order to speak or vote at this meeting you must be a registered voter in the Town of Bradford. There was a show of hands of non-residents. If not a resident, you must ask permission to speak. A 2/3 vote is needed for permission to speak. Mr. Coffin reviewed the rules of Town Meeting stating the meeting is operated under a combination of Robert's Rules of Order, State Law and tradition of the town. Standing votes will be held if there is a question on the verbal votes. Debates may be closed with a 2/3's vote.

Corrections to the Town Report:

Page 4 - phone number for the Highway Garage is 5718

Page 8 - requests for Orange County Diversion should be \$400 and Orange East Senior Center should be \$4000 (typographical error)

Page 25 - a handout was available to correct the totals for the Delinquent Report.

Article 1 closed.

Article 2. To hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers for the year past.

Motion made and seconded to accept the reports. Reports were reviewed page by page.

Selectboard Chair Sampson explained the change in payroll was because administration reimbursement for Water and Sewer of 17% was removed. Office Equipment was increased due to the planned purchase of a new server for the Town Office. Payroll for the Academy Building has increased. Sampson recognized that the former custodian, Arthur Young was paid for 30 hours but volunteered many more hours to the Town. The new Custodian, Mike Johnson, works 40 hours. Mahlon Thurston's hours have increased because he and Johnson will be installing new windows in the BA building. Bobette Scribner asked why actual expenditures from the 2001 annual report were different in this year's report. This will be researched.

Molly Bondurant, President of the Bradford Fast Squad, presented an automated defibrillator to Constable Gene Martin. This was obtained through a grant. There was a round of applause.

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Representative Wayne Kenyon gave a presentation on the state budget as well as other changes proposed in the State. Some of those include changes in the permitting laws related to ACT 250. He reported the House Agricultural Committee is working on ways to develop strategies to help farms survive. This prompted a number of questions.

Moderator returned to reviewing reports. Sampson reported the cemetery traded their tractor and property on Brook Road was sold. Highway grants were received for culverts and paving. Larry Drew requested additional information (including disbursements) be printed in the annual reports regarding the Walter Lee Fund. Joel Moore reported the balance is \$315,876.00 (including principal and interest) and that the account is earning 5.6% at A.G. Edwards. Linda Neubelt asked that the Friends of Wrights Mountain account as well as any Conservation Commission grants also be included in the annual report.

Earl Welch asked about the 911 sign on Old Post Road. Sampson will research. When asked by Martina Stever for a time frame on the highway major projects, Sampson responded that Kidder Road was completed because there was a grant. Plateau Acres may be completed this year unless another road takes priority. There was a difference in two reports related to a dead bird with West Nile virus. Health Office Becky Clancy was not available for confirmation.

Frank Coombs reported he paid his taxes with a check for \$4000 and it had not cleared the bank two weeks later. He said he heard other checks were in the Town Office one to two months without being deposited. He then asked for Louise Allen to resign. Mary Cline asked for further information as to why checks are not deposited daily. Allen had no comment at this time. Mary Derosa asked for a response. There was a round of applause. After a brief conference, Allen responded that as tax bills arrive, bills are stamped, money is placed in cash draw and bill is posted in the computer. She stated that during tax time, deposits are done once or twice a day.

Conservation Commission member Nancy Jones reviewed the proposed purchase of Devil's Den on Wrights Mountain (approximately 40 acres). There was concern that there is no purchase and sales agreement. Vote on the motion to accept the reports was in the affirmative. Article 2 closed.

Article 3. To elect all Town Officers as required by law, and to fill all vacancies which may occur at or prior to said meeting.

Selectboard: 3 year term. Roger Courtemanche was nominated. Motion made and seconded to close nominations and clerk cast one ballot. Unanimous vote in the affirmative. Roger Courtemanche was declared elected.

Lister: 3 year term. Harry McLam was nominated. Motion made and seconded to close nominations and clerk cast one ballot. Unanimous vote in the affirmative. Harry McLam was declared elected.

Auditor: 3 year term. Gloria Fox and Shirley Beresford were nominated. Gloria Fox was not present due to illness. Bobette Scribner spoke on her behalf stating Fox's financial experience. Beresford spoke on responsibilities of auditors and her experience. Voting began at 11:16 and ended at 11:42. Total ballots cast 129 (2 spoiled). Fox received 64 votes and Beresford received 63 votes. Fox was declared elected.

