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Newport, Vermont



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ANNUAL TOWN & SCHOOL REPORT



For the year ending December 31, 2003

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*appointed by Selectboard

Town Officers

MODERATOR: John Kilby	2004
TOWN CLERK: Denise Daigle	2006
TOWN/SCHOOL TREASURER: Denise Daigle	2006
SELECTBOARD:	
Linda Lawson	2004
Glenn Foster	2005
Steve Barrup	2006
SCHOOL DIRECTOR:	
Amy Patenaude	2004
Annette Sicard	2004
Kingsley Boyd	2004
Susan Tetreault	2005
Dave Ghelli	2006
LISTERS:	
Forest Buckland	2004
Richard Baker	2005
Dianne Snelgrove	2006
AUDITORS:	
Susan Moulton	2004
Lorraine Maloney	2005
Wilma Therrien	2006
FIRE WARDEN: Mike Beaumier (Appointed by State)	2004
SCHOOL DIRECTOR TO NCUHS: Vince Buttice	2006
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR: Denise Daigle	2004
FIRST CONSTABLE: Larry Bean	2004
SECOND CONSTABLE: William Bursey	2004
TOWN AGENT: Ernest Choquette	2004
TOWN GRAND JUROR: Tom Howell (resigned in 2003)	2004
*ROAD COMMISSIONER: Fred Baraw	2004
*WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONER: Fred Baraw	2004
*NVDA REPRESENTATIVE: Real Lanoue and Forest Buckland	2004
*FENCE VIEWERS: Larry Bean	2004
*POUND KEEPER: Keith Willey	2004
TOWN SERVICE OFFICERS: Selectboard	2004
HEALTH OFFICER: (Appointed by State) Marie Sexton	2004
INSPECTOR OF WOOD AND TIMBER: (Appointed by State) Charlie Drown, Sr.	2004

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:

Charles Drown, Sr., Chairman; Glenn Brown, Bill Bursey,
Betty Murphy, Lorraine Maloney, Lucille Duckless, Terry Dugan. 2004

*SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE: Selectboard 2004

*CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:

Jim Warman, Chairman; Glenn Foster, Pearl Gooley, John Kilby,
Milton Hammond, Donald Poutre, Jr. 2004

*WATER COMMITTEE:

Ernest Choquette, Chairman; Theresa Forbes; Avis Rollins; Richard
Farrar; Linda Waterman; Jim Hilliker 2004

*CIVIL DEFENSE: Selectboard 2004

*ZONING BOARD:

Doug Lay, Administrator; Lorraine Maloney, Clerk; Tom Howell
Glenn Foster, Bruno Marquis, Ernest Choquette; Jeff Hall 2004

PLANNING BOARD:

Norbert Blais, Doug Lay, Richard Baker 2004

Ernest Choquette, Forest Buckland, Paul Duquette 2005

Lorraine Maloney, Clerk, Linda Waterman, Tom Howell 2006

*REPRESENTATIVE TO NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ON DISABILITY:

Lorraine Maloney 2004

*GROUNDSKEEPER: Larry Bean 2004

DEPUTY REGISTRARS: (Appointed by Town Clerk),

Converse-Rushford Funeral Home 2004

Curtis-Britch Funeral Home 2004

TOWN OF NEWPORT
Annual Town Meeting March 4, 2003

The annual town meeting of the Town of Newport and the Town School District was called to order at 6:00pm by Selectboard Chair, Steven Barrup.

Steve explained that the reason he was opening the meeting was that our moderator, James MacKellar, was unable to be moderator due to health reasons. Steve called a moment of silence for Martin "Shorty" Murphy who passed away in 2002. He was one of the original founders of the Newport Center Volunteer Fire Department and held various town offices during his lifetime.

1. TO ELECT A MODERATOR: Steven Barrup nominated John Kilby. A motion was made to close nominations and instruct the Town Clerk to cast one ballot electing John Kilby. It was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote. Denise Daigle then administered the oath of office.

Mr. Kilby then introduced himself to the crowd, stating that he was the past moderator for the Town of Newport some years ago. After the flag salute Catherine and Corinne Boone, fire chief Dan Boone's daughters, then sang the national anthem.

2. A motion was made that we dispense with the reading of the entire warning by the Town Clerk, motion was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.
3. TO HEAR AND DISPOSE OF THE REPORTS OF THE TOWN OFFICERS AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. Auditor's Report
 - B. Fire Department Report
 - C. Treasurer's Report
 - D. Selectboard's Report
 - E. Tax Collector's Report
 - F. School Director's Report
 - G. Principal's Report
 - H. Planning Board Report
 - I. Zoning Board Report
 - J. Conservation Committee Report
 - K. Lake Road Cemetery Report
 - L. Solid Waste Report
 - M. Lister's Report
 - N. Water Committee Report

A motion was made that A-N be accepted as printed. The motion was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.

4. TO ELECT ALL NECESSARY OFFICERS AS FOLLOWS:

A. TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER FOR A THREE YEAR TERM: Denise Daigle was nominated. A motion was made to close nominations and instruct the Selectboard Chair to cast one ballot electing Denise Daigle. It was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.

B. SELECTPERSON FOR A THREE YEAR TERM: Steven Barrup was nominated. A motion was made to close nominations and instruct the Town Clerk to cast one ballot electing Steven Barrup. It was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.

C. SCHOOL DIRECTOR FOR A THREE YEAR TERM: Dave Ghelli was nominated. Ray Ash was nominated – he declined. A motion was made to close nominations and instruct the Town Clerk to cast one ballot electing Dave Ghelli. It was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.

D. SCHOOL DIRECTOR FOR A ONE YEAR TERM: Kingsley Boyd was nominated. A motion was made to close nominations and instruct the Town Clerk to cast one ballot electing Kingsley Boyd. It was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.

E. SCHOOL DIRECTOR FOR A ONE YEAR TERM: Annette Sicard was nominated. Susan Tetreault explained that Annette was not at town meeting but had expressed interest and would accept if voted in. A motion was made to close nominations and instruct the Town Clerk to cast one ballot electing Annette Sicard. It was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.

F. LISTER FOR A THREE YEAR TERM: Dianne Snelgrove was nominated. A motion was made to close nominations and instruct the Town Clerk to cast one ballot electing Dianne Snelgrove. It was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.

G. Moderator noted that North Country school director for a three year term was not listed specifically on the warning but in the listing of town officers his term was up. **NORTH COUNTRY SCHOOL DIRECTOR FOR A THREE YEAR TERM:** Vince Buttice was nominated. A motion was made to close nominations and instruct the Town clerk to cast one ballot electing Vince Buttice. It was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.

H. AUDITOR FOR A THREE YEAR TERM: Nicole Poginy was nominated – Town Clerk stated that Nicole left instruction with her that if she was nominated she declined. DeAnn Meunier was nominated – she declined. Wilma Therrien was nominated. A motion was made to close nominations and instruct the Town Clerk to cast one ballot electing Wilma Therrien. It was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.

I. DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR FOR A ONE YEAR TERM: Denise Daigle was nominated. A motion was made to close nominations and instruct the Selectboard Chair to cast one ballot electing Denise Daigle. It was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.

J. FIRST CONSTABLE FOR A ONE YEAR TERM: Larry Bean was nominated. A motion was made to close nominations and instruct the Town Clerk to cast one ballot electing Larry Bean. It was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.

K. SECOND CONSTABLE FOR A ONE YEAR TERM: It was moved, seconded and passed to pass over the second constable position.

L. TOWN AGENT FOR A ONE YEAR TERM: Ernest Choquette was nominated. A motion was made to close nominations and instruct the Town Clerk to cast one ballot electing Ernest Choquette. It was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.

M. TOWN GRAND JUROR FOR A ONE YEAR TERM: Tom Howell was nominated. A motion was made to close nominations and instruct the Town Clerk to cast one ballot electing Tom Howell. It was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.

N. PLANNING BOARD MEMBER FOR A THREE YEAR TERM: Lorraine Maloney was nominated. A motion was made to close nominations and instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot electing Lorraine Maloney. It was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.

O. PLANNING BOARD MEMBER FOR A THREE YEAR TERM: Linda Waterman was nominated. A motion was made to close nominations and instruct the Town Clerk to cast one ballot electing Linda Waterman. It was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.

P. PLANNING BOARD MEMBER FOR A THREE YEAR TERM: It was noted that Tom Howell was a planning board member not Ray Ash. Tom Howell was nominated. A motion was made to close nominations and instruct the Town Clerk to cast one ballot electing Tom Howell. It was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote. Ernest Choquette stated that Tom Tetreault is no longer on the planning board. Anyone interested should contact the selectboard.

5. To see if the Town will authorize and instruct its Selectboard and/or Schoolboard and Treasurer to borrow money, if necessary, to defray its expenses and obligations for the ensuing year. A motion was made to approve this article. The motion was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.

6. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$15000.00 to the Newport Town Fire Department to help defray expenses. A motion was made to approve this article. The motion was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.

7. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$18000.00 to the Newport Town Fire Department to be put towards the new fire station. A motion was made and seconded to accept this article. Steve Roberts explained the cost of the new building. This article PASSED on a voice vote.

Moderator called a short recess at 7:00pm so the NCUHS and Career Center ballots could be counted. Rep. Duncan Kilmartin and Rep. John Hall spoke during the break about political issues.

The moderator called the meeting back to order and thanked and congratulated the fire department on the new fire station and also made a correction to the town report – Justice of the Peace is not Richard Farrar it should be Betty Murphy.

8. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$1,427,272.00 necessary for the support of its town school for the year beginning July 1, 2003.

A motion was made to accept this article. Ray Ash spoke briefly about the budget. A motion was made to allow the principal, Richard Spaulding, to speak. This motion was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote. Mr. Spaulding explained further the budget and where the decrease of about \$116,000.00 was going to take place. Rene Brochu brought up the bus contract that the school board signed this year with North Country. He also expressed concern about the condition of the buses – he strongly feels that what the school board agreed to in the contract is not what they are presently receiving for services. Ray Ash stated that the school board is aware of these issues and that because of these problems the bus contract will be going out to bid again. Ray Ash also explained that there is a facilities committee now formed – first meeting is March 19th at the school and would like to see many people attend – this is to explain such issues as the no child left behind law, tuitioning out the 7th and 8th grades, etc. Ken Hamel thanked the principal, school board, teachers and road commissioner for their help and caring attitude. A motion was made and seconded to move the previous question. This PASSED on a voice vote. More than seven voters requested voting by paper ballots. This article PASSED by paper ballot with 101- Yes and 36 – No.

9. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport School District will authorize the board of School Directors to transfer from the General Fund into the reserve fund \$25908.50 and to spend from the reserve account a sum not to exceed \$29,450.00 to provide upkeep and repair of the building in order to improve air quality. Some discussion occurred – the moderator clarified questions on the article. A motion was made to approve this article. The motion was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.
10. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$138,000.00 for the General Fund expenditures and direct the Selectboard to deduct anticipated revenue. A motion was made to approve this article. The motion was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.
11. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$402,735.00 for the Roads and Equipment expenditures and direct the Selectboard to deduct anticipated revenue. A motion was made to approve this article. The motion was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.
12. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$25,500.00 for the Lister's expenditures. A motion was made to accept this article. Forest Buckland explained the reasons for the increase. The motion was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.
13. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$15,000.00 for Tax Mapping and a town-wide reappraisal by outside appraisers. A motion was made to approve this article. The motion was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.
14. To see if the voters of the Town will vote to appropriate \$300.00 per student for "Special Bussing". This amount to be paid directly to the bus service, if available. If bussing is not available, individuals MUST present a bill to the Clerk's Office prior to October 1, 2003, with verification that their child is attending a

certified private school and the date of enrollment as a regular education student. A motion was made to accept this article. Some discussion – Theresa Forbes stated that bussing for Sacred Heart students is now at \$800.00 per year. The motion was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.

