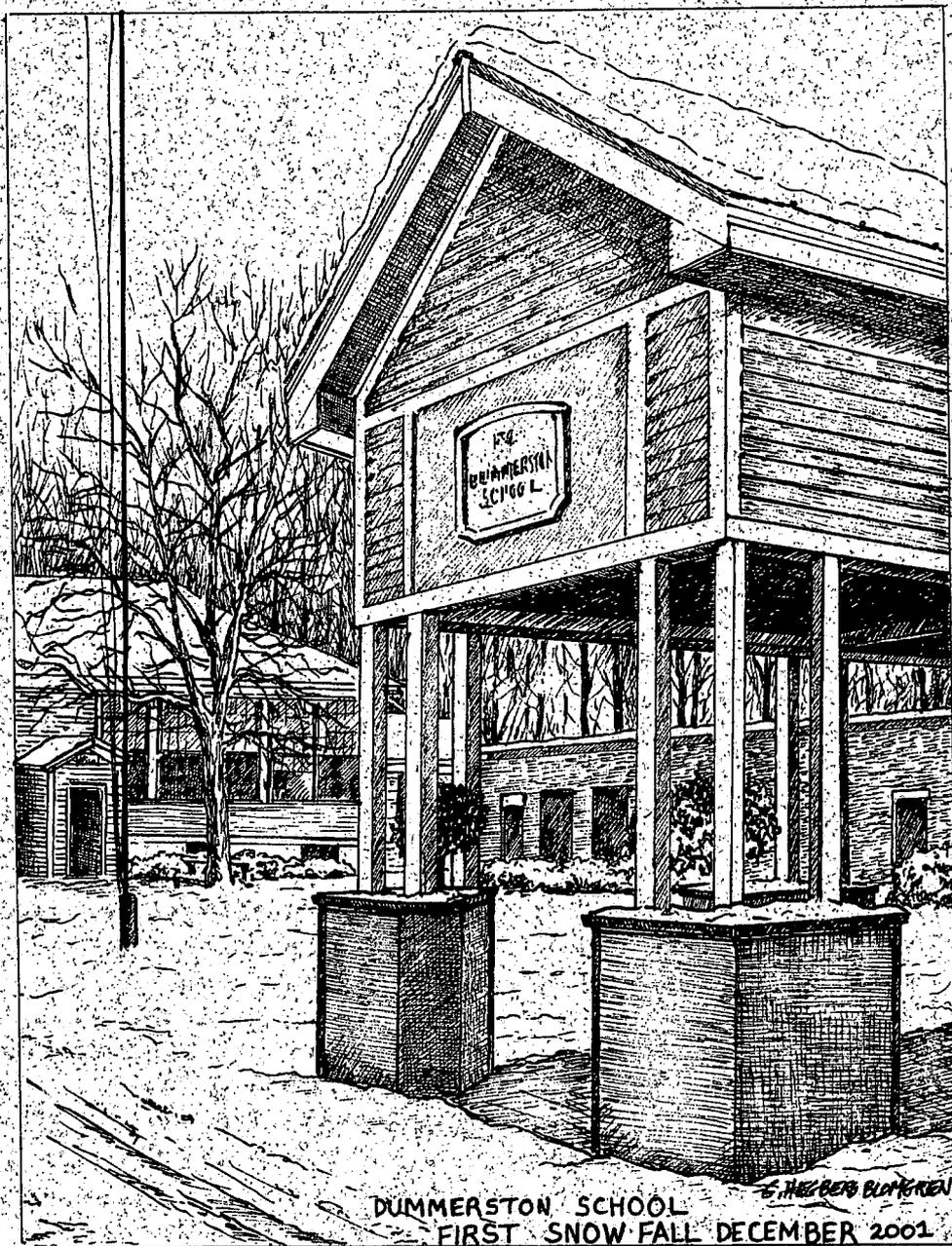
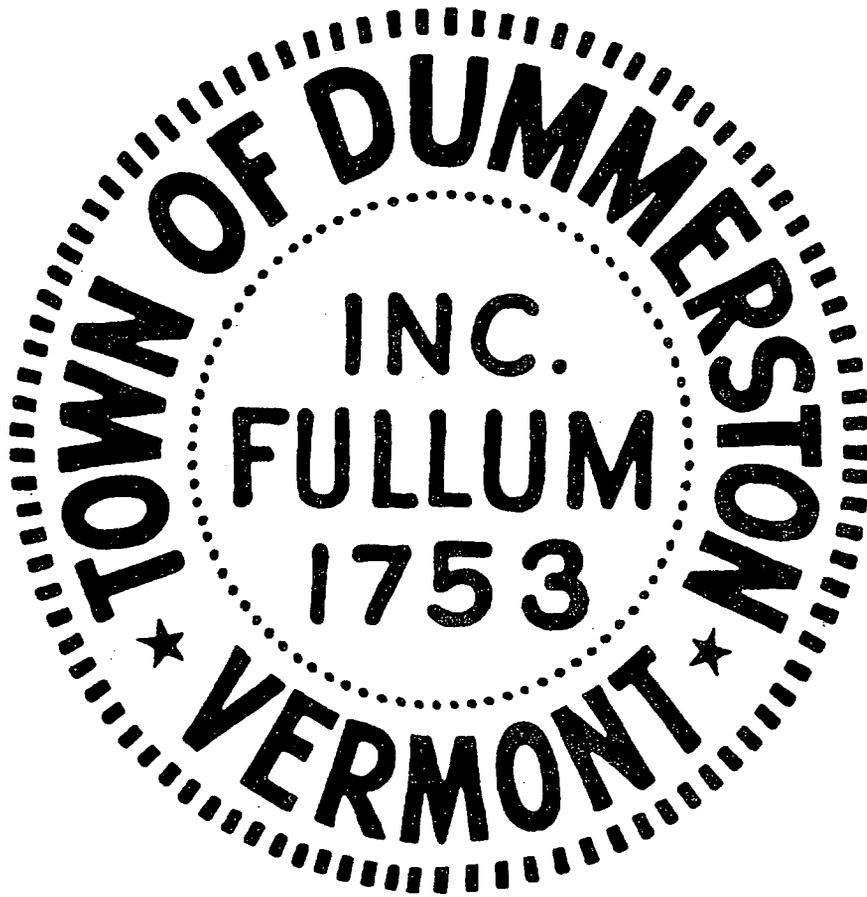


# 2004

## Dummerston, Vermont



**Town Officers 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Report  
For the Months Ending June 30, 2004**



ABOUT THE COVER

*Dummerston School*

by

*Gary Blomgren*

# TOWN OF DUMMERSTON

1523 Middle Road, East Dummerston, Vermont 05346

Population 1915

Registered Voters: 1384

## Meeting Times and Town Office Hours

<b>Selectboard:</b>	Every other Wednesday at 7:30 PM at the Town Office (unless otherwise noted)
<b>Town Clerk:</b>	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9 AM to 3 PM; Wednesday 11 AM to 5 PM
<b>Planning Commission:</b>	First Tuesday of each month at 7 PM at the Town Office
<b>School Board:</b>	Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 PM at the Dummerston School
<b>Conservation Commission:</b>	Third Thursday of each month at the Town Office
<b>Lydia Taft Pratt Library:</b>	First Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Community Center
<b>Community Center:</b>	First and third Monday of each month at 7 PM at the Community Center

## Zoning

For information on zoning permits contact Alan McBean for an appointment at 254-6975.