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Town Constable: 1 year term. Gene Martin was nominated. Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Unanimous voice vote in the affirmative. Gene Martin was declared elected.

Second Constable: 1 year term. Shawn French was nominated. Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Unanimous voice vote in the affirmative. Shawn French was declared elected.

Collector of Current Taxes: 1 year term. Gloria Fox and Louise Allen were nominated. Point of order - it was asked if the Collector of Current Taxes could also hold the position of Auditor. It was stated that if Fox was elected she would have to declare which position she would resign. Selectboard would then appoint a replacement. No one spoke for Fox. Allen stated she has held the position for 30 years. There was a round of applause. Voting began at 11:45 and ended at 12:03. Total ballots cast 122. Fox received 65 votes and Allen received 56 votes. Fox was declared elected. Questions were raised about how taxes would be collected.

Collector of Delinquent Taxes: 1 year term. Gene Martin and Wendell Hartley Jr. were nominated. Hartley declined the nomination. Motion made to close nominations. Voice vote in the affirmative. Gene Martin was declared elected.

Town Grand Juror: 1 year term. Gary Moore was nominated. Motion made to close nominations. Voice vote in the affirmative. Gary Moore was declared elected.

Town Agent: 1 year term. Gary Moore was nominated. Motion made to close nominations. Voice vote in the affirmative. Gary Moore was declared elected.

Trustee of Public Funds: 3 year term. Arthur Hyde was nominated. Motion made to close nominations. Voice vote in the affirmative. Arthur Hyde was declared elected.

Sampson thanked Shirley Beresford, Becky Clancy (former Health Officer) and Wendell Hartley for their years of service. There was a round of applause for those individuals. Article 3 closed.

Article 4. To see what sum of money said Town will vote for general and administrative expenses of said Town for the ensuing year, and to vote time and manner of collecting the same.

Drew motioned to raise the sum of 365,276.79 in taxes and that all taxes assessed to raise this sum of money or any other money raised at this meeting or subsequent meetings be placed in the hands of the Treasurer not later than August 1st, due and payable on or before or postmarked no later than October 31st without discount and that any money not paid on the due date shall become delinquent and subject to interest at a rate of not more than one percent per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter one and one half percent-per month or fraction thereof from the due date of such tax. Motion seconded. Drew stated that the difference in the amount to raise and the amount printed in the book is due to a change in the Orange County Tax.

Dan Perry amended the motion to insert the words "that all funds be deposited within 72 business hours". Amendment modified to substitute "within 3 business days".

Amendment seconded. There was discussion on the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes duties and how funds would be deposited. Sampson responded that they may need to seek legal council. Vote on the motion to amend in the affirmative.

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Motion made and seconded to amend the amended motion to insert the words "or Collector of Taxes" (which ever is legally correct). Vote on the motion to amend in the affirmative.

Moderator read the amended motion: To raise the sum of 365,276.79 in taxes and that all taxes assessed to raise this sum of money or any other money raised at this meeting or subsequent meetings be placed in the hands of the Treasurer or Collector of Current Taxes not later than August 1st, due and payable on or before or postmarked no later than October 31st without discount and that any money not paid on the due date shall become delinquent and subject to interest at a rate of not more than one percent per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter one and one half percent per month or fraction thereof from the due date of such tax and that all funds be deposited within 3 business days.

Salary for the Collector of Current Taxes was discussed. It was asked if Allen's salary could be broken out so people could see what she is paid for each position. It was noted that job descriptions for Town employees are available. Motion made and seconded to close debate. So voted unanimously. Motion on the amended motion voted in the affirmative. Article 4 closed.

Recess and Reconvene:

Meeting recessed at 12:35 and reconvened at 1:35.

Article 5. To see what sum of money said Town will vote for general highway purposes and reconstruction of the roads.

Motion made and seconded to raise \$329,082.15 for general highway purposes. David Allen asked about salaries. Sampson responded that there were no large salary increases this year. Motion made and seconded to close discussion. So voted unanimously. Motion to raise \$329,082.15 for general highway purposes was in the affirmative. Article 5 closed.

Article 6. To see if the voters will raise the sum of money not to exceed Twenty Five Thousand (\$25,000) dollars to create a Highway Major Projects Capital Fund?

Motion made and seconded to raise \$25,000 and that any interest earned on this account be added to this fund. Sampson explained the purpose of the fund. Motion to raise \$25,000 and that any interest earned be added to this account voted unanimously. Article 6 closed.