15. To see if the Town will vote that the taxes be paid to the Town Treasurer on or before October 27th, 2003, without penalties. After that date, they shall be placed in the hands of the delinquent tax collector with added legal fees. A motion was made to accept this article. The motion was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.
16. To see if the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$17,000.00 in support of the operation of the Goodrich Memorial Library. A motion was made to accept this article. There was some discussion. The motion was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.
17. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$6468.00 to the Orleans County Sheriff's Department. A motion was made to accept this article. Moderator asked if anyone objected to sheriff, Lance Bowen, speaking. There was no objection. Mr. Bowen explained why they needed this amount from us. The motion was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.
18. To see if the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$1,587.00 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services. A motion was made to accept this article. The motion was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.
19. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$850.00 to the Orleans-Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. A motion was made to accept this article. The motion was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.
20. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$4,240.00 to the Newport Ambulance. A motion was made to accept this article. The motion was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.
21. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$1,200.00 to the City of Newport to help support the zebra mussel wash station at the boat dock at Strawberry Acres. A motion was made and seconded to accept this article. More than seven people requested ballot vote. This article was defeated by ballot vote 38-Yes 44-no.
22. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate the following:
 - a. Northeast Kingdom Learning \$200.00
 - b. NVDA \$552.00
 - c. Step O.N.E. \$350.00
 - d. Orleans County Citizens Advocacy \$300.00
 - e. Area Agency on Aging \$580.00
 - f. Northeast King. Com. Action \$100.00
 - g. Old Stone House Museum \$300.00
 - h. Triad \$200.00
 - i. VT Center for Independent Living \$210.00
 - j. Frontier Animal Society \$500.00

- k. Rand Memorial Library\$150.00
- l. Bookmobile-Goodrich Mem. Library\$100.00
- m. Missisquoi Valley Senior Center.....\$100.00

A motion was made to accept items A-I as is, this was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.

22j. Frontier Animal Society – A motion was made, seconded and then discussed. Seven voters requested paper ballot vote. This was Defeated by a ballot vote.

22k. Rand Memorial Library – A motion was made, seconded and then discussed. This item was defeated by a voice vote.

22l. Bookmobile-Goodrich Memorial Library – A motion was made, seconded and then discussed. This item PASSED by a voice vote.

22m. Missisquoi Valley Senior Center – A motion was made and seconded to accept this item. This PASSED by a voice vote.

23. To do any legal business that may come before said meeting – There was some discussion – Ernest Choquette asked Vince Buttice, NUCHS school director, why the band director at the high school was hired back as full time. This was discussed. There was also further discussion on the bussing issue. The moderator suggested that interested people go to the regular school board meetings to discuss this issue.

24. To adjourn – A motion was made to adjourn. This motion was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote. Adjourned at 10:12pm.

ATTEST: Denise Daigle-Town and School Clerk and Treasurer

Moderator – John Kilby

Steven Barrup	Raymond Ash
Linda Lawson	Amy Patenaude
Glenn Foster	Susan Tetreault
Selectboard-Town of Newport	Schoolboard – Town of Newport

AUSTRALIAN VOTING RESULTS AS FOLLOWS:

N.C.U.H.S.-Budget 81 YES 78 NO 1 SPOILED
 \$47,250.00 of fund balance toward six replacement school buses ... 101 YES 59 NO
 \$30,000.00 of fund balance – replacement bleachers 95 YES 64 NO 1 SPOILED
 \$17,692.00 refurbishing the gym floor84 YES 74 NO 2 SPOILED
 \$10,000.00 Phase One of a new sound system77 YES 80 NO 3 SPOILED
 \$12,000.00 for computer equipment 106 YES 53 NO 1 SPOILED
 \$3,000.00 for additional surveillance cameras 104 YES 54 NO 2 SPOILED
 \$4,300.00 replacement of band uniforms90 YES 68 NO 2 SPOILED
 No. Co. Career Center87 YES 74 NO

TOWN OF NEWPORT

Special Town School District Meeting April 22, 2003

The special town school district meeting of the Town of Newport was called to order at 7:10pm by Moderator, John Kilby.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The moderator read the warning then went over a few procedure items.

The moderator then called on school board chair, Amy Patenaude. Amy made a motion to extend privileges of the floor. Susan Tetreault seconded this motion. The moderator then explained this motion. Steven Barrup made an amendment to this motion as follows: that only parents, teachers, and the principle of Newport Town School be allowed to speak. Bonnie Birchard seconded this amendment. This amendment PASSED on a voice vote. The original motion PASSED on a voice vote.

Steven Barrup made a motion to accept and use a speaker's list. Bonnie Birchard seconded this motion. This motion was explained by the moderator. This was DEFEATED on a voice vote.

Jim MacKellar made a motion to limit each speaker to three minutes. Forest Buckland seconded this motion. Susan Tetreault made an amendment to this motion as follows: that the three minute limit not include the school board during their presentation. Amy Patenaude seconded this amendment the amendment was DEFEATED by a voice vote. The original motion was DEFEATED by a voice vote.

To see if the voters of the Newport Town School District will vote to close the existing 7th and 8th grades at the Newport Town Elementary School and provide for the education of the 7th and 8th grade pupils residing in the district by paying tuition in accordance with law, beginning in the 2003-2004 school year. Amy Patenaude made a motion to approve this article. Susan Tetreault seconded this. Suzanne Barrup made a motion as follows: to lay on the table this article until 2004. Bonnie Birchard seconded this. Jim MacKellar called a point of order stating he thought this was not a correct motion. Moderator asked Suzanne Barrup if she would agree to change her motion to: a motion to postpone until town meeting 2004. Suzanne Barrup agreed to change her motion and Bonnie Birchard seconded the change. More than seven voters requested voting by paper ballots. This article was DEFEATED by a paper ballot vote 43-YES and 106-NO. More than seven voters requested voting on the main motion by paper ballot. This article was DEFEATED by a paper ballot vote 35-YES and 105-NO.

To transact any other legal business that may come before said meeting. Ernest Choquette thanked the school board and the principle for their hard work and dedication. Amy Patenaude thanked everyone for their input and encouraged everyone to become involved in the school board meetings.

To adjourn – Steve Barrup made a motion to adjourn. Bonnie Birchard seconded this. This motion was PASSED by a voice vote. Adjourned at 9:30pm.

Denise Daigle-Town and School Clerk and Treasurer

Moderator – John Kilby

AMY PATENAUDE
SUSAN TETREAULT

ANNETTE SICARD
DAVID GHELLI

KINGSLEY BOYD

School Board – Town of Newport

WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN/SCHOOL MEETING
TOWN OF NEWPORT – 2004

NOTICE...TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE TOWN OF NEWPORT
VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT FROM 8:00AM TO 7:00PM AT THE NEWPORT CENTER FIRE STATION IN NEWPORT CENTER ON TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2004 ON THE FOLLOWING...

NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL BUDGET - \$8,940,723.00 (Newport Town's Share - \$782,827.00 – Last year \$762,444.60 was approved)

THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF NEWPORT AND OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ARE HEREBY WARNED AND NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE FIRE STATION IN NEWPORT CENTER, VERMONT ON TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 2, 2004 AT 6:00PM TO TRANSACT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS:

1. Request by the Clerk to dispose of the reading of the entire warning.
2. To elect a Moderator.
3. To hear and dispose of the reports of the Town Officers as follows:
 - a. Auditor's report
 - b. Fire Department report
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - d. Selectboard's report
 - e. Tax Collector's report
 - f. School Director's report
 - g. Principal's report
 - h. Planning board report
 - i. Zoning board report
 - j. Conservation committee report
 - k. Lake Road Cemetery Report
 - l. Solid Waste report
 - m. Lister's report
 - n. Water Committee report
4. To elect all necessary officers as follows:
 - a. Selectperson for a three year term
 - b. School director for a three year term
 - c. School director for a one year term
 - d. School director for a one year term
 - e. Lister for a three year term
 - f. Auditor for a three year term
 - g. Delinquent tax collector for a one year term
 - h. First constable for a one year term
 - i. Second constable for a one year term
 - j. Town agent for a one year term
 - k. Town grand juror for a one year term
 - l. Planning board member for a three year term
 - m. Planning board member for a three year term
 - n. Planning board member for a three year term

5. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate the following:
- | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|
| a. Northeast Kingdom Learning | \$ 200.00 | (200.00 last year) |
| b. NVDA | \$ 634.62 | (552.00 last year) |
| c. Step O.N.E. | \$ 375.00 | (350.00 last year) |
| d. Orleans County Citizens Advocacy | \$ 300.00 | (300.00 last year) |
| e. Area Agency on Aging | \$ 580.00 | (580.00 last year) |
| f. Northeast King. Com. Action | \$ 100.00 | (100.00 last year) |
| g. Old Stone House Museum | \$ 300.00 | (300.00 last year) |
| h. Triad | \$ 200.00 | (200.00 last year) |
| i. VT Center for Independent Living | \$ 210.00 | (210.00 last year) |
| j. Frontier Animal Society | \$ 500.00 | (none last year) |
| k. Bookmobile – Goodrich Mem. Library ... | \$ 100.00 | (100.00 last year) |
| l. Rural Community Transportation | \$ 116.40 | (none last year) |
| m. Northern Vt Rc&D Council | \$ 50.00 | (none last year) |
| n. Goodrich Memorial Library | \$17,000.00 | (\$17,000.00 last year) |
| o. NE Kingdom Human Services | \$ 1,587.00 | (\$1,587.00 last year) |
| p. Orleans-Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. | \$ 2,800.00 | (\$850.00 last year) |
| q. Newport Ambulance | \$ 4,240.00 | (\$4,240.00 last year) |
| r. City of Newport Zebra Mussel Wash Station | \$ 1,200.00 | (none last year) |
| s. Coutts-Moriarty 4-H Camp | \$ 500.00 | (none last year) |
| TOTAL THIS ARTICLE | \$30,993.02 | |

6. To see if the Town will authorize and instruct its Selectboard and/or Schoolboard and Treasurer to borrow money, if necessary, to defray its expenses and obligations for the ensuing year.
7. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$18000.00 to the Newport Town Fire Department (to help defray expenses - \$15000.00 was voted last year).
8. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$23,550.00 to the Newport Town Fire Department to be put towards a new fire truck. This is to cover 10% of Federal Emergency Management Agency grant that the Newport Center Volunteer Fire Department received to purchase a much needed new fire truck – FEMA is supplying \$211,000.00.
9. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$1,562,313.9 necessary for the support of it's own town school for the year beginning July 1, 2004(\$1,427,272.00 was voted last year).
10. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport School District authorize the board of School Directors to transfer from the General Fund into the reserve fund \$29,400.00 (surplus from 2002-2003 school year budget) and to spend this money to cover emergency costs incurred during the 2003-04 school year and for future work associated with correcting facilities deficiencies.
11. Shall the Newport Town School District vote to elect the two (2) additional directors added at the March 2003 Town Meeting for terms of two (2) years as provided by law (Title 16VSA Sec. B.).

12. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$150,255.00 for the General Fund expenditures and direct the Selectboard to deduct anticipated revenue (\$138000.00 was voted last year).
13. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$349,835.00 for the Roads and Equipment expenditures and direct the Selectboard to deduct anticipated revenue (estimated anticipated state aid revenue for 2004 \$92,000.00 - \$402735.00 was voted last year).
14. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$22,250.00 for the Lister's expenditures (\$25,500.00 was voted last year).
15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$300.00 per student for "Special Busing. This amount to be paid directly to the bus service, if available. If busing is not available, individuals MUST present a bill to the Clerk's Office prior to October 1st, 2004, with verification that their child is attending a certified private school and the date of enrollment as a regular education student.
16. To see if the Town will vote to purchase flags to be placed in all cemeteries in Newport Town to honor our veterans each year (approximate cost \$300.00).
17. To see if the Town will vote that the taxes be paid to the Town Treasurer on or before October 27th, 2004, without penalties. After that date, they shall be placed in the hands of the delinquent tax collector with added legal fees.
18. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$6662.00 to the Orleans County Sheriff's Department (\$6,468.00 was voted last year).
19. To do any legal business that may come before said meeting.
20. To adjourn.

DATED AT NEWPORT CENTER THIS 26th DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2004.

STEVEN BARRUP
LINDA LAWSON
GLENN FOSTER
Selectboard – Town of Newport

AMY PATENAUDE
SUSAN TETREAULT
DAVID GHELLI
ANNETTE SICARD
KINGSLEY BOYD
School Board, Town of Newport

Received and recorded this 26th day of January, 2004.

DENISE DAIGLE-Town and School Clerk and Treasurer

Auditors' Report

We have reviewed the enclosed combined balance sheets for all fund types the combined statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances and notes to the financial statements submitted by Gene A. Besaw & Associates, P.C. and concur with their findings.