## Health Officer

Mary Lafayette 387-4082

## Telephone Numbers

Town Office	257-1496
Town Office Fax	257-4671
Town Office Email	dummrstn@sover.net
Town Garage	254-2411
Dummerston School	254-2733
Dummerston School Voicemail	254-2034

## **In Case of Fire or Emergency dial 9-1-1**

### For Burn Permits Call:

Martin Forrett	387-2180	Allen Pike	254-3552
Laurence Lynch	254-2517	Charlie Richardson	254-6963
Wayne Emery	254-8708		

## Taxes

Property tax bills are mailed on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of July and are due in two installments, August and February. The Grand List is compiled as of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO TOWN MEETING**

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Brattleboro Drop In Center	RSVP
Connecticut River Joint Committee	SEVCA
Council on Aging for SE VT	United Way
The Gathering Place	VCIL
George D. Aiken R&D Council	VNA
Grace Cottage Foundation	VT Dept. of Health
Green Up Vermont	Windham Regional Comm.
HCRS	Windham Solid Waste Mgmt.
Morningside Shelter	Women's Crisis Center
	Windham County Humane Society

**ELECTED OFFICERS****Moderator** Charles K. Fish**Town Clerk and Treasurer** Janice C. Duke**Selectboard**

Sylvio L. Forrett 2006

Cynthia Jerome 2007

Lester K. Dunklee 2005

Jack W. Manix 2005

Paul E. Normandeau 2006

**Listers**

Douglas B. Hamilton 2007

Jean M. Newell 2005

Beverly A. Knapp 2006

**Auditors**

Jean M. Newell 2007

Maria A. Glabach 2005

Barbara B. Gilmore 2006

**School District Moderator**

Charles K. Fish

**School Directors***three year terms*

Amy Dews 2007

Daniel Brown 2005

Charlotte Neer Annis 2006

*1 year terms*

Roger Aquadro 2005

William Conley 2005

**Union School Director**

Ruth Barton 6/20/03–2006

**Town Grand Jurer**

Sylvio L. Forrett 2005

**Town Agent**

Stuart M. Brown 2005

**Trustee of Cemetery Funds**

Selectboard

**Justices of Peace—Elected November 2004**

Ronald Autenrieth Arnold P. Garland

Cynthia Jerome Nelson H. Jillson

Harold E. Newell David B. Ryan

Thomas E. Zopf

**Library Trustees**

Paula Bristol 2007 Heidi Davis (resigned)

Judy Enello 2006 Wendy Hayward (resigned)

Sherwood Smith 2009

**APPOINTED OFFICERS****Dummerston Planning Commission**

Christie Herbert 2004 Milton Gilmore 2006

Stephan Mindel 2004 Robert Wainwright 2006

Elizabeth Catlin 2005 Cynthia Wilcox 2007

Stephen Booth 2005 David Ryan 2007

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**

Colonel Sorenson 2004 Mary Louise Nelsen 2007

Patricia Jaquith 2005 Louise Zak 2007

Andrew Macfarland 2006

**Zoning Administrator**

Jean Momaney

**Acting Zoning Administrator**

Beverly Knapp

**Conservation Commission**

Carrie Walker 2004

Cheryl Wilfong 2005

Edward Anthes 2005

Mary Ellen Copeland 2006

Charles Richardson 2006

Cami Elliot-Knaggs 2007

Constance Woodbury 2007

Priscilla Svec 2007

**Foreman of Roads**

Wayne Emery

**First Constable**

Wayne Emery

**Assistant Town Clerks**Beverly Knapp  
Pamela McFadden**Administrative Assistant to Selectboard** Beverly Knapp**Health Officer**

Mary Lafayette

**Weigher of Coal**

Ruth Barton

**Poundkeepers**Sylvio L. Forrett  
Ron Svec**Inspectors of Wood & Lumber**Stuart Brown  
John Worden

**Tree Warden** Charles Richardson

**Fence Viewers** Nelson Jillson  
Ernest Clark  
Harold Newell

**Town Service Officer** Thomas Johnson

**Windham Regional Commission** Julia Sorensen  
Elizabeth Catlin

**Current & Delinquent Tax Receiver** Janice C. Duke

**Fire Warden** Martin Forrett

**Assistant Fire Warden** Charles Richardson

**Recreation Board** Jack Manix  
Steve Glabach  
Priscilla Svec

**Windham Solid Waste Management District**  
Lester Dunklee  
Ronald Wright

**Emergency Management** Laurence Lynch  
Lester Dunklee

**Green Up Chairman** Mark Brown

**SEVCA Representative** none appointed

**Council on Aging** Shirley Perkins  
Carolyn Goldsmith

**Rescue, Inc. Representative** Sylvio L. Forrett

**VT Community Development Program**

Jack Manix  
Floyd Turner  
Larry Cassidy

**Connecticut River Joint Commission** Daniel Marx  
Robert Wainwright

**Enhanced 9-1-1 Contact Person** Douglas Hamilton

**Animal Control Officer**  
Windham County Sheriff's Department

**Farmland Committee** D. Read Miller  
William Schmidt  
Vernon Grubinger  
Nelson Jillson  
Jack Manix

**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

We have compiled this report based on the information provided to us by the wide range of town and school agencies. To the best of our knowledge all reports are accurate. Each month during the year we reconcile the town and school checking accounts. We wish to thank those contributing information in a timely fashion to this report, enabling us to satisfy all requirements.

Dummerston, VT  
January 10, 2005

Jean M. Newell  
Barbara B. Gilmore  
Maria A. Glabach

**TOWN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****GENERAL FUND****Comparative Balance Sheet**  
*Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2004*

	<u>06/30/03</u>	<u>06/30/04</u>
<b><u>ASSETS:</u></b>		
Cash	\$ 95,569.61	\$94,055.89
Accounts Receivable		
Refunds Receivable		2108.50
Delinquent Taxes (est. 70%)	<u>55,516.69</u>	<u>49,846.74</u>
	\$151,086.29	\$146,011.13
<b><u>LIABILITIES:</u></b>		
Accounts Payable	\$861.00	\$196.00
Notes Payable		
Due to State	87.00	(10.00)
Employee Withholdings	5,971.59	1,967.90
Reserves		
Restoration of Records	9,602.02	12,566.02
Community Center	5,000.00	3,465.67
Radiological Emergency Response Funds		9,389.25
Surplus to be used in FY 04	53,677.14	
Surplus to be used in FY 05	<u>                    </u>	<u>20,370.85</u>
	\$75,198.75	\$47,945.69
Fund Balance	<u>75,887.54</u>	<u>98,065.44</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUND BALANCE</b>	\$151,086.29	\$146,011.13

**RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	<u>06/30/03</u>	<u>06/30/04</u>
Cemetery Funds	\$42,256.54	\$44,859.94
Fred Miller Fund	117,437.34	117,485.67
West River Crossings	80,687.45	81,345.31
Prospect Hill Pasture	11,512.06	11,612.40
Capital Fund	102,709.69	185,382.39
Farmland Protection Fund	11,746.35	11,817.68
Reappraisal Funds	42,622.45	43,402.91
War Memorial Fund	2,467.60	2,501.94

Cemetery Funds

Balance July 1, 2003		\$42,256.54
Add:		
Interest on Money Market	28.60	
Interest on Certificate of Deposit	232.47	
Sales of Lots	600.00	
From General Fund	3,000.00	
Increase in Putnam Fund	<u>1,977.33</u>	
		<u>5,838.40</u>
		48,094.94
Deduct:		
Mowing & Maintenance	2,685.00	
Tree Work/Baptist Church Cemetery	<u>550.00</u>	
		<u>3,235.00</u>
Balance June 30, 2004		
Money Market Account	7,275.13	
Certificate of Deposit	16,740.82	
Putnam Fund	<u>20,843.99</u>	
<b>Total Cemetery Funds June 30, 2004</b>		<b>\$44,859.94</b>

Trust Funds—Principal Account

Cemetery Funds—Town of Dummerston, Trustee  
*Income to be used to care for lots*

Balance in Fund July 1, 2003		\$17,931.00
Add Cemetery Funds:		
Clyde Johnson	Bennet Cemetery	300.00
Phyllis Benay	Wilder Cemetery	<u>300.00</u>
		<u>600.00</u>
		18,531.00
Permanent Funds		<u>225.00</u>
<b>Balance in Trust Funds June 30, 2004</b>		<b>\$18,756.00</b>

**Farmland Protection Fund**

Balance in Fund July 1, 2003		\$11,746.35
Interest Earned		<u>71.48</u>
Balance in Fund June 30, 2004		\$11,817.68

**West River Crossings Fund**

Balance in Fund July 1, 2003		\$80,687.45
Interest Earned		<u>657.86</u>
Balance in Fund June 30, 2004		\$81,345.31