Article 7. To see if the voters will raise the sum of money not to exceed Ten Thousand (\$10,000) dollars to establish a Capital Fund to be used for the repair of the Bradford Academy Building?

Motion made and seconded to raise \$10,000 and that any interest earned be added to this account. Vote on the amendment was unanimous in the affirmative. Sampson explained that funds would be used to repair the outside of the building (windows and bell tower). Town is also attempting to find grants. Motion to raise \$10,000 and that any interest earned be added to this account voted in the affirmative. Article 7 closed.

Article 8. To see if the voters will raise a sum of money not to exceed Ten Thousand (\$10,000) dollars to be used for the purchase, and other related expenses of the purchase,

Record Continued:

in conjunction with other monies, for a parcel of land on Wrights Mountain to include Devil's Den.

Motion made and seconded to move the article. Conservation Commission member Nancy Jones did a presentation explaining the proposed purchase of this property. She reviewed the benefits to Bradford for purchasing this land (economic - historic - preservation etc.). She explained that they have applied for two grants plus have obtained funding (or services) from many organizations supporting this purchase. Doug Miller was concerned about the cost and the loss of tax revenue. Jones responded that the loss in town taxes was \$35 per year and the cost of the land would be approximately \$22,000. Jones also responded that if they are denied the grants, the money will be turned back to the voters (to be put back into the general fund or used for another purpose). When asked who would maintain the property (pick up trash etc.) Jones responded the Boy Scouts and other community service groups would assist. Vote on the motion in the affirmative. Article 8 closed.

Article 9. To see if the voters will raise a one-time sum of money not to exceed Seventy Five Hundred (\$7,500) dollars for maintenance of the Upper Valley Press Building. Bobette Scribner made the motion to raise a one-time sum of money not to exceed \$7500 for the use of the BRCC (Bradford Regional Community Center) if the BCDC (Bradford Community Development Commission) purchases the Upper Valley Press building. Motion seconded. Scribner provided an overview of the project and the functions of the BCDC and BRCC. She reviewed the progress on obtaining grants and funding. She also reviewed their budget. There was discussion on surrounding towns and their participation. Scribner stated that if another tenant was found, they might not need the \$7,500. Noah Ponzio, Jennifer Grossi and Kristin Carson spoke on behalf of the project. When asked about contamination of the grounds by Earl Welch, Scribner responded that only the house is contaminated and will be purchased by Maska. There was discussion on abating taxes. Scribner responded that at this time, they are paying taxes on the building but didn't know about future tax stabilization. Scribner restated that if the BCDC doesn't purchase the building, the money will be returned to the voters (to be put back into the general fund or used for another purpose).

Dan Perry III questioned Scribner that during the initial proposal for this project, Selectboard was assured that the Town would not be asked to contribute taxpayer's funds. Scribner responded that Town support is needed for grant applications. There was a round of applause when David Allen noted that we are spending money for land and maintenance but not on our children.

Joel Moore responded to Linda Neubelt's request about the Walter Lee Funds by reminding her that requests for funds must be into the committee by mid April. Motion made to close debate. So voted unanimously. There was a call for a ballot vote. Seven requests were counted. Voting started at 2:45 and reconvened at 2:50. There were 97 names checked off and 98 ballots counted. Total number of "yes" votes was 70 and total number of "no" votes was 28. Motion passed.

Article 10. To see if the Town will appropriate sums of money for the following organizations which have filed requests as set forth below, each request to be voted on separately.

Record Continued:

Motion made to accept the entire list of requests and make changes to the requests as amendments. After brief discussion, motion seconded and voted unanimously.

Motion made and seconded to amend that Orange County Diversion should be \$400 and Orange East Senior Center should be \$4000 (typographical error). So voted unanimously. Noah Ponzio spoke on behalf of the Bradford Boys and Girls Club request for \$5,000.00. Dan Perry asked if the Selectboard had an accounting of these funds. Sampson responded yes.

There were no comments on the following requests:

Central VT Community Action Council Inc.	\$1,000.00
Central Vermont Council on Aging	\$400.00
Green Mountain Economic Development Corp.	\$1,309.50
Lower Cohase Region	\$1,309.50
Orange County Diversion	\$ 400.00
Orange East Senior Center	\$4,000.00
Retired and Senior volunteer Program	\$500.00
Safeline	\$200.00
Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission	\$2,894.00
Upper Valley Services Inc.	\$1,000.00

Katrin Tchana, Director of the Bradford Clara Martin Center spoke on behalf of their request for \$4,413.00.