LORRAINE MALONEY

SUSAN MOULTON

WILMA THERRIEN

Auditors – Town of Newport

Dated at Town of Newport this 5th day of February, 2004

Selectboard Notes

The Selectboard would, first of all, like to thank all residents and taxpayers in the Town of Newport for the trust they continue to place in us as directors of town affairs. We would also like to remind everyone that our meetings are on the first Thursday of each month at the Town Clerk's office at 7:00pm unless otherwise posted. If you have a concern that you would like to bring to a meeting please let one of the selectboard members know so that it could be put on the agenda.

Maintaining our roads is an ongoing process and we remain on schedule with our plan. This year we have a reduction in the roads and equipment budget. The decrease is due in part to not receiving any local district paving moneys, this money is only available every other year. We are still paving but on a lesser scale. Thanks again to Fred Baraw, Road commissioner; Kermit Donovan and Sonny Matten for their expert services and diligence to maintaining our roads and adhering to our budget. Thanks also to Denise Daigle, Town Clerk, for her work at the office and her ability to keep all departments running smoothly.

Forest Buckland, Dianne Snelgrove, and Richard Baker: town listers are finishing our town wide reappraisal and should be thanked for the many hours that they have spent in completing this task.

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA LAWSON

GLENN FOSTER

STEVEN BARRUP

Selectboard, Town of Newport

Treasurer's Report

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED – 2003

TAXES ASSESSED – BILLED	GRAND LIST	RATE	AMOUNT
SCHOOL – STATE SHARE	855927.10	1.09	\$ 932,958.09
SCHOOL – LOCAL SHARE	855927.10	.423	\$ 362,057.56
GENERAL FUND	855746.10	.146	\$ 124,938.89
ROADS	855746.10	.316	\$ 270,415.72
APPROPRIATIONS	855746.10	.105	\$ 89,855.48
		2.08	\$1,780,225.74
LESS LISTERS AND BOARD CHANGES			-0-
ACTUAL AMT. TO BE COLLECTED BY TREASURER			\$1,780,225.74
COLLECTED AND TURNED OVER BY TREASURER			1,696,689.87
DELINQUENT TAXES TURNED OVER TO COLLECTOR			83,535.87
			\$1,780,225.74

Note from Town Clerk and Treasurer

Another year has gone by quickly in our Town of Newport. Once again we have been quite busy. Our recording in the land records has been one of the busiest years ever. Again this year we have tried to put more information on the computer and look forward to doing more of this in 2004.

I would like to thank my assistant, Avis Rollins, for all of her help in 2003. I would also like to thank all town officials for their help and support.

Last but not least THANK YOU to the residents of the Town of Newport for allowing me to serve as your town clerk and treasurer. It is truly a pleasure. Please feel free to stop in anytime – once again our hours are Monday thru Thursday from 7:00am to 4:30pm.

Sincerely,
DENISE DAIGLE

Delinquent Tax Collector's Report

Balance of 2002 taxes collected in 2003	\$ 51,748.66
2002 delinquent taxes paid in full as of tax sale on September 30, 2003	
Total taxes billed in 2003	\$ 1,780,225.74
2003 taxes collected by Treasurer as of 10/27/03	\$ 1,696,689.87
2003 delinquent as of 10/27/03	\$ 83,535.87
2003 delinquent taxes collected as of 12/31/03	\$ 30,647.25
2003 delinquent taxes still outstanding as of 12/31/03	\$ 52,888.62

DENISE DAIGLE

Delinquent Tax Collector

Dog Tax Report - 2003

Total dogs registered: 254	
Total fees collected	\$ 1,497.00
Less fees to state	254.00
Total deposited into general fund	\$ 1,243.00

DENISE DAIGLE

Town Clerk and Treasurer

LISTER'S REPORT - 2003

We have taken big steps in mastering the new computer system (CAMA). We were very busy with 122 property transfers and 53 zoning permits.

We are making progress working on the town's re-appraisal. The road work is about 90% done and the data entry is about 70% done. The re-appraisers still have a great deal of work to meet the 2004 grand list date. We are expecting possibly a 4 million dollar increase over the 2003 grand list.

2003 budget \$25,500.00 expenditures \$21332.80

Sincerely,

DIANNE SNELGROVE

FOREST BUCKLAND

RICHARD BAKER

TOWN OF NEWPORT, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET
GENERAL FUND
December 31, 2003

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 265,986
Delinquent taxes receivable	52,889
Accounts receivable	<u>485</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>319,360</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities	
Due to other funds	\$ 148,945
Accrued payables	<u>93</u>
Total liabilities	<u>149,038</u>

Fund Equity	
Fund balance:	
Reserved for Town reappraisal	20,142
Unreserved - undesignated	<u>150,180</u>
Total fund balance	<u>170,322</u>
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$ <u>319,360</u>

TOWN OF NEWPORT, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND

Year Ended December 31, 2003

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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues			
General property taxes	\$ 214,737	\$ 214,900	\$ 163
State aid	11,000	25,997	14,997
Licenses/permits	1,100	1,489	389
Interest	3,000	6,361	3,361
Fines	10,000	12,086	2,086
Fees	13,000	19,140	6,140
Miscellaneous	-	7,044	7,044
Total revenues	<u>252,837</u>	<u>287,017</u>	<u>34,180</u>
Expenditures			
General Government			
Selectboard	8,800	8,000	800
Tax mapping/reappraisal	15,000	34,550	(19,550)
Ballot clerks/ moderator	1,000	394	606
Accounting and legal	5,200	3,670	1,530
Salaries-clerk/treasurer	32,000	29,338	2,662
Insurance	17,200	18,199	(999)
Dues	1,500	2,987	(1,487)
Miscellaneous	9,800	7,578	2,222
Supplies	2,500	2,017	483
Printing	2,100	1,703	397
Copier expense	750	500	250
Computer expense	960	960	-
Payroll taxes & benefits	15,140	15,263	(123)
Telephone	1,100	1,127	(27)
Auditors	300	-	300
Repairs & maintenance	3,400	2,690	710
Zoning	2,500	1,937	563
Electricity	1,700	1,677	23
Postage	1,550	1,468	82
Listers	25,500	21,333	4,167
Total general government	<u>148,000</u>	<u>155,391</u>	<u>(7,391)</u>
Cemeteries			
Operating expenses	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,377</u>	<u>(377)</u>

TOWN OF NEWPORT, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND

Year Ended December 31, 2003

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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Expenditures (cont.)			
Public Safety			
Health officer	550	75	475
Fire department	33,000	33,000	-
Dogs	750	563	187
Appropriations	9,669	9,669	-
Policing	6,468	6,294	174
Total public safety	<u>50,437</u>	<u>49,601</u>	<u>836</u>
Intergovernmental			
Orleans County	13,200	13,622	(422)
Streets			
Street lights	4,000	4,015	(15)
Sanitation			
Recycling	4,500	6,762	(2,262)
Education			
Special transportation	8,400	8,700	(300)
Recreation and Culture			
Library	17,000	17,000	-
Debt Service			
Interest	1,500	-	1,500
Total expenditures	<u>253,037</u>	<u>261,468</u>	<u>(8,431)</u>
Excess of revenues over (under)			
expenditures	(200)	25,549	25,749
Fund Balance, Beginning	144,773	144,773	-
Fund Balance, Ending	<u>\$ 144,573</u>	<u>\$ 170,322</u>	<u>\$ 25,749</u>

TOWN OF NEWPORT, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET
EQUIPMENT FUND
December 31, 2003

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 83,065
Due from other funds	<u>64,514</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 147,579</u>

FUND EQUITY

Fund balance-unreserved	<u>\$ 147,579</u>
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TOWN OF NEWPORT, VERMONT
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE- BUDGET AND ACTUAL
 EQUIPMENT FUND
 Year Ended December 31, 2003

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues			
Equipment rental	\$ -	\$ 47,120	\$ 47,120
Expenditures			
Capital outlay	<u>-</u>	<u>(78,614)</u>	<u>(78,614)</u>
Excess expenditures over revenues	-	(31,494)	(31,494)
Fund Balance, Beginning	<u>179,073</u>	<u>179,073</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance, Ending	<u>\$ 179,073</u>	<u>\$ 147,579</u>	<u>\$ (31,494)</u>

TOWN OF NEWPORT, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET
HIGHWAY FUND
December 31, 2003

ASSETS

Due from other funds	<u>\$ 84,431</u>
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FUND EQUITY

Fund balance-unreserved	<u>\$ 84,431</u>
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TOWN OF NEWPORT, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
HIGHWAY FUND
Year Ended December 31, 2003

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues			
General property taxes	\$ 270,418	\$ 270,418	\$ -
State aid	<u>132,212</u>	<u>132,267</u>	<u>55</u>
Total revenue	<u>402,630</u>	<u>402,685</u>	<u>55</u>
Expenditures			
Salaries	85,000	79,332	5,668
Benefits	20,800	20,467	333
Materials	155,500	156,043	(543)
Equipment rental	52,000	49,122	2,878
Equipment expense	11,000	11,883	(883)
Repairs/ maintenance	17,000	17,736	(736)
Miscellaneous	7,200	6,844	356
Contracted services	24,000	13,556	10,444
Real estate taxes	1,400	1,465	(65)
Supplies	500	431	69
Salt Shed	18,000	10,300	7,700
Telephone	800	554	246
Electricity and heat	3,000	3,745	(745)
Payroll taxes	<u>6,535</u>	<u>6,069</u>	<u>466</u>
Total expenditures	<u>402,735</u>	<u>377,547</u>	<u>25,188</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(105)	25,138	25,243
Fund Balance, Beginning	<u>59,293</u>	<u>59,293</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance, Ending	<u>\$ 59,188</u>	<u>\$ 84,431</u>	<u>\$ 25,243</u>

TOWN OF NEWPORT, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET
SEWER FUND
December 31, 2003

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash	\$ 3,083
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Current Liabilities

Accrued interest payable	\$ 637
Due to other funds	14,000
Note payable	30,000
Bonds payable - current portion	<u>4,627</u>

Total current liabilities	49,264
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Bonds Payable - non-current	<u>46,372</u>
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Total liabilities	95,636
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Fund Equity

Accumulated deficit	<u>(92,553)</u>
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Total liabilities and fund equity	<u>\$ 3,083</u>
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TOWN OF NEWPORT, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED DEFICIT- BUDGET AND ACTUAL
SEWER FUND

Year Ended December 31, 2003

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue			
User fees	\$ 16,600	\$ 19,696	\$ 3,096
Operating Expenses			
Contracted services	11,000	20,952	(9,952)
Engineering services	10,000	5,853	4,147
Power and heat	200	358	(158)
Supplies	5,600	13,205	(7,605)
Miscellaneous	10	126	(116)
Total operating expense	26,810	40,494	(13,684)
Operating loss	(10,210)	(20,798)	(10,588)
Non-Operating Income (Expense)			
Interest income	20	5	(15)
Interest expense	(3,000)	(2,874)	126
Total non-operating income (expense)	(2,980)	(2,869)	111
Net loss	(13,190)	(23,667)	(10,477)
Accumulated Deficit, Beginning	(68,886)	(68,886)	-
Accumulated Deficit, Ending	\$ (82,076)	\$ (92,553)	\$ (10,477)

TOWN OF NEWPORT, VERMONT

BALANCE SHEET
WATER FUND

December 31, 2003

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash	\$ 22,972
Due from other funds	<u>14,000</u>
Total current assets	<u>\$ 36,972</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Current Liabilities

Accrued interest payable	\$ 2,761
Note payable	33,000
Bonds payable - current portion	<u>4,594</u>

Total current liabilities 40,355

Bonds Payable - non-current 100,297

Total liabilities 140,652

Fund Equity

Accumulated deficit (103,680)

Total liabilities and fund equity **\$ 36,972**

TOWN OF NEWPORT, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED DEFICIT- BUDGET AND ACTUAL
WATER FUND
Year Ended December 31, 2003

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues			
Water user fees	\$ 46,300	\$ 46,994	\$ 694
Operating Expenses			
Contracted services	1,600	2,952	(1,352)
Maintenance/repairs	300	7,860	(7,560)
Miscellaneous	200	258	(58)
Postage	100	148	(48)
Power and heat	8,700	11,284	(2,584)
State fees	200	351	(151)
Engineering services	4,900	4,912	(12)
Supplies	1,000	1,619	(619)
Total operating expenses	17,000	29,384	(12,384)
Operating income	29,300	17,610	(11,690)
Non-Operating Income (Expense)			
Interest income	100	39	(61)
Interest expense	(8,200)	(6,903)	1,297
Total non-operating income (expense)	(8,100)	(6,864)	1,236
Net income	21,200	10,746	(10,454)
Accumulated Deficit, Beginning	(114,426)	(114,426)	-
Accumulated Deficit, Ending	<u>\$(93,226)</u>	<u>\$(103,680)</u>	<u>\$ (10,454)</u>

Report of the Principal

During the past twelve months a great amount of change and progress has occurred at Newport Town School. Many educational programs were initiated or continued and assessment data shows considerable progress toward meeting progress requirements. Substantial facility concerns have taken us through a special town meeting and has led us to make serious modifications in how we use the current available space. Parents and community members continue to take an active interest in day-to-day activities and long-term school issues.