**Reappraisal Fund**

Balance in Fund July 1, 2003		\$42,622.45
Income:		
04/06/04 State Act 60 Funds	6,306.00	
Interest Earned	<u>624.46</u>	
		<u>6,930.46</u>
		\$49,552.91
Deduct:		
To General Fund		6,150.00
Balance in Fund June 30, 2004		\$43,402.91

**Prospect Hill Pasture Fund**

Balance in Fund July 1, 2003		\$11,512.06
Interest Earned		<u>100.34</u>
Balance in Fund June 30, 2004		\$11,612.40

War Memorial Fund

Balance in Fund July 1, 2003		
Investment		\$2,000.00
Income		<u>467.60</u>
		\$2,467.60
Interest Earned		<u>34.34</u>
Balance of Investment and Income June 30, 2004		\$2,501.94

Fred Miller Fund

Balance July 1, 2003		\$117,437.34
Add:		
Interest on Money Market	11.46	
Interest on Certificate of Deposit	<u>1,596.87</u>	
		<u>1,608.33</u>
		\$119,045.67
Deduct:		
Youth Services	955.00	
Summer Camps	330.00	
Donations for Needy Children	<u>275.00</u>	
		<u>1,560.00</u>
Balance June 30, 2004		
Money Market Account	2,491.44	
Certificate of Deposit	<u>114,994.23</u>	
Total Fred Miller Fund June 30, 2004		\$117,485.67

**STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES**

July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004

**Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes**

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Balance at 07/01/03</u>	<u>For Collection</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Abated</u>	<u>Balance at 06/30/04</u>
1998	\$281.93				\$281.93
1999	295.12				295.12
2000	2,415.83		\$1,842.25	\$249.90	323.68
2001	22,188.61		17,104.62	13.32	5,070.67
2002	54,128.06		40,076.30		14,051.76
2003		<u>192,835.00</u>	<u>141,648.53</u>		<u>51,186.47</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$79,309.55</b>	<b>\$192,835.00</b>	<b>\$200,671.70</b>	<b>\$263.22</b>	<b>\$71,209.63</b>

**Policy for Collection of Delinquent Taxes**

- As soon as the warrant has been received, and each month afterwards, the tax collector will send a notice to each delinquent taxpayer.
- Payment arrangements, which do not pay the bill in full before the due date of next year's bill, will not be accepted.
- If the tax on personal property is not paid in full within 20 days of the notice, the tax collector will seek the authorization of the selectboard to place a lien on the property.
- Mortgage holders and lien holders will be notified of the delinquent taxes 30 days after the first notice has been sent out
- Partial payments will be applied first to the interest portion of the amount due, and the remainder will be divided proportionally between the principal amount of the tax and the 8% fee.
- If the amount dues is less than \$500 and no satisfactory payment arrangements have been made in one month, or if the arrangements agreed to have not been met, the tax collector will file a complaint with Small Claims Court.
- If the amount due is \$500 or more and no satisfactory payment arrangements have been made in one month, or if the arrangements agreed to have not been met, the tax collector will begin the following actions to sell as much of the property to pay the tax and costs and fees:
  - The collector will notify the taxpayer of the tax sale decision, the date by which full payment must be received, and the costs to expect once the sale process begins.
  - The collector will also notify all mortgage holders and lien holders.
  - Once the deadline date has expired and full payment has not been received, the collector will proceed with the tax sale according to the procedures specified in 32 V.S.A. §5252.
  - Costs of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.

Analysis of Delinquent Taxes

As of June 30, 2004

<u>Real Estate and Personal Property</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Ainsworth, Kenneth & Sandra	2,961.00 *	1,520.96 *	
Bolster, Cleon Jr. & Serena	1,157.61		
Bolster, Cleon & Theresa	974.31	1,896.10 *	
Boston & Maine Corp.	851.64 *		
Brattleboro Area Community Land Trust	139.59 #		
Crossman, Debra	344.04 *		
Ethier, Kathleen, Wesley & Erik	270.72 *		
Ethier, Kathleen	383.52 *		
Fisk, Arthur R. Jr.	383.52	373.18	1,263.17
Gruver III, Charles & Catherine	1,270.41 *		
Hackney, David	3,553.12 *		
Koski, David et al			574.05
Laughton, Kenneth & Dorothy	427.21 *		
Lawrence, Brenda	1,582.02 *	1,539.38 *	691.01 *
Matava, Gary	874.20 #	212.55 *	
Mathewson, M. et al	473.38 #		
Miller, D. Read & Malah	2,075.52 #		
Miller, Dwight Jr.	344.04 *		
Miller, Dwight & Gladys	2,058.60 #		
Miller, Dwight & D. Read	2,351.88		
Mullen, Laura	882.66 *		
Murano, Janet	5,279.04	3,474.41 #	
Nichols, Jennifer	3,750.60		
Porreca, Mark Charles	2,036.04 *		
Privee, Alan & Barbara	631.68		
Reed, James & Dena	916.50 *		
Shevchenko, Nikita	188.94	186.58	90.61
Shippee, Thurman N.	267.09		
Sprague, Robert & Susan	800.00 *		
Sprague, Robert & Susan	3,003.30		
Tuttle, Richard, & Sharon	3,006.12 *	784.42 *	
West River Granite Inc.	1,673.67 *		
White, Charles & Stella	3,547.56 *	3,451.94 *	3,352.56 *
Winter, Harold & Sharon	<u>2,726.94 *</u>	<u>612.24 *</u>	<u>                    </u>
	<b>\$51,186.47</b>	<b>\$14,051.76</b>	<b>\$ 5,971.40</b>

\* paid in full by December 31, 2004

# partially paid by December 31, 2004

**Statement of Taxes Raised**  
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2004

Grand List April 1, 2003

Education Grand List			
Real Estate		\$130,914,100.00	
Personal Property – Cable		116,100.00	
Value of Town Voted Exemptions		264,500.00	
Education Grand List (1% of Appraised Value)			\$1,312,947.00

Municipal Grand List			
Real Estate		\$130,914,100.00	
Personal Property – Cable		116,100.00	
Personal Property – Machinery & Equipment		1,091,300.00	
Municipal Grand List (1% of Appraised Value)			\$1,321,215.00

Taxes Assessed and Billed:

Education Taxes			
Statewide Tax	GL \$1,312,947 x Tax Rate	\$1.18	\$1,549,277.46
Local Share Tax	GL \$1,312,947 x Tax Rate	<u>\$1.30</u>	<u>1,706,831.10</u>
	TOTAL Education Tax Rate	\$2.48	\$3,256,108.56
Education Tax Shortfall			
Voted Exemptions	LV \$2,645 x Tax Rate	\$2.48	<u>-6,559.60</u>
Education Taxes Billed			\$3,249,548.96

Municipal Taxes			
Municipal Taxes	GL \$1,321,215 x Tax Rate	\$ .335	\$442,607.03
Education Shortfall			
On Voted Exemptions	GL \$1,321,215 x Tax Rate	\$ .005	<u>+6,606.07</u>
Municipal Taxes Billed			\$449,213.10

Total Taxes Billed			\$3,698,762.06
Adjustments			
Tax Abatement			<u>-2,777.04</u>

**TOTAL ANTICIPATED TAX REVENUE** **\$3,695,985.02**

Taxes Accounted For

Collections		\$3,503,150.02
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Distribution of Taxes

State Education Property Tax	\$1,549,371.00
Local Share Property Tax	1,705,950.00
Municipal Tax	<u>247,829.02</u>
	\$3,503,150.02

Delinquent Taxes to Collector	<u>192,835.00</u>
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**TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR** **\$3,695,985.02**

