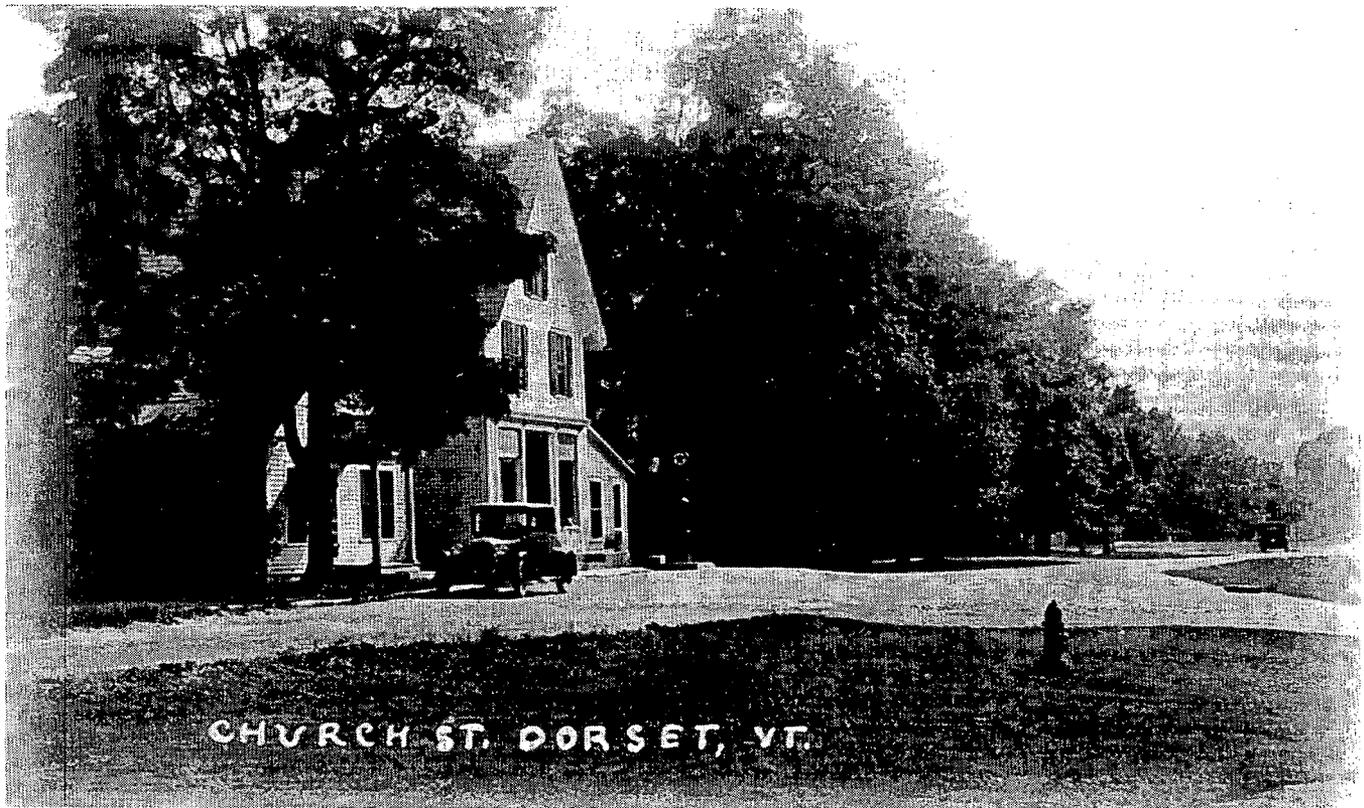


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2004 ANNUAL REPORT



TOWN OF DORSET, VERMONT

ALL FIRE CALLS
FROM RESIDENTS IN
DORSET AND E. DORSET
DIAL 911

Dorset's 2004 Town Report Is Dedicated To



Walter E. Freed

Walt completed 12 years in the Vermont Legislature this year, with 4 years as the Vermont Speaker of the House. He served during times of historic changes including the passage of Act 60, civil unions, and permit reform.

Walt has served locally on many boards including the Dorset School Board, the Long Trail School Board, and the Southern Vermont Arts Center. He has also volunteered his time with many non-profit organizations over the years.

We thank Walt for his leadership and hard work on behalf of Dorset citizens.

William J. Mahlmann

Bill was elected to the Dorset Board of Selectmen in 1981, and served faithfully until his retirement this year. He has presided over a plethora of municipal problems and sometimes painful solutions. He worked with three different town managers, helping to expand the inventory of heavy equipment, now stored in heated municipal buildings. He made sure that these improvements were made economically and with little tax increase. We thank him for his leadership, expertise, good works, and his good nature.

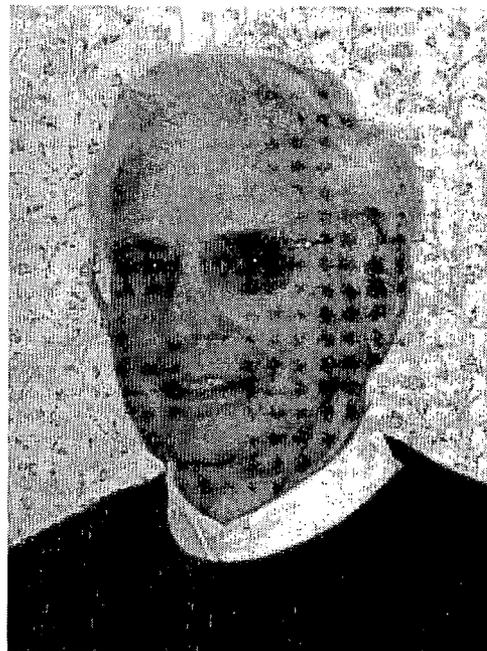


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AUDITORS' REPORT 2004

Mudgett, Jennet, & Krough-Wisner, P.C. has audited both the Town of Dorset for the year ending 12/31/04, and the Dorset School District for the F/Y ending 6/30/04. Jeffrey R. Bradley, CPA, audited the Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union for 2004. Complete reports for the School and Town are, as soon as completed, available at the Town Office and Library. The BRSU report can be seen at the school. Please call ahead to BRSU at 362-2452, or the school at 362-2606.

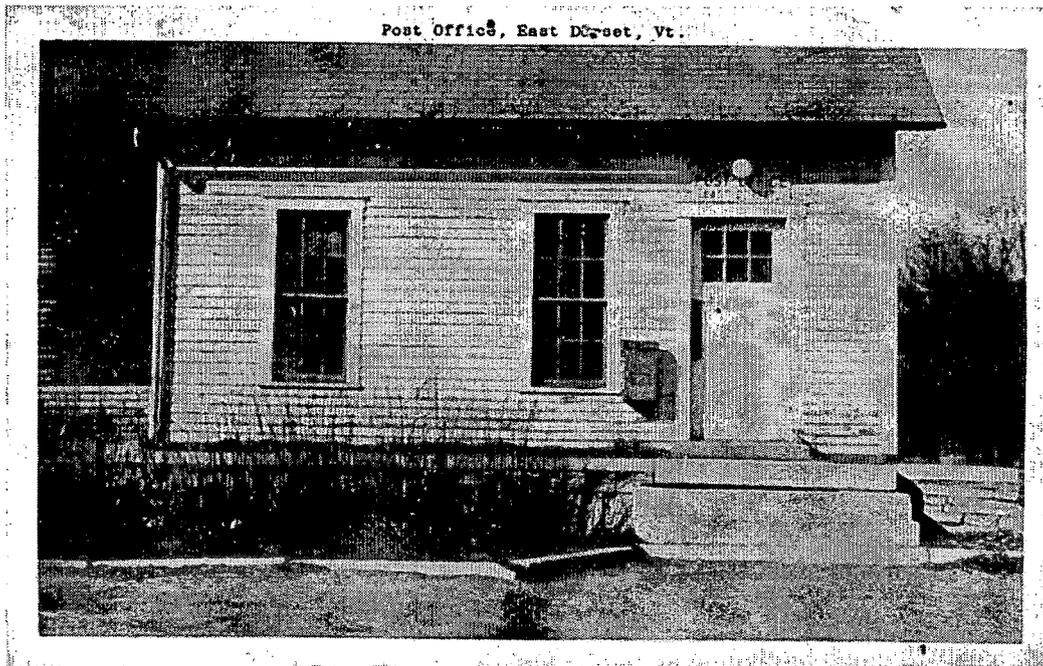
The Town borrowed \$400K from Banknorth at 1.78% from 7/21/04 to 10/19/04.

The Town made the final payment on the new loader. The payment was \$21,420, and the balance remaining is 0.

Each organization that receives funds voted by the taxpayers of the Town has been requested to provide a concise financial statement (or a Form 990.) Most have complied.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Bridges and Mary Barrosse-Schwartz, Dorset Town Auditors

This year we've included old photographic postcards from all around Dorset, including buildings no longer in existence.



**TOWN OF DORSET
MISCELLANEOUS TOWN INFORMATION**

Emergency Fire & Rescue	911
Bennington County Sheriff	442-4900
State Police.....	442-5421
Town Clerk	362-1178
Town Manager	362-4571
Town Office Fax	362-5156
Town Garage	362-5244
Road Foreman: Jim Hewes.....	362-5559
Zoning Administrator	362-4571
Listers.....	362-0162
Animal Control Officer Dispatch	362-2121
Town Constables:	
John H. Coolidge	867-4408
Theron D. Troumbley	867-5342
Town Health Officer: Tom Harriman.....	362-2121
Schools: Dorset School	362-2606
Long Trail	867-5717
Burr & Burton	362-1775
Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union	362-2452
Post Offices:	
Dorset	867-5501
East Dorset	362-3233
Fire Warden:	
Doug Beebe	362-4601
Dorset Library.....	867-5774
Dorset Nursing Association	867-5922

TOWN CALENDAR

Town Manager's Office: 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 12:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. M - F

**Town Clerk's Office: Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
(other hours by appointment)**

Zoning Administrator: 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 12:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. M - F, Town Office

Listers: Tuesdays and Thursday: 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. - Town Office

Selectboard Meeting: Third Tuesday each month at 7:00 P.M. - Town Office

Planning Commission Meeting: First Tuesday each month at 7:00 P.M. - Town Office

Zoning Board Meeting: Second Monday each month at 7:30 P.M. - Town Office

School Board Meeting: Second and Fourth Tuesdays each month at 6:00 P.M. - The Dorset School

TOWN OF DORSET ELECTED OFFICERS 2004

Moderator, Town	1 year term	Kevin M. O'Toole
Moderator, School	1 year term	Kevin M. O'Toole
Town Clerk	3 year term	Denise M. Veillette
Town School District Clerk	3 year term	Denise M. Veillette
Town Treasurer	3 year term	* Marilyn Kinney
School District Treasurer	3 year term	* Marilyn Kinney
Selectboard:		
Term expires 2005	3 year term	William Mahlmann
Term expires 2005	1 year term	Patricia Meredith
Term expires 2005	1 year term	A.D. (Sandy) Read
Term expires 2006	3 year term	Jack Frost
Term expires 2007	3 year term	* Michael Oltedal
School Directors:		
Term expires 2005	2 year term	Phil Anton
Term expires 2005	3 year term	Kenneth Palmer
Term expires 2005	3 year term	Stephanie Breed
Term expires 2006	2 year term	Patti Komline
Term expires 2007	2 year term	Elizabeth Berard
Listers:		
Term expires 2005	3 year term	James Faszholz
Term expires 2006	3 year term	Kris O'Leary
Term expires 2007	3 year term	* Marilyn Kinney
Auditors:		
Term expires 2005	3 year term	S.W. Bill Bridges
Term expires 2006	3 year term	*
Term expires 2007	3 year term	*
First Constable	1 year term	John H. Coolidge
Second Constable	1 year term	Theron D. Troumbley
Collector of Delinquent Tax		
Town & School	1 year term	Harold R. Beebe
Grand Juror, East Side	1 year term	*
Grand Juror, West Side	1 year term	*
Town Agent	1 year term	*
Justice of the Peace		
Harold R. Beebe	Chris Brooks	David Bumgardner
Ralph Colin	Lucille Fay	Margery Freed
Patricia Komline	Sandra Pinsonault	John Pless
Mary Barrosse-Schwartz		
* Appointments made		
Melissa Zecher, Town & School District Treasurer		
Melissa Zecher, Lister		
Timothy Burke, Selectmen		
Pauline de Laszlo, Lister		

**TOWN OF DORSET
APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS 2004**

Town Manager	Thomas P. Glavin, P.E.
	Joe Bamford as of 9/01/04
Health Officer	Tom Harriman
Civil Defense Chair	Thomas P. Glavin, P.E.
	Joe Bamford as of 9/01/04
Town Auditors	Bill Bridges
	Mary Barrosse-Schwartz
Town Agent	Kevin O'Toole, Esq.
Selectboard Clerk	Nancy Aversano
Fence Viewers	A.D. Read, Bill Mahlmann, Robert Hartwell, Esq.
	Jack Frost, Michael Oltedal
Fence and Tree Warden	Hal Coolidge
Special Constable	Harold Beebe

Bennington County			
Regional Commissioners		Robert Hartwell, Esq.	2005
Planning Commission			
Bill Breed, Chairman	2004	Douglas Marks	2006
Chris Brooks	2008	Joe Linder	2007
Eric Rosencrantz	2004	Margaret Canavan	2007
Brian Knight	2005	Gay Squire	2007
John Marino	2005		
All 4 year terms expire April 30 of the year indicated			

Conservation Commission			
Marsha Norman	2004	Kevin O'Toole, Esq.	2006
Helena Pless	2004	Georgine MacGarvey/Holman	2006
Malcolm Cooper, Jr	2006		
All terms expire May 31 of the year indicated			

Design Review Board			
Barbara Melhado	2005	Bob Escher (Chair)	2006
Sheila Childs	2005	John Nassivera	2006
Jay Hathaway	2006		
All terms expire April 30 of the year indicated			

Zoning Board of Adjustment			
Bill Bridges (Chairman)	2007	Dale Baker	2006
Mike Connors	2007	John Lavecchia	2006
David Wilson	2007	Steve Jones	2006
Ruth Stewart	2005	Kevin O'Toole, Esq.	2005
Tuck Rawls	2005		
All 3 year terms to expire April 30 of the year indicated			

Secretary/Zoning Board of Adj.	Nancy Aversano
Zoning Administrator	Joseph C. Bamford, III

TOWN MANAGER'S & SELECTBOARD'S REPORT 2004

This September our Town Manager of ten years, Tom Glavin, retired and was given a farewell party with many well-wishers attending. During Tom's tenure, one of his many accomplishments was supervising the upgrading and maintenance of the Town infrastructure and roads. A regular maintenance and paving schedule was achieved due to his diligence.

Administrative Assistant, Joseph Bamford, succeeded Mr. Glavin as Town Manager and will continue in his roles as the Zoning Administrator and Planning Consultant. Marilyn Kinney resigned from the Lister's Office and has now become the new Administrative Assistant. Both are looking forward to a productive year.

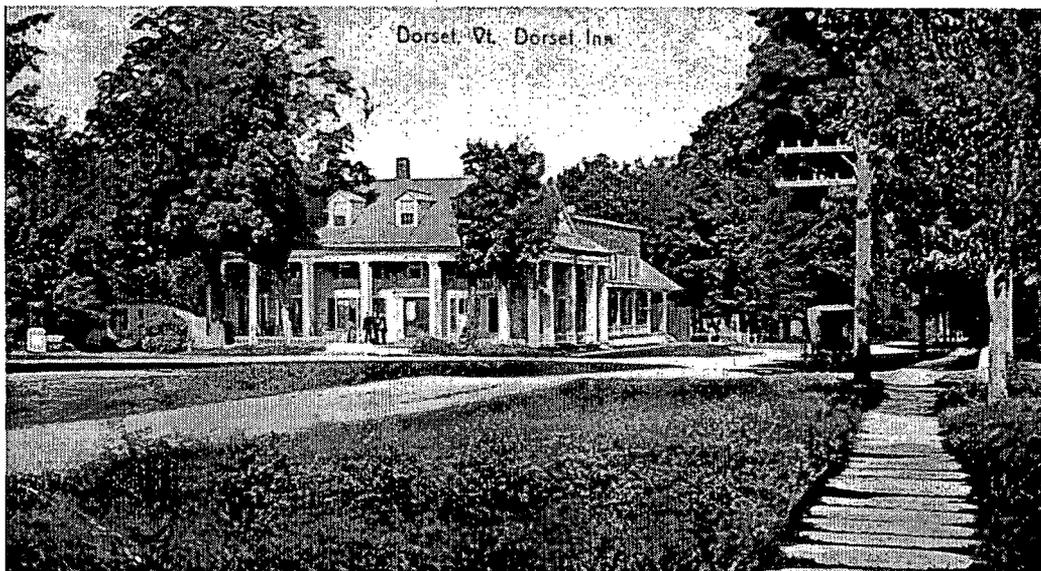
In 2004, the resurfacing of the southern portion of West Road, including Cross Road, was accomplished at a cost of \$127,000. The upper section (3/4 mile) of Nichols Hill Road was resurfaced at a cost of \$38,684. Future projects for repaving include the remainder of Nichols Hill Road, Kent Hill Road and the paved sections of Dorset Hollow and Lower Hollow Roads.

Our long time Chairman of the Lister's Office, James Faszholz, retired this past year after serving the Town of Dorset in a most efficient and tireless manner. Among his many achievements, he guided the Town through the 2003 reappraisal project with proficiency. Also, long-time Board member, Jack Frost, ended his many years of service as selectman. We will all miss his astute and witty input on Town issues.

The Select Board would like to acknowledge all the residents who volunteer their precious time to serve on the Town Boards and Committees (Planning Commission, Zoning Board, Design Review Board, Board of Civil Authority, Auditors and Conservation Commission) . Our sincere appreciation is also extended to Bonnie and Ozzie Lepper of the Wilson House, Richard Farley of Wood and Signs and Ralph Colin for their help in refurbishing the Town Office building. The Garden Club is an integral part of beautifying our Town by their volunteer efforts in maintaining the landscaping at the Town Green, Town Office, Post Offices and other public areas in Dorset. Volunteers are the most important assets of Dorset's community and they make it a wonderful area in which to reside and work.

Our thanks to Jim Hewes, Road Foreman, and his hard-working crew - Russell Tarbell, Dan Pearce and Brent Clark - for keeping our Town roads safe, neat and passable, especially in stormy weather.

We hope the Town of Dorset continues to grow and prosper and wish its residents a healthy and happy new year.



GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST TOWN REPORT 2004

The phrase "CARING FOR THE LAND AND SERVING PEOPLE", captures the overall Forest Service mission. As set forth in law, the mission is to achieve quality public land management under the sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of people. Highlights of this past year's programs on the Green Mountain National Forest include:

LAND ACQUISITION

The Forest grew by 4,682 acres through the acquisition of 10 parcels of land, and is now approximately 392,194 acres overall. The largest parcel was 4,015 acres in the Town of Stamford. Smaller parcels were acquired in Londonderry, Warren, Bennington, Ripton, and Stratton.

Forest Plans Revision

We are trying to finish the Green Mountain National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). The Forest Plan is an extremely important document, and directs how we will manage the Green Mountain National Forest (Forest), including what types and amounts of goods and services will be provided.

Release of the Proposed Revised Forest Plans and Draft Environmental Impact Statements (DEIS) for the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests has been slowed down at this time due to the complexity of completing two Revised Forest Plans, staff turnover, and complications in analyses. We regret the delays and are working extremely hard to produce quality and complete documents by April 2005.

Following release of the proposed Revised Plans and DEIS, there will be a formal three month public comment period. In addition, after the DEIS and Proposed Revised Plans are released, public meetings will be held throughout Vermont to address the proposed revision. We invite active participation from all towns impacted by the National Forest. All comments received during this time will be reviewed by Forest Service employees and taken into consideration for potential changes to the Revised Plans or DEIS, before finalizing the Revised Forest Plans.

RECREATION PROGRAM

In recreation management, the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps rebuilt trails and bridges in several areas. Numerous volunteer groups, including VAST and the Green Mountain Club, as well as campground hosts and other individuals donated of their time and energy to improving recreation opportunities on the Forest.

South Half:

In Wallingford, we improved approximately five miles of snowmobile trail to Wallingford Pond and also put up barriers at the Pond to discourage erosion.

In Peru, we relocated approximately 1-1/2 miles of a heavily-used portion of the Appalachian/Long Trail, installed a new shelter, toilet and tent pads.

In Peru at Hapgood Pond, we rebuilt the bathhouse, improved the campgrounds with new tent pads, and replaced a handicapped fishing pier.

In Mt. Tabor, we began construction of a new crew quarters facility. We also are replacing Silver Bridge on Forest Road 10; it is presently open to traffic and nearly completed.

WILDLIFE PROGRAM

In the field, our wildlife program continues to focus on federally listed threatened and endangered species. Working with Vermont State and Federal agencies, we continue to monitor Indiana bat populations in Vermont. Surveys for the Indiana bats are likely to take place in 2005. The Forest continues to monitor management indicator species using both Forest staff and volunteers to complete surveys for barred owls, ruffed grouse, and woodcock. We also continue to maintain apple orchards and permanent openings to provide wildlife habitat diversity.

FISHERIES PROGRAM

In fisheries management, we continue to work with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department and watershed groups on a variety of habitat inventory and fish population surveys on the Batten Kill and White River. We are also working on stream restoration projects throughout the Forest. Atlantic salmon restoration to the Connecticut River basin remains an important part of our program.

VEGETATIVE PROGRAMS

In timber management, we have three on-going timber sale projects: Northhalf Overstory Removal, Holt Mountain, and Old Joe (which is caught up in legal proceedings). Preliminary work and environmental analysis are being completed on Nordic Inventory, Townsend Brook Salvage, Moses Pond, Cotton Mill and Dutton Brook.

We are taking a closer look at "invasive" plant species and completing inventories around some that have been found on the National Forest.

We wish to thank our many partners and cooperators who have helped us make 2004 a very successful year! We look forward to serving you in the new year, and in working closely with you on the stewardship of YOUR Green Mountain National Forest.