The students of Newport Town have a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences. More than 60% of our students qualify for the federal free and reduced lunch program. This is an accurate reflection of the poverty that exists in our community and the financial difficulty this causes when trying to provide the services necessary to meet the additional needs that are created by such poverty. Both the difficulty of providing funding at the community level and the need for extra services were kept in mind throughout the budgeting process.

Professional educators as well as non-professional staff members have continued to participate in ongoing educational opportunities designed to lead to increased student performance. Some of these are undertaken as a part of the district in-service initiatives such as the weeklong professional development course on choice theory held in June and in which all professionals in our school classroom took part. Others are part of school-based initiatives such as a tremendous effort on the part of our teachers to coordinate literacy instruction in such a way that each student is a part of an instructional group organized to maximize learning. There is a weekly literacy meeting for the literacy team members and there will be another weeklong course this June to support their literacy work. Other in-service work taking place in the last year are required training related to using the many assessments we are required to administer and with which our progress as a school is measured, classroom management, work in math, science, social studies, and most other subject areas. A dedicated team of teachers keeps the work of FES (Foundation for excellent Schools) moving forward supporting peer mentoring and collaboration activities with other schools.

The professional development activities of teachers, their dedication, and the extraordinary efforts they have put forth to counter the difficulties caused by the lack of appropriate space is paying off in assessment results. NTS has successfully met the AYP or Adequate Annual Progress required by the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA). The parents, students, teachers, and community supporting NTS can be very proud of the assessment performance demonstrated by our school. More specific information concerning Newport Town School performance can be reviewed in our annual school report that is available by contacting the school office.

The budget presented in this warning is our estimate of the expenses needed to operate our K - 8 schools, and to support the Early Essential Education program in this supervisory union, during the 2004-2005 school year. It represents a 9.7 % increase over this year, as a result of increasing program demands, contractual obligations, and the costs associated with meeting accountability requirements. The process used to arrive at these figures incorporated requests of the profes-

sional staff, input from support staff members, and input from the staff at the OENSU central office. The focus in the budgeting process was to support the action planning initiatives such as literacy, math, and school climate. The cost of providing in-service training and substitutes for this work is reflected in the budget. Another priority was assuring that we had the necessary staffing necessary to support these areas of instruction and provide the best opportunity for increased student learning. The budget underwent several line-by-line reviews with public interaction and was finally adopted by the board. Because this year's budget was an 8% decrease from the previous year, our projections represent an increase of 1.7 % over two years. We feel this is an accurate estimate of the overall costs and what is needed to meet the educational needs of the students.

The school community will be working on a wide variety of issues in the coming year. Many of them are related to curriculum, assessment, and other accountability issues. Some will deal directly with how we offer instruction in various subject areas in order to provide for maximum student learning and still others will be concerned with health, safety and accessibility issues.

By far the most pressing of issues will be how to meet the facility needs of NTS. It has been recognized for many years that significant deficiencies exist in our building. An investigation by the Commissioner of Education beginning last April, illustrated the inappropriateness of basing our special education programs in the basement area in which it was being carried out. This investigation resulted in relocating many educational programs within our building, many thousands of dollars in required repairs, and the identifying of many other health and safety issues. In addition, a related review by the Dept of Education program accessibility and Americans with Disabilities inspectors determined that our building is seriously out of compliance with related codes. Continued issues of air quality, the discovery of mold in the basement learning and kitchen areas, and difficulties with sewer back up and burst water pipes accentuated the poor quality of some of our educational spaces. Testing has shown that the ventilation system does not adequately provide for fresh air, the heating system is not able to keep the room temperature at an appropriate level on many days, there are no accessible bathrooms, doors, sinks or water fountains. There is not insufficient space for required or desired educational programs and the gym is not available for PE, music, performances, sports, or school/community events. In addition there is no cafeteria or place to have one so lunches are being served in classrooms with additional costs incurred. Other facility issues facing us are worn out exterior doors and entranceways, lack of appropriate support, administrative, storage, and custodial space, as well as issues of safety. One of the most critical safety issues facing us is the dangerous situation caused by the mixture of playground, playfields, parking, bus drop and pick-up, and parent/community/delivery traffic. These activities and areas are required to have distinctly identified purposes that are separated physically from each other thereby assuring the safety of students engaged in any of their daily activity. The necessity of students intermingling with traffic, buses, and other hazards in order to access PE, recess, transportation, and outside classes puts their safety in jeopardy and makes finding a solution for this problem a high priority for us.

As a result of the facilities issues identified over the past years and through those identified through the commissioner's investigation, the NTS school board has con-

tracted with E.H. Danson, an architectural firm, to do a feasibility study. This is the first step toward a request to the Dept of Education for construction funds to remediate the facility and grounds problems. The study will incorporate the findings of mechanical and electrical engineers and will document the status of the existing space, the deficiencies present, and make recommendations for how we can remediate the problems. Remediation steps will include some degree of construction and may include renovation /expansion of the school on this site, or if that is not feasible, new construction on another site. All of this will be covered in the feasibility study that is due in late March. If a construction project is the recommended solution to the facility problems, there is a clear process incorporating community informational meetings, planning, and eventually a town wide special meeting to vote on a bond issue.

It was crucial during the development of this budget, and it will be necessary during the next year in carrying out our programs, to balance the focused energy needed to provide for the academic and accountability issues while putting forth the necessary energies to assure the most appropriate short term space needs are provided and utilized while working quickly to find and execute a long term solution to these same needs.

I thank and commend the teaching staff for extraordinary efforts and success as measured by assessment data, the support staff for supporting students and programs through many unanticipated mid-year changes, and the students and parents who understand that we are attempting to make the very best of difficult circumstances.

Sincerely,
RICHARD SPAULDING

School Board Directors' Report

Dear Community Members,

This past year has been a year of many challenges at Newport Town School. Changes to the physical building have occurred due to state requirements and problems associated with an aging facility. We have had to make many tough short term decisions, and we try to look to the future for long term ones. Our Principal, staff, support services and parents are to be thanked for their ongoing efforts to keep the school working.

First, we would like to welcome new staff members, Amy Major, full time first grade, Chris Blais, planning room, Kellea Gosselin, Titles/Reading teacher and Matthew Jolley, Middle Level Science. They have proven to be assets to our school and transitioned in very well. We have had to say good-bye to our Janitor, Everett

Sheltra. He has been a familiar face at the school for many years and will be missed. We would like to thank him for all his years of service. Happy retirement Everett! We would also like to welcome Harold Limlaw who replaces Everett. He is doing a great job.

The Facilities issues that we have been faced with at the school are, lack of space to carry out programs, use of inadequate spaces, air quality problems, parking lot safety, five different problems with water coming into the basement, broken pipes due to freezing, a pending Department of Education report due to a complaint, and mold problems in the basement. The list is quite a daunting one. Some of the problems are new and some have been issues that the school has struggled with for the last ten years. An option to tuition our 7th and 8th grade students to N.C.U.J.H.S. in Derby was studied, and after much public input and debate, was strongly defeated at a well attended special town meeting in April. There are now 145 students in the school up from 135 last year.

The building is not big enough to carry out the programs we have, and not big enough to add programs we should be offering. We have two very different buildings attached to one another. A newer section that is twenty-five years old and an older section that is estimated to be around fifty or sixty years old. Each brings different issues and problems. A parental complaint to the Department of Education had brought many of the deficiencies of these buildings to light. We are waiting for the report from the Department of Education and for a draft of a feasibility study that we have commissioned from the Architectural Firm, E. H. Danson to do on the building. We hope to have both of these by Town Meeting.

The board has tried to make the best decisions in the hardest of situations. We have tried to balance the health and safety of the students and staff with the understanding that we are entrusted with spending this towns hard earned money. Not an easy balancing act.

We hope to have many community members getting involved in the next year, as there is much work to be done. Our staff has already proven they are not afraid of a little hard work. They have gone above and beyond, helping to move our wet books after the a broken water pipe flooded the library, and are trying to keep things as normal for the students as possible during a time when things change in the school sometimes on a daily basis. Every community member has a right to their input on what will happen to our school and we welcome any comments, questions and/or ideas. Our board meetings are scheduled for every second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. and are always open to the public. Please come visit the school and get involved.

Respectfully,
AMY PATENAUE, Board Chair
SUE TETREAULT
DAVID GHELLI
ANNETTE SICARD
KINGSLEY BOYD
Newport Town School Board of Directors

NEWPORT TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Comparative Budget Report General Ledger

INCOME	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
Account	FY-2003	FY-2003	FY-2004	FY-2005
1110 TAXES	\$ 308,628.00	\$ 0	\$ 417,881.00	\$ 0
1510 INTEREST	7,000.00	33457.67	7,000.00	0
1600 VT GEAR UP HOMEWORK CLINI ..	0	4583.70	0	0
1900 VISMT-STATE	35,470.00	0	0	0
1905 VISMT-OENSU	7,601.00	0	0	0
1910 HALL RENTALS	500.00	350.00	500.00	0
1990 MISCELLANEOUS	0	977.89	0	0
1990 BLUE CROSS	0	0	0	0
2121 PLANNING ROOM	16,395.00	0	12,150.00	14,262.00
3109 STATE PROPERTY TAX	885,159.00	885,159.00	943,789.00	0
3110 GEN. STATE SUPPORT GRANT	433,927.00	433,927.00	339,440.00	0
3115 LOCAL SHARE SUPPORT GRANT	54,682.00	382,271.00	61,260.00	0
3145 SMALL SCHOOLS SUPP GRANT ..	22,612.00	22,612.00	52,131.00	0
3150 TRANSPORTATION	51,568.00	51,568.00	47,694.00	0
3150 Prior Year Transportation	0	-308.00	0	39,651.00
3160 HOLD-HARMLESS AID	0	0	0	0
3201 BLOCK GRANT	66,357.00	66,357.00	64,256.00	63,018.00
3202 INTENSIVE REIMB.	169,090.00	154,260.00	143,506.00	167,488.00
3203 EXTRAORDINARY	1,521.00	0	3,431.00	0
3204 EEE	8,585.00	8,603.00	9,105.00	8,217.00
3930 CLASS SIZE REDUCTION	29,128.00	30,316.89	42,000.00	0
3931 CLASS SIZE REDUC INSERVIC	4,504.00	0	0	0
4242 TITLE II-TEACHER DEVELOP	1,560.00	4171.52	1,691.00	1,691.00
4247 TITLE IV-SAFE & DRUG FREE	1,594.00	631.80	2,559.00	2,559.00
4250 TITLE I	33,799.00	62,240.30	37,173.00	37,173.00
4260 TITLE VI	0	0	4,151.00	4,151.00
4280 IDEA-B GRANT	0	107.65	0	0
5400 FY 2000 Transp. Recon.	0	-153.00	0	0
Total	\$2,139,680.00	\$2,141,133.42	\$2,189,717.00	\$ 338,210.00

EXPENSES

1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS

110 TEACHER SALARIES	407,704.00	441,196.17	422,754.00	499,000.00
112 CLASS ADVISOR	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
120 SUB. TEACHERS- illness	5,500.00	16,886.09	5,600.00	6,240.00
121 SUB. TEACHERS-Prof. Develop.				4,550.00
125 Long Term Sub	0	0	0	0
210 BLUE CROSS	80,500.0	80,669.21	70,802.00	77,882.00
220 FICA	31,649.00	33,753.98	32,340.00	38,181.00
230 LIFE INSURANCE	400.00	322.27	300.00	320.00
260 UMEMPLOYMENT COMP	4,200.00	555.60	1,500.00	1,103.00
270 TUITION REIMB.	11,250.00	7,035.00	10,260.00	11,520.00
280 DENTAL	3,400.00	3,920.55	3,246.00	0.00
290 DISABILITY INS.	1,300.00	1,398.36	1,132.00	1,398.00
321 ENRICHMENT	2,000.00	0	4,000.00	3,000.00