**GENERAL FUND****Statement of Receipts & Disbursements**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2004

<b>Beginning Cash Balance July 1, 2003</b>	<b>\$95,569.60</b>
ADD: Receipts	
<b>Tax Revenue</b>	
Current Taxes	147,829.02
State Current Use Payment	19,403.00
State Pilot Program	1,918.00
State Agency of Natural Resources	804.00
Delinquent Taxes	200,671.70
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	15,572.80
Penalty on Delinquent Taxes	<u>16,053.77</u>
	<b>\$402,252.29</b>
<b>State Funds</b>	
Highway State Aid	\$116,704.88
VTTC-Local Share of Fines	4,101.28
Railroad Corp. Tax	884.84
EOC Pager Service	2,850.00
Radiological Emergency Response Grant	5,000.00
FY04 Radiological Emergency Response Plan Award	4,400.00
Act 60 Equalized Grand List Assistance	<u>1,051.00</u>
	<b>\$134,992.00</b>
<b>Permits &amp; Licenses</b>	
Zoning Fees	\$3,000.00
Dog Licenses	1,048.00
Trailer Park Licenses	480.00
Liquor Licenses	250.00
Vehicle Overweight Permits	<u>180.00</u>
	<b>\$4,958.00</b>
<b>Fees &amp; Charges for Services</b>	
Town Clerk Fees	\$22,690.20
Record Restoration	2,964.00
Sale of Tax Maps	20.00
Charges for Use of Photocopier	30.00
Fees Collected for State Agencies	513.00
Miscellaneous Fees & Charges	<u>115.70</u>
	<b>\$26,332.90</b>

Statement of Receipts & Disbursements (Continued)

Other Receipts	
Transfer from Capital Funds	\$18,490.00
Interest on Savings	1,688.85
School District for Services	1,300.00
Transfer from Reappraisal Funds	6,150.00
Sale of Used Equipment	1,000.00
Entergy/Radio-E Response Supplies	1,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>169.20</u>
	\$29,798.00
Refunds	
Putney-Expenses on Screening Plant & Crusher	\$1,910.18
WDV Fire Dept. Workers Compensation Insurance	796.00
LTP Library-Salary, Benefits & Insurance	6,318.62
MSHA Seminar	1,458.00
Community Center Insurance	759.00
VLCT Workers Compensation Insurance Refund	289.46
Entergy-Drills & Meetings Refund	2,309.75
FEMA Funds-Camp Arden Road Project	150,409.83
Covered Bridge Damage Insurance Settlement	18,000.00
Tax Abatement to Taxpayer	1,092.63
Miscellaneous Refunds	<u>346.85</u>
	\$183,690.32
Total Receipts	\$782,023.58
Total Available Cash	\$877,593.18
DEDUCT: Disbursements	
Selectboard Orders	\$783,526.86
Bank Fees	<u>10.43</u>
Total Disbursements	\$783,537.29
<b>ENDING CASH BALANCE JUNE 30, 2004</b>	<b>\$94,055.89</b>

SUMMARY OF MUNICIPAL TAXES

	<u>Voted 2004</u>	<u>Proposed 2005</u>
General Fund—Operating Budget	\$414,410	\$410,397
Additional Articles		
Article 10—Meals on Wheels		300
Capital Plan Fund	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES</b>	<b>\$514,410</b>	<b>\$510,697</b>

**GENERAL FUND****Statement of Revenue—Estimated and Actual**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1004

	<b>Budget</b> <b>7/1/03-</b> <b>6/30/04</b>	<b>Actual</b> <b>7/1/0-</b> <b>6/30/04</b>	<b>Adopted</b> <b>7/1/04-</b> <b>6/30/05</b>	<b>Proposed</b> <b>7/1/05-</b> <b>6/30/06</b>
<b>Tax Revenue:</b>				
Current Taxes	\$362,949	\$169,954	\$414,410	\$410,397
Delinquent Taxes		200,672		
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	9,000	15,573	8,000	10,000
Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	<u>10,000</u>	<u>16,054</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>
Total Tax Revenue	\$381,949	\$402,253	\$432,410	\$431,397
<b>Other Revenue:</b>				
State Funds—Highway	\$116,000	\$116,705	\$116,700	\$122,100
VTTC—Local Fines	3,000	4,101	3,000	4,000
Railroad Corporate Tax	800	885	800	800
Emergency Management	3,250	5,160	3,400	9,500
Equalized GL Study	1,050	1,051	1,000	1,000
Permits and Licenses	4,000	4,958	4,000	6,200
Fees & Charges for Services	17,000	22,856	20,000	20,000
Interest on Savings	5,000	1,689	2,000	2,200
School District Reimbursement	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Sale of Used Equipment		1,000		
FEMA Funds—Camp Arden Road		150,410		
Insurance—Covered Bridge Accident		18,000		
Miscellaneous Revenue		<u>169</u>		
Total Other Revenue	\$151,400	\$328,284	\$152,200	\$167,100
<b>Funded Projects:</b>				
Transfer from Capital Fund	\$32,000	\$18,490	\$115,000	\$93,500
Transfer from Reappraisal Fund		<u>6,150</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>
Total Funded Projects	\$32,000	\$24,640	\$145,000	\$117,500
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$565,349</b>	<b>\$755,177</b>	<b>\$ 729,610</b>	<b>\$715,997</b>

**GENERAL FUND**  
**Statement of Changes in Fund Balance**  
 Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2004

	<u>Budget</u> <u>7/1/03-6/30/04</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>7/1/03-6/30/04</u>	<u>Adopted</u> <u>7/1/04-6/30/05</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>7/1/05-6/30/06</u>
Fund Balance, beginning of FY	\$53,677.00	\$74,047.99		
Surplus FY03			\$20,371.00	
Surplus FY04				\$48,219.00
ADD:				
Revenues	<u>565,349.00</u>	<u>755,175.84</u>	<u>729,610.00</u>	<u>715,997.00</u>
Total Cash	\$619,026.00	\$829,223.83	\$749,981.00	\$764,216.00
DEDUCT:				
Expenditures	<u>619,026.00</u>	<u>760,634.28</u>	<u>749,981.00</u>	<u>764,216.00</u>
Fund Balance, end of FY	\$0.00	\$68,589.55	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reserve FY03 Surplus to be used in FY05		<u>20,370.85</u>		
Surplus 6/30/04		\$48,218.70		

**GENERAL FUND****Actual and Estimated Expenditures**

	<b><u>BUDGET</u></b> <b><u>FY 2004</u></b>	<b><u>ACTUAL</u></b> <b><u>FY 2004</u></b>	<b><u>BUDGET</u></b> <b><u>FY 2005</u></b>	<b><u>BUDGET</u></b> <b><u>FY 2006</u></b>
<b><u>Selectboard:</u></b>				
Selectboard salaries	\$2,550	\$2,550	\$2,550	\$2,550
Wages—Clerical	6,700	7,590	6,900	5,500
Selectboard expenses	300	81	200	200
Legal Notices	600	602	600	800
Meetings	300	190	300	300
V.L.C.T. Assessment	1,533	1,533	1,632	1,921
WRC Assessment	2,662	2,662	2,662	2,821
WSWMD Assessment	14,367	10,775	14,292	13,932
Legal Services	7,500	6,900	6,000	6,000
Audit & Accounting	500	0	500	500
Social Security	14,239	15,040	16,700	16,000
Retirement	6,806	6,543	6,900	6,600
Health Insurance	20,000	19,350	25,300	26,400
Unemployment Comp	478	410	341	340
Workers Comp	8,500	8,585	11,000	11,000
Public Official Liability	1,600	2,243	2,400	2,400
Property Owners Policy	5,400	3,616	5,300	4,200
Officers Bonds	<u>350</u>	<u>334</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>350</u>
Total Selectboard	\$94,385	\$89,004	\$103,927	\$101,814
<b><u>Elections:</u></b>				
Ballots Clerks	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Supplies	<u>100</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>100</u>
Total Elections	\$100	\$54	\$200	\$100
<b><u>Administration:</u></b>				
Salary—Clerk & Treasurer	\$24,300	\$24,300	\$24,900	\$25,000
Wages—Assistant Clerk	9,300	9,587	9,500	4,000
Supplies & Postage	3,000	3,120	3,500	3,500
Dues & Meetings	200	300	300	300
Wages—Auditors	450	450	450	450
Wages—Clerical	700	705	700	800
Supplies	50	15	50	50
Meetings	100	0	100	100
Town Report-Print	1,800	2,062	1,800	2,200
Town Report-Postage	450	340	450	400
Wages—Listers	14,200	16,739	16,200	15,000
Supplies & Postage	600	645	600	600
Meetings & training	500	225	500	500
Reappraisal	3,500	9,657	33,500	27,500
Mapping	500	487	500	500
Travel Expenses	600	554	600	600
Wages—Tax Collector	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>
Total Administration	\$61,150	\$70,086	\$94,550	\$82,400