Sincerely,

Gina Owens, District Ranger, South Half

Dan McKinley, Acting District Ranger, North Half

DELINQUENT TAX LIST 2004

Bloom, Spencer	M-04 -O-04	\$ 311.61	Midden, Julee	O-03-O-04.	639.16
Bloom, Zecher TRZB	M-04	10.40	Miller, Walter J.	O-03-O-04	1600.29
Bohlke, Edward	M-03 -O-04	4752.18	Molloy, Thomas	M-04-O-04	909.53
Brown, Brooks	O-03-0-04	94.83	Moore, Kirk T.	M-04-O-04	933.09
Buckley, Peter & Arlene	M-04-0-04	1169.21	Morrissey, William	O-02-M-03	30.53
Burke, Robert Jr.	O-04	215.59	Nassivera, John	M-04-O-04	3421.65
Carter, Philip R.	O-04	84.53	Nichols, William	O-03-O-04	2215.64
Casey, David & Shirley	O-99-O-04	2731.15	O'Conner, Kathleen	O-04	46.64
Colvin, Foster C.	O-03-O-04	710.46	Osterland, C. Kirk	O-04	811.59
Conner, Donald A.	O-02-O-04	1918.02	Poulin, Roger	O-04	321.96
Cook, Jeffrey	O-04	460.00	Read, Walter Jr.	M-03-O-04	2397.82
Dal Pra, Gerald	O-04	669.49	Shehadi, John D.	O-04	505.06
Daly, Edward & Penelope	O-03-M-04	1234.45	Sherman, Susan	O-03-O-04	1876.42
Dean, Sally S.	O-04	269.79	Shortsleeve, George Jr.	O-04	63.13
D'Eredita, Cosom. & G.	M-04-O-04	782.29	Smith, Ruth	M-04-O-04	20.24
Dickinson, David B.	O-04	2317.45	Smith, Vivienne	O-00-M-04	1008.67
Dupree, Joanne	O-02-O-04	855.60	Stannard, Robert C.	O-04	182.70
Feiden, Amy	O-04	362.76	Staunton, Sidney J.	M-03-O-04	1000.39
Gilbert, John F.	M-04-O-04	16.86	Stewart, Dennis	M-04-O-04	78.08
Gillespie, Richard	M-04	1776.56	Stimson, Ellen	O-04	1096.81
Guild, Willliam E.	O-04	143.52	Stone, Sharon	O-00-O-04	2990.93
Harris, Helen	M-03	667.47	Sweeney, John	M-03-O-04	1158.91
Harris, Helen	M-03-M-04	1087.89	Wallace, George	O-04	200.36
Hart, Allie	M-01-M-04	3584.46	Waters, Charles	O-04	35.87
Horne, Sarah	O-04	434.11	White, Melina	O-03-M-04	3953.82
Johnson, David	M-04-O-04	3588.25	White, Melina Wall	O-03-M-04	1082.25
Keady, George C. II	O-04	153.14	White, Tony	M-04-O-04	71.58
Kent Hill LLC	O-04	91.05			
Kilburn, Arthur	O-04	250.91	TOTAL DUE TOWN OF DORSET		\$63,338.88
King, Vernon	O-04	30.45	Above list does not include October 04 School Taxes or Dorset or East Dorset Fire taxes. It does not include penalty and interest charges.		
Kornards, Nikolas	O-04	967.90			
McGovern, James	O-03=O-04	2317.46			
McGowan, Scott	O-04	441.32			
Merrow, Alson R.	O-03-O-04	184.70			

TOWN OF DORSET LIQUOR LICENSE 2004

First Class Liquor Licenses:

Cornucopia Of Dorset	100.00
Chantecler Restraurent	100.00
J & J Marble	100.00
Gregor's Bakery & Cafe	100.00
Marble West Inn	100.00
Inn At West View Farm	100.00
Dorset Field Club Inc	100.00
Dorset Inn	100.00
Barrows House	100.00

Second Class Licenses:

East Dorset General Store	50.00		
Peltiers Market	50.00		
Hasgas General Store	50.00		
Total Amount	150.00	900.00	1050.00
Clerk Fees			60.00
Total Submitted To Town			990.00

TOWN OF DORSET 2004 ANIMAL LICENSE REPORT

101	SPAYED FEMALES @ 7.00	707.00
74	NEUTERED MALES @7.00	518.00
1	NEUTERED MALE @ 6.00	6.00
6	UNSPAYED FEMALES @ 11.00	66.00
14	SPAYED FEMALES LATE @ 9.00	126.00
14	MALES NEUTERED LATE @ 9.00	126.00
11	UNNEUTERED MALES @ 11.00	121.00
3	UNSPAYED FEMALES LATE @ 15.00	45.00
6	UNNEUTERED MALES LATE @ 15.00	90.00

TOTAL DOGS 230 /1 LOST TAG

TOTAL INCOME\$ 1,805.00

CLERK FEES	STATE FEE	TOWN FEES	TOWN SURCHARGE
458.00	229.00	660.00	458.00
TOTAL	1,805.00		

ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD OF LISTERS – 2004

Total taxable property in the Town of Dorset is \$455,920,000. An approximate 4% increase over the 2003 Grand List. The Current Use Program includes 48 properties consisting of 6,438 acres in Dorset. There are just under 1, 500 entries in the Grand List. Currently, there are 1,109 residential homes, 28 mobile homes, 18 camps and 238 vacant land parcels.

The State of Vermont continues to add to the workload of the Board of Listers by sending weekly updates regarding homestead filings. Please remember to fill your's out and return to the tax department by April 15 th to avoid a penalty.

We would like to thank Jim Faszholz and Marilyn Kinney for their many years of dedicated service to the townspeople of Dorset while serving on the Board of Listers.

Office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 - 2:00 or by appointment. The phone remains - 362-0162.

Respectfully submitted, Kris O'Leary, Melissa Zecher, Pauline De Laszlo

TOWN OF DORSET VITAL RECORDS 2004

BIRTHS:

3/26/04	Gabriel Thomas Luce -	Inge Marie Luce(Smith) Mark Jason Luce
3/26/04	Jason Andrew Luce -	Inge Marie Luce (Smith) Mark Jason Luce
5/3/04	Jesse James Ferrante-	Lauren N. Ferrante (Levine) Joseph N. Ferrante
8/19/93	Alisha Pui See Tam-	April Marie Tam Danny Kalok Tam
10/22/04	Colby John Butler-	Michelle L. Butler Johnathan L. Butler Sr.,
10/23/04	Kava Phoenix Langstaff French Kraft -	Robin Langstaff-French Jeremy Kraft
10/29/04	Carlton Patrick Roe-	Christina Von Riesenfelder Kevin Michael Roe
11/29/04	Oscar Jackson Waller-	Marley C. Petrilli Matthew J. Waller

MARRIAGES:

12/20/03	Ferris Kindle O'Connell & Joann Hill Prout
02/04/04	Thomas John Knichle & Tammy Lynn McKearney
03/04/04	Sean Scollan & Patricia Eilish Glazer
0322/04	Nathaniel Leigh Freeman Butler & Brooke Kimberly Dell Scott
05/30/04	Andrew Michael Pels & Sally Anne Gibney
06/05/04	Raymond Anthony Nasta & Deborah S. Michota
06/26/04	John Andrew Martin & Pamela Margaret Finnerty
7/10/04	Trevor Havelka & Nicole Jean Beebe
08/14/04	Derek Ketchum Murrow & Alison Kelly Macalady
08/28/04	Taylor Douglas Barton & Courtney Lee Laplante
09/04/04	George Michael Ennis & Shannan Heather Ahern
09/04/04	Jason Joseh Shattie & Clara Babington Bortz
09/12/04	Nick Andrew Schu & Tammy Lynn Coulter
09/18/04	Robert William Sullivan & Dorothea Mildred Geotis
09/25/04	Shawn Michael Grisler & Melissa Claire Michelsen
9/25/04	Timothy Harry Sheldon II & Fawn Elizabeth Stannard
10/02/04	Geoffrey Carr & Judith D. Walsh
12/04/04	Richard A.Edwards & Linda Joyce Bennett
12/18/04	Joshua Thomas Smith & Jill Adell Merrow

DEATH RECORDS:

12/29/03	Ruth G. Schroder	87
01/13/04	William D. Boardman	91
01/24/04	Anita Ellen Starr Gilbert	72
02/05/04	George Harry Connors Sr.,	81
03/02/04	Betty Jean Jones	
04/20/04	Howard Towsley	83
0517/04	Laura M. Nichols	
0701/04	Dorothy Evelyn Hamilton	
08/07/04	Dorothy Helen Kopituk	78
08/30/04	Lewis John Fuiks Jr.,	85
09/23/04	Nadine Frances Kelly	
10/06/04	Ada B. Reynolds	80
10/20/04	Bert DeCamp	92
10/24/04	Clifford E. Danforth	68
10/27/04	George Martin Wallace	76

TOWN OF DORSET BOARD OF ABATEMENT MEETING DECEMBER 7, 2004

CHAIRMAN PRESIDING: A.D. READ

MEMBERS PRESENT: RALPH COLIN, DAVID BUMGARDNER, MARY BARROSSE-SCHWARTZ, HAROLD BEEBE-DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR, MARGE FREED, SANDY PINSONAULT, CHRIS BROOKS, PAT MEREDITH, SANDY A.D. READ, DENISE VEILLETTE, KRIS O'LEARY AND MELISSA ZECHER FROM THE BOARD OF LISTERS. SECRETARY OF MEETING: LAURIE DOBSON
THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:45 A.M.

ORDER OF AGENDA

1. Oath was administered by Sandy A. D. Read to Board of Tax Abatement members present. Harold Beebe, Delinquent Tax Collector, introduced taxes to be considered for abatement. The list of the criteria for abatement were submitted to members via Laurie Dobson from Denise Veillette, Town Clerk.

Taxes Considered for Abatement:

- **Mary Beland: O-02 \$52.70**
M-03 \$52.69

Motion was made by Sandra Pinsonault to abate this as a lister's error, seconded. The question was called, voted and carried. Total abated is \$105.39.

- **Dorset Fire District: O-03 \$264.68**
M-04 \$264.68
- **School tax O-04 \$103.33**
O-04 \$382.32

Motion was made by Marge Freed to abate due to inability to pay, seconded by David Bumgardner. Chris Brooks made clarification of the motion that it was as long as it was not income producing. The question was called, voted and carried. Total abated: \$1,014.90. Letter to Dorset Fire Department about new policy, (see included).

- **Dorset Nursing Association \$1,183.52**

Motion was made by Denise Veillette to deny the abatement, and refer to Harold Beebe to review the DNA taxes with the lawyers involved with the closing of the property, seconded by Mary Barrosse-Schwartz. The question was called, voted, and carried to deny the abatement of taxes.

- **Edwin Lefevre O-03 \$164.32**
M-04 \$164.32
O-04 \$64.15

Marge Freed made the motion to abate since the property was destroyed and lost, and this was an error by the former Town manager for abatement of taxes, seconded by Mary Barrosse-Schwartz. Total amount abated was \$392.79.

- **Dennis Stewart O-03 \$56.16**
O-04 \$21.92

Motion was made by Marge Freed to deny the appeal for abatement since this is taxable property, motion was seconded. The question was called, voted and carried. Abatement was denied.

- **United States of America O-03 \$159.64**
M-04 \$159.64

Motion was made by Sandy A. D. Read to abate noted as a lister's error,, and was seconded. The question was called, voted and carried.

Total amount abated : \$1,832.36
Total amount denial: \$1,261.60

With no other business to come before this meeting, Harold Beebe* made a motion to adjourn, seconded Marge Freed. Adjourned at 11:04 A.M.

Note: The next meeting of the Board of Civil Authority was called for promptly at 9:30 A.M. on February 25, 2005. This time has changed, by direction of the Chairman Sandy A. D. Read: The next meeting will be held on January 20th, 2005 at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Dobson, Secretary

DORSET ANIMAL CONTROL AND HEALTH OFFICER

This annual report covers the period from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004.

ANIMAL CONTROL

TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL COMPLAINTS	73
TRAINING HOURS	38
CITATIONS WRITTEN	10

Unfortunately the biggest violation in the Town is UNLICENSED DOGS. Some people think that the Town is the one that want dogs to be licensed. Unfortunately it is the State of Vermont that requires all dogs to be up to date on their immunizations, and to be licensed. Even if your dog never leaves your yard, it still is required to be licensed in the Town that you reside * .

One of the biggest problems that the Town has is what to do with the animals that are allowed to run at large in the Town. The Town of Dorset like other Towns in the area has no place to house the animals at are out there allowed to run freely. Dorset needs a facility that will allow 24 hour, 7 day a week access to house any stray animals. This would also give the Town a secure place to house animals that need to be quarantined.

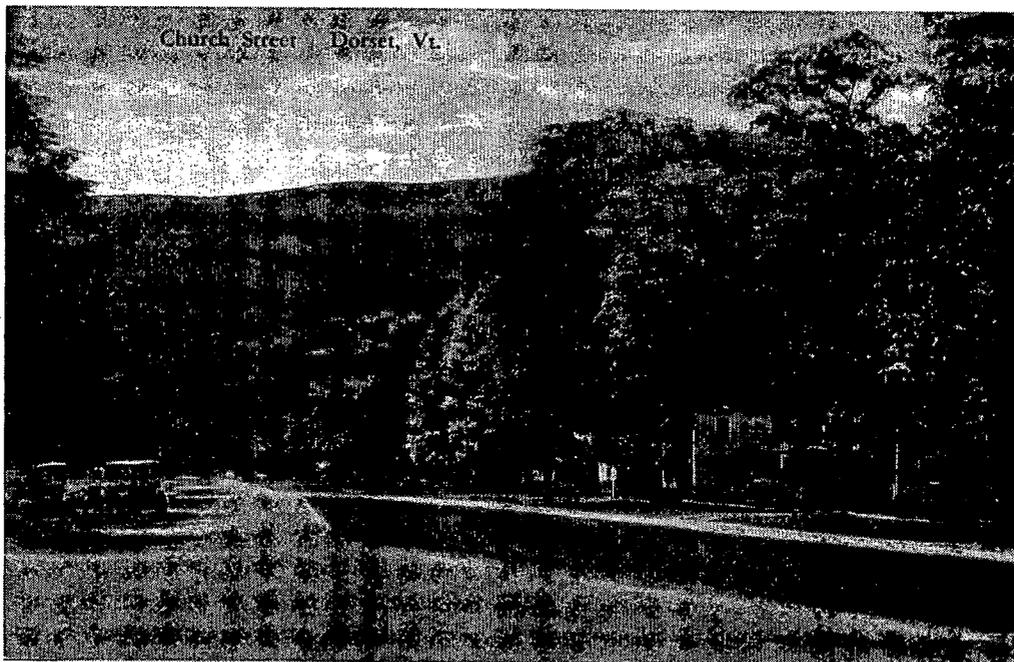
HEALTH OFFICER

Total complaints

11

It is now a Vermont State Law, that you can not use a burning barrel in any way. The Town will be enforcing this law by writing citations and issuing fines.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Harriman, Animal Control Officer, Health Officer



Early automobiles on an unpaved Church Street.

DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1

This year the members have been very busy training. We took two trucks out of service and purchased a HME Salisbury pumper and rescue 4WD. The property next to the fire station was donated to us by the owner, Edwin LeFevre, III.

The Fire Department is always in need of additional firefighters. The department responses for 2004 were:

Auto Accidents	4	Control Burns	3
Alarm calls	4	C. O. Alarms	1
Water Emergency	1	E.M.S. Assist.	1
Auto Fire	1	Tree On Wires	1
Smell of Propane	1	Woods Rescues	2
Chimney Fire	1	Stand-by Station for 911 Down	1

Mutual aids call to Dorset - 37; to Danby - 10; to Mancheseter - 5.
Total calls for 2004 - 74.

Respectfully Submitted, Howard E. Towsley, Jr., Fire Chief

EAST DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1

During the past year, Dorset Fire District #1 oversaw the upgrading of the fire company's Cascade System which refills the air tanks for the Air Packs used by our fireman to combat fires. Our department also refills air tanks for other departments under our mutual aid mission. In addition the department obtained a Rite Pack which can be used to aid fallen firemen or civilians at a fire scene. This was possible by a grant awarded to Dorset Fire District #1 in 2003, by the Department of Homeland Security.

In addition at our Annual Public Meeting in May, 2004, the voters of Dorset Fire District approved the sale of a 1988 Fire Truck and replaced it with a new 2005 Fire Truck which was delivered December 2004.

On July 9, 2004, workers excavating on a landowner's property inadvertently dug up and punctured an 8 inch water main delivering water to Dorset Village. Because of the instant reaction of the Dorr Company the damaged water line was replaced within four hours. Subsequent water testing showed no contamination to the village water supply.

An informational meeting of the voters of Dorset Fire District was held at the fire house in September 2004, to discuss an edict by the state to remove all substandard fire hydrants or upgrade them. Approximately 40 voters attended and the consensus was to present an alternative plan to the State to keep some of the fire hydrants so that water could be injected into the system, if a break in the water main occurs as happened on July 9th. We would also want to keep the hydrants at the ends of the water mains to periodically rid the system of sediment.

Dorset Fire District #1 responded to 64 calls during 2004.

Brush/Grass Fires	1	Furnace Malfunctions	2
Accidents	2	Lightning Strike	1
Car Fire	1	Mutual Aid Calls	22
Chimney Fires	1	Odor Investigations	3
CO Alarm	4	Rescue Assist	11
Controlled Burns	4	Tree Falls on Wires	1
Fire Alarm Activations	19	Water Main Breaks	2

Jim McGuinness, Chairman

**EAST DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

At the annual meeting of the Fire District held May, 2003 in East Dorset, Tom Lenz assumed the role of Chairperson, and John Larue joined the committee which also includes Dale Coppin and Tim Burke.

Dean Wilbur is our water system operator and through his diligence was able to reexamine the project of replacing the pipes on Pleasant St. Ext. and will have a final plan for improving the quality of the water on this portion of the system. David and Teresa Brooks provide the essential maintenance of records and meter surveying.

The committee has started to repair and/or replace meters in some 11 households that were either defective or not functioning at all. We are 80% complete on this project. Our goals for this year are to bring our accounts up to as full compliance as possible. We will work with the Fire Chief, Howard Towsley and the rest of the volunteers to keep our systems running efficiently as possible.

Respectfully Submitted, Tom Lenz
Prudential Committee Chairperson

PROJECT AGAINST VIOLENT ENCOUNTERS – PAVE

In 2004 PAVE continued to offer comprehensive services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Those services include 24-hour emergency hotline, court and social service advocacy, support groups, transitional housing, emergency financial assistance, information and referrals, community education, healthy relationship curriculum for schools and access to several different types of emergency, safe housing. Services are free and confidential.

The past year has been one of growth for PAVE. 348 adults and 301 children received advocacy and referral services. Our educational programs reached 648 young people and 150 adults.

Our supervised visitation program, Family Time, saw the most dramatic change - we now have the Family Time Center - a family friendly space where children have safe access to their non-residential parent. Once again the size of this program doubled in the past year.

We continue to offer violence prevention programming to young people throughout Bennington County. Our educational curriculum includes five programs tailored to meet the needs of each school and age appropriate for students from age 3 to 18. In addition, we have begun to offer parents parallel programs so that they can understand first hand the material being presented to their children.

Thank you for your commitment to PAVE.

Respectfully submitted,
JOAN M. SAKALAS, Executive Director

MANCHESTER RESCUE SQUAD

For fiscal year 2004, MRS responded to 996 requests from our member communities, transporting patients to Southwest Vermont Medical Center in Bennington, Rutland Regional Medical Center, Springfield Hospital, and Northshire Medical Center in Manchester. Dorset residents requested transport 131 times.

The rescue squad staff is comprised of 15 volunteers, 11 paid employees and 4 lifetime members.

MRS operated three advanced life support ambulances equipped with 12 lead electrocardiogram technology, advanced cardiac life support and pediatric advanced life support. Additionally, MRS offers educational programs to the communities through CPR certification courses, Emergency Medical Technician training programs, and First Responder courses. MRS has also deployed automated external defibrillators within the coverage area to assure quick responses in the event of a cardiac arrest.

Manchester Rescue Squad is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, and is supported through annual town contributions, charitable donations, and insurance reimbursement from patients transported (when available).

To become a member of MRS, or to schedule a presentation to a school or civic organization, please contact us at (802) 362-1995.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Luce
President, Manchester Rescue Squad

BENNINGTON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The mission of the Bennington County Conservation District is to promote rural livelihoods and protect natural resources in southwestern Vermont. This year we focused on rivers, plant communities, environmental education, and publicizing and promoting our agricultural past and present. Projects included a Batten restoration project in Manchester; conclusion of a Walloomsac watershed stream stability assessment in Bennington; participating in planning and finding funding for a White Creek subwatershed assessment in the towns of Rupert and Sandgate, VT and Salem, NY; helping initiate a Roaring Branch river corridor protection project with the US Army Corps of Engineers in Bennington; a summer-long weekly series on invasive plants in the Bennington Banner; sponsoring an Envirothon team from Burr & Burton Academy in Manchester; continuing the Mettawee Community School water monitoring project for fifth and sixth graders; working with a new dairy goat operation and an existing diversified farm to secure a business plan and improve marketing products; and hosting "Yarns from Farms and Forests," a series of four storytelling evenings held around the county.

BCCD is administered by a five-person board of supervisors from five county towns. It employs one permanent part-time staff person and works closely with and provides office space for the USDA-NRCS district conservationist. Except for an annual appropriation from the state (which in FY 2004 totaled \$8925), the district's budget depends entirely on proceeds from an annual tree sale, grants, donations, and support from county communities.

BENNINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION (BCRC)

The BCRC is composed of Commissioners appointed by the legislative body (2 per town, 1 per village, 1 from Glastenbury), and at-large by action of the Commission. Funding sources include a combination of federal, state, and local grants and assessments. The website is www.rpc.bennington.vt.us. The work program is divided into ten overall tasks, and some examples for each follow:

1. **Administration - Management:** Overall program management, personnel and consultants, financial statements and audit, local-regional-state issues, regular and special meetings.
2. **Municipal Technical Assistance:** Plan-zoning-subdivision bylaw assistance including preparation and advisories, BCRC review and approval of 15/17 plans (88%), municipal consultations, draft sign ordinance, scenic resource inventory, planning grant assistance, sewer project assistance, tax stabilization, cell phone coverage study, solid waste information requests.
3. **Regional Plan and Programs:** Regional Plan implementation, Solid Waste Implementation Plan (9 Towns) and household hazardous waste collection, composting and recycling, water quality - non-point source data, project reviews (Act 250, Outstanding Resource Waters, housing projects, land conservation projects, other project proposals, site plans), natural resource planning, state plans.
4. **Transportation:** Route 279/Exit 2 to Lincoln Square access management, benefit/cost study for the Bennington Airport, Molly Stark (Route 9) scenic byway and infrastructure grant-website-brochure, Malfunction Junction, public transit assistance + JARC, Monument Avenue, multi-pathway project, enhancement grants, traffic calming, bicycle routes, intersection reviews - safety audit, speed limits, bridge/culvert inventories.
5. **Economic Strategies:** Regional economic plan, telecommunication infrastructure, housing needs, project reviews and support, project priorities, data-information and brochure, commercial-industrial sites information.
6. **Geographic Information System and Mapping:** Town plans/zoning, resource mapping, culvert mapping, parcel mapping, byway mapping, conserved lands database, village designations, build-out maps, mapping for Route 9 kiosks, trail mapping, scenic inventory maps, pre-disaster mitigation maps, special public/private requests: Mount Anthony, Whipstock Hill, Equinox, Merck, forest land plans, Southern Vermont College, Batten Kill, cell tower site/location mapping.
7. **Emergency Management:** All Hazards Emergency Operations Plan, Hazard Mitigation Plan, emergency personnel updates, grants, training, Local Emergency Planning Committee support, damage reports, emergency exercises and preparedness assistance, Homeland Security.
8. **Technical Reviews, Education, Data:** Regulatory reviews, training, new Chapter 117 amendments and information, support for advisory committees, regular and special meetings, Outstanding Resource Waters petition, Green Mountain National Forest plan update, workshops and conferences, review/comment state rules/regulations, energy facilities, flood hazard areas.
9. **Grant Assistance and Administration:** Municipal planning grants, cell tower study, Oak Hill day school, Happy Days education and childcare, Northshire Day School, transportation grants.
10. **Special Projects:** EPA Brownfields program/grant, State surplus lands, Chapter 117 intensive training and information - bylaw reviews, 604B water quality inventories.

Robert M. Hartwell, Chairman
Rex Burke, Executive Director

DORSET NURSING ASSOCIATION

Dorset Nursing Association, a CHAP accredited, Medicare certified Home Health Agency provides part time or intermittent home health services to Dorset, Pawlet and Rupert. Since DNA is paid far less than the cost of the care we provide (on average) by various finances, Town funds and DNA's Annual fund drive are crucially important. They enable DNA to continue its mission to serve all in need of home health care in our communities.

In Fiscal Year 2004, Dorset Nursing Association provided 63 Dorset residents with a total of 3852 home visits: 595 Nurse, 2488 Nurse Aide, 454 Physical therapy, 25 Occupational Therapy, 169 Speech Therapy, 44 Medical Social work, 69 Homemaker Personal Care Attendant visits. As always, DNA's home care services are provided based on medical need, not ability to pay.