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
<i>Regular Programs con't.</i>	FY-2003	FY-2003	FY-2004	FY-2005
550 PRINTING	300.00	0	300.00	300.00
580 TRAVEL	300.00	351.51	800.00	800.00
610 TEACHER SUPPLIES	12,500.00	9,893.41	14,000.00	15,000.00
640 TEXTBOOKS	15,000.00	11,714.91	14,000.00	15,000.00
670 COMPUTER SOFTWARE	1,500.00	209.01	1,500.00	1,500.00
730 INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIP.	4,000.00	3,711.50	4,000.00	4,000.00
890 STUDENT BODY	500.00	3,924.20	2,500.00	2,778.00
Total	582,503.00	616,042.00	589,534.00	683,072.00
120 Homework Clinic				
110 Homework Clinic	0	1,502.06	0	5,000.00
220 FICA	0	111.81	0	383.00
510 Mileage	0	1,292.00	0	0
Total	0	2,905.87	0	5,383.00
150 TITLE I-COMPENSATORY ED				
110 TITLE I SALARY	51,080.00	66,375.25	60,138.00	49,500.00
120 Substitute	300.00	0	1,100.00	600.00
210 BLUE CROSS	5,626.00	8,340.25	3,479.00	1,300.00
220 FICA	3,935.00	4,981.47	4,600.00	7,500.00
230 LIFE INSURANCE	50.00	32.40	40.00	40.00
260 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	236.00	35.32	200.00	144.00
270 TUITION REIMB.	1,125.00	985.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
280 DENTAL INSURANCE	500.00	520.91	273.00	273.00
290 DISABILITY INS.	150.00	88.46	168.00	200.00
580 TRAVEL	0	0	0	0
610 SUPPLIES	750.00	434.53	750.00	750.00
640 Textbooks	50.00	2,274.26	200.00	300.00
650 Audiovisual	200.00	0	0	0
730 EQUIPMENT	40.00	77.55	200.00	200.00
Total	64,042.00	84,145	72,648.00	62,307.00
1192 TITLE II-TEACHER DEVEL.				
325 In-Service	1,560.00	225.73	1,000.00	2,000.00
513 FIELD TRIPS	0	0	0	0
Total	1,560.00	226	1,000.00	2,000.00
1194 TITLE IV-SAFE & DRUG FREE				
325 Teacher Training	1,594.00	631.80	2,559.00	0
610 Supplies	0	0	0	0
Total	1,594.00	631.80	2,559.00	0
1196 TITLE VI Class Size Reduction				
110 SALARY	25,587.00	14,293.50	29,793.00	17,000.00
120 Substitute	0	195.00	0	300.00
210 BLUE CROSS	1,316.00	252.12	3,419.00	3,700.00
220 FICA	1,960.00	1,108.23	1,738.00	1,300.00
230 LIFE INSURANCE	20.00	21.60	25.00	25.00
260 UMEPLYMENTE COMP	350.00	0	96.00	85.00
270 TUITION	1,125.00	1,590.00	0	750.00
280 DENTAL	160.00	22.75	150.00	150.00
290 DISABILITY INS.	75.00	32.62	64.00	48.00
Total Special Programs	30,593.00	16,084.82	35,285.00	23,358.00

	Budget FY-2003	Actual FY-2003	Budget FY-2004	Budget FY-2005
320 INSERVICE	4,504.00	0	0	0
Total	4,504.00	0	0	0
110 Special Programs				
110 TEACHER SALARIES	50,174.00	51,987.18	55,587.00	62,000.00
112 SECRETARIAL	500.00	6,131.83	6,204.00	6,435.00
115 AIDES	139,853.00	89,373.49	62,000.00	58,313.00
120 SUB. TEACHER	1,500.00	2,670.50	2,775.00	975.00
130 SUB PARA	0	8,830.64	0	2,100.00
210 BLUE CROSS	36,225.00	20,767.14	13,795.00	18,632.00
220 FICA	14,700.00	11,998.10	4,252.00	9,204.00
230 LIFE INSURANCE	350.00	270.00	50	225.00
240 MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	6,993.00	4,497.52	3,000.00	2,624.00
260 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	650.00	160.16	512.00	764.00
270 TUITION REIMB.	2,250.00	4,935.62	1,900.00	2,000.00
280 DENTAL INSURANCE	2,407.00	1,518.13	273.00	600.00
290 DISABILITY INS.	110.00	144.34	168.00	200.00
331 CONTRACTED SERVICES	1,500.00	8,854.35	1,500.00	1,500.00
531 TELEPHONE	400.00	531.62	500.00	500.00
560 TUITION-RESIDENTIAL	0	0	0	0
565 TUITION	7,500.00	4,430.00	0	0
566 INSERVICE NON-CERTIFIED	1,000.00	1,134.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
580 TRAVEL	0	108.81	0	0
610 SUPPLIES	200.00	226.37	300.00	400.00
611 COMPUTER SUPPLIES	0	0	150.00	200.00
640 TEXTBOOKS	300.00	745.01	300.00	400.00
670 COMPUTER SOFTWARE	200.00	0	600.00	200.00
730 EQUIPMENT	100.00	1,320.48	200.00	500.00
Total	266,912.00	220,635	155,566.00	169,272.00
1212 EEE				
300 EEE Local	28,443.00	16,068.00	28,443.00	29,954.00
301 EEE State/Federal	8,585.00	8,603.00	8,585.00	8,217.00
Total	37,028.00	24,671.00	37,028.00	38,171.00
1410 ATHLETICS				
110 Salaries	2,000.00	1,760.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
220 FICA	155.00	110.93	155.00	153.00
230 LIFE INS.	0	0	0	0
240 MEDICAL INSURANCE	250.00	0	250.00	250.00
260 UNEMPLOYMENT INS.	0	0	0	0
330 REFEREE	750.00	335.00	750.00	750.00
610 SUPPLIES	250.00	100.00	250.00	250.00
730 EQUIPMENT	250.00	0	250.00	250.00
890 STUDENT ACT.	600.00	841.00	600.00	600.00
Total	4,255.00	3,147.00	4,255.00	4,253.00
2120 GUIDANCE				
110 SALARY	37,587.00	37,587.00	24,176.00	43,000.00
120 Substitute	0	0	0	0
210 BLUE CROSS	3,391.00	3,121.28	1,740.00	3,951.00

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
<i>Guidance con't.</i>	FY-2003	FY-2003	FY-2004	FY-2005
220 FICA	2,876.00	2,801.33	1,849.46	3,289.00
230 LIFE INSURANCE	25.00	21.60	15.00	25.00
260 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	368.00	35.32	64.00	85.00
270 TUITION REIMB.	1,125.00	642.00	1000.00	1,500.00
280 DENTAL	300.00	274.36	163.8.00	300.00
290 DISABILITY INS.	120.00	110.16	70.00	121.00
610 SUPPLIES	300.00	87.34	300.00	300.00
640 TEXTBOOKS	200.00	0	200.00	200.00
730 EQUIPMENT	200.00	0	200.00	2,000.00
Total	46,492.00	44,680.00	29,778.00	50,824.00
2121 PLANNING ROOM				
110 PLANNING ROOM AIDE	12,000.00	10,324.97	9493.75	12,240.00
210 BLUE CROSS	0	2,485.68	0	0
220 FICA	1,000.00	697.75	726.27	937.00
230 LIFE INSURANCE	25.00	21.60	25.00	25.00
240 MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	750.00	548.50	475.00	475.00
260 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	120.00	35.40	130.00	85.00
270 Tuition	375.00	0	0	500.00
280 DENTAL	0	182.62	0	0
531 TELEPHONE	500.00	0	500.00	0
610 SUPPLIES	1,000.00	191.95	300.00	200.00
730 EQUIPMENT	500.00	157.49	500.00	500.00
Total	16,270.00	14,646	12,150.00	14,962.00
2134 SCHOOL NURSE				
110 Salary	8,576.00	8,276.10	9,088.00	10,500.00
115 Nurse's Asst.	5,513.00	6,380.89	5,100.00	5,440.00
120 Nurse Sub.	0	357.50	300.00	300.00
210 BLUE CROSS	0	0	0	0
220 FICA	1,080.00	1,146.39	700.00	1,220.00
230 LIFE INSURANCE	30.00	21.60	30.00	35.00
250 WORKMANS COMP	0	0	0	0
260 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	97.00	20.88	97.00	143.00
270 TUITION REIMB.	225.00	155.00	225.00	300.00
280 DENTAL	80.00	0	0	0
290 DISABILITY INS.	22.00	24.42	25.00	45.00
330 SERVICES	0	0	0	0
610 SUPPLIES	400.00	298.16	500.00	500.00
730 EQUIPMENT	330.00	298.68	100.00	100.00
Total	16,353.00	16,980.00	16,165.00	18,583.00
2140 PSYCHOLOGICAL				
330 EVAL/DIRECT SERVICES	4,500.00	1,903.31	4500.00	4500.00
331 TESTING LOCAL	3,500.00	0	3500.00	3500.00
Total	8,000.00	1,903.31	8000.00	8000.00
2150 SPEECH				
110 SPEECH SALARY	8,882.00	8,445.50	0	0
115 SPEECH AIDE SALARY	0	0	5300.00	5,951.00
220 FICA	680.00	646.09	340.00	456.00

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
<i>Speech con't.</i>	FY-2003	FY-2003	FY-2004	FY-2005
230 LIFE INSURANCE	10.00	0	10.00	15.00
240 MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	498.00	437.18	249.00	268.00
260 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	95.00	0	50.00	64.00
300 EVALUATIONS	1,000.00	750.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
330 SPEECH SERVICES	18,000.00	27,647.24	26,400.00	26,400.00
Total	29,165.00	37,926.01	34,349.00	28,464.00
2213 Support Instruct staff				
320 INSERVICE	1,000.00	-105.33	1,000.00	0
Total	1,000.00	-105.33	1,000.00	0
2222 EDUCATIONAL MEDIA				
110 Librarian's Salary	13,035.00	13,034.80	14,117	15,200.00
115 Librarian Assistant	8,882.00	9,173.50	8,882.00	9,102.00
120 Librarian substitute	100.00	0	100.00	100.00
210 BLUE CROSS	2,875.00	4,241.18	2,800.00	7,766.00
220 FICA	1,685.00	1,630.81	1,940.00	2,029.00
230 LIFE INSURANCE	20.00	24.84	20.00	35.00
240 Municipal Retirement	500.00	397.78	444.00	410.00
260 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	0	25.20	80.00	170.00
280 DENTAL	135.00	109.20	0	0
290 DISABILITY INS.	0	37.98	50.00	40.00
580 TRAVEL	0	0	0	0
610 SUPPLIES	500.00	328.25	600.00	600.00
640 BOOKS	4,000.00	3,201.85	4,500.00	4,500.00
650 AUDIOVISUAL	3,000.00	511.95	2,500.00	2,500.00
730 Equipment	500.00	119.83	600.00	600.00
735 VT ONLINE LIBRARY MEMBERS ..	0	0	250.00	250.00
737 COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	0	0	150.00	0
810 DUES AND FEES	0	0	100.00	100.00
Total	35,232.00	32,837.00	37,133.00	43,402.00
2225 COMPUTER ASSISTED INSTRU				
115 TECHNOLOGY TEACHER	0	10.75	21,497.00	24,500.00
115 AIDE SALARY-TECHNOLOGY	0	0	0	0
210 BLUE CROSS	0	0	4,583.50	5,206.00
220 FICA	0	0	822.25	1,875.00
260 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	0	0	64.00	85.00
431 CONTRACT SERVICE-TECHNOLO	10,000.00	9,274.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
610 SUPPLIES	0	225.94	1,000.00	1,000.00
612 COMPUTER SUPPLIES	2,000.00	2,172.35	2,000.00	2,000.00
650 INTERNET FILTER	1,000.00	416.64	0	0
670 COMPUTER SOFTWARE	2,000.00	1,473.03	1,500.00	1,500.00
735 INTERNET CONNECTION	1,374.00	1,454.43	2,000.00	1,061.00
737 COMPUTER HARDWARE	1,000.00	737.36	3,500.00	3,500.00
Total	17,374.00	15,765.00	37,967.00	41,727.00
2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION				
110 SALARY	750.00	543.38	2,800.00	4,000.00
220 FICA	58.00	41.57	0	306.00
240 MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	38.00	0	140.00	180.00