David Allen spoke on behalf of Northeast Slopes request for \$1,200.00.

Kim Richardson asked about request for 4 organizations all appearing to do the same thing. Robert Nutting spoke on behalf of Orange East Senior Center (requesting \$4,000).

Diane Smarro spoke on behalf of the Orange East Senior Center, Central Vermont Council on Aging, and Oxbow Senior Independence Program (requesting \$500.00).

David Allen spoke against the Visiting Nurse Alliance and Hospice request for \$11,025.00. He motioned to amend this motion and strike the request. Lori Harding spoke on behalf of the VNA. She said they contributed \$36,000 in free care to Bradford individuals and reviewed the serviced provided. Bob Nordham and Shirley Beresford spoke in favor of the request. Motion made and seconded to close debate. So voted. Vote on the amendment to strike the request was opposed. Motion to amend defeated.

Motion made and seconded to level fund the VNA at \$10,500.00. Vote on the amendment reducing the funding from \$11,025 to \$10,500 was denied. Motion to amend was opposed. Motion to amend defeated. Motion to approve the entire article with no amendments voted in the affirmative. Article 10 closed.

Article 11. In accordance with Schedule B, III (12), permitted uses of the protected property - Wrights Mountain Grant of Development Rights - Shall the voters approve the harvest of timber as shown in the Forest Management Plan for Wrights Mountain as presented to the Conservation Commission on January 15th, 2003, by Orange County Forester, David Paganelli?

Motion made and seconded to accept the article. Motion made and seconded to amend the article that any funds received for the sale of this timber be deposited in the Friends of Wrights Mountain Account. Doug Miller asked about negotiating with potential loggers.

Sampson responded the Selectboard, Conservation Commission and Dave Paganelli

Record Continued:

would make the final decision. A map was distributed displaying the conserved and preserved land. Vote on the amendment in the affirmative. Vote on the amended motion in the affirmative. Article 11 closed.

Article 12. Shall the legislature be urged to change Vermont's voting law for statewide elections, which currently can result in no candidate receiving a majority and the selection of a governor by the legislature instead of the voters; and replace it with a system where the top voter getter wins, a system which is currently in place for electing legislators and the congressional delegation?

Motion made and seconded to table the article - objects to the consideration of the article. This takes a 2/3's vote to pass and is not debatable. Moderator unclear of voice vote.

Those standing in favor of the motion to table the article 17. Those standing opposed to tabling the article 44. Motion defeated.

Motion made and seconded to accept the article. Bud Haas spoke against the article and Bobette Scribner spoke in favor. Motion made to close debate. So voted in the affirmative. Moderator unclear of voice vote on the motion. Those standing in favor of the article 26. Those standing opposed to the article 35. Article defeated.

Article 13. Should Vermont Governors have a four-year term beginning in the year 2008?

Motion made and seconded to accept the article. There was discussion on both sides of this article. Motion made and seconded to amend the article to add the words "a maximum of two terms". After discussion there was a voice vote on the motion to amend. Motion to amend defeated.

Discussion continued on both sides of the article. Vote on the article in the affirmative.

Article 14. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting. Fire Chief Todd Terrill asked to speak on behalf of a new ladder truck. He outlined previous discussions with the Selectboard regarding the purchase of a new or used ladder truck. It is anticipated that a new truck will cost about \$400,000. There is about \$70,000 in the capital fund. Equipment in other towns was discussed. After answering questions from the voters, a show of hands indicated that Terrill should pursue obtaining further information on this request. It was suggested that Terrill use some of the grant writers in town to assist him.

Scribner acknowledged that Highway Foeman Chip Spear was very successful in obtaining grants this year. Moderator reminded everyone to vote. Skip Barrett thanked the Selectboard for their work on the Annual Report. Sampson thanked Arthur Young for all his years of volunteer work at the BA building. He also thanked all others who volunteer their time for the Town.

Harvey Bartlett thanked the Town for their support of the Food Shelf and Salvation Army kettles. David Allen thanked Scribner for her work on the Community Center.

Article 15. To adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

A True Record: Attest: s/s Louise M. Allen, Town Clerk

Recording Clerk: Marjorie J. Craik

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