DNA also offers a variety of Community Wellness programs to local residents: Blood Pressure Screening, Caregiver Support group, Senior Exercise Classes, Flu Clinics, Foot Clinic, CPR and Automatic Defibrillator Training, Visions Day Camp and 'Run, Girl, Run' for middle school girls. These programs are also provided regardless of ability to pay. Please call for more information or to sign up for specific programs.

New in 2004:

1. DNA nurses use HomMed™ Telemonitors to check on patients in between regular visits. A simple to use, highly accurate telemonitor sends daily readings of each patient's blood pressure, pulse, oxygen and other vital signs via phone lines to DNA's office computer for our nurses to monitor and intervene early if readings are abnormal. We aim to identify and work with physicians to resolve unexpected medical problems in early stages, before a hospitalization becomes necessary. DNA has 25 HomMed monitors, purchased through a USDA Telemedicine Grant, to monitor our patients in the community.
2. DNA moved a new larger office at 909 RT 30 in South Dorset, the former Peter and Charlotte Brooks residence, having long ago outgrown our previous office space. The Brooks House capital campaign is in progress to pay off our mortgage and renovation costs.
3. DNA achieved accreditation by the Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP) a national home care accrediting organization, with commendation for our Community Wellness programs.

If you or someone you know needs home health care, please call DNA. Our new phone number is 362-1200.

Sincerely, Phyllis Tarbell RN, Executive Director

DORSET NURSING ASSOCIATION, INC.**Statements of Operations****For the years ended June 30, 2004 and 2002**

	2004	2003
Operating Revenue		
Net patient service revenue	\$ 504,503	\$ 569,809
Other operating revenue	75,343	24,633
Total Operating Revenue	579,846	594,442
Operating Expenses		
Salaries and benefits	678,003	647,010
Other operating expenses	200,601	178,179
Depreciation	36,612	13,625
Interest	7,236	-
Bad debt expense	22,570	-
Total Operating Expenses	945,022	838,814
OPERATING LOSS	(365,176)	(244,372)
Other Revenue and Gains		
Contributions	176,159	247,232
Net assets released from restrictions	8,136	1,984
Municipal appropriations	15,000	13,000
Investment income	32,704	30,397
Realized gain (loss) on investments	117,930	-
Total Other Revenue and Gains	349,929	292,613
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	(15,247)	48,241
Change in unrealized gains on investments	(5,920)	5,615
Net assets released from restrictions for		
Capital acquisitions	32,479	8,269
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN UNRESTRICTED		
NET ASSETS	\$ 281,924	\$ 62,125

INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE APPLICATIONS PROGRAM – I.S.W.A.P.

To comply with state requirements, the regional Solid Waste Implementation Plan has been rewritten and submitted to the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources for approval. The regional Solid Waste Implementation Plan includes the ISWAP member towns.

The household hazardous waste (HHW) collection program continues to be a priority. HHW collection protects the environment, as hazardous waste is collected and disposed of properly and safely. This year, two HHW collections were held at the Manchester Elementary School, with the help of local students.

The Bennington County Regional Commission and ISWAP member towns once again sponsored a nonprofit compost bin sale. This year, 38 Kitchen Compost Collector bins were sold.

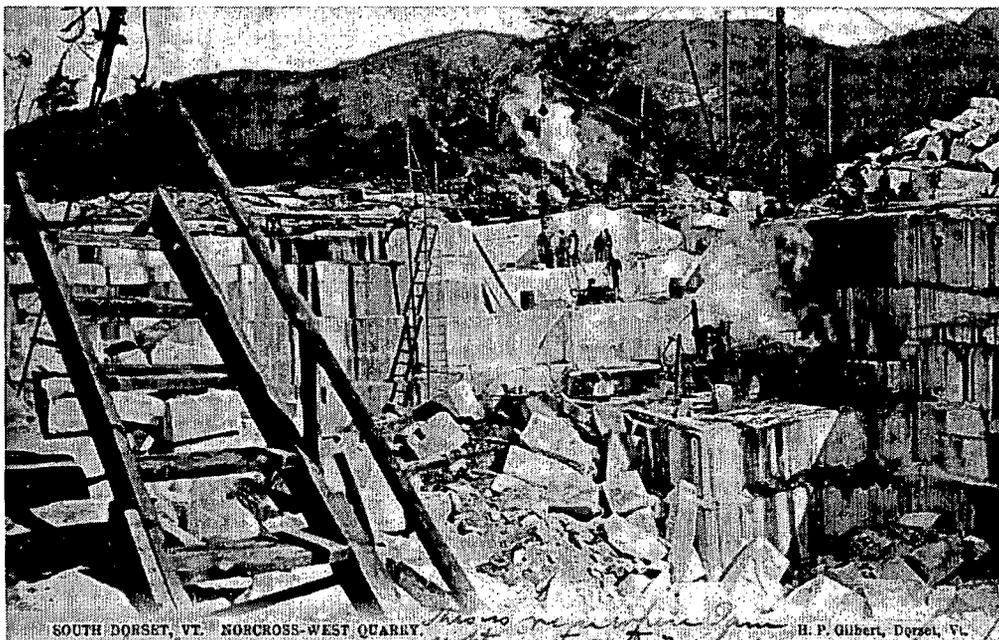
The Integrated Solid Waste Applications Program includes the Towns of Arlington, Dorset, Manchester, Rupert, and Sandgate.

RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM OF BENNINGTON COUNTY - RSVP

There are currently 20 Dorset area residents actively serving as RSVP volunteers in nonprofit agencies and public institutions throughout Bennington County.

Dorset received a total of 1,435 hours of service from RSVP volunteers. Using a modest figure of \$10.00 per hour, this service represents a total value of \$14,350 returned to the Dorset community.

RSVP volunteers also serve in a variety of other ways that benefit citizens in communities throughout the county. Examples, which represent the remaining hours, include: friendly visiting with residents in nursing homes; serving as "Gray Ladies," staffing blood mobiles; coordinating volunteer recognition events, serving in an advisory capacity to the RSVP director and directors of other nonprofit organizations, participating in fund raising events; and delivering meals on wheels, knitting or crocheting lap robes for nursing home residents or hats and mittens for children in area daycare centers, and assembling mailings for agencies with a critical to get their service message out to the community.



SOUTH DORSET, VT. NORCROSS-WEST QUARRY.

H. P. Gilbert, Dorset, Vt.

RSVP INCOME STATEMENT 2004*

INCOME	ITEM	ACTUAL
	Federal Grant	\$ 65,525
	State Fund	18,314
	Town Funds	17,850
	United Way	5,688
	Donations	2,500
	Other Fundraising	1,000
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 110,877
EXPENSES		
	Salaries	\$ 78,975
	Payroll Taxes	7,500
	Fringe Benefits	3,500
	Meals/lodging	1,000
	Training	300
	Travel	1,000
	Equipment	250
	Supplies	1,000
	Bookkeeping	1,600
	Communication	1,000
	Computer Consult	500
	Postage	750
	Printing	1,200
	Rent/utilities	3,600
	Insurance	350
	Subscriptions	100
	Membership	180
	Miscellaneous	
TOTAL SUPPORT EXPENSES		\$ 102,805
VOLUNTEER EXPENSES		
	Meals (actual and in-kind)	\$ 50
	Insurance	1,700
	Travel	1,500
	Awards/Recognition	4,500
TOTAL VOLUNTEER EXPENSES		\$ 7,750
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 110,555

*Unaudited

VERMONT COALITION OF MUNICIPALITIES

The organized effort by the Vermont Coalition of Municipalities is underway to substantially reform Act 60 and now with Act 68 continues.

Act 68, which is now in effect, did not correct the fundamental flaws in the statewide property tax, which are:

- Over-dependence on the property tax to fund education;
- Reliance on a flawed property valuation and equalization system;
- Rapidly rising property values, which under the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) system, increase tax rates;
- A system based on tax rate instead of tax burden; and
- Tax policy inhibiting economic development and job creation.

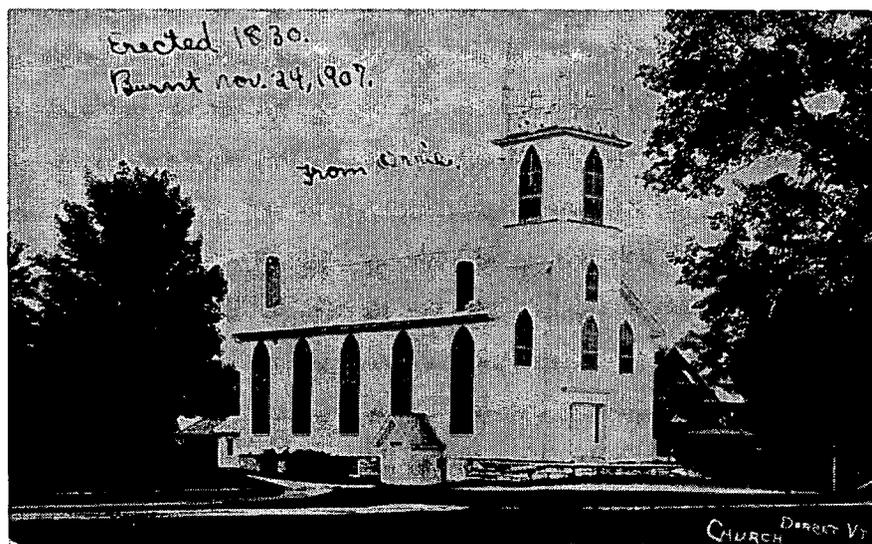
Some of your towns have now received a temporary statewide property tax reduction under Act 68 because over \$100 million dollars was added to the education fund. These dollars came from an increase in the sales tax, increased tax revenues from the private fund-raising towns and from grand list growth.

Lower rates will be temporary and rates will increase rapidly in the next few years due to the flawed valuation system, rapidly rising property values, declining enrollments and rising school expenditures.

The Vermont Coalition of Municipalities will remain an organized force in 2005 to keep the pressure on the Legislature and the Administration to lower significantly the statewide property tax and to reform the property valuation system.

The Coalition will urge the legislature and the administration to consider the following:

- Oppose any further raids on the billion-dollar education fund and to explore legal ways to prevent these raids.
- Promote measures that provide effective education cost containment.
- Correct inequities in the State system of equalizing the education grand list.
- Put caps on the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) to prevent rapid tax increases.
- Study in-depth alternatives to the fair market appraisal system such as the cost approach or acquisition-based systems.
- Reduce the reliance on the statewide property tax to fund education from the current 65% to 50%.



The Dorset Church when it was a wooden structure.

VLCT 2004 ACTIVITIES REPORT

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns' mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. Vermonters use more local government services and interact more with their local government officials on a daily basis than with any other level of government. These governmental services 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 all but a very few municipalities, the property tax is the sole option a municipality has for raising revenue to fund its municipal and school responsibilities.

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

Training, municipal assistance and publications to strengthen the ability of municipal officials to serve their communities. In the past year, we have responded to more than 3,000 telephone and e-mail inquiries. Our Municipal Assistance Center and Group Services staffs provided over 750 workshops and small group training sessions attended by municipal officials. VLCT distributed more than 575 copies of local government publications and distributed more than 3,200 hard copies or electronic mail versions of VLCT's Weekly Legislative Report to municipal officials each week during the legislative session.

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, in land use discussions and in securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs.

Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost. 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 is realized daily as members take advantage of loss prevention training and assistance as well as reasonable insurance rates.

All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 140 other municipal entities including villages and fire districts. Membership dues are \$32 per capita plus a \$500 service fee per year. These funds support much of the work of the VLCT Municipal Assistance Center. VLCT maintains its offices in Montpelier and employs 42 staff members. It has an annual operating budget of approximately \$3.2 million.

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

BENNINGTON COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

The Bennington Coalition for the Homeless gratefully acknowledges the town's appropriation in support of the 6 Bank Street Shelter for Families in Transition.

The 6 Bank Street Shelter is the only shelter in Bennington County and provides transitional shelter for families that are homeless. A family's average stay is 3 months and during that time they participate in programs designed to move them toward self-sufficiency. Last year we served 22 families consisting of 70 individuals (33 adults, 37 kids). Families participated in parent education groups, budget counseling, work search and/or education programs, and cooking and nutrition education classes. The children also participated in a program introducing them to arts and entertainment, building self esteem, skill building and establishing healthy relationships. We continue to visit them through an aftercare program which is helped 100% of those families maintain their housing.

The Bennington Coalition for the Homeless has also purchased a 4 unit apartment building that is used for long-term transitional housing for families completing the program at 6 Bank Street who cannot find affordable housing and still need continued support. One unit is designated for Youth Housing, serving up to 4 youths. The Youth Housing is a collaboration between BCH, Dept. of Children & Families, BROCC, & UCS Transitional Living Program. In addition, we continue to research possibilities for sheltering homeless individuals.

Respectfully submitted, Kendy Skidmore, Executive Director

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Vermont Department of Health works to protect, improve and promote the health of Vermonters. The following are some of the Department's services that are available to residents of Dorset.

Bioterrorism – Emergency Preparedness: The Vermont Department of Health is actively working with local, state and federal agencies to assure a rapid and effective response to bioterrorism and other public health threats or emergencies. Local Health Offices may be involved with; early identification of disease entities; investigating disease sources; providing accurate and timely information to the public and health professionals; collaborating with other agencies during biological, environmental or weather events; assuring availability of personnel training; planning regional responses with hospitals and LEPCs and; planning of and participation in joint exercises. In an actual event, if needed, Local Health Offices could operate vaccination clinics or clinics to distribute medications to prevent infections. To achieve this, efforts are being made both centrally and locally to identify volunteers who could assist with these special clinics. Marlene Downey is the contact person in the Bennington District office.

Food & Lodging Inspections: National surveys show that more people are eating out more often. Public health sanitarians inspect eating establishments (restaurants, schools, fairs) to decrease the risk of food borne disease outbreaks. The five greatest risks for food borne outbreaks are: keeping food too long at improper temperatures, inadequate cooking, contaminated equipment, food from an unsafe source, and poor personal hygiene among food handlers. Inspections include review of a 44-item check list 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 18 establishments in Dorset, 11 inspections were completed by a sanitarian during 2003. For the most recent inspection scores and results in your area, please go to www.healthyvermonters.info and select "Program List" then scroll down to "Division of Health Protection" and select "Restaurant Inspection Scores."

Reportable Disease Case Investigations: Infectious diseases continue to be a major source of illness, disability and death in the U.S. and Vermont, accounting for 25% of all doctor visits each year. The Health Department investigates all cases of disease such as meningitis, hepatitis, pertussis (whooping cough), and infectious diarrhea to determine their source, to recommend control measures (including current treatment standards) and to prevent further spread of the disease. In 2003, the department investigated 101 cases of disease in Bennington County.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Education Program for Women, Infants and Children ("WIC"): One of the most effective ways to improve the health of the overall population is to improve nutrition and physical activity. WIC improves the health of pregnant and postpartum women, infants and young children by assuring access to health care, teaching families about good nutritional practices, and providing an individually designed package of nutritious food to eligible individuals. During 2003, 26 women, infants and children living in Dorset received foods as well as health screening and individualized nutrition education through this program. The average value of foods provided is \$40.00 per person per month.

Town Health Officer Program: Every town in Vermont has a town health officer who is nominated by the select board and appointed by the commissioner of health. Town health officers work on a variety of environmental and health issues, and respond to calls on public health concerns as varied as animal bites, West Nile virus, rental code complaints, and septic systems. The Health Department supports health officers with training, information and technical assistance.

Vaccine-Preventable Diseases: Vaccine-preventable disease rates are at their lowest level ever. In 2003, there were Vermont reports of only one case of tetanus, 71 cases of pertussis and no reports of measles, rubella or polio. Disease levels, while they are one of the chief outcomes of interest, are a late indicator of the soundness of the immunization system. Immunization levels are a better indicator than vaccine-preventable disease rates to determine if there is a problem with immunization delivery. Immunization levels for Vermont children, while high, still fall short of the 90% coverage goal. During 2003, the Health Department distributed childhood vaccines to healthcare providers in Bennington District valued at \$ 204,109.78.

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 Department of Health and the Vermont Agency of Agriculture conduct surveillance for WNV each year from June until cold weather limits mosquito activity in the fall. As of September 20, 2004, 19,639 mosquitoes had been collected, of which 16,841 were tested. One mosquito pool tested positive for WNV. As of that date, no horses had been reported to the Vermont Department of Health as having tested positive for WNV. In Bennington County from June-September 20, 2004, 43 dead birds were reported, 12 were tested, and 0 were found to be infected with WNV. There has been no probable human case of WNV reported during this same time period.

Recent challenges addressed by the Health Department include public health emergency preparedness, development of additional substance abuse treatment opportunities, and the reorganization of the Agency of Human Services, which shifted Vermont's mental health efforts to the Department of Health. This past year, the Department also increased its services to women age 40 and older to help them access screening for conditions like diabetes and cardiovascular disease in addition to screening for breast and cervical cancer.

If you would like more information about these and other Health Department activities or if you have a public health concern, please call the Bennington District Office at 447-3531 - - -. For information about public health, Department initiatives, publications, and news releases go to the Department's website at www.HealthyVermonters.info

SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

The Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging provided the following services in the Town of Dorset during the past year:

Senior Meals:

Through contract, the Council, helped supply 1,081 meals that were prepared and delivered to the homes of 6 older persons in your community. This service is often referred to as "Meals on Wheels". We also provided "Blizzard Bags" containing "shelf-stable" meals to Meals on Wheels participants and other isolated elders, for use in a weather related or other emergency situation. In addition, 44 Dorset elders participated at one or more of the luncheon sites available in our region, enjoying 462 meals.

Case Management Assistance:

22 elders in your community received help from SVCOA Case Management staff. Case Managers provided help with applications and problem solving around programs such as Fuel Assistance, SSI, Medicaid, Food Stamps, etc. Case Managers also helped frail elders facing long term care placement, helping those who wanted to remain independent connect with available in home assistance, including Medicaid Waiver support for those who were eligible.

Other: Call 1-800-642-5119

DORSET PARENT VOLUNTEERS (DPV)

The Dorset School is at the heart of our community and is a reflection of our town. The Dorset Parent Volunteers are school and community members that help fund activities and programs not covered by the School Budget and volunteer their time for countless school events. Throughout the school year, the DPV carries out numerous successful fundraisers and assists with social events to bring together students, parents, faculty and the community.

In 2004, the DPV raised \$8,669.75. This dollar figure does not include the gifts in-kind and hours generously donated by so many individuals and businesses. Fundraisers include the gift wrap sale, the ski sale, the Scholastic Book Fair, bake sales and the ever-popular turkey raffle. Additional income is received from Schoolpop.com. These resources are used to help fund class trips, graduation, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra Petting Zoo, special learning tools requested by the faculty and numerous school events, such as our wonderful community Thanksgiving Feast.

The Dorset Parent Volunteers would like to thank Dorset for their continuing generous support of The Dorset School. The DPV meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the School and we welcome your help.

NANCY ZARVIS - President
ERICA JOHNSON - Vice President
CHRIS BERKHOUT - Treasurer
DIANE HOLLINGSHEAD - Secretary

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF DORSET ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 1 & 2, 2004

In accordance with the legally warned notice, the annual meeting of the Town of Dorset was called to order by Moderator Kevin O'Toole at the Dorset Elementary School, Dorset, Vermont on Monday, March 1, 2004 at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the evening to transact any business not involving voting by Australian Ballot and on the 2nd day of March at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon to transact voting by Australian Ballot as required by law. The Moderator advised those present that Articles 2, 7, and 8 through 16 would be voted on Australian ballot on Tuesday March 2nd and that the polls would be open at 10:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. on that date.

Upon motion duly made and seconded and carried, the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town of Dorset on March 3 and 4, 2003 were approved. The Moderator then turned to the business of this year's Annual Meeting.

Article 1. To hear reports of Town Officers and take proper action on same. A Motion to accept the reports as written in the Annual Report was made by Cynthia Rosen-Malter and seconded by Sandy Pinsonault. The question was called, voted and carried.

Article 2. To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year. To be voted by Australian Ballot.

The results of the voting by Australian Ballot for the election of officers was as follows:

Moderator, 1 year term, Kevin M. O'Toole	423
Selectman 3 year term, Michael Oltedal	370
Selectman, 1 year term, Patricia Meredith	335
Selectman 1 year term, A.D. Read	327
Lister, 3 year term, Marilyn S. Kinney	402
Treasurer, 3 year term, Marilyn S. Kinney	401
First Constable 1 year term, John H. Coolidge	411
Second Constable 1 year term Theron D. Troumbley	412
Delinquent Tax Collector, Harold R. Beebe	415
Auditor, 3 year term, *	
Auditor, 2 year term, *	
Grand Juror, West Side, 1 year term, *	
Grand Juror, East Side, 1 year term, *	
Town Agent, 1 year term, *	

* No individual received at least twenty votes for any of these offices and therefore individuals must be appointed by the board of Selectmen to fill the same:

TOWN OF DORSET, VERMONT WARNING

Legal voters of the Town of Dorset, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Dorset Elementary School, Dorset, Vermont on Monday February 28, 2005 at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the evening to transact any business not involving voting by Australian Ballot, and on the 1st day of March at the hour of 7 o'clock in the forenoon to transact voting by Australian Ballot as required by law.

(ARTICLES 2, & 5 thru 15 will be voted by Australian Ballot on Tuesday March 1st. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on March 1st.)

Article 1. To hear reports of Town Officers and take proper action on same.

Article 2. To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year. To be voted by Australian Ballot. Officers to be elected as follows:

Moderator, Town _____	1 year term
Selectman _____	3 year term
Selectman _____ (3 year term - 2 years remaining)	2 year term
Selectman _____	1 year term
Selectman _____	1 year term
Selectman _____ (3 year term - 1 year remaining)	1 year term
Lister _____	3 year term
Lister _____ (3 year term - 2 years remaining)	2 year term
Auditor _____	3 year term
Auditor _____	2 year term
Auditor _____	1 year term
First Constable _____	1 year term
Second Constable _____	1 year term
Delinquent Tax Collector, Town/School _____	1 year term
Grand Juror, East Side _____	1 year term
Grand Juror, West Side _____	1 year term
Town Agent _____	1 year term
Clerk, Town/School _____	3 year term
Treasurer, Town/School _____	3 year term

Article 3. Will the voters authorize the Selectmen to borrow funds, in anticipation of taxes, necessary to pay current expenses?

Article 4. Will the voters authorize the collection of the Municipal Property taxes on or before October 11, 2005 with no discount and delinquent interest at the maximum rate allowed by law. Payments by mail postmarked on or before the due date are deemed paid on time. Municipal taxes become delinquent following the due date and will be subject to the 8% fee assessed by the Delinquent Tax Collector?

Article 5. Will the voters authorize the collection of all School Property taxes in two (2) installments; on or before October 11, 2005 & March 14, 2006 with no discount and delinquent interest at the maximum rate allowed by law. Payments by mail postmarked on or before the due date are deemed paid on time. School taxes become delinquent following the due date for the second payment and will be subject to the 8% fee assessed by the Delinquent Tax Collector? To be voted by Australian Ballot.

Article 6. Will the voters authorize the Selectmen to take advantage of any State or Federal monies available, including loan funds available from the Vermont Municipal Equipment Loan Fund to be utilized in purchasing equipment for the Highway Department? To be voted by Australian Ballot.

Article 7. Will the voters approve the recorded Selectmen's official budget as submitted with the Town report? To be voted by Australian Ballot.

Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the programs and services of BROOC (Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council) in FY 2005-2006? By petition. To be voted by Australian ballot.

Article 9. Will the voters appropriate \$1,500 to the Bennington County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for support of its activities? By petition. To be voted by Australian ballot.

Article 10. Shall the voters of the town of Dorset approve \$1,600 to support the work of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging with Dorset Elders? By petition. To be voted by Australian ballot.