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
<i>Board of Education con't.</i>	FY-2003	FY-2003	FY-2004	FY-2005
800 EXPENSES	3,400.00	5,545.66	3,400.00	3,400.00
810 DUES & FEES	1,050.00	0	1,050.00	1,050.00
Total	5,296.00	6,131.00	7,390.00	8,936.00
2315 LEGAL				
330 SERVICES	2,000.00	734.67	2,000.00	5,000.00
Total	2,000.00	735.00	2,000.00	5,000.00
2319 OTHER BOARD EXPENSES				
522 LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,742.00	4,117.49	5,303.00	6,924.00
540 ADVERTISING	2,000.00	922.36	2,000.00	2,000.00
550 PRINTING	1,000.00	356.46	1,000.00	1,000.00
890 EXPENSES	2,000.00	1,829.12	750.00	750.00
Total	7,742.00	7,225.00	9,053.00	10,674.00
2321 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT				
331 OENSU ASSESSMENT	28,110.00	28,110.00	28,110.00	31,665.00
334 SpEd Assessment Estimate	134.00	134.00	134.00	0
336 STUDENT SUPPORT PSYCHOLOG	6,590.00	6,684.82	6,590.00	7,400.00
337 HOME SCHOOL COORDINATOR ..	2,987.00	2817.00	2,987.00	4,815.00
Total	37,821.00	37,746.00	37,821.00	43,880.00
2410 OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL				
110 Salary	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	52,500.00
112 Secretary Salary	15,920.00	20,767.33	17,218.00	17,892.00
113 ASST. PRINCIPAL	400.00	0	0	0
120 Sub Secretary	500.00	56.25	300.00	300.00
210 BLUE CROSS	13,800.00	16,428.25	18,875.00	18,875.00
220 FICA	5,458.00	5,243.43	5,143.00	5,386.00
230 LIFEINSURANCE	100.00	37.80	50.00	50.00
240 MUNICIPAL RETIEMENT	900.00	1,088.64	900.00	805.00
260 UMEMPLOYMENT COMP	650.00	63.28	600.00	170.00
270 TUITION	1,125.00	0	1,500.00	1,500.00
280 DENTAL	950.00	546.10	573.00	600.00
290 Disability Ins.	0	139.05	175.00	198.00
300 LIABILITY INS BONDING	0	0	0	0
323 TESTING	1,500.00	399.52	1,500.00	1,500.00
580 TRAVEL	1,000.00	504.12	1,000.00	1,000.00
610 GENERAL SUPPLIES	0	0	1,500.00	1,500.00
611 SCHOOL WIDE SUPPLIES	0	0	2,700.00	2,700.00
612 COMPUTER SUPPLIES OFFICE ...	0	236.85	700.00	700.00
730 lap top - principal	0	0	0	0
800 EXPENSES	1,000.00	1271.68	1,000.00	1,000.00
801 BANK SERVICE CHARGES	0	0	0	0
810 DUES & FEES	500.00	1,530.00	500.00	500.00
840 Contingency	4,000.00	0	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total	97,803.00	98,312.00	108,234.00	111,176.00
2520 FISCAL SERVICES				
110 Salary	0	0	0	9,600.00
220 FICA	0	0	0	735.00
260 UMEMPLOYMENT COMP	0	0	0	85.00

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
<i>Fiscal Services con't.</i>	FY-2003	FY-2003	FY-2004	FY-2005
280 DENTAL	0	0	0	0
330 Bookkeeping Service	13,600.00	16,739.19	13,600.00	0
331 SCHOOL CLERK SERVICES	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
523 Crime Insurance	105.00	0	105.00	0
930 TRANSFER	0	0	0	0
Total+A371	14,205.00	17,239.00	14,205.00	10,920.00
2526 Audit Services				
370 Audit Services	3,200.00	2,100.00	3,200.00	3,000.00
Total	3,200.00	2,100.00	3,200.00	3,000.00
2600 Operation and Maintenance				
110 Custodian Salary	21,600.00	23,014.88	21,600.00	27,040.00
111 Custodian (Summer)	2,500.00	1,761.13	2,720.00	2,720.00
112 Custodian	0	803.77	0	0
114 Custodian Sub.	0	359.25	0	500.00
210 BLUE CROSS	5,290.00	6,995.16	6,837.00	10,411.00
220 FICA	1,850.00	1,982.04	1,860.00	2,277.00
230 LIFE INSURANCE	25.00	21.60	25.00	25.00
240 MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	1,230.00	887.10	1,216.00	1,340.00
260 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	180.00	41.84	180.00	316.00
280 DENTAL	0	0	0	0
411 WATER & SEWER	5,640.00	5,892.00	5,640.00	5,640.00
521 PROPERTY INSURANCE	1,062.00	5,323.76	1,738.00	1602.00
531 TELEPHONE	3,500.00	2,812.58	3,500.00	3,500.00
580 TRAVEL	300.00	187.35	300.00	300.00
610 SUPPLIES	6,000.00	8,890.44	6,000.00	7,000.00
622 ELECTRICITY	12,500.00	14,833.58	12,500.00	13,000.00
624 HEAT	10,000.00	7,128.80	10,000.00	11,000.00
730 NON INS. EQUIP.	1,000.00	2,946.78	1,000.00	1,600.00
Total	72,677.00	83,882.00	75,116.00	88,271.00
2642 CARE & UPKEEP OF BUILDING				
430 CONTRACTED SERVICES	7,000.00	7,239.56	7,000.00	7,300.00
431 Article-As Voted	0	0	0	0
610 MATERIALS	1,000.00	2,794.92	1,000.00	1,500.00
Total	8,000.00	10,034.00	8,000.00	8,800.00
2643 CARE & UPKEEP OF GROUNDS				
430 CONTRACTED SERVICES	3,250.00	13,598.67	3,500.00	3,500.00
610 MATERIALS	750.00	92.20	1,000.00	1,000.00
730 PLAYGROUND EQUIP.	0	0	0	0
740 book shelves	0	0	0	0
Total	4,000.00	13,691.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
2644 CARE & UPKEEP OF EQUIP.				
430 CONTRACTES SERVICES	8,500.00	12,973.32	8,500.00	8,500.00
610 MATERIALS	200.00	526.86	200.00	1,000.00
Total	8,700.00	13,500.00	8,700.00	9,500.00
2750 SPECIAL ED TRANSPORTATION				
513 CONTRACTED SERVICES	1,750.00	0	5,600.00	2,800.00
Total	1,750.00	0	5,600.00	2,800.00

	Budget FY-2003	Actual FY-2003	Budget FY-2004	Budget FY-2005
2751 TRANSP. TO & FROM SCHOOL				
513 CONTRACTED SERVICES	58,905.00	60,405.00	60,636.00	51,679.00
Total	58,905.00	60,405.00	60,636.00	51,679.00
2752 EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSP.				
510 FIELD TRIPS	4,000.00	2,284.66	4,000.00	4,000.00
517 ATHLETIC TRANSPORTATION	4,000.00	1,327.50	4,000.00	5,000.00
Total	8,000.00	3,612.00	8,000.00	9,000.00
3160 Food Service				
210 BLUE CROSS	0	0	0	0
220 FICA	0	0	0	0
230 LIFE INSURANCE	0	0	0	0
240 MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	0	0	0	0
280 DENTAL	0	0	0	0
370 AUDIT	0	0	0	0
430 CONTRACTED SERVICE	0	219.60	0	0
510 PROPANE	400.00	200.70	400.00	400.00
531 TELEPHONE	0	0	0	0
580 TRAVEL	0	0	0	0
930 TRANSFER	0	0	0	0
Total	400.00	420.30	400.00	400.00
5100 LONG TERM DEBT				
830 INTEREST	0	0	0	0
910 PRINCIPAL	0	0	0	0
Total				0
5220 SHORT TERM DEBT				
830 INTEREST	0	0	0	0
910 PRINCIPAL	0	0	0	0
Total	0			
431 Article As Voted	0	8803.10	0	0
Total Expenditures	1,543,559.00	1,492,554.86	1,427,272.03	1,565,658.95
569 NCUHS ASSESSMENT	599,894.00	607,436.00	760,905.00	782,827.00
569 NCCS ASSESSMENT	15189.04.00	13586.00	1539.60	18,091.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,158,642.04	\$2,113,576.86	\$2,189,716.63	\$2,366,576.95

Big Read Wagon Bookmobile

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The public libraries of the North Country Coalition of Libraries (NCCOL) started mobile library outreach service on the road through the Big Read Wagon Bookmobile as the van March 2002. The bookmobile arrived November 20, 2002.

Bookmobile circulation and programming far surpasses any prediction. We know use will increase because of the enthusiastic and positive response the bookmobile has received so far! It's fully stocked with brand new materials to fit local outreach needs. Randy, the bookmobile librarian, likes to tell the story of coming away from the outhouse at the Seymour Lake Fishing Access to find a line of people waiting to use the bookmobile.

The bookmobile is not a roving repository of books and materials, but a unique and wonderful resource. It promotes literacy and offers programs that encourage a love of reading and stories that help build language development and a desire to learn to read. From September 2002 through September 2003, 240 programs reached just over 3,000 people, an average of 18 programs per month! Two hundred nine of these programs were youth-oriented, reaching 1,993 children; the remaining 31 programs were offered to 516 adults.

Now, after the grant, the bookmobile is operating on its own with a proposed \$37,900 "bare bones" budget. Your local support is very important to grantors and donors. We encourage donations or in-kind donations to be made at any time of the year. We thank the taxpayers and the private donors for their generous support in the past. If you are fortunate enough to have a public library in your community, please fund it generously.

The bookmobile has flourished under the care of Persis Ensor, Clare Dolan and Hatteras Hoops. They have now left the bookmobile due to life changes or the end of the grant. Persis, the project assistant, was an instrumental and integral part of the grant. These people plus the other librarians made worthwhile and valuable contributions to bookmobile services. Thank you.

A survey we conducted found people happy with the bookmobile and some people wanted it to visit more often. To request the bookmobile to stop in any of the 14 towns, please call Cindy at 334-7902 or email bigreadwagon@yahoo.com. If anyone has suggestions about improving bookmobile services, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,
CINDY KARASINSKI, Project Director

Bookmobile Circulation Report

Year	Month	TOTAL CIR	# Adult	# Juvenile	# People	# Site	# Miles
2002	March	53	9	32	41	8	67
	April	148	45	51	96	21	302
	May	389	93	59	152	29	270
	June	389	113	448	561	44	809
	July	913	384	776	1,160	84	1,613
	August	525	334	293	627	81	1,280
	September	570	194	234	428	49	753
	October	614	226	323	549	65	1,352
	November	684	177	262	439	59	849
	December	768	143	297	440	62	994
2003	January	612	140	189	329	51	845
	February	806	136	268	404	61	960
	March	778	244	373	617	80	1,004
	April	739	182	271	453	62	1,198
	May	650	193	297	490	57	919
	June	652	139	254	393	57	782
	July	857	348	566	914	117	1,989
	August	692	194	292	486	60	1,141
	September	748	198	271	469	97	1,033
TOTAL		11,587	3,492	5,556	9,048	1,144	18,160

NCCL- BIG READ WAGON

Income Statement

FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 30, 2001 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

SUPPORT & REVENUE

Miscellaneous	\$ 199.35
Contributions	15,125.00
Mobile Literacy Grant	218,889.00*
Interest Income	1,249.67
Realized Gain on Sale of Asset	2,500.00
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	\$237,963.02

EXPENSES

Salaries & Wages	\$ 60,596.25
Employer Social Security	3,820.37
Employer Medicare	893.47
Workers Comp.	5,190.00
Advertising	366.89
Cataloging	2,202.05
Audio Books	2,701.67
Children's Books	21,864.75
Adult Books	18,067.92
Video	2,697.65
Cell Phone	746.84
Books - Large Print	1,987.66
Postage	50.00
Computer	2,567.14
Web Work	300.00
Office Supplies	2645.23
Vehicle	98,480.87
Vehicle Fuel	2,374.82
Vehicle Ins.	2,253.58
Vehicle Maintenance	2,911.56
Vehicle Reg.	316.00
Travel	513.05
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$233,547.77
EXCESS OF REV or (OVER EXPENSED)	\$ 4,415.25

*Note: another \$19,000 is due after submission of final report

Goodrich Memorial Library

2003 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Goodrich Memorial Library Board of Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank the voters of Newport Town for their continued support of its library. Without your continued support we would not be able to provide the quality programs and services for the residents of Newport Town and Newport City. The board would like to thank our Library Director Cindy Karasinski and the staff for all of their hard work and dedication to this library.