**GENERAL FUND****Actual and Estimated Expenditures *continued***

	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
	<b><u>FY 2004</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2004</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2005</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2006</u></b>
<b><u>Planning/Zoning:</u></b>				
Wages—Zoning Administrator	\$2,500	\$2,900	\$2,500	\$5,000
Wages—Clerical	100	0	100	100
Supplies & Postage	250	98	250	350
Legal Notices	400	602	400	800
Meetings & Training	300	520	300	800
Consulting & Technical	500	0	500	500
Printing	250	0	250	150
Travel	0	0	0	650
Digital Parcel Mapping	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Total Planning/Zoning	\$4,300	\$4,120	\$4,300	\$9,350
<b><u>Municipal Building:</u></b>				
Municipal Building Supplies	\$200	\$47	\$200	\$200
Telephone	1,200	1,261	1,450	1,450
Janitor Service	350	200	350	350
Building Maintenance	1,000	741	1,000	1,000
Lawn & Snow Remove	1,000	650	1,000	1,000
Electricity	1,700	1,875	1,900	1,900
Water	100	100	100	100
Copier Expense	900	1,059	900	900
Computer Expense	2,200	2,541	2,000	2,200
Equipment Repair	100	0	100	100
New Equipment	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,376</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Total Municipal Building	\$9,750	\$9,850	\$15,000	\$10,200
<b><u>Public Safety:</u></b>				
Police Protection	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Rescue, Inc. Assessment	<u>8,617</u>	<u>8,617</u>	<u>10,054</u>	<u>14,362</u>
Total Public Safety	\$20,617	\$20,617	\$22,054	\$26,362
<b><u>Fire Department: Total</u></b>				
	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$36,000	\$36,000
<b><u>Emergency Management:</u></b>				
Emergency Management	\$200	\$1,775	\$1,000	\$6,500
EOC Telephone	650	0	0	0
Pagers, etc.	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,850</u>	<u>2,400</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Total Emergency Management	\$3,250	\$4,625	\$3,400	\$9,500

**GENERAL FUND****Actual and Estimated Expenditures *continued***

	<b>BUDGET FY 2004</b>	<b>ACTUAL FY 2004</b>	<b>BUDGET FY 2005</b>	<b>BUDGET FY 2006</b>
<b><u>Highway Maintenance:</u></b>				
Wages—General Maintenance	\$54,824	\$46,348	\$54,900	\$55,745
Wages—Clerical	2,100	2,903	2,200	2,200
Personnel Expenses—Uniform	2,000	1,933	2,000	2,200
Culverts	4,000	2,469	4,000	4,000
Gravel	10,000	6,918	10,000	27,000
Chloride	10,000	10,000	9,000	9,000
Contract Services	16,000	147,434	8,000	3,500
Retreatment	60,000	58,653	60,000	60,000
Bridge Repairs	1,000	18,000	1,000	3,000
Road Signs	1,000	1,004	500	1,000
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,446	1,000	1,000
Wages—Winter Maintenance	71,300	75,333	72,900	73,895
Salt	9,000	7,390	9,500	10,000
Sand	18,000	17,850	19,000	30,000
Contract Services	<u>1,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Highway Maintenance	\$261,724	\$397,681	\$255,500	\$282,540
<b><u>Street Lights: Total</u></b>	<b>\$5,300</b>	<b>\$4,846</b>	<b>\$5,300</b>	<b>\$5,300</b>
<b><u>Highway Department:</u></b>				
Vehicle & Equipment Insurance	\$6,800	\$6,654	\$8,000	\$7,000
Garage—Supplies	1,500	4,682	1,500	1,500
Fuel Oil	700	608	700	1,000
Telephone	1,000	608	1,000	1,000
Building Maintenance	1,500	7,146	1,500	1,500
Electricity	1,200	2,420	1,200	2,000
Gasoline	500	500	500	500
Diesel Fuel	13,000	14,938	13,000	20,000
Motor Oil & Grease	1,250	1,598	1,000	1,000
Maint & Repairs	25,000	28,042	25,000	28,000
New Equipment	32,000	18,490	115,000	93,500
Radios & Radio Repair	500	160	500	500
Small Tools & Equipment	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,474</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Total Highway Department	\$86,950	\$87,320	\$170,900	\$159,500
<b><u>Total Highway</u></b>	<b>\$348,674</b>	<b>\$485,001</b>	<b>\$426,400</b>	<b>\$442,040</b>

**GENERAL FUND****Actual and Estimated Expenditures *continued***

	<b>BUDGET FY 2004</b>	<b>ACTUAL FY 2004</b>	<b>BUDGET FY 2005</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
<b>Waste Collection:</b>				
Collecting Waste	\$500	\$4,087	\$500	\$500
Green up Total	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Total Waste Collection	\$600	\$4,187	\$600	\$600
<b>Health &amp; Welfare:</b>				
Wages—Health Officer	\$400	\$0	\$400	\$400
Health Officer Expenses	50	0	50	50
Visiting Nurses	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
HCRS	500	500	500	500
RSVP	400	400	400	400
Vt Center for Independent Living	100	100	0	100
Council on Aging	600	600	600	600
United Way Get Info	200	200	200	200
Morningside Shelter	200	200	200	200
Women's Crisis Center	650	650	650	650
SEVCA	200	200	200	200
Brattleboro Area Hospice	200	200	200	200
Brattleboro Area Drop in Center	100	100	100	100
Gathering Place	400	400	400	400
VT. Adult Learning	400	400	0	0
Brattleboro Area Aids Project	150	150	150	150
Grace Cottage Foundation	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
Total Health & Welfare	\$8,850	\$8,400	\$8,350	\$8,450
<b>Cemeteries: Total</b>	\$ 3,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$500
<b>Recreation: Total</b>	\$1,200	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$1,200
<b>Community Center: Total</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
<b>Library: Total</b>	\$8,400	\$8,400	\$8,800	\$9,000
<b>Aiken Conservation Area: Total</b>	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
<b>County Tax: Total</b>	\$16,000	\$14,443	\$16,500	\$18,000
<b>Memorial Day: Total</b>	\$400	\$350	\$350	\$350
<b>250th Anniversary: Total</b>	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Animal Control:</b>				
Dog Damages	\$100	0	\$100	\$100
Veterinary Services	0	48	0	0
Windham Cty. Humane	<u>500</u>	<u>430</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Total Animal Control	\$600	\$478	\$600	\$600
<b>Miscellaneous: Total</b>	\$400	\$123	\$400	\$400
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$619,026</b>	<b>\$760,634</b>	<b>\$749,981</b>	<b>\$764,216</b>

**CAPITAL FUND****Statement of Revenue & Expenditure Estimated and Actual**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2004

	<b>Budget</b> <b><u>7/1/03-6/30/04</u></b>	<b>Actual</b> <b><u>7/1/03-6/30/04</u></b>	<b>Adopted</b> <b><u>7/1/04-6/30/05</u></b>	<b>Proposed</b> <b><u>7/1/0</u></b>
<b><u>6/30/06</u></b>				
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 94,180.00	\$102,709.69	\$164,207.00	\$158,841.00
Surplus FY03			8,530.00	
Surplus FY04				12,645.00
ADD: Revenue				
Taxes Voted	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
Interest Earned	<u>2,027.00</u>	<u>1,162.70</u>	<u>1,104.00</u>	<u>1,246.00</u>
Total Cash	196,207.00	203,812.39	273,841.00	272,732.00
DEDUCT: Expenditures				
Transfer to General Fund (Article 5 Proposed)	<u>32,000.00</u>	<u>18,490.00</u>	<u>115,000.00</u>	<u>93,500.00</u>
Ending Balance June 30, 2004	\$164,207.00	\$185,382.39	\$158,841.00	\$179,232.00
Anticipated Ending Balance		<u>164,207.00</u>		
Capital Fund Surplus		\$ 21,175.39		