Article 11. Will the voters appropriate \$750 for the support of the Bennington County Court Diversion Program? By petition. To be voted by Australian ballot.

Article 12. Will the voters appropriate \$1,000 to support the operations of the 6 Bank Street Shelter for Families in Transition, a project of the Bennington Coalition for the Homeless. By petition. To be voted by Australian ballot.

Article 13. Will the voters authorize the Selectmen to put \$20,000.00 into a fund to be started to build municipal salt and sand sheds? Yes or No. To be voted by Australian ballot.

Article 14. Will the voters approve that the marble sidewalks on the Dorset Village Green be restored for the public use, safety, and enjoyment; and that the Dorset Board of Selectmen should obtain estimates, allocate funds, and begin the project of restoring them to a safe and usable condition - (i.e., by raising their base height and pitching them for proper drainage), and allocate funds for their maintenance, including shoveling, sanding or salting as necessary? Yes or No. To be voted by Australian ballot.

Article 15. To transact any other business to properly come before this meeting.

William Mahlmann, Chair; A. D. (Sandy) Read; Michael Oltedal; Tim Burke; Pat Meredith
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF DORSET, VERMONT SIGNED ~ JANUARY 25, 2005

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TOWN OF DORSET 2004 BUDGET

	ACCT. #	04 BUDGET	04 SPENT	05 BUDGET
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES				
SELECTMEN:				
Salaries	5200-10.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	6,300.00
Expenses	5200-20.00	2,500.00	3,332.36	2,500.00
Legal	5200-21.00	3,000.00	2,872.30	3,000.00
VLCT Dues	5200-23.00	1,717.00	1,717.00	2,007.00
VT Coalition Dues	5200-25.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
TOTAL SELECTMEN		13,767.00	14,471.66	14,057.00

TOWN MANAGER:				
Salary	5300-10.00	56,000.00	43,507.44	42,000.00
Administrative Assistant	5300-10.01	22,320.00	29,656.09	26,750.00
Clerk Salary	5300-10.02	2,000.00	1,166.25	1,000.00
Office Expense	5300-20.00	3,000.00	2,812.99	3,000.00
Purchases & Equip.	5300-24.00	2,000.00	189.95	2,000.00
Training/Travel/Dues	5300-26.00	4,000.00	1,825.16	2,000.00
Tax Administration	5300-27.00	3,000.00	2,261.93	3,000.00
Town Manager Recruitment	5300-28.00	6,000.00	5,432.66	0.00
TOTAL TOWN MANAGER		98,320.00	86,852.47	79,750.00

TOWN CLERK:				
Salary	5310-10.00	0.00	10,256.48	10,000.00
Assistant's Salary	5310-10.01	14,000.00	7,234.39	8,000.00
Office Expense	5310-20.00	6,150.00	6,694.53	8,150.00
Training/ Dues	5310-26.02	700.00	295.00	1,000.00
TOTAL TOWN CLERK		20,850.00	24,480.40	27,150.00

MEETINGS & ELECTIONS:				
B.C.A. Salaries/ Elections	5320-10.00	3,000.00	3,215.61	2,500.00
Board of Abatement Salaries	5320-10.01	260.00	497.50	400.00
B.C.A. Salaries/ Tax Appeals	5320-10.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
BCA Mileage/ Expenses	5320-26.00	100.00	0.00	200.00
Town Meeting Expenses	5320-31.00	500.00	162.14	800.00
Ballot Printing	5320-36.00	800.00	598.00	800.00
Tabulator Expense	5320-38.00	4,000.00	3,201.56	1,000.00
BCA -Postage/Ballots	5320-39.00	950.00	563.29	200.00
TOTAL MEETINGS & ELECTIONS		9,610.00	8,238.10	5,900.00

TOWN/SCHOOL TREASURER:				
Salary	5335-10.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00
Postage	5335-39.00	200.00	210.85	200.00
TOTAL TOWN TREASURER		1,950.00	1,960.85	1,950.00

TOWN OF DORSET 2004 BUDGET (CONT'D)

ASSESSMENT DEPT.:

Listers Salaries	5340-10.00	30,000.00	26,246.25	30,000.00
Office Expense	5340-20.00	4,200.00	4,183.91	3,700.00
Legal	5340-21.00	500.00	1,612.50	500.00
Mileage	5340-26.00	300.00	219.60	300.00
Tax Mapping	5340-31.00	2,500.00	2,063.00	2,500.00
GIS Mapping	5340-31.01	500.00	600.00	0.00
Computer Services	5340-38.00	2,000.00	790.00	2,000.00
Training/Dues	5340-26.01	0.00	0.00	600.00
TOTAL ASSESSMENT DEPT.		40,000.00	35,715.26	39,600.00

**PLANNING COMMISSION
AND ZONING:**

Planning/Zoning Administrator	5350-10.00	14,835.00	14,835.00	0.00
Z.B.A. Clerk	5350-10.01	1,100.00	800.00	1,100.00
Planning Clerk	5350-10.02	1,500.00	1,300.00	1,500.00
Office Expense	5350-20.00	1,000.00	171.76	1,000.00
Legal	5350-21.00	2,000.00	814.34	2,000.00
Planning Consultant	5350-25.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Mileage	5350-26.00	1,000.00	227.14	100.00
GIS Mapping	5350-31.00	500.00	19.10	500.00
Postage	5350-39.00	700.00	582.32	700.00
Ads-Printing-Notices	5350-41.00	2,500.00	6,557.54	3,000.00
Regional Planning	5350-42.00	2,061.00	2,061.00	2,061.00
TOTAL PLANNING/ZONING		29,696.00	27,368.20	14,461.00

AUDITORS:

Salaries	5360-10.00	1,000.00	135.00	1,000.00
Expenses	5360-20.00	150.00	0.00	150.00
Outside Audit	5360-25.00	5,000.00	5,330.00	5,500.00
Extra Audit Expense	5360-25.01	1,200.00	720.00	1,000.00
Postage	5360-39.00	600.00	550.25	600.00
Town Report Printing	5360-42.00	5,000.00	4,114.00	5,000.00
TOTAL AUDITORS		12,950.00	10,849.25	13,250.00

TOWN OFFICE BUILDING:

General Office Expense	5370-20.00	3,500.00	4,230.29	4,000.00
Equipment	5370-24.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Heat	5370-43.00	1,600.00	1,406.02	2,000.00
Electric	5370-44.00	2,000.00	1,760.20	2,000.00
Phone	5370-45.00	2,000.00	1,967.27	2,000.00
Water	5370-46.00	350.00	148.00	350.00
Maintenance	5370-47.00	3,500.00	3,327.19	3,500.00
TOTAL TOWN OFFICE BUILD.		13,450.00	12,838.97	14,350.00

TOWN OF DORSET 2004 BUDGET (CONT'D)

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Constable Salaries	5380-10.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
Animal Control/Health Officer	5380-10.01	2,400.00	2,055.31	5,736.00
Constable Expense	5380-20.00	150.00	40.00	150.00
Sheriff Contract	5380-25.00	41,000.00	41,000.00	41,000.00
Dispatch Contract	5380-25.02	9,800.00	9,800.00	9,800.00
911 Service-Annual/Pager Service	5380-25.03	550.00	596.20	550.00
Constable Vehicle/Mileage	5380-26.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
Street Lighting	5280-44.00	12,000.00	11,086.91	12,000.00

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY 66,750.00 64,578.42 70,086.00

INSURANCE AND BONDS:

Property Insurance	5400-49.00	13,000.00	12,932.61	13,000.00
Former Town Manager Life Insurance	5400-49.01	900.00	882.00	900.00
Workman's Compensation	5400-49.05	16,000.00	12,639.40	18,327.00
Public Officials	5400-49.06	2,500.00	2,485.00	2,500.00
Health Ins.-Present Employees	5400-49.07	38,500.00	38,519.98	39,600.00
Health Ins.-Former Employees	5400-49.08	32,600.00	31,892.17	36,650.00
Dental Insurance	5400-49.09	3,400.00	2,489.54	2,050.00
Bonds(4)	5400-50.00	1,400.00	1,348.00	1,400.00

TOTAL INSURANCE/BONDS 108,300.00 103,188.70 114,427.00

GENERAL SERVICES:

Payroll Tax FICA	5410-12.00	30,000.00	24,303.75	30,000.00
VT Municipal Employees Retirement	5410-13.00	18,500.00	15,159.76	12,000.00
Recreation Area Contract	5410-25.00	48,000.00	48,000.00	50,000.00
Green Maintenance	5410-47.00	1,800.00	1,195.18	1,800.00
Landfill/Recycle	5410-51.00	10,000.00	10,641.44	13,000.00
Interest Expense	5410-52.00	2,500.00	2,123.80	2,050.00
County Tax	5410-53.00	40,000.00	39,937.98	49,000.00
Employee Christmas	5410.54.00	675.00	649.68	675.00
Contingency	5410-55.00	1,000.00	1,075.51	1,000.00
Joint Municipal Waste Survey	5410-56.00	2,000.00	679.34	2,000.00
Bank Service Charge	5410-57.00	700.00	717.06	700.00
Hazardous Waste Collection	5410-58.00	5,000.00	2,090.69	3,000.00

TOTAL GENERAL SERVICES 160,175.00 146,574.19 165,225.00

TOTAL ADM. EXPENSE 575,818.00 537,116.47 560,206.00

TOWN OF DORSET 2004 BUDGET (CONT'D)

BUDGETED APPR:

East Dorset Fire Department	5420-98.01	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Dorset Fire Department	5420-98.02	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Dorset Library	5420-98.03	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Memorial Day	5420-98.04	500.00	1,000.00	500.00
July 4Th Celebration	5420-98.05	500.00	500.00	500.00
Dorset Nursing Association	5420-98.08	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Manchester Rescue Squad	5420-98.09	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00

<u>TOTAL BUDGETED APPR.</u>		31,900.00	32,400.00	31,900.00
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TOWN ROADS

Road Crew Wages	6000-10.00	127,000.00	117,740.14	140,000.00
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<u>TOTAL ROAD CREW WAGES</u>		127,000.00	117,740.14	140,000.00
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<u>EQUIPMENT FUND:</u>	6001-24.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	90,000.00
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<u>TOTAL EQUIPMENT FUND</u>		80,000.00	80,000.00	90,000.00
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TOWN SHEDS:

Electricity	6002-44.00	2,500.00	2,388.97	2,500.00
Water	6002-46.00	350.00	74.00	150.00
Maintenance	6002-47.00	7,000.00	6,393.78	7,000.00

<u>TOTAL TOWN SHEDS</u>		9,850.00	8,856.75	9,650.00
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EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE:

Equipment, Repairs, Supplies, Parts, etc.	6003-00.00	29,000.00	36,843.86	30,900.00
Fuel- Gas/Diesel/Kerosene/Lubes	6003-60.00	20,000.00	23,110.24	23,000.00

<u>TOTAL EQUIPT. MAINTENANCE</u>		49,000.00	59,954.10	53,900.00
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TOWN OF DORSET 2004 BUDGET (CONT'D)

HIGHWAYS AND ROADS

MAINTENANCE:

Tree removal	6004-25.00	1,500.00	2,240.00	1,500.00
Training	6004-26.00	750.00	325.00	750.00
West Rd. & Cross Rd (resurface)	6004-61.19	140,000.00	127,291.90	0.00
Nichols Hill Rd. (resurfacel)	6004-61.20	45,000.00	38,683.83	22,054.00
Kent Hill Rd (resurface)	6004-61.21	0.00	0.00	21,842.00
Dorset/Lower Hollow Rd (resurface)	6004-61.22	0.00	0.00	101,178.00
Cold Patch	6004-61.04	500.00	169.50	300.00
Gravel Roads~Gen. Maintenance	6004-61.05	40,000.00	49,400.40	40,000.00
Mud Season/ Storm Emergency	6004-61.06	7,500.00	0.00	5,000.00
Salt	6004-62.00	25,000.00	21,817.10	25,000.00
Winter Sand	6004-62.01	25,000.00	26,582.84	25,000.00
Chloride	6004-62.02	10,000.00	5,006.40	10,000.00
Culverts	6004-63.00	5,000.00	335.79	5,000.00
Equipment Rental	6004-64.00	1,000.00	118.50	1,000.00
Road Signs and Guardrail	6004-65.00	2,000.00	361.41	1,000.00

TOTAL HIGHWAYS AND ROADS

MAINTENANCE

303,250.00 272,332.67 259,624.00

TOTAL TOWN ROADS

569,100.00 538,883.66 553,174.00

TOTAL BUDGET

1,176,818.00 1,108,400.13 1,145,280.00

2005-FINAL

EXPENDABLE FUND BALANCES

December 31, 2004

Unemployment - \$52,523	Landfill - \$20,691	Police - \$23,341
Recreational - \$805	Rabies - \$3,326	Equipment - -\$10,581
Reappraisal - \$7,342	Land Records Restoration - \$6,565	

TOWN OF DORSET 2004 BUDGET (CONT'D)

	ACCT #	BUDGET 04	RECEIVED TO DATE	BUDGET 05
INCOME:				
Lister's Income	4155-00.00	100.00	261.00	100.00
State Aid Highways	4165-00.00	80,000.00	91,536.32	90,000.00
Liquor licenses	4169-00.00	1,000.00	990.00	1,000.00
Dog Licenses	4170-00.00	1,000.00	660.00	1,000.00
Interest (Late Taxes)	4171-00.00	16,000.00	25,035.68	20,000.00
Unanticipated income	4172-00.00	1,000.00	1,308.97	1,000.00
Zoning Income	4173-00.00	12,000.00	19,799.65	12,000.00
State Owned Properties	4175-00.00	13,000.00	16,729.00	13,000.00
Fed-Owned Entitlement	4176-00.00	3,750.00	7,401.00	3,750.00
Dog Leash Ordinance (fines)	4179-00.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Interest Revenue	4185-00.00	5,000.00	5,390.10	5,000.00
Weight Permits	4190-00.00	200.00	390.00	200.00
Traffic Fines	4200-00.00	25,000.00	22,823.58	25,000.00
Current Use Penalty	4178-00.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
VT. Land Use Tax	4177-00.00	0.00	to reappraisal \$2160	0.00
Tax Collection Fee		0.00	12,055.11	8,697.00
TOTAL NON-PROPERTY TAX INCOME		158,150.00	204,380.41	180,847.00

		Dec. 31, 2002	Dec. 31, 2003	Dec. 31, 2004
Town Clerk Fees	4160-00.00	33,389.00	39,664.00	30,040.00
Delinquent Tax Collector Fees	4162-00.00	25,074.55	18,106.77	19,398.00
Interest Revenue for Trust Funds	4180-00.00	4,225.00	3,176.00	623.80
BCA Tax Abatements	5320-40.00	2,656.57	1,051.55	2,334.71

2005 Income Budget 12-30-05

MINUTES OF THE DORSET SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 1 & 2, 2004

In accordance with the legally warned notice, the annual meeting of the Dorset School District was called to order by Moderator Kevin O'Toole at the Dorset Elementary School, Dorset,

Vermont on Monday, March 1, 2004 at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the evening to transact any business not involving voting by Australian Ballot and on the 2nd day of March at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon to transact voting by Australian Ballot as required by law. The

Moderator advised those present that Articles 7 through 10 would be voted on . Australian ballot on Tuesday March 2, 2004 and that the polls would be open at 10:00 am and close at 7:00 pm on that date.

Kevin O'Toole, Moderator, called the meeting to order. Upon motion duly made and seconded and carried, the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town of Dorset on March 3 and 4, 2003 were approved. The Moderator then turned to the business of this years Annual Meeting.

Article 1. To discuss the reports of the Town School District Officers. Motion was made by Brian Kelly and seconded by Sandy Pinsonault. The question was called, voted and carried.

Article 2. To discuss whether the board shall in. the future years consider finding programs through regular budget that are currently funded through private fund raising. The motion was made by Paula Nassivera and seconded by Ruth Stewart.

Paula Nassivera spoke on behalf of the Spanish Program, which had been funded in the past by private fund raising, stated that the cost of the program was approximately \$40,000.00, which included insurance benefits for faculty. There being no further discussion, the question was called, voted and carried.

Article 3. Shall the voters authorize the Town School District to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess on anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

Motion was made by Terry Tyler and seconded by Brian Kelly. The question was called, voted and carried.

Article 4. Shall the voters approve payment in full of \$10,100, the announced tuition of Burr and Burton Academy, which is more than the state average union high school rate for the 2003-2004 school year, for those pupils who are residents of the Town of Dorset and attend Burr and Burton Academy? Motion, was made by Ralph Colin and seconded by Jim Gilbert, called, voted and carried.

Those present having no objection, the Moderator suspended the rules of the meeting to permit Manchester resident and BBA Assistant Headmaster Steve Houghton speak to this Article on behalf of Burr & Burton Academy. The question was called, voted and carried.

WARNING

DORSET TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Legal voters of the Town School District of Dorset, County of Bennington, State of Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at The Dorset School on Monday, February 28, 2005 at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the evening of said day to transact any business not involving voting by Australian Ballot, and on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the morning to transact any business involving voting by Australian Ballot. Polls will close at 7:00 o'clock in the evening on March 1st.

To be acted upon on Monday, February 28, 2005:

- Article 1: To discuss the reports of the Town School District officers.
- Article 2: To discuss whether the Board shall in future years consider funding programs through the regular budget that are currently funded through private fund raising.
- Article 3: Shall the voters authorize the Town School District to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006?
- Article 4: Shall the voters approve payment in full of \$10,450, the announced tuition of Burr and Burton Academy, which is more than the state average union high school rate for the 2005-2006 school year, for those pupils who are residents of the Town of Dorset and attend Burr and Burton Academy?
- Article 5: Shall the voters approve payment of \$10,450, which is more than the state average union high school rate for the 2005-2006 school year, for those pupils in grades 9-12 who are residents of the Town of Dorset and attend the Long Trail School?
- Article 6: Shall the electorate vote to exempt the district from the requirement to operate a breakfast program at The Dorset School?
- Article 7: Shall the electorate vote to encourage the Selectboard to collect the school taxes up to six weeks earlier in the fiscal year in order to minimize short-term debt interest payments?
- Article 8: To discuss the budget that will be voted upon by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 1, 2005.
- Article 9: To conduct any other business as needed.

To be voted by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 1, 2005:

- Article 10: To elect Town School District officers and directors for the ensuing year:
1. Moderator for 1 year
 2. School District Delinquent Tax Collector for 1 year
 3. School Directors:
 - a) 1 for 1-year
 - b) 1 for 2-years
 - c) 1 for 3-years
- Article 11: Shall the voters approve budget expenditures of \$3,798,108 for the support of the Dorset Town School District for the fiscal year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006?
- Article 12: Shall the voters approve the transfer of approximately \$8,991 to be received in FY '06 by the general fund from the State Department as transportation reimbursement, to the bus reserve fund?
- Article 13: Shall the voters approve the transfer of the June 30, 2004 surplus of \$10,381 to the Technology Reserve Fund?
- Article 14: Shall the voters approve the transfer of \$10,000 from the Equipment Fund to the Bus Fund?

Absentee voting will be permitted on all matters to be voted by Australian Ballot. For purposes of Australian Balloting, the polls will be open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. until 7:00 o'clock P.M.

Dated at Dorset, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, this 11th day of January 2005

DORSET BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Ken Palmer, Chair
Stephanie Breed, Clerk
Phil Anton
Elizabeth Berard
Chris Berkhout

DORSET SCHOOL DISTRICT FY'04 BUDGET

DORSET SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDIT

The Dorset Board of School Directors engaged the firm of Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, P.C. to conduct an audit of its FY'04 accounts. Copies of the audit report will be available upon completion for public inspection by calling the Dorset Town Clerk (362-1178) or the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union (362-2452).

Dorset School District

FY '06 Budget

	<u>FY '04 Budget</u>	<u>FY '04 Actual</u>	<u>FY '05 Budget</u>	<u>FY '05 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY '06 Budget</u>
EXPENDITURES- Part A					
10 Elementary Program	\$987,142	\$974,188	\$1,029,874	\$1,022,428	\$973,979
11 Early Retirement	17,834	17,842	2,972	2,972	0
12 Spanish Program	0	0	0	0	20,000
50 Health Services	36,888	35,082	38,714	37,254	39,335
60 Educational Media	11,100	9,177	11,100	11,100	11,100
64 General Admin-Board	23,664	20,904	24,005	26,586	28,516
68 Fiscal Services	42,798	42,564	44,075	53,278	57,934
70 School Administration	151,613	143,857	155,856	155,928	160,453
75 Care & Upkeep - Building	156,892	167,859	164,582	166,736	171,289
76 Care & Upkeep - Grounds	1,100	769	1,100	1,100	1,100
80 Vehicle Operation Services	78,374	69,955	95,807	74,235	79,944
81 Vehicle Servicing	19,920	21,795	21,520	21,520	21,520
90 School Milk Program	2,600	2,619	2,600	2,600	2,600
94 Short Term Debt	5,000	770	21,000	13,079	18,600
95 Long Term Debt	64,280	55,922	53,401	53,401	59,188
Subtotal	<u>\$1,599,205</u>	<u>\$1,563,303</u>	<u>\$1,666,607</u>	<u>\$1,642,217</u>	<u>\$1,645,558</u>
EXPENDITURES-Part B					
15 Secondary Program	\$1,127,200	\$1,228,149	\$1,341,525	\$1,373,460	\$1,369,963
20 Special Education - Elem.	413,680	360,907	336,188	352,598	369,194
21 Special Education - Sec.	305,524	295,463	293,971	300,722	310,912
30 Early Education	9,399	6,444	4,877	22,095	25,101
40 Vocational Education	3,104	3,278	9,000	9,193	7,085
67 General Admin - S.U.	63,967	63,609	72,082	72,002	70,295
Subtotal	<u>\$1,922,874</u>	<u>\$1,957,850</u>	<u>\$2,057,643</u>	<u>\$2,130,070</u>	<u>\$2,152,550</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$3,522,079</u>	<u>\$3,521,153</u>	<u>\$3,724,250</u>	<u>\$3,772,287</u>	<u>\$3,798,108</u>
REVENUE					
1000 Local	\$1,152,200	\$1,243,612	\$76,800	\$62,755	\$60,850
3000 State	2,280,214	2,288,405	3,651,472	3,678,016	3,740,997
4000 Federal	5,300	5,291	5,252	5,252	5,252
5000 Other	0	4,057	0	0	0
Total Revenue Receipts	<u>\$3,437,714</u>	<u>\$3,541,365</u>	<u>\$3,733,524</u>	<u>\$3,746,023</u>	<u>\$3,807,099</u>
Total Transfers	84,365	(9,831)	(9,274)	26,264	(8,991)
Total Revenue Budgeted	<u>\$3,522,079</u>	<u>\$3,531,534</u>	<u>\$3,724,250</u>	<u>\$3,772,287</u>	<u>\$3,798,108</u>