After many delays the final phase of our renovation and construction project will begin this year with the construction of a tower at the rear of the library to house a new lift. With the new lift, the library will be fully handicap accessible. Renovations inside the building include restoration of the different rooms, creating a small reading room where the computers are currently located, replacing the current library desk with the original restored desk, replacing the current front entrance door and much more. Our goal is to have the entire project completed by fall of this year if funds allow. The library is still seeking grants and appreciates donations so that we can complete the entire project to help preserve this building which is listed on the National Historic Register.

2003 was a tough year financially and the library board has worked very hard to keep the operational cost of the library down. With the 2004 budget the board had to make the tough decision to reduce the hours of operation due to financial restraints. This year the library is asking the voters to approve an appropriation of \$17,000 to help defray the cost of the operation and maintenance of the library. This appropriation is the same amount that was requested at last year's town meeting. The members of the board along with the library staff are always open to your ideas and comments and we encourage members of the public to become involved.

Respectfully submitted,

Goodrich Memorial Library Board of Trustees

Paul L. Monette, Chairman

Judy Ballinger, Vice-Chairman

Lorna Johnson, Secretary

James Johnson, Treasurer

Barbara Stevens, Trustee

Susan Flynn, Trustee

GOODRICH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2004 Budget

	2003 Budget	2003 Actual	2004 Budget
REVENUE			
City of Newport Appropriation	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 84,000.00
Town of Newport Appropriation	17,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00
Investment Income	20,000.00	20,022.57	20,000.00
Fundraising	0.00	2,048.41	0.00
Librarian Receipts	2,500.00	1,205.47	1,500.00
Grants	10,000.00	5,289.00	8,750.00
Donations	0.00	5,975.00	2,200.00
Other Receipts	6,560.00	2,525.01	2,750.00
Total Revenues	\$132,060.00	\$134,065.46	\$132,200.00
EXPENSES			
Salaries & Wages	\$ 79,455.00	\$ 80,639.04	\$ 74,926.00
Social Security	4,925.00	5,007.59	4,646.00
Medicare	1,150.00	1,171.45	1,087.00
Retirement Benefits Expense	2,260.00	1,998.96	2,175.00
Health Insurance	9,760.00	7,934.90	10,000.00
Worker's Compensation	500.00	486.00	500.00
News Papers	500.00	488.38	500.00
Children's Books	8,000.00	4,835.24	5,641.00
Books	2,410.00	4,647.00	5,000.00
Video	0.00	505.42	500.00
Magazines	750.00	457.80	400.00
Programs	400.00	1,204.06	1,000.00
Supplies	3,000.00	3,266.72	2,000.00
Postage	1,800.00	2,181.93	2,00.00
Travel Expense	500.00	259.08	300.00
Memberships	125.00	95.00	125.00
Equipment Expense	250.00	286.14	1,200.00
Trustee's Insurance	975.00	983.14	1,200.00
Building Insurance	2,000.00	2,538.00	2,500.00
Janitorial Services	0.00	125.00	0.00
Repair & Maintenance	1,500.00	1,071.80	1,200.00
Fuel Oil	4,000.00	5,681.41	5,000.00
Electricity	2,300.00	1,772.88	2,000.00
Technology	2,500.00	2,492.93	2,000.00
Telephone	1,000.00	1,053.40	1,000.00
Misc. Expense	200.00	512.60	300.00
Investment Expense	1,800.00	8,116.56	9,000.00
Total Expenses	\$132,060.00	\$139,812.43	\$136,200.00
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$ 0.00	\$(5,746.97)	\$ 0.00

Orleans County Historical Society

The Orleans County Historical Society owns and operates the Old Stone House Museum, a regional history museum in the Brownington Historic District. The Museum and Lawrence Barn are open for guided tours from May 15 to October 15, Wednesday through Sunday. Orleans County residents receive an admissions discount at the Museum. The Museum's Visitors' Center and administrative office is open year-round and was the home of Alexander Twilight, the nation's first college graduate of African American descent. The Prospect Hill Observatory is open to the public from May 1 to November 1. The Society's research library and archives are open year-round and are available by appointment.

Each year the Museum sponsors a series of public events, including the Collectors' Fair, the Northeast Kingdom History Fair, the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Show, Time Travelers' Day Camp, Heritage Craft Classes, as well as lectures, concerts and school-related programs. This year's Old Stone House Day, on August 15, 2004, will feature craft demonstrations, children's activities, a farmers' market, live music, and the Museum's open house. The event is free and open to the public.

Students from around Orleans County will be involved in a variety of the Museum's educational programs this year, including a history fair, the cultivation of an heirloom vegetable garden, classroom presentation and re-enactments, two field days, which include craft demonstrations and old-time activities, and a history-based day camp. For more information, please call 754-2022, visit our website at www.oldstonehousemuseum.org, or write Old Stone House Museum, 28 Old Stone House Road, Brownington, VT 05860.

Newport Ambulance Service, Inc.

Dear Board and Citizens,

We thank you for your support over the years. We responded to 963 calls for help, 49 to Newport Town in 2003 with an average response time of 7.00 minutes. Through the years with your support we have been able to supply you with a model service at a very low price of about \$3.09 per capita. Other areas of the state have rates of \$18 to \$27 per capita. We are now at 9 full time employees and growing in numbers. Volunteers continue to be the backbone of the service but as the need for more service grows it is hard for them to contribute the time needed and work full time at other jobs. The other need with the present economic state is for full time employment. We have developed 3 full time positions and kept our funding needs level at 1999 rates.

This last summer two expansion projects were achieved and are allowing us to move forward. The facility at Newport was expanded by 3,100 square feet, most of this being a larger classroom to allow for larger groups to train and meet. Our sub-division in Lamoille started on July 1st and is going well.

This year we are asking for the same amount as last year of \$4,240.00. Our write-off for last year due to Medicare, Medicaid and non-collectible accounts was \$271,237.19.

We hope that you feel that we are a vital service to your community and invite you to visit our new facility at 830 Union Street, Newport, anytime.

If we can answer any question or concerns about the service, please feel free to contact us at 334-2023.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors

CHARLES PRONTO, President

TAMMY WESTOVER, Newport Town, Vice President

REYNOLD CHOINIERE, Newport, Treasurer

SUE BARRUP, Newport, Secretary

MICHAEL A. PARADIS, Executive Director

Northeastern Vermont Development Association

True to our mission, Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) worked hard during the past year to meet the economic development and planning needs of the region's municipalities and businesses. 2003 was our 53rd year of dedicated service to the people of the Northeast Kingdom.

Many of our projects were regional in nature and therefore benefited every single community in this region. A good example of this is the unmet transportation needs survey, which gauged the gap between the availability of and the need for transportation services in the Northeast Kingdom.

We also continued to provide essential technical services to town and city officials. This work included conducting transportation studies and traffic counts, including counts in the town of Newport; preparing, reviewing and commenting on municipal planning documents; certifying Municipal Plans; interpreting and explaining planning law to planning and zoning officials; and preparing GIS maps. NVDA also continued to offer reliable and knowledgeable grant writing and grant administration services to a number of towns.

On the economic development front, the Charles E. Carter Business Resource Center in NVDA's St. Johnsbury-Lyndon Industrial Park was near completion at the end of the past year. The Business Resource Center provides warehousing and manufacturing space, as well as a technical and industrial training facility. In Brighton, NVDA has assisted a small business with a grant, prepared the airport master plan, and continues to work with the Island Pond Woodworkers.

As in the past, in 2003 we continued to work closely with the Small Business Development Center to create and retain jobs throughout the Northeast Kingdom. To cite a few examples: We assisted Easton Hockey/EHM Production in Newport with a tax credit application, which will result in 60 jobs within a few years; we helped WT Solutions in St. Johnsbury to purchase industrial sewing equipment and to find a facility, thereby creating 50+ jobs; and we helped Chebe, a bread manufacturer in Orleans to locate a production facility. NVDA also continues to work with Ethan Allen on the company's long-term needs.

Companies that NVDA assisted in the recent past include MSA Gallet in Newport, which continues to grow and receive contracts for its high quality helmets from the US Army; and Bogner of America, also located in Newport, which has diversified from being solely a garment manufacturer to a warehouse and distribution center for some large clothing companies.

Four business loans were approved from our revolving loan funds in 2003. NVDA also added a technical assistance grant program in order to help small businesses with a variety of projects. We approved twelve grants for small businesses in eight communities. Projects included marketing plans, patent applications, Act 250 application assistance and an architectural design.

We look forward to continue serving you in 2004, and we appreciate your much-needed support.

Sincerely
STEVE PATTERSON, Executive Director

The Vermont Center for Independent Living

SUMMARY FOR THE TOWN ANNUAL REPORT

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) teaches people with significant disabilities how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. We also conduct public education and systems change activities that promote the full inclusion of disabled people into community life.

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

Statewide, from October 1, 2002 through September 11, 2003, VCIL responded to 1,974 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referrals on a broad range of subjects related to living with a disability. We provided one-on-one peer counseling to 342 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and life opportunities; provided 405 households with financial and technical assistance for making their bathrooms and entrances accessible to a disabled family member; provided over 340 with personal assistance and/or assistive technology; provided communications equipment to 67 Deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-impaired individuals through our Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program, and served home-delivered meals to almost 533 Vermonters through VCIL's Meals On Wheels program for Individuals Under 60 with Disabilities.

VCIL's central office is in downtown Montpelier with three smaller regional offices in Bennington, Brattleboro and Burlington. The Montpelier office houses our resource library and our toll-free information line, which provides answers to disability-related questions from every Vermont community. Our locally-based Peer Advocacy Counselors are available to people with disabilities in every municipality in Vermont.

During FY 2003, VCIL provided direct services Vermonters throughout the state, utilizing the following services/programs:

1. Information & Referral
2. Home and Community Access program
3. Meals on Wheels (people with disabilities under the age of 60)
4. Peer Advocacy Counseling
5. Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program
6. Sue Williams Freedom Fund

To learn more about VCIL, call us toll-free at 1-800-639-1522

Orleans-Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice has served your community since 1969. We are a non-profit home care agency whose mission is to provide services to every individual in need. Our dedicated staff works with clients, their families, physicians, and other area providers to ensure that people receive the care they need while maintaining their independence and their ability to remain in the comfort of home. Your continued commitment to us enables us to continue our commitment to the community.

I want to thank you for your past financial support, it has been greatly appreciated. As you know, last year we were able to reduce the amount of our request due to a positive performance for the previous two fiscal years. However, as we predicted last year, the reductions in reimbursement imposed by Medicare have caused us to fall back to a less optimistic bottom line. Some of this can be attributed to the \$192,436 in free services we provided last year. We are asking the voters for an appropriation to help defray some of this cost and allow us to continue to provide all of the services required in your community.

Wording for the warning article for the Town Meeting might be:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,800.00 to the Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurses Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency.

It is important to remember that OEVNA&H is unlike other non-profit organizations who work with a fixed budget – they are aware of how much money they have to spend before they provide services. Our budget is based on actual payment for services rendered and we are not compensated if there is no payment source. In fact, since we began providing services we have provided over \$825,000 worth of free care. Our budget for the upcoming year is based on projections from prior years, but if our projections fall short, so do our revenues.

If you have any questions in regard to our request or would like to have a representative meet with you to discuss services provided to your community, please do not hesitate to contact us. We request that you complete and return the enclosed form as soon as possible. Again, we thank you for your generous support and look forward to serving your community in 2004.

Regards,
NANCY L. WARNER
Executive Director

Orleans County Sheriff's Department

2003 REPORT

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department provided patrol services to your Town during 2003. Through your financial support, the Sheriff's Department provided 198 hours of Patrol in the Town of Newport and documented the following services:

1. Calls for Service: 12
2. Motor Vehicle
 - a. Warnings: 44
 - b. VT Traffic Complaints: 39
3. Arrests: 4

The Sheriff's Department is seeking a 3% increase over last year's appropriation. We have been able to contain most of our costs of doing business this year, with the exception of escalating health insurance premiums. The increase we are asking for will cover the above plus a cost of living adjustment in Deputies salaries.