**CAPITAL BUDGET PLAN**

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Life Span</u>	<u>05/06</u>	<u>06/07</u>	<u>07/08</u>	<u>08/09</u>	<u>09/10</u>	<u>10/11</u>	<u>11/12</u>	<u>12/13</u>	<u>13/14</u>	<u>14/15</u>
99 Ford 1-Ton & 9' Housatonic Plow	7 yrs	\$55,000									
99 JD Backhoe	15 yrs									\$70,000	
02 Mack R690P (dump & sander)	10 yrs						\$105,000				
01 Ford 1-ton & 10' Housatonic Plow	7 yrs					\$60,000					
97 Frink plow	7 yrs	\$3,500									
94 Everest plow	10 yrs			\$4,000							
00 2 Viking plows	10 yrs					\$10,000					
00 York Rake	15 yrs										
02 JD Grader	15 yrs										
94 Mack R690P (dump & sander body)	10 yrs				\$95,000						
90 Rawson Screening Plant	15 yrs						\$75,000				
04 Kawasaki Loader	15 yrs										
96 Mack R690P(dump)	10 yrs	\$90,000									
98 Mack R690P(dump)	10 yrs		\$95,000								
Replace Town Office Roof						\$6,000					\$100,000
Structure To Cover Salted Sandpile											
Additional Capital Costs		\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Fire truck				\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Estimated yearly spending		\$93,500	\$65,000	\$109,000	\$145,000	\$126,000	\$125,000	\$155,000	\$50,000	\$80,000	\$110,000
Taxes raised		\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Estimated cash on hand		\$177,986	\$214,232	\$206,732	\$163,179	\$138,321	\$114,289	\$60,089	\$110,510	\$131,283	\$122,202
Estimated interest earnings @ .007		\$1,246	\$1,500	\$1,447	\$1,142	\$968	\$800	\$421	\$774	\$919	\$855
Est. balance forward		\$179,232	\$215,732	\$208,179	\$164,321	\$139,289	\$115,089	\$60,510	\$111,283	\$132,202	\$123,058

For the 2005/2006 Capital Budget Plan, the Selectboard needs to raise \$100,000. We would like to spend \$90,000 on a new Mack truck and \$3,500 on a new plow. The Capital Plan helps us to keep the "Taxes Raised" figure at an even amount every year despite the highs and lows of capital purchases.

**TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT WITH PROPOSED REPLACEMENT DATES**

	<u>Purchase Date</u>	<u>Replacement Date</u>
<b><u>TRUCKS</u></b>		
1994 Mack	1993	2008-2009
1996 Mack 10 yr. guarantee buy-back	1995	2005-2006
1998 Mack 10 yr. guarantee buy-back	1997	2007-2008
1999 Ford F350-4x4	1999	2006-2007
2001 Ford F550-4x4	2000	2009-2010
2002 Mack 10 yr. guarantee buy-back	2001	2011-2012

**LARGE EQUIPMENT**

1974 Eagle Crusher Model 10-24 owned w/Putney		
1985 52" Stacking Conveyor		
1986 Morbark Wood Chipper Model 13		
2004 Kawasaki Loader	2004	2019-2020
1990 Rawson Screening Plant owned w/Putney		
2000 Caterpillar Backhoe	1999	2013-2014
2000 York Rake Model HT	2000	
2002 John Deere Grader Model 770CH	2002	2017

**PLOWS:** Replacement as needed

1970 Ross V Plow		
1994 Everest One-way Plow		
1997 Frink 9' Reversible Plow		
1997 Housatanic 9' Reversible One-way Plow		
2000 Housatanic 10' Reversible One-way Plow		
2000 (2) Viking HSEQ One-way Plows		

**OTHER EQUIPMENT:** Replacement as needed

1986 Campbell Hausfield 7.5hp Air Compressor in the Garage		
1986 Guest Asphalt Cutter Model 16		
1989 Drill Press Model 8100A		
1991 Purox L-Tec Torch Set		
1994 Plate Vibrator (used)		
1996 Millermatic 250 Welder		
1997 Lincoln Shop Grease Gun Model 917-989		
1997 Makita Portable Generator Model G5711R		
Surplus: 25KW Generator—stationary in the Garage		
1991 Chain Saw, Husqvana Model 61		
1995 Chain Saw, Dolmar Model 120 SI		
1995 Chain Saw, Husqvana, used, Model 44		
2000 Chain Saw, Husqvana Model 345		
2000 Trimmer, Husqvana Model 325 RX		
36" Wood splitter—constructed by highway department		

## TOWN BOARDS AND ORGANIZATIONS

### Selectboard Report

For eleven of the past twelve months your Selectboard functioned efficiently and normally. Unfortunately, the Red Sox chose 2004 to become Baseball World Champions so there were a couple of weeks in October where the meetings were somewhat rushed. If history holds true, these inconsistencies shouldn't happen for another 86 years.

The Board dealt with the typical yearly problems of barking dogs, speeding cars, municipal tax rates, rising insurance and health care costs, and road repairs both anticipated and unanticipated. A number of important issues are still in the process of being resolved as the year progresses. The Board partnered with the Dummerston Community Center to design and seek a grant to construct a new handicap access ramp to the former West School building and to upgrade the current bathrooms there to make them handicap accessible to comply with federal and state regulations. Bids for the project came in above expected costs so efforts are underway exploring sources for additional funding to make this important project happen.

The Emergency Response Plan continues to receive high priority as the Board has not had satisfactory answers to our concerns with inadequacies in certain areas especially route alerting and transportation. The Board reviewed a letter, dated January 23, 2004, from Albie Lewis, Director of Vermont Emergency Management, which addressed some concerns the Board noted in their correspondence to him regarding the Emergency Response Plan. Concerns regarding time lines, re-entry points being monitored, increase in health risk, maps, and location of potassium iodide pills also need to be resolved. Board member, Cindy Jerome has worked diligently at following up our concerns and pursuing information. A motion was made and passed to send a resolution to Nils Dias, NRC Chair; Governor James Douglas, David O'Brien, Public Service Commission, to agree to Vt. Senate S.R.21 for having an Independent Engineering Assessment before ENTERGY Nuclear up rates power production.

Due to concerns from many residents about car sales, flea markets and unsafe conditions at the west end of the

Covered Bridge, the Board began in January, 2004 to consider an Itinerant Vendor or Peddler's ordinance. After numerous discussions an ordinance was adopted on May 12 and went into effect on July 12, 2004 that requires vendors to obtain a permit to sell on Town property. The ordinance only refers to Town property not school or private property. The Board also reserved the right to waive fees for local non-profit organizations. In addition, projects are in the works to improve safety, access and aesthetics at the west end of the Dummerston Covered Bridge. Plans by agencies from the State of Vermont and the Dummerston Conservation Committee will beautify the area recently deeded to the Town as well as help control water runoff and erosion into the river. Landscaping will be added to prevent cars entering and exiting directly onto Route 30 and a safe entryway and parking lot will be redesigned. Picnic tables and an informational kiosk are also being considered. This has been a good example of the Town and State working together to benefit the community.

On August 11, 2004 after a presentation by Elizabeth Catlin of the Dummerston Planning Commission and an official public hearing, the Selectboard approved a new Town Plan. With the Windham Regional Commission's approval of the Plan, the Town will be eligible for Planning Grants. The new Plan does away with the Conservation Area classification and creates Conservation Resource Districts that include privately conserved areas and use other criteria such as geography of land, animal habitats, septic suitability, natural resources and soil limitations in their definition.

Extreme weather seems to be more common every year. In late August, 2004, heavy rains caused numerous washouts of Town roads and culverts. Road Foreman Wayne Emery had to enlist the use of additional private trucks to put the highways back into service. Many plugged culverts were either replaced or cleaned quickly but one major washout on Greenhoe Road will need to be repaired in the spring. The Town has sought Federal Emergency Management funds to help pay for the storm damage.

After 31 years of service as Dummerston's Town Clerk, Janice Duke retired from her position in January, 2005.

Jan managed the Town Offices since 1973, adjusting to the many regulatory and tax changes that never seem to make government less complicated. Her preciseness and professionalism are legendary and serve as an inspiration to all Town officials. In early, 2005 the Selectboard appointed Pam McFadden to fill out Jan's term until election time at Town Meeting in March. Pam has been assisting with the Town Clerk duties for over a year and has proven to be very efficient and capable at handling the many complex duties of the office.