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FUND BALANCES:	Total Reserve Funds		Total											
	General	Reserve Funds	General	Equip.	Tech.	Building Grounds	Tuition	Bond Repav.	Total	Spanish	Hot Lunch			
Actual Balance June 30, 2003	\$24,923	\$220,046	\$244,969											
Actual Revenue FY '04	\$3,541,365	\$1,260	\$3,542,625											
Actual Expenditures FY '04	(3,521,153)	(18,322)	(3,539,475)											
Transfers Budgeted & Voted 3/04	(34,754)	34,754	0											
Actual Balance June 30, 2004	\$10,381	\$237,738	\$248,119											
Anticipated Revenue FY'05	\$3,746,023	\$1,260	\$3,747,283											
Anticipated Expenditures FY'05	(3,772,287)	(18,285)	(3,790,572)											
Anticipated Transfers FY'05	15,883	(15,883)	0											
Anticipated Balance June 30, 2005	\$0	\$204,830	\$204,830											
Budgeted Revenue FY'06	\$3,807,099	\$1,140	\$3,808,239											
Budgeted Expenditures FY'06	(3,798,108)	(18,285)	(3,816,393)											
Budgeted Transfers FY'06	(8,991)	8,991	0											
Budgeted Balance June 30, 2006	\$0	\$196,676	\$196,676											
Balance June 30, 2003	\$11,727	\$27,777	\$27,652	\$158	\$14	\$2,418	\$16,708	\$118,205	\$15,559	\$220,046	\$69,487	\$6,679		
Actual Revenue	\$67	\$159	\$158	(18,289)	\$159	\$14	\$96	\$677	\$89	\$1,260	\$7,896	\$38,259		
Actual Expenditures	(2)	(5)	(18,289)	9,831	(3)	(3)	(3)	0	(20)	(18,322)	(38,767)	(35,855)		
Actual Transfers			9,831					24,923		34,754				
Actual Balance June 30, 2004	\$11,792	\$27,931	\$19,352	\$158	\$14	\$2,429	\$16,801	\$143,805	\$15,628	\$223,738	\$38,616	\$9,083		
Anticipated Revenue FY '05	\$67	\$159	\$158	(18,285)	\$159	\$14	\$96	\$677	\$89	\$1,260	\$3,600	\$38,259		
Anticipated Expenditures FY '05	(2)	(5)	(18,285)	9,831	(3)	(3)	(3)	0	(20)	(18,322)	(38,767)	(35,855)		
To be Warned 3/05			10,000											
Anticipated Transfers FY'05			9,274					(35,538)		(26,264)				
Anticipated Balance June 30, 2004	\$11,859	\$18,090	\$20,499	\$158	\$14	\$12,824	\$16,897	\$108,944	\$15,717	\$204,830	\$3,216	\$9,083		
Budgeted Revenue FY'06	\$50	\$150	\$150	(18,285)	\$150	\$0	\$100	\$600	\$90	\$1,140	\$1,140	\$38,259		
Budgeted Expenditures FY'06	(8,991)	8,991	(18,285)	8,991					0	(18,285)	(18,285)	(35,855)		
Transfer to/From General Fund														
Budgeted Balance June 30, 2006	\$11,909	\$18,240	\$11,355	\$158	\$14	\$12,824	\$16,997	\$109,544	\$15,807	\$196,676	\$3,216	\$9,083		

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FY '06 Budget

			<u>FY '04</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY '04</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY '05</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY '05</u> <u>Anticipated</u>	<u>FY '06</u> <u>Budget</u>
10 ELEMENTARY PROGRAM							
1100	110	Salaries-Teachers	\$695,659	\$702,284	\$722,253	\$721,630	\$670,779
1100	115	Salaries-Teacher Assistants	19,139	7,903	17,529	6,040	8,738
1100	120	Substitutes	15,500	15,729	15,500	16,800	17,000
1100	210	Group Medical	138,569	139,735	149,190	149,753	151,927
1100	212	Disability	2,022	2,133	2,171	2,274	2,079
1100	220	Social Security	55,868	53,101	57,779	56,952	53,284
1100	240	Retirement	957	425	876	302	150
1100	250	Workers' Compensation	2,337	3,365	2,794	3,201	2,995
1100	260	Unemployment Taxes	268	362	1,945	1,789	4,381
1100	280	Group Dental	11,598	12,164	12,512	12,362	11,321
1100	491	Service Contract	8,500	8,245	8,500	8,500	8,500
1100	610	Teaching Supplies	8,000	8,517	8,000	8,000	8,000
1100	620	Workbooks	0	0	0	0	1,600
1100	640	Textbooks	7,600	7,091	7,600	7,600	6,000
1100	670	Software	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
1100	739	Equipment	2,600	53	2,600	2,600	2,600
1100	810	Dues & Membership	0	80	0	0	0
2100	320	Contracted Service - 504	0	3,358	0	4,000	4,000
2200	270	Tuition Reimbursement	10,000	4,891	10,000	10,000	10,000
2200	321	Contracted Prof. Services	400	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
2200	325	Professional Development	5,125	3,558	5,125	5,125	5,125
2200	580	Local /travel	0	142	100	100	100
2200	590	Conference Travel	1,000	1,052	1,400	1,400	1,400
		Total Elementary Program	<u>\$987,142</u>	<u>\$974,188</u>	<u>\$1,029,874</u>	<u>\$1,022,428</u>	<u>\$973,979</u>
11 EARLY RETIREMENT:							
1100	110	Early Retirement Salary	\$16,567	\$16,574	\$2,761	\$2,761	\$0
1100	220	Social Security	<u>1,267</u>	<u>1,268</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>0</u>
		Total Early Retirement	<u>\$17,834</u>	<u>\$17,842</u>	<u>\$2,972</u>	<u>\$2,972</u>	<u>\$0</u>
12 SPANISH PROGRAM							
1100	110	Salary					\$15,519
1100	210	Group Medical					0
1100	212	Disability					53
1100	220	Social Security					1,187
1100	250	Workers' Compensation					67
1100	260	Unemployment Taxes					110
1100	280	Group Dental					0
1100	610	Supplies, Etc.					<u>3,064</u>
							<u>\$20,000</u>

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FY '06 Budget

			<u>FY '04 Budget</u>	<u>FY '04 Actual</u>	<u>FY '05 Budget</u>	<u>FY '05 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY '06 Budget</u>
50 HEALTH SERVICES:							
2130	110	Salaries	\$23,383	\$23,383	\$24,273	\$24,273	\$25,001
2130	210	Group Medical	8,753	8,620	9,458	9,495	10,634
2130	212	Disability	72	66	79	80	85
2130	220	Social Security	1,789	1,562	1,857	1,857	1,913
2130	240	Retirement	0	0	0	0	0
2130	250	Workers' Compensation	75	87	90	104	108
2130	260	Unemployment Taxes	13	12	85	85	221
2130	280	Dental	803	812	872	860	873
2130	330	Contracted Services	1,500	0	1,500	0	0
2130	610	Supplies	<u>500</u>	<u>540</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Total Health Services			<u>\$36,888</u>	<u>\$35,082</u>	<u>\$38,714</u>	<u>\$37,254</u>	<u>\$39,335</u>
60 EDUCATIONAL MEDIA SERVICES:							
2220	340	Technical Services	\$3,000	\$2,222	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
2220	465	Equip. Repairs/Svc. Contr	0	109	0	0	0
2220	610	Library Supplies	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
2220	640	Periodicals & Books	3,000	2,966	3,000	3,000	3,000
2220	650	Audio/Visual Materials	1,000	454	1,000	1,000	1,000
2220	670	Software	1,100	445	1,100	1,100	1,100
2220	730	Technology/Computer	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,981</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Total Ed Media Services			<u>\$11,100</u>	<u>\$9,177</u>	<u>\$11,100</u>	<u>\$11,100</u>	<u>\$11,100</u>
65 GENERAL ADMIN - BOARD:							
2310	110	Salaries	\$6,300	\$6,300	\$6,300	\$6,300	\$6,300
2310	220	Social Security	482	482	482	482	482
2310	250	Workers' Comp	11	23	11	0	11
2310	260	Unemployment	60	4	60	0	60
2310	330	Contracted Service/Clerical	960	516	960	960	960
2310	360	Legal Services	1,000	197	1,000	1,000	1,000
2310	390	Other Services	650	275	850	850	850
2310	520	Comprehensive Insurance	9,501	8,538	9,742	12,394	14,253
2310	540	Advertising	3,000	3,145	3,000	3,000	3,000
2310	580	Travel	300	124	300	300	300
2310	810	Dues & Memberships	<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,300</u>	<u>1,300</u>	<u>1,300</u>	<u>1,300</u>
Total General Admin - Board			<u>\$23,664</u>	<u>\$20,904</u>	<u>\$24,005</u>	<u>\$26,586</u>	<u>\$28,516</u>
68 GEN. ADMIN. - FISCAL SERVICES							
2520	115	Business Manager	\$32,558	\$32,558	\$33,535	\$33,535	\$34,541
2520	210	Medical	0	0	0	9,186	12,346
2520	212	Disability	101	101	109	111	117
2520	220	FICA	2,491	2,335	2,565	2,565	2,642
2520	240	Retirement	1,628	1,628	1,677	1,677	1,727
2520	250	Workers' Comp	104	120	124	144	149
2520	260	Unemployment	13	16	85	85	221
2520	280	Dental	943	951	1,020	1,015	1,031
2520	330	Accounting Software Fee	960	960	960	960	960
2520	332	Conference Fees	200	95	200	200	200
2520	370	Audit	<u>3,800</u>	<u>3,800</u>	<u>3,800</u>	<u>3,800</u>	<u>4,000</u>
Total Fiscal Services			<u>\$42,798</u>	<u>\$42,564</u>	<u>\$44,075</u>	<u>\$53,278</u>	<u>\$57,934</u>

Dorset School District

FY '06 Budget

			<u>FY '04</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY '04</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY '05</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY '05</u> <u>Anticipated</u>	<u>FY '06</u> <u>Budget</u>
70 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:							
2410	110	Salaries	\$106,202	\$105,336	\$109,361	\$109,361	\$112,618
2410	210	Group Medical Insurance	12,488	12,488	12,860	12,860	13,362
2410	212	Disability	318	318	344	352	369
2410	220	Social Security	8,788	8,642	9,030	9,030	9,279
2410	230	Group Life Insurance	168	168	168	168	168
2410	240	Employee Retirement	1,787	1,741	1,841	1,841	1,897
2410	250	Workers' Compensation	368	422	437	508	522
2410	260	Unemployment Taxes	38	52	254	254	662
2410	270	Tuition Reimbursement	1,812	0	1,812	1,812	1,812
2410	280	Group Dental Insurance	1,340	1,351	1,449	1,442	1,464
2410	320	Testing Services	1,400	1,410	2,400	2,400	2,400
2410	325	Conferences	800	100	800	800	800
2410	330	Contracted Services	300	400	300	300	300
2410	530	Telephone	7,200	4,151	6,000	6,000	6,000
2410	530.01	Beeper/Cell Phone	350	258	350	350	350
2410	531	Postage	1,304	1,281	1,500	1,500	1,500
2410	580	Local Transportation	600	783	600	600	600
2410	590	Travel - Conferences	1,300	305	1,300	1,300	1,300
2410	610	Office Supplies	4,500	3,907	4,500	4,500	4,500
2410	810	Dues & Memberships	<u>550</u>	<u>744</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>550</u>
Total School Administration			<u>\$151,613</u>	<u>\$143,857</u>	<u>\$155,856</u>	<u>\$155,928</u>	<u>\$160,453</u>
75 CARE & UPKEEP - BUILDING:							
2620	110	Salaries	\$52,721	\$54,382	\$52,755	\$53,620	\$53,667
2620	120	Substitutes	400	521	400	400	400
2620	210	Group Medical Insurance	7,732	12,514	13,954	13,734	15,690
2620	212	Disability	163	152	172	177	182
2620	220	Social Security	4,064	4,176	4,066	4,133	4,136
2620	240	Employee Retirement	2,636	2,745	2,638	2,681	2,683
2620	250	Workers' Compensation	2,024	2,613	2,530	2,404	2,406
2620	260	Unemployment Taxes	33	28	216	301	563
2620	280	Group Dental Insurance	624	1,105	1,185	1,222	1,198
2620	325	Conference Fees	300	0	300	300	300
2620	420	Rubbish Removal	4,000	3,110	4,000	4,000	4,000
2620	430	Asbestos Maintenance	160	0	160	160	160
2620	431	Carpet Replacement	2,000	2,290	2,000	0	2,000
2620	490	Repairs & Maintenance	26,600	37,662	26,600	26,600	26,600
2620	580	Travel	1,444	1,007	1,444	1,444	1,444
2620	610	Custodial Supplies	8,829	6,609	9,000	9,000	9,000
2620	622	Electricity	29,052	22,983	29,052	23,250	24,250
2620	624	Fuel Oil	13,500	14,110	13,500	22,700	22,000
2620	730	Equipment	500	1,707	500	500	500
2620	810	Dues & Memberships	<u>110</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>110</u>
Total Care and Upkeep Building			<u>\$156,892</u>	<u>\$167,859</u>	<u>\$164,582</u>	<u>\$166,736</u>	<u>\$171,289</u>
76 CARE & UPKEEP - GROUNDS:							
2630	430	Maintenance	\$600	\$769	\$600	\$600	\$600
2630	610	Supplies	<u>500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Total Care and Upkeep - Grounds			<u>\$1,100</u>	<u>\$769</u>	<u>\$1,100</u>	<u>\$1,100</u>	<u>\$1,100</u>

Dorset School District

FY '06 Budget

			<u>FY '04 Budget</u>	<u>FY '04 Actual</u>	<u>FY '05 Budget</u>	<u>FY '05 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY '06 Budget</u>
80 VEHICLE OPERATION SERVICES:							
2711	110	Salaries	\$48,306	\$41,068	\$46,525	\$49,489	\$51,969
2711	120	Substitutes	2,000	6,070	3,000	3,000	3,000
2711	210	Group Medical	14,300	11,291	33,508	8,063	11,076
2711	212	Disability	57	56	57	60	59
2711	220	Social Security	3,848	3,431	3,789	4,015	4,205
2711	240	Retirement	920	902	870	1,238	0
2711	250	Workers' Compensation	2,782	3,117	3,427	3,365	3,524
2711	260	Unemployment Taxes	38	24	413	413	1,076
2711	280	Dental	943	871	510	1,480	1,546
2711	390	Physicals/Eye Exams	600	422	600	600	600
2711	520	Bus Insurance	<u>4,580</u>	<u>2,703</u>	<u>3,108</u>	<u>2,512</u>	<u>2,889</u>
Total Vehicle Operation Services			<u>\$78,374</u>	<u>\$69,955</u>	<u>\$95,807</u>	<u>\$74,235</u>	<u>\$79,944</u>
81 VEHICLE SERVICING:							
2740	430	Maintenance	\$12,000	\$13,135	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
2740	611	Tires	2,000	1,271	2,000	2,000	2,000
2740	622	Electricity	0	839	600	600	600
2740	626	Diesel	5,000	5,900	6,000	6,000	6,000
2740	690	Other Expenses & Supplies	100	287	100	100	100
2740	691	CDL	420	363	420	420	420
2740	730	Equipment	<u>400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>
Total Vehicle Servicing			<u>\$19,920</u>	<u>\$21,795</u>	<u>\$21,520</u>	<u>\$21,520</u>	<u>\$21,520</u>
90 SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM:							
3130	570	Services	<u>\$2,600</u>	<u>\$2,619</u>	<u>\$2,600</u>	<u>\$2,600</u>	<u>\$2,600</u>
Total School Milk Program			<u>\$2,600</u>	<u>\$2,619</u>	<u>\$2,600</u>	<u>\$2,600</u>	<u>\$2,600</u>
94 SHORT TERM DEBT:							
2520	530	Interest	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$770</u>	<u>\$21,000</u>	<u>\$13,079</u>	<u>\$18,600</u>
95 LONG TERM DEBT:							
5100	910	Prin - Bonds 1993 - 2008	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
5100	830	Int - Bonds 1993 - 2008	<u>14,280</u>	<u>5,922</u>	<u>3,401</u>	<u>3,401</u>	<u>9,188</u>
Total Long Term Debt			<u>\$64,280</u>	<u>\$55,922</u>	<u>\$53,401</u>	<u>\$53,401</u>	<u>\$59,188</u>
Subtotal Part A			<u>\$1,599,205</u>	<u>\$1,563,303</u>	<u>\$1,666,607</u>	<u>\$1,642,217</u>	<u>\$1,645,558</u>
Part B							
15 SECONDARY PROGRAM							
1130	330	Ctrctd Srvc-LT/Other 504	\$0	\$8,682	\$7,500	\$14,688	\$7,500
1130	330	Cntctd Srvc-BBA 504	6,000	10,324	6,000	19,660	26,500
1130	561	Tuition - Public In-State	16,900	17,965	16,450	16,267	16,100
1130	564	Tuition - Out Of State	73,800	107,042	51,600	67,920	52,800
1130	566	Tuition/Private in State	938,900	987,844	1,072,850	1,054,883	1,067,000
1130	566	Tuition/Excess	<u>91,600</u>	<u>96,292</u>	<u>187,125</u>	<u>200,043</u>	<u>200,063</u>
Total Secondary			<u>\$1,127,200</u>	<u>\$1,228,149</u>	<u>\$1,341,525</u>	<u>\$1,373,460</u>	<u>\$1,369,963</u>

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FY '06 Budget			FY '04 <u>Budget</u>	FY '04 <u>Actual</u>	FY '05 <u>Budget</u>	FY '05 <u>Anticipated</u>	FY '06 <u>Budget</u>
20 SPECIAL EDUCATION-Elementary:							
1200	110	Salaries-Teachers	\$77,874	\$77,874	\$80,462	\$90,572	\$93,289
1200	115	Salaries - Teacher Assistants	79,303	76,003	66,779	69,530	64,312
1200	121	Substitutes	400	660	400	400	400
1200	120	Tutoring	0	1,364	0	0	0
1200	210	Medical Insurance	38,665	28,611	29,305	36,066	36,632
1200	212	Disability	241	267	262	299	317
1200	220	Social Security	12,108	11,400	9,909	12,279	12,087
1200	240	Employee Retirement	3,965	3,900	2,433	3,476	2,780
1200	250	Workers' Compensation	506	631	480	690	679
1200	260	Unemployment Taxes	121	77	513	683	1,634
1200	280	Dental Insurance	1,668	1,718	1,811	2,149	2,182
1200	320	Prof Ed Services	0	375	0	0	15,000
1200	430	Repairs/Maintenance	500	0	500	500	0
1200	561	Tuition Public	0	0	0	0	10,000
1200	564	Tuition to Out of State	47,626	30,000	0	0	0
1200	610	Supplies	2,500	2,865	2,500	2,500	2,500
1200	670	Software	400	0	400	400	400
1200	739	Equipment	2,750	1,540	4,575	2,800	2,800
2100	332	Contracted Services	26,829	15,516	18,973	18,973	15,561
2100	115	Summer Services	5,015	3,180	8,037	2,262	8,436
2152	110	Salaries/Speech	57,502	58,222	59,352	59,352	42,638
2152	115	Salaries/SLPA	0	0	0	0	5,738
2152	210	Group Medical	12,915	12,718	13,793	13,847	13,434
2152	212	Disability	178	181	193	196	145
2152	220	Social Security	4,399	4,007	4,540	4,540	3,701
2152	240	Retirement	0	0	0	0	287
2152	250	Workers Compensation	184	215	220	255	208
2152	260	Unemployment	26	28	170	170	379
2152	280	Dental	1,150	1,163	1,249	1,232	1,091
2152	320	Speech Contracted Svc Elem.	4,000	1,126	0	0	0
2152	610	Supplies	700	704	700	700	700
2200	270	Tuition Reimbursement	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
2200	325	Professional Development	1,000	846	1,000	1,000	1,000
2200	580	Local Travel	100	0	100	100	100
2200	590	Travel/Conference	200	649	200	200	800
2400	112	Coordinator - Stipend	8,188	8,188	8,434	8,434	8,687
2400	115	Clerical Assistant	3,312	3,316	3,411	3,319	3,515
2400	220	Benefits	947	860	1,014	1,013	1,112
2400	331	Shared Services BRSU	14,408	10,369	11,323	12,711	9,100
2400	360	Legal	0	1,023	0	0	0
2400	490	Copier Allocation	500	0	500	500	500
2400	530	Telephone Allocation	100	0	100	100	100
2400	531	Postage	50	0	50	50	50
2400	540	Advertising	100	430	100	100	500
2711	510	Transportation	2,250	881	1,400	200	5,400
Total Special Education-Elementary			\$413,680	\$360,907	\$336,188	\$352,598	\$369,194

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FY '06 Budget			FY '04 <u>Budget</u>	FY '04 <u>Actual</u>	FY '05 <u>Budget</u>	FY '05 <u>Anticipated</u>	FY '06 <u>Budget</u>
21 SPECIAL EDUCATION - Secondary:							
1200	330	Highschool TA's	\$31,200	\$31,163	\$45,805	\$25,000	\$25,000
1200	561	Tuition to Public In-State	6,000	4,883	6,200	1,500	0
1200	564	Tuition to Out of State	16,300	30,966	74,400	30,000	30,000
1200	566	Tuition to Private In-State	159,588	180,766	111,978	178,466	189,734
1200	610	Supplies/Equipment	0	0	0	500	500
2100	335	H.S. Contracted Services	35,430	21,437	13,240	18,350	18,350
2152	333	Speech Services at BBA; etc.	32,200	8,676	20,800	13,220	13,550
2400	331	Shared Services BRSU	9,606	6,912	7,548	8,474	6,066
2711	519	High School Transportation	<u>15,200</u>	<u>10,660</u>	<u>14,000</u>	<u>25,212</u>	<u>27,712</u>
Total Special Education-Secondary			<u>\$305,524</u>	<u>\$295,463</u>	<u>\$293,971</u>	<u>\$300,722</u>	<u>\$310,912</u>
30 EARLY EDUCATION CENTER:							
2100	321	Contracted Ed Service	\$600	\$1,080	\$600	\$600	\$1,000
2400	331	Shared Services	8,199	4,764	3,677	20,695	23,301
2620	441	Rent	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>800</u>
Total Early Education Center			<u>\$9,399</u>	<u>\$6,444</u>	<u>\$4,877</u>	<u>\$22,095</u>	<u>\$25,101</u>
40 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION:							
1300	569	State Payment			\$5,018	\$5,324	3,569
1300	569	Local Payment			<u>3,982</u>	<u>3,869</u>	<u>3,516</u>
Vocational Center			<u>\$3,104</u>	<u>\$3,278</u>	<u>\$9,000</u>	<u>\$9,193</u>	<u>\$7,085</u>
67 GEN. ADMIN. - SUPERINTENDENT:							
2321	331	Supv. Union Assessment	<u>\$63,967</u>	<u>\$63,609</u>	<u>\$72,082</u>	<u>\$72,002</u>	<u>\$70,295</u>
SUBTOTAL PART B			<u>\$1,922,874</u>	<u>\$1,957,850</u>	<u>\$2,057,643</u>	<u>\$2,130,070</u>	<u>\$2,152,550</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			<u>\$3,522,079</u>	<u>\$3,521,153</u>	<u>\$3,724,250</u>	<u>\$3,772,287</u>	<u>\$3,798,108</u>
99 WARNED ARTICLES							
Transfer of State Reimb to Bus Reserve Fun			<u>\$9,831</u>	<u>\$9,831</u>	<u>\$9,274</u>	<u>\$9,274</u>	<u>\$8,991</u>