The Sheriff's Department also has new programs to offer your community this year. With the support of area businesses, we can offer a Child Identification Packet that is done professionally and maintained by the parents at no cost. We have also started a job shadowing experience for students that may be interested in a career in Law Enforcement. Interested students should contact their guidance counselors to arrange a job shadow. We hope to add more programs in the future that are of interest to your children and would welcome suggestions from you.

We appreciate your support and look forward to serving your community in 2004.

Respectfully Submitted,
LANCE A. BOWEN
Sheriff

Conservation Commission Report

CD account balance (from donations) \$ 723.74

The Commission is working on a Forest Management Plan for the Pogony Hill Conservation Park. In the coming months the commission will develop the goals for this plan. Jim Horton from the Vermont Department of Forest, Parks & Recreation will be working with the commission to meet the goals of the town. In spring of 2004, Mr. Horton along with his department will assess the conditions of the park and inventory of its timber. The Forest Management Plan will recognize Silviculture and Wildlife Habitat Management Principles. The Park has about 393.7 acres.

The beavers were still a problem again this past year. It was brought to the Commission's attention that the beavers were plugging the drain pipes. The Commission and Jeff Gallup (a trapper) received permission to relocate the beavers by "live trap" from the State Game Warden, Bob Lewis. Mr. Gallup relocated one beaver to a Coventry area pond. Mr. Gallup on his own time set up his trap at the pond, checking the trap in the morning and at night. The trap was taken from the conservation Park valued about \$325.00 (a great loss to Mr. Gallup). The return of the trap would be greatly appreciated. A motion was made to pay Mr. Gallup \$30.00 for gas money.

The Conservation Commission looks forward to new members and or interested input in the Forest Management Plan to reflect the goals of the Town.

DONALD POUTRE, JR., Chairman
JIM WARMAN, Vice Chair
MILTON HAMMOND, Secretary
JOHN KILBY, Treasurer
PEARL GOOLEY
GLENN FOSTER

Zoning

2003 was a typical year for zoning permits. New homes and additions made up the bulk of the permits issued. The following permits were issued in 2003:

New Homes: 14
Additions: 29
Sub-division: 6
Business: 4

Lack of a recorded permit can cause complications in the sale of a property or bank financing. A permit issued by the zoning officer must be posted for 15 days before it is valid, so plan ahead and make sure you have a permit before you start. A permit is required for the sub-division of land, any additions, construction of a new home etc. Any new business needs a permit and public hearing before beginning operation. A zoning permit is not required for any interior renovations. Remember, a local permit does not relieve you of the obligation to get any state permits that may be necessary.

DOUG LAY
Zoning Administrator

Planning Commission Report 2003

Your planning commission held two public meetings during the year 2003 to solicit information from the town concerning the creation of the village vision. One was held in March and the other in November. Burnt Rock, Inc., a planning firm, has completed a draft of the vision and has submitted this to the planning commission for their review.

The planning board will meet to study the draft and hopefully have a report for you at a public meeting for additional comment.

Sincerely,
ERNEST CHOQUETTE
Chairperson – Planning Commission

Newport Center Volunteer Fire Department Report – 2003

Wow, what a great year for the Newport Center Volunteer Fire Department. Of course everyone knows about our new fire station but are you aware that we were the recipients of a federal grant for a new fire truck. The hard work of Steve Roberts, Jr. with grant writing paid off. We will be getting a fire truck that is a state of the art truck. With this truck comes a new piece of technology called compressed air foam system. This will be a huge help in fighting most building fires. It not only will serve our town but it will also help the surrounding communities for many years to come. We are very excited and proud to be getting this truck which will be replacing a 1960 Hahn fire truck that is now our first attack truck.

When I was elected Fire Chief we in the community thought that we were going to lose one of our members to the battle of freedom for our country for a year. I am glad to announce that Dan Boone will not be going anywhere. We feel very lucky to have Dan not only as a member of our fire department but as a valuable member of our community.

Our fire department also took part in the first annual Newport Center Day which was a huge success due to the hard work of a lot of people especially my wife, Carmen Flynn, and everyone's friend Janet Gratton. We look forward to helping out with next year's event for it will be bigger and better.

In closing I would like to say that we are here to assist our community in not only times of emergencies but the fun times too. I feel very honored to be the Fire Chief of this department and am very proud to be a member of this fine community.

Newport Center Fire Chief
KURK O. FLYNN

NEWPORT CENTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

2003 Financial Report

Beginning Balance as of 1/1/03		\$ 28,845.60
Bank Loans	\$ 27,854.00	
Federal Grant	24,755.00	
Funds Voted by Town of Newport	15,000.00	
Donations	3,116.19	
Jeffords Grant	3,066.00	
Fund Raisers	1,304.00	
Balance of Building Fund	1,040.34	
K. Robinson-Restitution	546.80	
Chocolate Bars (NEIMA)	242.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 76,924.33
Equipment	\$ 51,271.70	
Pay off Bank Loans	24,911.19	
Truck Loan	3,749.36	
Equipment Repairs	939.46	
Heat	2,697.73	
Electricity	962.86	
Training	300.00	
Telephone	551.67	
Office Supplies	33.12	
Diesel	378.98	
Donation Expense	179.00	
Postage	85.58	
Dues	160.00	
Sewer	185.00	
Travel Expense (trip to PA to pick up new van) ..	358.42	
NEIMA (Chocolate Bar Sales)	242.00	
Building Maintenance	936.78	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 87,942.85
Ending Balance as of 12/31/03		\$ 17,827.08

Lake Road Cemetery Commissioner's Report 2003

The work on the cemetery is progressing nicely; the next project will be to try to straighten the leaning stones, repair some of the broken stones and build a new door for the old vault.

We are grateful for the hard work of Celon Wheeler and his family who have the endless task of keeping the cemetery mowed and looking nice; thanks for a good job, well done.

Once again the Commission received a very nice donation from our "Friend of the Cemetery" who still wishes to remain anonymous. We appreciate your support and we sincerely THANK YOU!!!

CHARLES GUADAGNI, BILL and MARK BURSEY, Commissioners
CELON WHEELER, Sexton

Marriages 2003

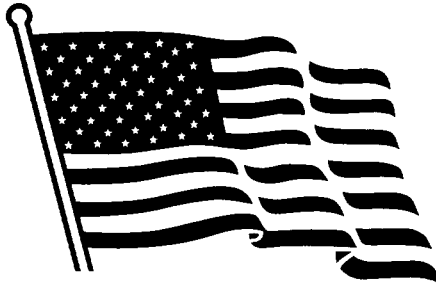
Date	Groom Bride	Residence Residence
January 2, 2003	David Raymond Marcoux Laurinda J. Bourgoin	Newport Center Newport Center
January 12, 2003	David C. Maples Marjorie Mae Buck	Newport Center Newport Center
June 14, 2003	James Elwin Brewer, Jr. Nicole Jocelyne Desroches	Newport Center Newport Center
August 9, 2003	Andrew Michael Fazio Megan Sue Sargent	Smithtown, NY Newport Center
August 9, 2003	David Walter Moore Julie Ann Zenel	Newport Center Newport Center
August 23, 2003	Adam James Hilliker Geraldine Ann Cutting	Newport Center Newport Center
September 20, 2003	Jason Paul Poginy Jaimie Lynn LaBounty	Newport Center Newport Center
September 28, 2003	Fred A. Brown Sheryl L. Laramee	Newport Center Newport Center

Births 2003

Date	Name	Parents
December 29, 2002	Hunter John Henry Webb	Shannon & John Webb
January 14, 2003	Aliza June Desrochers	Linda & Marcus Desrochers
January 25, 2003	Camden Neil Willis	Julie & Jason Willis
January 31, 2003	Chyanne Elizabeth Grace Gabaree Ofsuryk	Megan Gabaree & David Ofsuryk
February 3, 2003	Hunter Allen Prue	Kimberly Lantagne & Jason Prue
March 25, 2003	Elizabeth Paige LeMay	Cynthia & Robert LeMay
April 4, 2003	Brylee Sky Mayhew	Jessica & Joseph Mayhew
April 8, 2003	Adrianna Marie Chaput	Nicole & Roger Chaput
April 9, 2003	Alek David Luke Royea	Jennifer & Christopher Royea
May 17, 2003	Hunter Levi Kelley	Laura & Timothy Kelley
May 17, 2003	Adam Nathaniel Priore	Karen Whitcomb & Frank Priore
June 12, 2003	Ashlyn Marie VonHeeder	Nicki & Jason VonHeeder
September 4, 2003	Brandon Michael Grenier	Kristen & Craig Grenier
November 26, 2003	Ryder James Morin	Jessica Corr & Benjamin Morin
December 7, 2003	Kiarah Susan Deslandes	Melanie & Michael Deslandes
December 13, 2003	Garrett William Heath	Lara Starr & David Heath

Deaths 2003

Name	Date of Death	Age
Coe, Robert Kenneth	May 21, 2003	73
Amidon, Gordon Paul	June 27, 2003	70
Hammond, Lois Sybil	July 21, 2003	76
Petit, Samson Ralph	November 6, 2003	57
Korszniok, Robert J.	December 9, 2003	55
Hammond, Jeanne Anita	December 23, 2003	58
Talcott, Jr., Frederick William	December 31, 2003	54



NEWPORT TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

P.O. Box 85

Newport Center, Vermont 05857

802-334-6442

Hours: Monday thru Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

NEWPORT TOWN SCHOOL

P.O. Box 48

Newport Center, Vermont 05857

802-334-5201

SELECTBOARD MEETINGS

Held on the first Thursday of every month at the
Town Clerk's Office at 7:00 p.m.

NEWPORT TOWN SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Held on the second Wednesday of every month at the
Town School.

NEWPORT TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Held as needed at the
Town Clerk's Office at 7:30 p.m.

NEWPORT TOWN ZONING BOARD MEETINGS

Will meet as necessary for public hearings at the
Town Clerk's Office.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETINGS

Held on the first Wednesday of every month at the
Fire Station at 7:00 p.m.

CONSERVATION MEETINGS

Held on the third Thursday of every month at the
Town Clerk's Office at 7:30 p.m.

WATER COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings held as necessary at the
Town Clerk's Office.

CLIP & SAVE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Year 2004 Household Hazardous Waste



Collection Days



This is a great opportunity to dispose of those old paints, pesticides, and cleaning products you have in your basement or garage.

**Saturday, May 8, 2004 &
Saturday, October 16, 2004**

8:30 am to 11:30 am

**New England Waste Services of Vermont, Inc. Landfill
on Airport Road in Coventry**

These event are FREE through an agreement with your municipality

**A Business may bring waste to the event for a fee, provided you have
contacted NEWSVT to make prior arrangements for drop-off time.**

No pre-registration is necessary unless you are a business, but proof of residency will be required.

What is a household hazardous waste?

A household hazardous waste is any discarded household material that can be classified as toxic, corrosive, flammable or reactive.

Materials Accepted at the Event:

Acids, Adhesives, Aerosols, Antifreeze, Brake Fluid, Cements, Charcoal Lighters, Chlorine, Cleaning Fluid, Degreasers, Disinfectants, Drain Cleaners, Dry Gas, Epoxies, Dyes, Fiberglass Resins, Flea Powders, Furniture Strippers, Hair Removers, Herbicides, Insect Repellents, Lacquers, Lubricants, Mothballs or Flakes, Nail Polish Removers, Oven Cleaners, Latex Paints, Oil Based Paints, Paint Removers, Paint Thinners, Permanent Solutions, Pesticides, Photo chemicals, Rat Poisons, Rug & Upholstery Cleaners, Rust Solvents, Wood Preservatives, Spot Removers, Toilet Bowl Cleaners, Tub and Tile Cleaners, Turpentine, Varnish, Weed Killers, Wood Polishes, Wood Stains, Fluorescent Light tubes, Mercury containing products.

Materials NOT Accepted at the Event:

Automotive and Marine Batteries, Tires, Explosives or Shock-Sensitive Materials, Ammunition, Radio-Active Wastes, Pathological Wastes, Infectious Waste, Medicines, Dioxins, PCB containing light ballasts, PCB containing smoke detectors, electronic equipment, fire extinguishers, propane/torch cylinders, TV's, computers, electronics.

If you have any questions about the event or acceptable materials please call Janet at **(802) 223-7221**.

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