Assistant Town Clerk and Selectboard Administrative Assistant, Beverly Knapp also resigned this year after 25 years of dedicated service. Bev's polite and friendly demeanor will be missed at Board meetings and in the Town office. Bev will stay on as Lister to help the Town through the current reappraisal process with her expertise in that position. The Board appointed former School Board member, Linda McCulloch, as the new Selectboard Administrative Assistant and feels fortunate to find such a qualified replacement.

The Selectboard received a letter in June from long-time Zoning Administrator Jean Momaney announcing her resignation. Jean had served the Town faithfully for many years dealing with numerous difficult zoning issues and projects. Alan McBean was recommended by the Planning Commission to be the new Zoning Administrator and the Selectboard appointed him to that position. The Board also appointed Hector Galbraith and John Warren to the Conservation Committee. Dummerston is fortunate to have so many talented individuals who step forward to volunteer their time in community service.

In January Jack Manix and Lester Dunklee announced that they would not be candidates for Selectboard at the upcoming elections. Their retirement means that a 3 year term and a 2 year term will be open. Jack has been on the board for 11 years and Lester for 8. They and their sage advice will be sorely missed.

Two new faces were also welcomed at the Highway Department as resident Joe Newton moved on to the Brattleboro Fire Department and Richard Hickey moved closer to home with the Townshend road crew. The Board welcomed back resident, Lee Chamberlin and new employee Art Jacobs. Our Highway Department

continues to be the finest around.

The Selectboard would like to remind residents of the existence of the Miller Fund which was set up by the will of Fred Miller many years ago to provide assistance to "the needy children of Dummerston". Funds from the interest of this account are available for possible health, educational or recreational needs of qualifying children. Please contact the Selectboard if you have any suggestions as to how these funds might be applied.

Many thanks also to the Listers, Planning Commission, Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Auditors, Community Chest organizers and all other town volunteers who help keep the Dummerston community spirit strong and vibrant. The Selectboard appreciates their input and hard work. It certainly makes our job easier and more rewarding. If you have an interest in participating in town government or community service, please contact the Selectboard at the Town Office by phone, 257-1496 or send us a note at our email address: [dummrstn@sover.net](mailto:dummrstn@sover.net). The Board meets every other Wednesday and welcomes visitors and their comments.

### **Dummerston Community Center**

The Dummerston Community Center has had a busy year serving the community. The Community Center is home for many local organizations including the Lydia Taft Pratt Library, local homemakers groups, the Girl Scouts, and other groups. Many private parties and family gatherings are held at the Center. Halloween trick-or-treaters enjoy the warmth, heat and treats at the Center.

To keep the Community Center in operation and open to the public, we continue to fund-raise. We host an annual Pampered Chef party, tag sales, an all-day refreshments coffee break at the Vermont Welcome Center, and local author Archer Mayor presents his latest books. This year with the cooperation of West Street Arts, we had a terrific variety show with area talent acts and behind the curtain volunteers.

We are currently waiting for bids on the accessibility project. This project will allow us to construct an exterior ramp, porch railing, and renovate the existing bathrooms. Currently many people are unable to enjoy the

library and the many functions at the Center due to mobility difficulty. Your donations for the many fundraisers are appreciated. Any monetary donations specifically for this project would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who has helped make the Community Center a vital part of our town. Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. We welcome new members to keep the Community Center up and running.

### **Emergency Management**

The selectboard in the town of Dummerston in cooperation with Vermont Emergency Management have developed a plan to provide a timely warning of any impending danger to any persons who may be located in Dummerston at the time of any emergency including an emergency at Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station. Such emergencies also include but are not limited to train derailments, chemical spills, and natural disaster or power failures.

Public information on what to do in case of an emergency at Entergy Nuclear-Vermont Yankee is available on a calendar developed by Vermont Yankee, Vermont Emergency Management, and the Vermont Department of Health. A calendar was mailed to every postal customer within the Emergency Planning Zone for Vermont Yankee. If you did not receive a calendar for some reason or need additional copies, call Dummerston Emergency Management Director Larry Lynch or call Vermont Yankee at 802-258-4118.

Persons in our town will be alerted to an emergency at Vermont Yankee by a tone signal from a weather alert radio, broadcasts from loudspeakers on emergency vehicles, and special announcements on EAS radio stations. The EAS radio stations for this area are WTSA 96.7 FM or 1450 AM. Always keep a battery-operated radio on hand to keep updated on emergency information.

Persons needing a TDD message should register with the Emergency Manager or fill out a special needs card, which is located on the back of the calendar. All other people needing assistance in an emergency should also fill out the card and send it to the address on the front. All information is kept in strictest confidence. Call the

Emergency Manager if you need help filling out the card.

Weather alert radios and replacement batteries are available by making an appointment with the Emergency Management director.

We have expanded our team of volunteers to include several additional members. We always welcome anyone to assist us in any way they can. Personnel from the Southern Vermont Emergency Management Office located in Brattleboro provided twelve hours of training to our group this fall. This is in preparation for an Emergency Response Plan Drill in March 2005, and a full-scale exercise to be held in May 2005 that will be graded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

For additional information please call:

Larry Lynch—Emergency Management Director  
254-2517

For general information, weather alert radios, replacement batteries

Lester Dunklee—assistant Emergency Management Director 257-0546

For general information

Steven Goldsmith—Southern Vermont Radiological Response Planner 251-2172

For general information

Christy Canty—Vermont Yankee Community Relations 258-4168

### **Dummerston Farmland Protection Committee**

At the 1998 Dummerston Town Meeting voters authorized the select board to 'establish a farmland protection fund to assist in the protection of agricultural lands from development.' A sum of \$10,000 was appropriated to set up the program. Presently, an organizational committee is working on guidelines and policy by reviewing models created in other Vermont towns. A completed draft is available for comment and the committee is working on the adoption process.

Organizational committee members: Vern Grubinger  
Nelson Jillson Jack Manix  
D. Read Miller Bill Schmidt

**Dummerston-Newfane Housing Rehabilitation Program**

The Dummerston-Newfane Home Improvement Program is supervised by a committee of volunteer citizens who meet as needed to implement, manage and administer loans for rehabilitation activities involving housing repairs. Principal beneficiaries are low- and moderate-income residents who reside within the two towns.

In 1998, the committee completed the closeout agreement with the State of Vermont in regard to the original implementation period. At present the Loan Review Committee is addressing emergency requests and would be happy to consider additional qualified projects. The program balance as of June 30, 2003 was approximately \$50,481.

The committee met twice in 2004 to assess and approve a request from a qualifying applicant and to discuss a policy for loan subordination. If you think you may qualify for participation in the program and would like to be considered when funds are appropriated, please call Jack Manix at 254-2476.

Some of the previous rehabilitation projects have included:

- Energy saving weatherization & insulation
- Lead paint abatement
- Repair of roofs and foundations
- Repair of electrical and plumbing systems
- Replacement or repair of heating systems

Many thanks to the volunteers who donate their time and expertise to this worthy program.

Newfane Representatives:

Sandra Dowley     Carlton Chaffee     Fred Jenness

Dummerston Representatives:

Jack Manix     Floyd (Pal Turner)     Larry Cassidy

**Town Clerk & Treasurer's Report**

Another busy year has passed in the town office. We received 96 real estate transfers of which 56 were actual sales totaling \$8,135,437. Property transfer taxes collected and remitted to the Vermont Department of Taxes on these sales totaled \$79,712.68. Documents recorded filled three land record books this year and we will need to purchase new roller shelving for the vault.

Between Town Meeting in March and the General Election in November we processed 175 applications for

addition to the voter checklist, making a total of 1430 eligible voters. On election day there were 1,136 ballots cast, including 197 absentee ballots. Many thanks to all the members of the Board of Civil Authority, ballot clerks and counters for their hours of work at the polls. It was a busy day and a long night, but with everyone working together all went smoothly.

Tax bills were mailed in early July totaling \$3,218,672. Beginning in 2004, as required by Act 68, all properties on the education grand list are classified as either homestead or nonresidential. The nonresidential education tax rate was set at \$1.8167 and the homestead education tax rate was set at \$2.1732. The municipal taxes rate and local agreement rate was set at \$.3736. Again this year all Vermont homeowners must file the Homestead Declaration form HS-131 on or before April 15th. This form is found in the Vermont income tax booklet.