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FY '06 Budget

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>FY '04 Budget</u>	<u>FY '04 Actual</u>	<u>FY '05 Budget</u>	<u>FY '05 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY '06 Budget</u>
1000 LOCAL					
1110 Local Share or DEF	\$1,124,000	\$1,154,079	\$0	\$5,694	\$0
1322 Tuition	16,000	47,688	50,100	40,961	44,750
1362 Tuition - Special Ed	0	16,370	16,400	0	0
1500 Interest	7,900	4,374	6,000	11,000	11,000
1910 Milk	2,600	3,073	2,600	2,600	2,600
1921 DPV/Donations	0	2,084	0	800	800
1990 Insurance Reimbursement	0	11,580	0	0	0
1990 Miscellaneous	<u>1,700</u>	<u>4,364</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,700</u>
	<u>\$1,152,200</u>	<u>\$1,243,612</u>	<u>\$76,800</u>	<u>\$62,755</u>	<u>\$60,850</u>
3000 STATE					
3100 Education Spending			\$3,213,504	\$3,215,072	\$3,279,599
3110 General State Support Grant	\$1,811,711	\$1,862,686	0	0	0
3150 Transportation Reimbursement	55,611	63,709	54,438	52,839	53,179
3160 Capital Debt Hold Harmless	0	0	20,626	19,057	19,057
3201 Special Ed Bloc Grant	89,533	89,533	85,877	85,877	92,951
3202 Spec. Ed. - Reimbursement	302,158	256,999	264,907	284,419	285,055
3202 Spec. Ed. - Reimb-Prior Yrs	0	9,313	0	9,432	0
3023 Extraordinary Reimb	10,017	0	7,243	0	0
3204 Early Education Block Grant	<u>11,184</u>	<u>6,165</u>	<u>4,877</u>	<u>11,320</u>	<u>11,156</u>
	<u>\$2,280,214</u>	<u>\$2,288,405</u>	<u>\$3,651,472</u>	<u>\$3,678,016</u>	<u>\$3,740,997</u>
4000 FEDERAL:					
4810 Forest Revenue	<u>\$5,300</u>	<u>\$5,291</u>	<u>\$5,252</u>	<u>\$5,252</u>	<u>\$5,252</u>
5000 OTHER					
5500 Other Grants	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,057</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIPTS	<u>\$3,437,714</u>	<u>\$3,541,365</u>	<u>\$3,733,524</u>	<u>\$3,746,023</u>	<u>\$3,807,099</u>
TRANSFERS					
5201 Transportation Transfer	(\$9,831)	(\$9,831)	(\$9,274)	(\$9,274)	(\$8,991)
5202 Res Fnd Trnsfr/Excess Tuit	91,600	0	0	35,538	0
5203 Res Fnd Trnsfr/Lower Taxes	<u>2,596</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$84,365</u>	<u>(\$9,831)</u>	<u>(\$9,274)</u>	<u>\$26,264</u>	<u>(\$8,991)</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$3,522,079</u>	<u>\$3,531,534</u>	<u>\$3,724,250</u>	<u>\$3,772,287</u>	<u>\$3,798,108</u>

Dorset Town School District Prior Year Comparison

as prescribed by the Commissioner to meet the requirements of 16 V.S.A. § 563(1) as amended by section 48 of Act 68 of the 2003 Legislative session

Expenditures	Act 60			Act 68		
	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2005	FY2006
1. Budget (local budget, excluding special programs reported in line 3, full tech expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$3,492,557	\$3,516,443	\$3,724,249	\$3,798,108		
2. plus Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years under Act 60	\$3,674	\$5,636	not applicable	not applicable		
3. plus Special revenue program expenditures (federal dollars, restricted grants, etc.)	\$52,000	\$70,500	\$61,500	\$40,800		
4. Locally adopted or warned budget	\$3,548,231	\$3,592,579	\$3,785,749	\$3,838,908		
5. plus 1. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	\$3,674	\$5,636	-	-		
6. plus 1. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	\$10,290	\$9,831	\$9,274	\$29,372		
7. plus 3. Separately warned article	-	-	-	-		
8. minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-	-	-	-		
9. Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget net of Act 144 expenditures	\$3,562,195	\$3,608,046	\$3,795,023	\$3,868,280		
10. plus Union school or joint school district assessment	-	-	-	-		
11. plus Prior deficit reduction if not included in budgets	-	-	-	-		
12. Gross Act 68 Budget	\$3,562,195	\$3,608,046	\$3,795,023	\$3,868,280		
13. S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$67,076	\$67,943	\$63,967	\$70,295		
14. Prior deficit reduction (if included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-		
Revenues						
15. plus Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$1,655,436	\$1,669,224	\$499,394	\$528,824		
16. plus Capital debt aid	\$1	-	\$19,057	\$19,057		
17. plus Special program revenues (if not included in local budget; included in FY2006)	\$52,000	\$70,500	\$61,500	\$40,800		
18. minus Prior deficit reduction if included in revenues	-	-	-	-		
19. minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	\$1,707,437	\$1,739,724	\$579,951	\$588,681		
20. Total revenues net of Act 144 revenues	\$1,084,443	\$1,073,025	\$579,951	\$588,681		
21. minus Fund raising (if any)	\$622,994	\$666,699	\$579,951	\$588,681		
22. Adjusted local revenues						
23. Education Spending (Act 68 definition)	\$2,939,201	\$2,941,347	\$3,215,072	\$3,279,599		
24. Equalized Pupils	333.23	321.57	310.67	308.90		
25. Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$8,820	\$9,147	\$10,349	\$10,617		
25a. minus Less eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	not applicable	not applicable	171.89	25a.		
26. plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	not applicable	not applicable	-	-		
27. Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	not applicable	not applicable	\$10,349	\$10,617		
28. District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$10,617 / \$6,975)	not applicable	not applicable	152.189%	152.215%		
29. Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized (152.215% x \$1.02)	\$1.100	\$1.100	based on \$6,800	based on \$6,975		
30. Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	90.81%	83.88%	based on \$1.05	based on \$1.02		
31. Estimated homestead tax rate, actual (\$1,553 / 93.66%)	\$1.171	\$1.040	\$1,558	\$1,658		
32. Household Income Percentage for Income sensitivity (152.22% x 1.85%)	2.00%	2.00%	based on \$1.05	based on \$1.02		

The projected base education spending amount of \$6,975 is subject to Legislative approval.

The base education homestead tax rate of \$1.02 and the income percentage cap of 1.85% are based on the recommendation of the Governor's Office and are subject to Legislative approval.

COUNCIL FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE- 2004

2004 Town Report

We are requesting that the Town of Dorset vote via ballot to give \$750.00 to the Center for Restorative Justice (CRJ), formerly the Bennington County Court Diversion Program. We would like to thank you for the \$750.00 approved last year.

A little background might be helpful. Court Diversion is a program that targets juvenile and adult first-time offenders. It is an alternative to the formal adjudication process. Offenders come before the Community Review Board, which is made up of volunteers. Under their contract, offenders pay a fine, make restitution, a written apology, community service, drug or alcohol screening, etc. Usually the Diversion contract is tougher than what the offender would receive from the court system, but we can keep the offender from having a criminal record. If they stay out of trouble, the prosecutor will be asked to dismiss the charges. We also administer the Teen Alcohol Safety Program for underage drinkers requiring youth to complete alcohol safety counseling and screening.

We have an excellent track record. We take high-risk youth and prevent them from being the headliners of tomorrow, the youth that will stay outside the system, and we offer them a chance to become a productive member of the local community through restitution and community service work. Our results are outstanding.

During the year CRJ received 123 referrals to Adult and Juvenile Diversion. The Teen Alcohol Safety Program (TASP) received 333 referrals. 3% of our Diversion referrals and of our TASP referrals came from Dorset. Teen drinking remains a very serious problem in our community.

This year county non-profit agencies received the benefit of 2040 hours of community service from our clients. Clients also donated \$9,895 to the Community Betterment Fund alone, and an additional \$1,405 to various other non-profit agencies throughout the county as part of the conditions of their contracts. This year clients paid \$9,289 in restitution to various individuals and businesses.

In the Northshire alone, we served 13 % of clients last year. They come from Manchester, Arlington, Dorset, Peru, Sandgate and Sunderland. Our long-term success rate is outstanding. BCCDP boasts a low 9.8% rate of recidivism. That means that over 90% of our clients remain clean, and become productive members of society.

We need your help and financial support to continue our good work. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted, Marianne Kennedy, Esq., Executive Director

DORSET VILLAGE LIBRARY

During the past year, the Dorset Library has circulated more than 24,000 items including books, magazines, large print books, audio books, video tapes and DVDs, puppets, games, books with cassettes, and explorer backpacks. It has provided the Dorset School support with all kinds of library materials to meet the needs of the students and teachers.

The most exciting news this year has been the creation of a satellite library in the Town Offices in East Dorset.

The Dorset Library has just launched its very own website. On the website you will be able to renew books, place reserves and ask questions as well as check the list of new materials for the current month, recent fiction and lists of nonfiction books on various topics. It will also inform you of activities at the library. Web site: <http://www.dorsetlibrary.org>.

Dorset Residents can access many databases through VOL - Vermont on Line. This is a service that each community can offer its residents. Stop by the library and pick up an information brochure and the Dorset password. There are databases to serve young and old alike including health resources and magazines.

2004 DORSET SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

The School Board would like to thank Principal Merryman and his administrative team for yet another (their 5th) year at the helm of the day to day operations of The Dorset School. Their leadership and dedication is a tremendous asset to our community. Our professional staff also continues to excel. Linda Mitchell, the school guidance counselor, received the University of Vermont's Outstanding Teacher Award in 2004. Also in 2004, 4th grade teacher Esther Gray received the Superintendent's Recognition Award, an honor given to only a handful of teachers districtwide based on nominations from their peers.

The School Board continues its efforts to make the school a hub of the community. The gymnasium is used by the Parks and Recreation Department for winter activities and some casual adult groups are using the facilities to burn off some extra energy. We believe that the school belongs to the community and invite all community members to the school.

The 2006 budget has an increase of \$73,858 or 2%. The majority of increases are in the areas of Secondary Education (grades 9 - 12), Special Education, and Early Education. The grade K - 8 section of the budget is down approximately 1.5%. The Residential Equalized Tax Rate for this year is actually down 5 cents from last year to \$1.55, however when this is divided by the recently announced Common Level of Appraisal for Dorset of 93.66%, our Estimated Actual Tax Rate is approximately \$1.65. The Listers and Selectboard are appealing this Common Level Appraisal number, so we may see a somewhat lesser tax rate on our bills.

The School Board has been taking an active roll in reversing the declining enrollment in the K - 8 grade levels. Board member Stephanie Breed has been busy creating an enticing promotional brochure and information package outlining the benefits of our school. The Board has been entering discussions with School Directors from other districts regarding acceptance of their 7th and 8th grade students.

On the School District Warning, Article 7, concerns the moving of the tax collection date for Dorset from the current October and March dates to a date as much as six weeks earlier in the fiscal year. Since this could save the taxpayers a significant amount annually, we hope that you will support this advisory article to the Selectboard for their consideration.

On behalf of the students, administration and faculty, the School Board would like to graciously thank all the people who volunteer their time and make so many generous donations to The Dorset School community year after year. The evidence of success from these efforts is clear each and every June when another group of well-prepared, well-rounded young people leaves our hallways and moves into the adventure of their future.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Palmer, Chair; Phil Anton, Liz Berard, Chris Berkhout, Stephanie Breed

DORSET SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 2004

Our theme at The Dorset School this year is "Working Together for Success". During our Opening Day Assembly Mr. Bob Allen gave us an inspiring example of working together for success, utilizing the sport of cycling. He accomplished this by emphasizing teamwork. Oftentimes success through excellence comes forth by the sacrificing of individuals for the success of the team or organization. The Dorset community is truly an example of working together for the success of the school, holding the students' well being first and foremost. Our school board and faculty are doing a stellar job in fulfilling their part towards this effort.

Through fundraising and generous donations, our students have once again been afforded vital educational experiences. The DPV (Dorset Parent Volunteers) continues to maintain a deep caring attitude for the concerns of our students by providing funds for specific student needs and activities. ELF (Environmental Learning for the Future) provides trained volunteers who go into the classrooms and present lessons incorporating scientific concepts relating to our environment. Individuals have also donated personal funds to enable the students to have such events as an after school program with provision of a late bus, field trips and transportation, middle school soccer and basketball teams, intramural volleyball and floor hockey and the seventh grade Smokey House field research program. They have afforded an enrichment opportunity through our middle school elective schedule.

At the present time our students, faculty, staff, board of education and administration are truly working together for one of the most successful academic school years. For the past five years we have been developing curriculum, local assessment tools and means of evaluation to gather information representing student performance. By analyzing and gathering this data, it directly drives effective instruction in the classroom. We are beginning to realize the fruits of our labor. An abundance of outcomes are reflecting positive results. To cite a few, this year in 8th grade Writing Effectiveness, 92% of the students met or exceeded State standards. In 2003 in 8th grade Writing Effectiveness, 100% of our students met or exceeded State standards. This year in the 5th grade State Science Test (PASS), Dorset students finished in the top ten.

We are in our fourth year as a member of the Foundation for Excellent Schools. This past year our school was featured in a nationwide publication with five other schools as a leader in student mentoring. One of the results of our involvement with FES is our newly formed Student Leadership Council, which continues to further the students' understanding of local government functions and problem solving as well. On Election Day our students participated in a mock election, voting for the actual presidential candidates using individual ballots. We successfully held our fourth annual "Grand" Thanksgiving Feast with grandparents and community members joyfully participating in the event. We are making improvements to our Computer Technology Program with a new server configuration. It will extensively upgrade the firewall, anti-virus and filtering status for the entire school. Our school web page has been improved by the addition of pictures and video clips. We have also been able to provide information regarding the entire kindergarten through eighth grade curriculum. It also serves as a link to the school for issues such as homework, school activities and closings.

We continue to hold the vision for the school to serve as the hub of the community. We have held adult volleyball and basketball, as well as adult education provided through the Career Development Center to encourage life-long learning. We also plan to enter into our third year of "Senior Surfers". This program is open to all citizens who are interested in furthering their abilities to work with computers by providing student mentoring for them. All who are involved thoroughly grow and enjoy it. Our students have benefited greatly through several supportive interactions between our library media specialist and the Dorset Village Library.

The times that lie ahead hold many challenges. However, we proceed with the utmost confidence that our "working together for success" will prevail.

Respectfully submitted,
James Merryman, Principal

REPORT FROM BURR AND BURTON ACADEMY

Burr and Burton Academy began the school year in August 2004 with a record enrollment of 640 students, 114 of whom were from Dorset.

The Campaign for Burr and Burton, the capital campaign launched in 2003 to address serious facility shortcomings and enrollment growth, raised \$9.3 million from private sources by December 2004. The Rowland Center opened in November 2004, providing students with foreign language classrooms and a language lab, art studios and an improved cafeteria. Comprehensive renovation work on Seminary Building was also completed. A new athletic field behind the school will be ready for use in Fall 2005. The provision for an endowment to cover the increased operating costs entailed by the new construction was an integral part of the campaign. This endowment will ensure that the operating costs of the new facilities are not passed on to the taxpayers. With these campus improvements realized, Burr and Burton has fulfilled many of the facility requirements cited in the New England Association of School and Colleges' report for re-accreditation. The school will focus its attention in 2005 on much needed improvements to the lower campus, specifically a new athletic complex and renovated space for the performing arts.

Burr and Burton ended its fiscal year on June 30, 2004, with an accumulated operating budget deficit of \$150,000. This is the third year the school has run an operating budget deficit. Since 1997, the tuition has increased an average of only .78 percent per year. Increases were kept at this level in response to Act 60 and out of sensitivity to taxpayers and the volunteers raising money for the local school funds. Through sound fiscal management and private philanthropy the school expects to retire this deficit by the end of the current school year.

Burr and Burton continues to maintain the high quality of its programs and its reputation for excellence in academics, the arts, and athletics. The school continues to have the highest graduation rate in the state, the lowest dropout rate, the most rigorous graduation requirements, and a high percentage of seniors who go on to higher education at the best colleges and universities in the country. A record number of Burr and Burton seniors were named 2004 Advanced Placements Scholars. The students continue to have the best results in Vermont on the state-mandated assessment test administered every spring, their scores far exceeding the state averages.

2004 MATHEMATICS Percentages of students achieving and exceeding the Vermont standards with honors:

	Skills	Concepts	Problem Solving
BBA	82	61	56
State	64	43	40

2004 ENGLISH Percentages of students achieving and exceeding the Vermont standards with honors:

	Reading		Writing	
	Basic Understanding	Analysis/Interpretation	Effectiveness	Convention
BBA	69	68	78	86
State	52	46	50	73

The Board of Trustees has set the 2005-2006 per student tuition rate at \$10,450. The trustees approved the tuition citing their responsibility to maintain a balanced operating budget and to continue to meet the educational needs of all Burr and Burton students.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles W. Scranton, Headmaster
Jack Phillips, Chair, Board of Trustees

BURR AND BURTON ACADEMY BUDGET 2004

	ACTUAL FYE 6/30/04	BUDGET FYE 6/30/05	BUDGET FYE 6/30/06
SOURCES OF INCOME			
Public Tuition	\$ 4,897,605	5,524,838	6,134,085
Tuition Receivable	54,000	161,600	-
Private Tuition	271,118	353,860	274,278
International Students	93,000	274,850	368,200
ESL (English as a Second Language)	4,500	-	-
Special Education Surcharges	688,617	819,164	853,928
Annual Fund - Unrestricted	286,974	271,177	300,000
Annual Fund - Restricted	106,288	71,000	54,000
Auxiliary Income			
Food Service	164,873	164,655	164,655
Rental Income	22,031	20,900	15,500
Driver Education	4,016	4,000	4,000
Endowment Earnings	140,000	140,000	140,000
Gate Receipts	21,501	13,000	13,000
Grant Income	3,210		
Interest Income	5,989	5,000	5,000
Summer Program	57,640	55,000	55,000
Miscellaneous	49,665	12,000	12,000
Total income	\$ 6,871,027	7,891,044	8,393,646
USES OF INCOME			
Salaries:	\$		
Instruction	2,329,984	2,480,121	
Administration	296,078	314,121	
Athletics/Coaching	98,391	108,178	
Boarding	33,195	41,008	
Business Office	107,803	111,842	
Cafeteria	55,507	59,938	
Clerical/Support	181,219	197,974	
Development	122,060	193,911	
Drivers Education	14,170	15,920	
Early Retirement	91,292	147,803	
Extracurricular	61,135	59,360	
Guidance	234,869	218,843	
Health Clinic	39,033	72,299	
Library	53,002	56,122	
Maintenance/Custodial	224,756	269,549	
Summer School	42,259	43,949	
Technology	165,454	185,761	
Total salaries	\$ 4,150,207	4,576,699	4,875,861

*Please note: Staffing decisions for the next school year will be finalized after town meetings. What is known at this time is the total amount of money allocated for salaries.

BURR AND BURTON ACADEMY BUDGET 2004 Continued

	ACTUAL FYE 6/30/04	BUDGET FYE 6/30/05	BUDGET FYE 6/30/06
Benefits and payroll taxes:			
Dental Insurance	\$ 68,266	74,584	83,977
FICA	309,491	350,177	373,003
Life & Disability Insurance	19,425	21,544	27,052
Medical Insurance	752,581	853,834	1,020,777
Employee contribution to medical	(91,387)	(100,238)	(111,644)
Substitutes	28,406	34,394	32,801
403b Employer Matching	150,247	184,486	216,074
Unemployment Insurance	5,932	8,640	9,201
Workers' Comp. Insurance	22,033	26,943	28,704
Total benefits and payroll taxes	\$ 1,264,994	1,454,364	1,679,945
Program expenditures:			
Advertising	\$ 23,356	25,000	25,000
Accounting	6,982	7,300	8,500
Building Repairs	9,984	15,000	15,525
Capital Maintenance	45,000	60,000	60,500
Debt Service	36,177	253,633	97,110
Dues & Fees	36,733	35,000	40,000
Equipment	44,425	38,200	41,000
Equipment Leases	18,724	29,621	32,306
Fuel Oil	52,110	65,205	67,487
Insurance	48,325	52,427	57,670
Interest	31,539	31,539	36,270
Legal Services	13,442	16,000	16,000
Library Books	4,285	5,000	5,050
Lunch Supplies	91,984	101,600	101,600
Officials	24,194	24,213	25,182
Periodicals	10,822	8,500	8,585
Postage & Telephone	56,254	49,416	49,416
Printing	31,346	35,365	35,719
Professional Development	35,356	36,000	36,000
Purchased Services	162,348	155,000	156,550
Room/Board Cost	20,200	47,250	63,000
Service Contracts	30,863	36,528	37,624
Supplies	141,433	152,984	154,514
Technology	30,200	55,000	56,650
Technology Leases	177,246	182,354	246,907
Textbooks	37,797	50,000	50,500
Transportation/Vehicle expense	89,483	102,570	106,160
Utilities	89,864	120,344	124,556
Vehicle Leases	57,555	67,255	81,259
Work/Study Program	731	1,200	1,200
Total program	\$ 1,458,758	1,859,504	1,837,840
Total expenditures	\$ 6,873,959	7,890,567	8,393,646
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ (2,932)	477	-

LONG TRAIL SCHOOL

Long Trail School opened the 2004-05 academic year with 133 students in grades 6-12 from 30 Vermont and two New York towns, Long Trail School is a vibrant and major contributor to local communities funneling \$3 million into the local economy.

Long Trail School has reached several milestones. Our Vermont state assessment exam results for 8th and 10th graders are superb, particularly in math, which are the highest of all public schools. LTS offers 11 Advanced Placement courses and our AP test results are exceptional-an average score of 4.3 on a 5-point range. Our SAT scores are also excellent. All of our graduates last year were accepted to college, as will all of this year's seniors.

Our first season of varsity soccer was successful. The girls and boys secondary soccer teams reached the state playoffs. Our downhill ski and snowboarding teams are now varsity teams and our softball team will be varsity in 2006. We will begin baseball and tennis teams this spring. The School will inaugurate three new tennis courts this spring.

There are 13 Dorset students enrolled in Long Trail School for 2004-05: seven in the middle school and six in the secondary school. A total of \$7,100 in scholarship aid from raised contributions was provided to Dorset students this year. Long Trail School is committed to enrolling all Dorset students, unless they fall into the special education categories that the Vermont Department of Education will not grant state approval. LTS received Vermont state approval in a new special education category and is now approved in two special education categories.

Long Trail School raised and allocated \$612,000 in scholarship aid funds for 80 qualified students, or 60% of all students enrolled this year. Long Trail School will continue to enroll students who need scholarship support, including Dorset students.

Long Trail School graciously thanks the Dorset voters for supporting school choice and for providing the Dorset town tuition to 9-12th grade Dorset students attending LTS. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted, David D. Wilson, Headmaster



East Dorset School, formerly located at the rear of the property which is now the home of the Town Hall.

**LONG TRAIL SCHOOL
OPERATING FINANCIAL REPORT
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30**

	<u>2 0 0 4</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2 0 0 4</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2 0 0 5</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
Tuition - private	1,487,542	1,390,936	1,054,937
Tuition - public	715,796	709,733	651,506
Contributions	150,000	87,996	150,000
Foundation grants	50,000	7,075	100,000
Investment income	80,000	60,762	80,000
Auxiliary services	41,650	40,175	39,975
Special education	76,000	154,846	109,512
Other academic programs	-	86,830	-
Other	42,000	77,048	22,000
	<u>2,642,988</u>	<u>2,615,401</u>	<u>2,207,930</u>
EXPENSES			
Program services			
Instruction and student activities	1,541,438	1,557,790	1,328,594
Auxiliary services	169,690	211,515	185,973
Other academic programs	3,600	77,112	3,500
Operation and maintenance of plant	520,700	520,876	511,800
Total program services	<u>2,235,428</u>	<u>2,367,293</u>	<u>2,029,867</u>
Supporting services			
General administration	1,125,865	1,137,121	1,212,672
Fund raising	20,000	35,614	20,000
Total supporting services	<u>1,145,865</u>	<u>1,172,735</u>	<u>1,232,672</u>
Total expenses	<u>3,381,293</u>	<u>3,540,028</u>	<u>3,262,539</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(738,305)	(924,627)	(1,054,609)
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	<u>62,000</u>	<u>73,740</u>	<u>-</u>
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>(800,305)</u>	<u>(998,367)</u>	<u>(1,054,609)</u>

LONG TRAIL SCHOOL

SCHEDULE OF OPERATING EXPENSES
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30

	2 0 0 4 BUDGET	2 0 0 4 ACTUAL	2 0 0 5 BUDGET
INSTRUCTION & STUDENT ACTIVITIES			
Salaries	1,050,500	1,071,516	912,700
Payroll Taxes	80,210	74,364	63,889
Employee benefits	114,228	165,934	136,905
Pension	64,000	31,774	32,025
Academic department expenses	65,000	76,920	39,475
Sports and coaching expense	18,700	17,154	18,600
Field trips/other student activities	20,800	27,541	15,800
Technology expense	50,000	21,589	70,000
Library	10,000	7,772	5,000
Staff development	11,500	11,112	6,000
Testing fees	14,000	12,244	10,000
Insurance	2,500	14,425	2,200
International foreign exchange	40,000	25,422	16,000
Other	-	23	-
Total	1,541,438	1,557,790	1,328,594
AUXILIARY SERVICES			
Salaries-bus drivers	67,500	83,574	86,380
Payroll Taxes	5,164	5,800	6,047
Employee benefits	2,726	2,952	2,246
Insurance-vehicles	10,000	11,868	10,000
Student transportation	44,300	48,303	46,300
Depreciation	30,000	36,626	30,000
Meals and milk	10,000	22,392	5,000
Total	169,690	211,515	185,973
OTHER ACADEMIC PROGRAMS			
Salaries	-	10,460	-
Payroll Taxes	-	726	-
Academic department expense	-	32,481	-
Insurance	3,600	3,332	3,500
Advertising	-	1,455	-
Other	-	28,658	-
Total	3,600	77,112	3,500
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT			
Insurance	30,000	30,523	30,000
Utilities	65,000	60,079	72,000
Repairs & maintenance-building	175,700	139,706	159,800
Repairs & maintenance-equipment	-	24,951	-
Depreciation	250,000	265,617	250,000
Total	520,700	520,876	511,800

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT

This is my sixteenth report to you as your Superintendent of Schools. The Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union (BRSU) central office continues to offer support and assistance to our nine school districts as each addresses its own concerns, needs and local issues. The BRSU was one of five entities selected for a Vermont Educational Leadership Alliance (VELA) award. The culminating project in 2004 resulted in administrators and Board representatives recommending a "restructuring" of the BRSU central office to focus more on student learning. The BRSU Board unanimously accepted the recommendations. Since July 1, 2004, the special education coordinator's duties were assigned to the Assistant Superintendent position, while the latter's general administration duties were redistributed. The BRSU's Assistant Superintendent now focuses primarily on student issues, including special education, and federal programs dealing with student issues (Title I, Section 504, Drug-Free Schools Programs, Title IX, etc.). In addition, the Early Education Director position was expanded to full time; the financial officer was expanded to a business manager position; and a new director of curriculum, assessment and professional development was established. Some federal grant funding allowed the supervisory union to keep the FY'05 BRSU approved budgets "cost neutral". These changes have been received most favorably. The VELA committee is completing its work by examining "Indicators of Success" and evaluating the restructuring.

The Vermont Department of Education recently awarded the BRSU another leadership grant for 2005, one of eight awarded in the state. This new Wallace Foundation funded grant will allow the supervisory union to continue its work in finding ways to improve student achievement. The Supervisory Union received a grant last spring allowing it to study options for joint negotiations or a joint Master Contract. The BRSU also recently received a "governance" grant which will allow close study in 2005 of our governance structures. A local forum on international education took place last spring and the community input served as an important ingredient in the Governor's recently published report and recommendations for International Education in Vermont schools.

Judy Adams serves as our Assistant Superintendent. This is her sixth year in the BRSU, and her duties include overseeing the Title I, II, and IV federal programs; the Section 504 federal law; Safe and Drug-Free Schools programs (Title V); coordinating our special education programs; and assisting with the overall administration of our nine school districts. Former teacher in the BRSU and Presidential Science Award recipient Jean Ward serves as our Curriculum Director and has been working closely with our elementary schools to improve student learning. Sue Wilborn now serves as our Business Manager. This is her seventh year at the Central Office and she is an invaluable resource for our school districts. Margaret Cintorino, Ph.D. serves as the BRSU Technology Coordinator and heads a program primarily funded with a federal grant. Dr. Cintorino works closely with teachers to assist them in integrating technology into their classroom work. We recently received notice of our required three year Technology Plan's approval by the Vermont Department of Education, along with congratulatory remarks on our recent successes.

The BRSU Board-approved model for special education administration includes central office coordination from the Assistant Superintendent for Student Services along with special education directors employed either directly or indirectly by the town school districts. Susan Narkewicz serves as Director for Manchester, Susan Kristoff for Pawlet and Rupert, Debbie Brophy-Antonez for The Dorset School, and Jackie McQuin for Sunderland, Danby, Mt. Tabor, along with Dorset's secondary students. We continue to operate a highly successful Early Education Program serving approximately seventy-five children at centers located at the Mt. Tabor Town Hall, the Manchester Elementary Middle School, the Happy Days Play School in Arlington and the Mettawee Community School in Pawlet. Marjorie Davis serves as our Early Education Director.

Dr. Charlene Rapinz continues for the fourteenth year in her role as our full-time school psychologist and is joined for the fifth year by our part-time school psychologist Dr. Mary Hissong. Greg Rosenthal continues in his seventh year as our federally funded transition coordinator who assists our designated high school students as they move beyond high school. Nancy Smith continues to serve as our Coordinator for Paraeducator Professional Development and works with paraeducators in all our elementary schools.

Each school continues to prepare an annual Action Plan to address areas that need attention based on student assessment results. I have asked Assistant Superintendent Judy Adams to present an accompanying report, along with a summary of 2004 test scores, for your local school. Beginning in October 2005, Vermont will join Rhode Island and New Hampshire in administering jointly developed assessment tools to students in grades 3-8 in reading and mathematics. This annual testing is required by the federal *No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act*. All schools report on their results to their local boards and to the public.

Our office continues to provide a multitude of services, including the monitoring of high school tuition payments for over seven hundred students; assisting Boards in determining residency; preparing budgets and most meeting agendas; dealing with truancy and legal issues; arranging for appropriate insurance coverage; preparing and overseeing a multitude of contracts; and providing assistance to our boards, principals, teachers, parents, and to community members in general. We look forward to serving our communities in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
 Greg Scieszka, Jr., Ed.D.
 Superintendent of Schools

**SUPERINTENDENT'S ENROLLMENT REPORT
 DORSET TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
 ENROLLMENT: DECEMBER 1, 2004**

THE DORSET SCHOOL			
GRADE	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT	TOTAL
K	15	0	15
1	11	0	11
2	19	0	19
3	14	0	14
4	16	1	17
5	27	0	27
6	18	0	18
7	23	3	26
8	20	1	22
TOTAL	163	5	168

GRADE	BURR & BURTON ACADEMY	LONG TRAIL SCHOOL	OTHER PRIVATE SCHOOLS	TOTAL
9	32	0	4	36
10	29	4	3	36
11	24	1	3	28
12	33	2	2	37
TOTAL	118	7	12	137

EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 4

Teacher Quality and Student Performance

The mission of the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union is to serve as a central organization providing leadership and support for all its member districts. Teachers, staff, board members, parents, community members and administrators will work together to utilize resources equitably and effectively, to foster high performance and success for all students. As a learning community we are committed to best practices, on-going reflection and professional growth.

Each year the BRSU reports on teacher quality and student performance as required by the *No Child Left Behind Act* of 2002, and Vermont School Quality Standards of 1999. The New Standards Reference Exam has been administered annually to all fourth and eighth grade students in the areas of math and language arts. In addition, our fifth grade students are assessed in science (PASS) and the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) measures our second graders' reading skills. These annually administered standards based tests are one way to measure student performance. In the chart that follows, you will see how our students compare to others throughout the state on these formalized measures. Of those students who do not meet the standard, a large percentage "Nearly Achieved the Standard". Our schools have all developed Action Plans that address these needs and continually work to increase achievement outcomes for all of our students.

High student achievement is directly related to quality instruction. We are proud of the talented and highly qualified teachers and support staff that we have in our schools. Teachers continue to work on aligning curriculum and instruction with Vermont Grade Expectations. Our expectations for students' success using these new standards as benchmarks are high. Each school develops learning opportunities for teachers to support initiatives that positively affect student outcomes. The BRSU focal point for professional development has been to help create professional learning communities. Professional learning communities focus on learning, work collaboratively and hold each of us accountable for results.

The BRSU has developed a Paraeducator professional development program to insure high quality. Our Paraeducator Professional Development Coordinator provides ongoing workshops and creates individualized learning opportunities for our paraeducators who are an integral part of our educational community.

In addition to the test scores, each school has school-based systems in place that communicate more specific data and other ways that assess student learning. These include parental involvement, student engagement, teacher creativity, technology, social/emotional growth and daily enrichment in all academic, artistic and social arenas. Our schools host annual community nights where various aspects of student life are highlighted and citizens have an opportunity to witness high levels of student achievement.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with our talented educational community.

Respectfully submitted,
 Judith M. Adams
 Assistant Superintendent for Student Services
 January 2005

Percentages of Students in 2004 Achieving or Achieving with Honors the Vermont Standards

TEST	State Average	BRSU Schools Combined	Dorset
DRA 2nd Grade Reading	82%	82%	81%
4th Grade Math			
Skills	75%	75%	79%
Concepts	52%	47%	53%
Problem Solving	52%	47%	64%
4th Grade Language Arts			
Reading - Basic Understanding	81%	79%	78%
Reading - Analysis & Interpretation	70%	66%	75%
Writing Effectiveness	72%	54%	86%
Writing Conventions	63%	60%	71%
5th Grade Science Total Score	46%	54%	58%
8th Grade Math			
Skills	72%	69%	76%
Concepts	44%	43%	28%
Problem Solving	47%	44%	32%
8th Grade Language Arts			
Reading - Basic Understanding	68%	71%	76%
Reading - Analysis & Interpretation	40%	40%	44%
Writing Effectiveness	72%	79%	92%
Writing Conventions	55%	68%	68%

Early Education Program

The BRSU Early Education Program invites all children who will be three by Sept 1st to participate in screenings held at our four locations in March and April. The goal of this early screening is to provide parents with a picture of their child's strengths and to increase awareness of services available to children and families in our area. Children are eligible to enroll in our preschool classes based on the following criteria:

- **Essential Early Education** addresses the needs of children with identified disabilities.
- **The Early Education Initiative** provides classroom opportunities to children who need developmental supports prior to kindergarten.
- **Head Start** offers family and school-based services to identified children.
- **Even Start Family Literacy Program** provides classroom experience for children, adult education for parents and programs to promote literacy at home for children in Rutland County.
- **The Family Infant Toddler Project** offers family centered services in cooperation with the BRSU for 0-3 year old children with disabilities.
- All four year old children who live in Pawlet and Rupert may attend the Mettawee class; and four year old children who live in Danby and Mt. Tabor may attend the Mt. Tabor class on a space available basis.

The four Early Education sites are Manchester, located at MEMS and serving Manchester and Dorset, Mettawee, located at the Mettawee Community School serving Pawlet and Rupert, Mt. Tabor, located at the Mt. Tabor Town Hall, serving Mt. Tabor and Danby, and Happy Days Playschool located in Arlington, serving Sunderland.

Children in the program are involved in a variety of playful experiences that address goals and objectives in the areas of social/emotional, physical, cognitive and language development. The Creative Curriculum is used as a framework for planning along with the Vermont Early Learning Standards. The benefits of early childhood education are evident based upon parent feedback, classroom assessment, and the Vermont Kindergarten Readiness Survey.

The language rich environment we provide helps mitigate the "Word Poverty", Louisa Cook Moats labeled which states that "upon entrance into 1st grade, 'linguistically advantaged' students know approximately 20,000 words, whereas 'linguistically disadvantaged' students know only about 5,000. Research suggests that the vocabulary of entering 1st graders predicts not only their word reading ability at the end of 1st grade (Seneschal & Cornell, 1993), but also their 11th grade reading comprehension (Cunningham & Stanwich, 1997). The investment at this age has long range effects indeed!

A variety of sources fund the Early Education Program from federal and state funds and collaborative partner support to local support from the School Board Directors and community members.

For further information about the variety of early childhood options for children, including our center based program as well as our outreach programs, please call BRSU Early Education Director, Marj Davis at 362-4101 x. 26.

Respectfully submitted,
Marj Davis, Director of Early Education

**BENNINGTON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION
AUDIT OF SUPERVISORY UNION ACCOUNTS**

The Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union has engaged Jeffrey R. Bradley, CPA, Mendon, Vermont, to conduct an audit of its FY'04 accounts. Copies of the audit report will be available upon completion for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools (362-2452).

**Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union
General Budget - FY 2006**

		FY '04 Budget	FY '04 Actual	FY '05 Budget	FY '05 Anticipated	FY '06 Budget
EXPENDITURES						
110	Salaries	\$278,587	\$271,206	\$286,691	\$313,393	\$327,143
115	Salaries-Board Minutes	0	273	250	300	300
210	Medical Insurance	41,703	40,860	49,473	39,167	43,372
212	Disability	850	849	983	928	1,066
220	FICA	22,794	20,640	23,304	22,883	24,633
230	Life Insurance	2,097	2,232	2,326	2,493	2,526
240	Employee Retirement	5,253	4,776	5,518	5,730	5,970
250	Workers Comp	953	1,069	1,145	1,360	1,419
260	Unemployment	584	0	372	247	247
270	Tuition Reimbursement	2,000	0	1,500	1,900	2,000
280	Dental	3,996	3,759	4,229	3,865	4,058
320	Conferences Fees	1,650	605	1,650	1,850	2,000
321	Workshops (Tch Orientation; Staff Computer Training, etc.)	600	98	500	600	600
330	Temp Service	200	0	200	0	0
332	NEMRC/Business Cons.	700	197	550	600	600
333	Technical Services	1,000	753	800	1,200	1,500
360	Legal	11,900	12,000	12,100	12,300	12,700
370	Audit	900	890	1,100	1,143	1,300
423	Custodial	2,200	1,843	2,200	2,200	2,200
430	Equipment Repairs	200	183	200	200	200
431	Trash Removal	0	266	0	750	500
440	Equip Rent/Copier	3,300	3,478	3,300	4,525	4,200
441	Rent	24,330	24,330	24,999	24,999	25,624
520	Comprehensive Insurance	2,494	2,342	2,773	2,861	3,300
530a	Telephone	4,900	2,751	4,900	3,500	3,500
531	Postage	2,300	2,162	2,300	2,300	2,300
540	Advertising	1,500	1,386	1,500	1,000	1,000
541	Advertising-Reap	0	500	0	0	0
542	Advertising-Schoolspring	0	23	0	100	100
580	Travel - Local	6,800	6,829	6,800	8,200	8,200
590	Conference Expenses	1,600	1,561	1,600	2,300	2,500
610	Supplies	7,800	8,166	7,800	8,000	8,000
622	Electricity	3,800	3,998	3,800	4,200	4,400
624	Fuel	2,000	1,119	2,000	2,000	2,000
670	Software/Upgrades	500	108	500	500	1,500
739	Equip Purchase	2,000	1,000	500	500	500
810	Reference Mtrs/Dues	4,300	3,975	4,300	4,500	4,600
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>\$445,791</u>	<u>\$426,227</u>	<u>\$462,163</u>	<u>\$482,594</u>	<u>\$506,058</u>

**Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union
General Budget - FY 2006**

REVENUE

1510	Interest	\$6,000	\$3,558	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
1990	Miscellaneous	250	833	350	350	350
Indirect Costs						
5200	Indirect Costs-Title I	25,000	22,858	24,000	24,000	26,000
5201	Title IIA Curriculum Position	0	0	0	30,000	31,000
5202	Indirect Costs-Title II	5,000	0	0	0	0
5203	Indirect Costs-Title IID,IV, V	4,700	1,340	1,750	2,000	2,000
5204	Fees/Special Education	9,000	9,000	9,250	9,250	9,500
9999	Surplus to lower assessment	<u>13,000</u>	0	<u>8,000</u>	0	<u>13,000</u>
	Subtotal	\$62,950	\$37,589	\$49,350	\$69,600	\$86,850
1931	Assessments:	<u>382,841</u>	<u>382,841</u>	<u>412,813</u>	<u>412,813</u>	<u>419,208</u>
	TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$445,791</u>	<u>\$420,430</u>	<u>\$462,163</u>	<u>\$482,413</u>	<u>\$506,058</u>

FUND BALANCE	General Fund	Equipment Reserve Fund
Balance June 30, 2003	\$30,225	
Transfer to Equipment Reserve	(\$2,000)	\$2,000
Actual Revenues FY'04	420,430	
Actual Expenditures FY'04	(426,227)	(910)
Actual Fund Balance June 30, 2004	<u>\$22,428</u>	<u>\$1,090</u>
Transfer to Equipment Reserve	(\$2,500)	<u>\$2,500</u>
Anticipated Revenues FY'05	482,413	
Anticipated Expenditures FY'05	(482,594)	
Anticipated Fund Balance June 30, 2005	<u>\$19,747</u>	<u>\$3,590</u>
Budgeted Revenues FY'06	\$506,058	
Budgeted Expenditures FY'06	(506,058)	
Transfer to Equipment/Software Reserve Fund	(5,000)	\$5,000
Surplus to Lower Assessments	(13,000)	
Budgeted Fund Balance June 30, 2006	<u>\$1,747</u>	<u>\$8,590</u>

**BENNINGTON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION
GENERAL ASSESSMENT FY '06**

	Total	Danby	Dorset	Manchester	Mt.Tabor	Pawlet	Rupert	Sunderland	UD #23	UD #47
ADM 12/04	1,827.07	132.61	306.73	745.75	24.47	123.92	58.50	147.26	112.85	174.98
Percentage	100.00%	7.26%	16.79%	40.82%	1.34%	6.78%	3.20%	8.06%	6.18%	9.58%
FY'06 Assessment Before Surplus	\$432,208	\$31,370	\$72,560	\$176,412	\$5,789	\$29,314	\$13,838	\$34,836	\$26,696	\$41,393
Less: Surplus applied to lower assessment at prior year's ADM %										
ADM 12/03	1,836.93	137.54	320.12	744.05	19.25	117.35	62.35	151.68	104.55	180.04
Percentage	100.00%	7.49%	17.43%	40.51%	1.05%	6.39%	3.39%	8.26%	5.69%	9.80%
Surplus applied	(\$13,000)	(\$973)	(\$2,265)	(\$5,267)	(\$137)	(\$830)	(\$441)	(\$1,073)	(\$740)	(\$1,274)
FY'06 Proposed Assessment	\$419,208	\$30,397	\$70,295	\$171,145	\$5,652	\$28,484	\$13,397	\$33,763	\$25,956	\$40,119

**Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union
Special Education Budget
FY '06**

	FY '04 Budget	FY '04 Actual	FY '05 Budget	FY '05 Anticipated	FY '06 Budget
EXPENDITURES:					
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	\$97,923	\$95,756	\$101,455	\$96,641	\$102,806
ADMINISTRATION	101,922	91,435	110,683	124,182	129,631
PROGRAM DIRECTORS	<u>149,952</u>	<u>158,274</u>	<u>177,270</u>	<u>181,552</u>	<u>189,739</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$349,797</u>	<u>\$345,465</u>	<u>\$389,408</u>	<u>\$402,375</u>	<u>\$422,176</u>
Other Programs			0	72,357	87,365
Total Special Ed Expenditures			<u>\$389,408</u>	<u>\$474,732</u>	<u>\$509,541</u>
REVENUE:					
FEDERAL IDEA - Budgeted	\$182,000	\$182,000	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$260,000
FEDERAL IDEA - Additional	0	44,994	0	31,788	0
FEDERAL IDEA - Bonus			0	10,000	0
FEDERAL IDEA - Other Programs Support			0	72,357	87,365
FEDERAL IDEA - Applied to Assessments	<u>\$182,000</u>	<u>\$226,994</u>	<u>\$220,000</u>	<u>\$334,145</u>	<u>\$347,365</u>
REVENUE BEFORE ASSESSMENT	\$182,000	\$226,994	\$220,000	\$334,145	\$347,365
SURPLUS APPLIED	15,000	0	0	0	7,000
REGULAR ASSESSMENTS	<u>152,797</u>	<u>114,374</u>	<u>169,408</u>	<u>169,408</u>	<u>155,176</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$349,797</u>	<u>\$341,368</u>	<u>\$389,408</u>	<u>\$503,553</u>	<u>\$509,541</u>

FUND BALANCE:

**Equipment
Reserve Fund**

Balance June 30, 2003	\$18,859	
Actual Revenue FY'04	341,368	
Actual Expenditures Fy'04	(345,465)	
Balance June 30, 2004	\$14,762	
Anticipated Revenue FY '05	503,553	
Anticipated Expenditures FY '05	(474,732)	
Transfer to Reserve Fund	(5,000)	\$5,000
Anticipated Balance June 30, 2005	\$38,583	\$5,000
Budgeted Revenue FY '06	509,541	
Budgeted Expenditures FY '06	(509,541)	
Transfer to Reserve Fund	(5,000)	\$5,000
Surplus to Lower Assessments	(7,000)	
Budgeted Balance June 30, 2006	<u>\$26,583</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>

**Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union
Special Education Budget**

FY '06

			FY '04 Budget	FY '04 Actual	FY '05 Budget	FY '05 Anticipated	FY '06 Budget
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES:							
2140	110	Salary	\$80,750	\$81,253	\$82,381	\$84,460	\$77,994
2140	115	Salary - Clerical	4,604	4,596	4,766	2,530	2,530
2140	119	Salary/Other Adjustments	1,038	0	2,246	0	676
		Total Salaries/Adjustments	<u>86,392</u>	<u>85,849</u>	<u>89,393</u>	<u>86,990</u>	<u>81,200</u>
2140	210	Medical	9,100	9,577	10,582	9,012	9,282
2140	212	Disability	202	197	206	198	207
2140	220	Social Security	6,609	6,530	6,839	6,655	6,212
2140	230	Life Insurance	672	336	672	344	344
2140	240	Retirement	239	443	247	127	132
2140	250	Worker's Compensation	276	319	331	374	349
2140	260	Unemployment Taxes	227	147	144	76	63
2140	270	Tuition Reimbursement	400	0	400	400	400
2140	280	Dental	606	605	641	690	617
2140	320	Conferences	600	1,250	600	600	600
2140	339	Psych Consultants	1,000	0	0	0	0
2140	530	Telephone	700	248	500	275	500
2140	580	Travel	1,000	918	1,000	1,000	1,000
2140	590	Conference Travel Expenses	650	666	650	650	650
2140	611	Supplies for Testing	800	496	800	800	800
2140	810	Dues/Membership	450	175	450	450	450
2140	999	Grant (FY'06 reimb shown in re	(12,000)	(12,000)	(12,000)	(12,000)	0
		TOTAL PSYCHOLOGICAL	<u>\$97,923</u>	<u>\$95,756</u>	<u>\$101,455</u>	<u>\$96,641</u>	<u>\$102,806</u>
ADMINISTRATION: ALL DISTRICTS							
2400	110	Coordinator (57% FTE)	\$25,800	\$25,254	\$25,800	\$42,750	\$42,750
2400	111	STW Coordinator	3,397	3,653	3,618	0	0
2400	115	Salaries - Clerical	11,650	12,250	12,250	13,595	13,595
2400	116	Salaries - Training Components	100	0	0	0	0
2400	119	Salary/Other Adjustments	602	0	2,700	0	2,254
		Total Salary and Adj	<u>41,549</u>	<u>41,157</u>	<u>44,368</u>	<u>56,345</u>	<u>58,599</u>
2400	210	Medical	5,971	5,885	6,412	9,096	10,707
2400	212	Disability	129	131	138	175	182
2400	220	Social Security	3,171	3,191	3,394	4,310	4,483
2400	230	Life Insurance	120	124	188	238	238
2400	240	Employee Retirement	606	1,084	634	680	707
2400	250	Workers' Compensation	133	154	164	242	252
2400	260	Unemployment Taxes	91	63	59	40	40
2400	270	Tuition Reimbursement	1,000	469	1,000	1,000	1,000
2400	280	Dental	199	487	524	894	905
2400	320	Professional Development	2,500	120	2,500	2,500	2,500
2400	321	Conferences	700	831	700	700	700
2400	330	Contracted Service	1,300	158	1,300	1,300	1,300
2400	360	Legal	5,000	3,246	10,000	7,000	7,000
2400	370	Audit	660	660	700	1,128	1,200
2400	423	Custodial	800	842	800	800	800
2400	430	Equip Service Contracts	100	0	100	100	100
2400	431	Trash Removal	0	127	0	375	375
2400	440	Copier Fees	1,815	1,824	1,815	2,174	2,585
2400	441	Rent	11,597	10,822	11,116	11,116	11,389

**Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union
Special Education Budget
FY '06**

			FY '04 Budget	FY '04 Actual	FY '05 Budget	FY '05 Anticipated	FY '06 Budget
2400	520	Comprehensive Insurance	1,456	1,366	1,571	1,669	1,919
2400	530	Telephone	1,200	451	1,200	600	600
2400	531	Postage	1,050	572	1,050	750	750
2400	540	Advertising	1,500	534	1,000	1,000	1,000
2400	580	Travel	600	377	600	600	600
2400	590	Conference Travel Expenses	850	145	850	850	850
2400	610	Supplies	3,000	2,337	3,000	3,000	3,000
2400	622	Electricity	1,575	1,906	2,000	2,000	2,100
2400	624	Fuel	1,200	533	1,200	1,200	1,200
2400	670	Student Management Software	1,500	1,395	1,500	1,500	1,500
2400	739	Equipment	750	861	750	750	750
2400	810	Reference Materials/Dues	800	583	800	800	800
2400	930	Overhead Allocation	9,000	9,000	9,250	9,250	9,500
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION			<u>\$101,922</u>	<u>\$91,435</u>	<u>\$110,683</u>	<u>\$124,182</u>	<u>\$129,631</u>
PROGRAM DIRECTORS							
2401	110	Salaries	\$89,630	\$99,544	\$106,322	\$112,742	\$114,833
2401	115	Salaries - Clerical	11,650	12,250	12,250	12,650	12,650
2401	119	Salary/Other Adjustments	4,051	0	2,449	0	2,626
		Total Salary and Adjustments	<u>105,331</u>	<u>111,794</u>	<u>121,021</u>	<u>125,392</u>	<u>130,109</u>
2401	210	Medical Insurance	15,080	18,583	24,267	24,139	26,529
2401	212	Disability	327	339	375	389	403
2401	220	Social Security	8,058	8,345	9,258	9,401	9,953
2401	230	Life Insurance	865	529	865	546	546
2401	240	Employee Retirement	606	141	634	633	658
2401	250	Workers' Compensation	337	419	448	539	559
2401	260	Unemployment Taxes	225	201	95	90	90
2401	270	Tuition Reimbursement	800	849	800	800	800
2401	280	Dental Insurance	1,475	1,784	2,132	2,260	2,373
2401	320	Professional Development	500	200	500	500	500
2401	321	Conferences	1,000	1,024	1,000	1,000	1,000
2401	430	Custodial	300	336	300	300	300
2401	431	Trash Removal	0	51	0	150	150
2401	440	Copier Lease	825	844	825	988	1,175
2401	441	Rent	4,623	4,623	4,750	4,750	4,869
2401	530	Telephone	1,500	1,509	1,800	1,600	1,600
2401	531	Postage	650	481	650	500	500
2401	540	Advertising	1,000	243	1,000	1,000	1,000
2401	580	Travel	3,000	3,284	3,000	3,000	3,000
2401	590	Conference Travel Expenses	1,000	948	1,000	1,000	1,000
2401	610	Supplies	1,000	774	1,000	1,000	1,000
2401	622	Electricity	650	760	750	775	825
2401	624	Fuel	500	213	500	500	500
2401	810	Reference Materials/Dues	300	0	300	300	300
TOTAL DIRECTORS			<u>\$149,952</u>	<u>\$158,274</u>	<u>\$177,270</u>	<u>\$181,552</u>	<u>\$189,739</u>
Total Expenditures			<u>\$349,797</u>	<u>\$345,465</u>	<u>\$389,408</u>	<u>\$402,375</u>	<u>\$422,176</u>
Other Programs							
2100		Psychological (15%)					\$11,627
2100		Transition Coordinator				\$36,283	37,623
2200		Coordinator of Paraeducator Professional Development				36,074	38,115
Total Other Programs						<u>\$72,357</u>	<u>\$87,365</u>
Total Special Education Expenditures						<u>\$474,732</u>	<u>\$509,541</u>

(As required by 16 V.S.A. 261a)

**BENNINGTON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION
FY'04 State Special Education Grants**

<u>District</u>	<u>Block Grant</u>	<u>Reimbursement</u>	<u>Extraordinary Reimbursement</u>	<u>State Placed Reimbursement</u>	<u>Early Education Grant</u>	<u>Total</u>
Danby	\$57,029	\$141,654	\$20,640	\$12,484	\$6,406	\$238,213
Dorset	89,533	256,999	0	0	6,165	352,697
Manchester	204,682	514,659	18,912	0	29,445	767,698
Mt. Tabor	11,296	33,610	0	0	1,401	46,307
Pawlet	69,145	216,240	0	0	10,571	295,956
Rupert	27,269	135,613	0	0	4,404	167,286
Sunderland	39,396	146,396	0	0	6,375	192,167
Total	<u>\$498,350</u>	<u>\$1,445,171</u>	<u>\$39,552</u>	<u>\$12,484</u>	<u>\$64,767</u>	<u>\$2,060,324</u>



The Dorset Library, now Factory Point Bank in Dorset.

**BENNINGTON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION
SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENTS - FY '06**

	Total	Danby	Dorset	Manchester	Mt. Tabor	Pawlet	Rupert	Sunderland
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES								
ADM December 2004	1,827.07	224.61	306.73	745.75	45.32	257.90	99.50	147.26
Percent of ADM	100.00%	12.29%	16.79%	40.82%	2.48%	14.12%	5.45%	8.06%
Assessment	\$102,806	\$12,638	\$17,259	\$41,962	\$2,550	\$14,511	\$5,600	\$8,286
ADMINISTRATION								
ADM December 2004	1,827.07	224.61	306.73	745.75	45.32	257.90	99.50	147.26
Percent of ADM	100.00%	12.29%	16.79%	40.82%	2.48%	14.12%	5.45%	8.06%
Assessment	\$129,631	\$15,936	\$21,763	\$52,912	\$3,215	\$18,297	\$7,060	\$10,448
SPED DIRECTORS								
Percent of Staff	2.00	0.45	0.22	0.00	0.05	0.715	0.285	0.28
Assessment	\$189,739	\$42,691	\$20,871	\$0	\$4,743	\$67,832	\$27,038	\$26,564
TOTAL GROSS Expenses	\$422,176	\$71,265	\$59,893	\$94,874	\$10,508	\$100,640	\$39,698	\$45,298
Psychi/Admin								
ADM December 2003	1,836.93	224.09	320.12	744.05	37.25	257.78	101.96	151.68
Percent of ADM	100.00%	12.20%	17.43%	40.51%	2.03%	14.03%	5.55%	8.26%
Surplus to Lower Assmt.	\$7,000	\$854	\$1,220	\$2,835	\$142	\$982	\$389	\$578
Number of Students 12/1/04	251.00	38.00	42.00	88.00	5.00	32.00	16.00	30.00
Percent of Students	100.00%	15.14%	16.73%	35.06%	1.99%	12.75%	6.38%	11.95%
Fed/IDEA State Est.	\$260,000	\$39,361	\$43,506	\$91,156	\$5,179	\$33,147	\$16,576	\$31,075
Total Credits	\$267,000	\$40,215	\$44,726	\$93,991	\$5,321	\$34,129	\$16,965	\$31,653
FY'06 ASSESSMENT	\$155,176	\$31,050	\$15,167	\$883	\$5,187	\$66,511	\$22,733	\$13,645

VERMONT STATE POLICE

Total number of State Police incidents in the Town of Dorset for time period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004.*

*All statistics are unofficial, pending verification by Vermont Criminal Information center. This report does not include Fish and Wildlife or reports of other law enforcement agencies. Report provided by Lt. Stephen D. Poirot, Station Commander of Shaftsbury Barracks.

Assault Simple	6	Burglary Force	4	Welfare Check	5
Burglary No Force	2	Stalking - Aggravated	1	Motor Vehicle Larceny	2
Building Larceny	4	Larceny All Other	3	Theft Motorcycle	1
Fraud, Checks Other	-	Fraud, False	1	Embezzlement	-
Vehicles Vandalism	1	Residence Vandalism	1	Vandalism-Misc.	2
Porn./Obs. Material	1	Possess Marijuana	1	Ill. Possession by Minor	3
False Info to Police	1	Kidnapping	1	DUI of Liquor	7
Trespass Violations	2	Family Disturbance	3	Fireworks	1
DMV Report Injury	2	DMV Report Prop.	9	ATV Accident	1
Vehicle Disturbance	14	Neglect Vehicle	1	DLS Criminal	1
Hunt. Shoot. Injury	1	Alarm	1	Animal Problem	1
Agency Assist	17	Attempt to Locate	1	ATV Incident	1
Burglary Alarm	8	Citizen Dispute	6	Citizen Assist	18
Communications Offense	2	E911 Hangup	19	False Alarm	47
Juvenile Problem	3	Motorist Assist	1	Missing Person	1
Not Classified	4	Noise Disturbance	2	SUSP Person	20
Traffic Hazard	1				

TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR THIS LOCATION 235

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 2004

We held 7 hearings. Three out of four variance requests were granted. One application for conditional use was granted. One appeal from a decision of the zoning officer was affirmed and another was denied.

Once again we all want to thank Nancy Aversano for her competent and helpful work as our secretary.
BILL BRIDGES, Chair

PLANNING COMMISSION

For the year 2004, 78 zoning permit applications were received. Of these 20 were for single-family houses, 5 were referred to the Planning Commission for site development plan review and 4 were referred to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for variances. Applications for 9 subdivisions were received; of which 4 were boundary line adjustments, resulting in the creation of 15 lots.

The Planning Commission with the help of the Affordable Housing Subcommittee completed the investigation into potential affordable housing sites and received a State grant for \$500,000 to build affordable housing in East Dorset. It is expected that the affordable housing will be completed in 2006.

The Planning Commission would like to thank our the Affordable Housing Subcommittee, members of Conservation Commission, and the Design Review Board for their assistance during the past year.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Breed, Chairman, Meg Canavan Vice Chairman; Chris Brooks; Brian Knight; Joe Linder; Doug Marks; John Marino; Eric Rosencrantz; Gay Squire

MANCHESTER PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

We started the year out with basketball youth through adult play. Thanks to all of our coaches who gave their time and talent to help the youth basketball program and to the schools for the use of the facilities (MEMS, BBA and DES). Winter Carnival continues to be a popular event. We would like to thank all of the businesses who sponsored the events of Winter Carnival and those who donated prizes and auction items. Swim team had many accomplishments this year including several pool records broken and the most participants taken to state finals. Summer camp saw a new Director and staff. We also welcomed Beth Garder to the staff and she proved to be a great asset to our summer camp program. We are anticipating a wonderful summer in 2005.

There have been many projects going on at the park during the past year. Work on Applejack field started and was delayed due to the rain we had. Bill Drunsic put the final touches on the planning and then built the walking path that circles the perimeter of the park. The maintenance barn has seen many changes including new doors, insulation and a heating system. Our new director is Ryan Scovil.

The following is a summary of recent years operational revenues and expenditures:

	<u>FY '03 Actual</u>	<u>FY '04 Actual</u>	<u>FY '05 Budgeted</u>	<u>FY '06 Proposed</u>
Revenue	\$182,160.51	\$175,668.24	\$196,900.00	\$217,700
Expenses	\$276,217.51	\$273,197.93	\$279,609.00	\$325,126
Capital Exp.	\$31,526.41	\$42,314.57	\$436,500	\$20,000

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Chilcott, CPRP, Program Director

BENNINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The following is the report for BCSD from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004. During this time frame the BCSD issued 920 traffic tickets in the town of Dorset.

During this time we also investigated the following different incidents or assisted another agency making the total 151.

446	Local speed town highway	911 Hang-up call	2
290	Basic rule >50 mph	Accident w/ damage	1
31	Inspection of registered vehicles	Accident w/ injuries	1
21	Seatbelt violation	ATV accident/incident	3
18	Driving license suspended	Agency assistance	47
15	Interstate highway regulations	Alarm	3
15	No registration	Alcohol offense	1
14	Display of plates	Animal problem	1
13	Operating w/o a license	Citizen assist	18
12	Operating w/o liability insurance	Driving license suspended	1
6	Condition of vehicle	DUT (alcohol or drugs)	5
6	Misuse of plates	Controlled substance problem	2
5	Regulations in municipalities	Intoxicated person	1
4	Failure to use child restraint system	Juvenile problein	1
3	Minor possessing alcohol (before 7/0 1)	Litter/pollution/public health	1
3	State speed zones	Motor vehicle complaint	22
3	Tobacco possession by under 18	Noise disturbance	1
2	Possession license certificate	Parking problem	1
1	Basic rule	Property/home watch	2
1	Consume alcohol while driving pre 7/1/02	Suspicious person/circumstance	6
1	Following too closely	Towed vehicle	1
1	Junior operator violation	Traffic hazard	3
1	Limitations on passing	Traffic violation	2
1	Littering	Unlawful mischief	1
1	Motorcycles - headgear	Unsecure premise	8
1	Operation along public highway	VIN number inspection	6
1	Operating w/o learners permit	Wanted person	1
1	Registration required	Welfare/suicide check	9
1	Signals required		
1	Starting parked vehicles		
1	Stop/yield intersections		

Submitted by, Gary Forest, Sheriff

TOWN OF DORSET

INVENTORY OF TOWN EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY (ACV) - 2005

\$82,595.00	1 - 2005 International Model 7600 SBA 6X4 Truck
96,894.00	1 - 2003 International Model 7600 6X4 Truck with Viking VCL135HSE9 Plow and MG Four Season Body
70,509.00	1 - 2000 International 4X2 Truck, Model 2574, with Tenco TC95 plow, Tenco TC109 side wing and Tenco 12M dump/spreader body (1999)
71,500.00	1 - 1999 International 4X2 Truck, Model 2574, with Tenco TC95 plow, Tenco TC109 side wing and Tenco 12M dump/spreader body (1998)
38,327.00	1 - 1997 Ford F350 1 Ton Truck, with HEIL 2/3 Yard Dump Body and HOUSATONIC 9' Plow
14,241.00	1 - 1994 Chevrolet CK 1500 4-wheel drive Pickup
48,150.00	1 - 1994 International Diesel Dump Truck, Model 4900
22,072.00	1 - 1989 Ford Diesel F350 Pickup with Plow and Frame
3,100.00	1 - 1998 Tenco TC95 11' One Way Plow
3,350.00	1 - 1991 Viking Snow Plow and Push Frame
2,100.00	1 - 1978 Viking Snow Plow
278,000.00	1 - 2000 John Deere 772CH AWD Grader
84,735.00	1 - 2001 John Deere 544H Wheel Loader
70,790.00	1 - 1997 John Deere 310SE Backhoe Loader
1,650.00	1 - Flink VCT-13 Hydraulic Tailgate Sander
2,074.00	1 - Hydraulic Sander
2,000.00	1 - Hydraulic Sander
4,250.00	1 - Swenson Hydraulic Truck Cross Conveyor Model STCC
800.00	1 - York Rake Model RB
1,700.00	1 - 11 HP Leaf Vacuum TR1102
18,500.00	1 - FMC Pickup Sweeper, Self Propelled
3,148.00	1 - Hydraulic Sweeper HL 72 Loader Mounted
20,000.00	1 - 1984 International Tractor Model 864 with Cab and Mower (1999)
15,000.00	1 - Morbark Eager Beaver Portable Chipper S/N 3826
125.00	1 - Battery Charger
300.00	1 - Homelite Chain Saw
480.00	1 - Husqvarna Chain Saw Model 268 (1999)
540.00	1 - Husqvarna Chain Saw Model 372XP, SN-003200058 (2000)
820.00	1 - Husqvarna Cut Off Saw 14 HUQ371K (1999)

484.45	1- Stihl Pole Pruner HT 75 (2001)
1,490.00	1 - Plate Compactor, MVC77
1,523.00	1 - Trash Pump W GX240, SN-8009 (5/00)
1,560.00	1 - Air Compressor Model 2475N5 230/1/60 With Starter
100.00	1 - Welder
100.00	1 - Acetylene Torch Outfit
75.00	1 - Bench Grinder
130.00	1 - Portable Grinder
30.00	1 - Electric Drill
375.00	1 - Steam Cleaner
725.00	1 - 1972 Hale Model 2SFAB23 Portable Pump #52065
918.75	1 - 4000 Watt Portable Generator, Model #GGB40-62M, Code 85111209
400.00	2 - Impact Wrenches 1/2" and 3/4"
600.00	1 - Topcon Auto Level AT - G7
1,000.00	Miscellaneous Small Hand Tools. Chains, Bars, Shovels and Stone Forks
5,000.00	Mechanic's Tool Set
2,029.00	1 - PENT 100 Pionex Computer in Town Clerk's Office
419.00	1 - Printer Wide Carriage, Canon BJ 230 in Town Clerk's Office
99.00	1 - Modem, Hayes Accura External 14.4 Fax in Town Clerk's Office
289.00	1 - UPS Line Conditioner, Omni Pro 675 Triplit in Town Clerk's Office
139.95	1 - Zip Drive Parallel Iomega 100 in Town Clerk's Office
1,727.00	1- New Computer in Town Clerk's Office
2,441.24	2 - Dell P4 Computers in Town Clerk's Office (purchased 12/03)
1,932.65	1 - Sony Notebook Computer in Lister's Office
854.00	1 - AMD XP2.0GHZ/Asus A7N226 V Computer with Mid Tower Case/512MB DDR and 80GB WD HD Win 2000 Pro in Lister's Office
2,759.00	1 - PENT II Pionex Computer in Lister's Office
609.00	1 - Princeton Graphics 17" Monitor in Lister's Office
289.00	1 - UPS Line Conditioner, Omni PRO675 Triplit in Lister's Office
535.00	1 - HP Deskjet 1120 CSE 11 x 17 Printer in Lister's Office
369.00	1 - Canon BJC 4550 CLR Printer in Town Manager's Clerk's office
7,804.00	1 - Computer PIII-450/128 MB SDRAM, 10 GB WD HD/ATI XPERT 8MB, Windows 98/keyb/intellimouse, 48X CD/SB, 128/speakers, USR 56.6 INT V/P/M, Seagate 4/8 OB TBU/Tape, 3COM 10/100 PCI Netw card, Mcafee virus scan, Corel WP 8 suite OEM, MS Works suite 99, 100' cross over patch cable, Symantec PC anywhere H&R Ver 9.0, Iomega 250MB zip drive ext., EPP/ECP PRT PCI card, (1999) NEMRC GL, AP, Payroll and GL software modules in Town Manager's Clerk's Office
359.00	1 - Printer, Okidata ML 320 Turbo 9 Pin in Town Manager's Clerk's Office
195.00	1 - APC Battery Back-Up Unit 400 In Town Manager's Clerk's Office
1,962.00	1 - Computer PIII-450/128 MB SDRAM, 10 GB WD HD/ATI XPERT 8MB, Windows 98/keyb/intellimouse, 48X CD/SB, 128/speakers, USR 56.6 INT V/P/M, Seagate 4/8 OB TBU/Tape, 3COM 10/100 PCI Netw card,

Mcafee virus scan, Corel WP 8 suite OEM, MS Works suite 99 in Town Manager's office (1999)

729.00 1 - Printer, Hewlett-Packard LaserJet 4L in Town Manager's Office

195.00 1 - APC Battery Back-Up Unit 400 In Town Manager's Office

5,846.00 1 - Copier, Canon 6025 with reversing auto feed, 10 bin sorter with stapler and stand

795.00 1 - Bubble Jet Facsimile Machine, Canon Fax - B340

6,377.45 7 - Mobile Radios and Base Station with Ground Plane Antenna and 2 portable radios

1,420.00 1 - Mobile Radio on Vermont State Police Communication System

984.00 1 - Portable Radio Unit on Vermont State Police Communication System

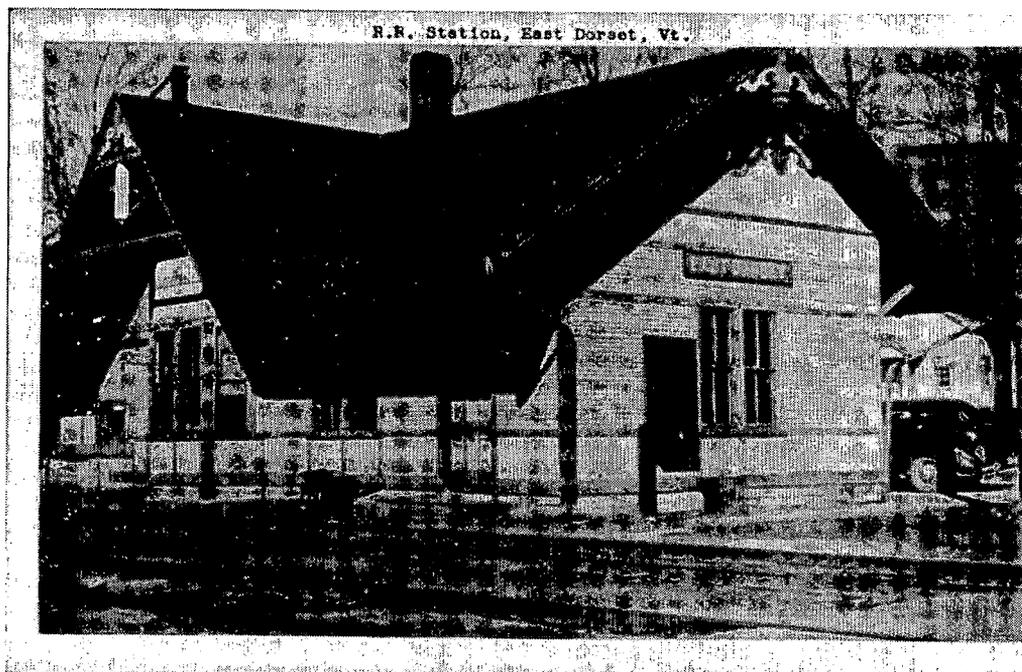
1,395.00 1 - Radar MPH K55, Complete

1,395.00 1 - Radar LTR 6

787.00 1 - Motorola Portable Radio, 16 Channel, for Constable

24,100.00 1 - Generator System at School

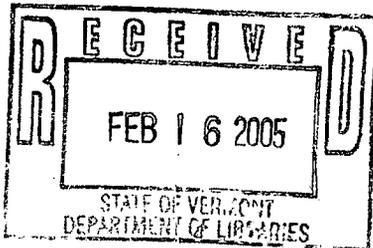
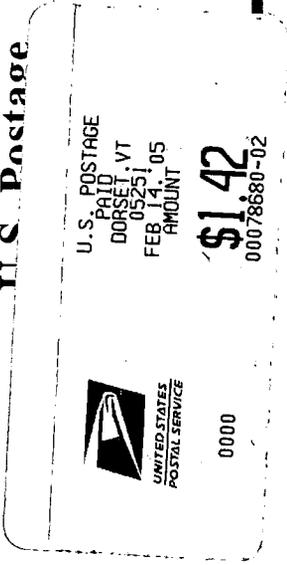
3,988.95 1 - Landa Pressure Washer, Model # M.V.P. 4-35325E, Serial # P0299-11427



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