As of July 1, 2004 two changes were made in the licensing of dogs and wolf-hybrids. A license surcharge of \$2.00 per license has been added to fund the state Spaying and Neutering Program, making the licensing fees \$7.00 for a neutered animal and \$11.00 for an unneutered animal. Also the 2-year rabies booster requirement was increased to 3 years.

**Fire Warden's Report**

During the 2004 fire season there were no grass or brush fires reported in Dummerston. There were only 3 in Windham County that burned 4.5 acres.

The 2004 season was not a particularly busy season, with only 86 fires reported through the Warden System.

**State of Vermont Fire Statistics for 2004**

Number of human-caused fires	85
Number of lightning-caused fires	1
Number of acres burned caused by human	249.9
Number of acres burned caused by lightning	.1
Total number of fires	86
Total number of acres burned	250
10-year total average number of fires	131
10-year total average number of acres burned	229

Thank you for being fire-safety conscientious.

- Warden Martin Forrett (w)254-9877 (h)387-2180
- Deputy Warden Charles Richardson (h)254-6963
- Key Man Laurence Lynch, Sr. (h)254-2517
- Key Man Wayne Emery (w)254-2411 (h)254-8708
- Fire Chief Alan Pike (h)254-3552

### Lister's Report

We are now fully involved in the town wide reappraisal. As of December 1st we have visited 349 residences. We expect to finish on schedule and within budget if the legislature does not enact any new legislation such as Act 68 or HS-131. The implementation of these two bills caused a great deal of confusion and took a lot of our time.

These bills also tied up the tax department in Montpelier so they were unable to offer training on the computer appraisal program. We have joined a group of listers whose towns do use the program to lobby the State for both more training and improvements to the program itself.

The residents of Dummerston have been very receptive to our visits. They realize the impact and benefit of equalized and equitable appraisals and that is our goal. The State computation of our tax rate is now affected by our common level of appraisal. This makes the timely completion of the reappraisal even more imperative.

We continue to attend seminars and statewide meetings. The three listers now have combined experience of over forty years. Please feel free to contact us with any questions that you have about our work.

Beverly Knapp      Jean Newell      Douglas Hamilton

### Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library at Dummerston School had a very busy year.

Our main fundraiser, the adopt-a-book program, on town meeting day has been going strong for 34 years. Very generous townspeople return year after year to support our children by adopting books. This enables us to purchase new books that aren't covered in the school budget.

For the second year in a row, we held a sale of used children's books during the Apple Pie Festival, earning income to bring an author or illustrator to the school.

We continue our "book talks" in the school and assist the librarian with book repair, covering, shelving and year-end inventory.

Several new "friends" joined us in 2004, and we look forward to another year of promoting literacy at the Dummerston School.

### Lydia Taft Pratt Library

The Lydia Taft Pratt Library continues with things BIG and LITTLE. By this we mean offering services on a very grand scale and welcoming the chance to serve just one patron.

Looking at the broad scene of libraries: we have again been certified by the state as a library meeting the minimum standards for the state of Vermont. We benefit from this connection in a link for Interlibrary Loans. We can request a book from any other public library and several colleges and have it sent for use by a Dummerston patron.

We obtained a movie site license enabling the library to show current movies from most major studios as part of our programming.

We enrolled in the "Vermont Online Library" which will allow Dummerston residents to connect to databases from their home computer by using the library password. This includes Kids Info Bits, 75 full-text magazines, 300 Rand McNally maps, dictionaries, encyclopedias and almanacs. Other databases deal with health and wellness, business and computer updates. We will be sending out information on how to make this connection.

Thus the library is a gateway not only to the world of books, but also to the wide web of Internet references.

So, now for the 'little'...service from your library comes down to one book for a shut-in who calls. One family checks out books after a story read on our comfy couch. It means the chance for our seniors to extend their outing at a senior luncheon by stopping by the library table for a chat and hopefully a book "match". It means ordering a book on growing heirloom varieties, because we know there is interest in Dummerston.

Programming included visits by a lamb and a Seeing Eye dog. A talk by Ron Svec on the Iditarod race, poetry reading, and a lively visit by Eileen Christelow who patiently explained how illustrations get turned into books.

Yes, here we are tending to your BIG and LITTLE needs. Stop in . . . we know you will be surprised.

LYDIA TAFT PRATT LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT

As of June 30, 2004

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Media Crafts</u>	<u>Media Books</u>	<u>Special Programs</u>	<u>Archival Preservation</u>	<u>Wedgwood Fund</u>	<u>Inter-Library Loans</u>	<u>Total Balance</u>
Balance at 07/01/2003	\$15,229.02	\$194.51	\$539.74	\$204.58	\$300.00	\$1,968.93	\$0.00	\$18,436.78
Income:								
Town Assessment	8,400.00							8,400.00
Interest	118.65					17.32		135.97
Deaccessioned								
Inter-Library Loan							100.00	100.00
Book Sales			288.91					288.91
Geranium Festival	624.25							624.25
Donation Letter	2,775.00							2,775.00
Donations			300.00					300.00
Voided Checks	70.00							70.00
Raffle	16.00		68.00					84.00
Reverse Bank Chgs	17.21							17.21
Reallocate Funds	(60.00)						60.00	
Reallocate Funds	(900.00)		900.00					
Reallocate Funds			1.35				(1.35)	
Total Available	\$26,290.13	\$194.51	\$2,098.00	\$204.58	\$300.00	\$1,986.25	\$158.65	\$31,232.12
Disbursements:								
Expenses	9,588.55	31.34	1,706.90	198.25	0.00	0.00	91.23	\$11,616.27
Freeman Grant								
3/21/2003	5,000.00							5,000.00
Disbursement 01/26/04	(3,364.75)							(3,364.75)
Disbursement 06/01/04	(1,635.25)							(1,635.25)
Balance at 6/30/2004	\$16,701.58	\$163.17	\$391.10	\$6.33	\$300.00	\$1,986.25	\$67.42	\$19,615.85

**LYDIA TAFT PRATT LIBRARY BUDGET**

	<u>Proposed</u> <u>FY 2003/04</u>	<u>Adjusted</u> <u>FY 2003/04</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>FY 2003/04</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>FY 2004/05</u>	<u>Adjusted</u> <u>FY 2004/05</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>FY 2005/06</u>
Librarian	\$6,261.00	\$5,770.00	\$5,813.88	\$6,261.00	\$5,770.00	\$6,261.00
Training	500.00	50.00	0.00	150.00	45.00	150.00
Utilities	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00
Equipment	200.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Office Supplies	150.00	100.00	61.48	150.00	0.00	150.00
Bookcases/Shelving/Furniture	0.00	0.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Snow Removal & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance	30.00	30.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
Postage & Miscellaneous	325.00	325.00	241.30	325.00	325.00	325.00
Technology	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Inter-Library Loan	0.00	0.00	91.23	0.00	50.00	100.00
Summer Reading Program	0.00	100.00	162.82	244.00	150.00	144.00
Audit	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telephone	<u>750.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>	<u>739.42</u>	<u>750.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>
	\$9,441.00	\$8,400.00	\$8,495.13	\$9,240.00	\$8,400.00	\$9,240.00
Media—Books	0.00	0.00	1,700.54	0.00	400.00	0.00
Media—Crafts*	0.00	0.00	31.34	0.00	0.00	0.00
Archival Preservation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Programs	0.00	0.00	35.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$9,441.00</u>	<u>\$8,400.00</u>	<u>\$10,262.44</u>	<u>\$9,240.00</u>	<u>\$8,800.00</u>	<u>\$9,240.00</u>

\*Any monies remaining in the Media-Craft Fund at the end of the year will be transferred into the Archival & Special Programs Funds 50/50.

Freeman Grant recv'd 02/2002	\$5,000.00
Draw for Librarian salary 06/25/02	2,023.81
Draw for Librarian salary 01/16/03	<u>2,976.19</u>
Balance	\$0.00

Second Freeman Grant recv'd 03/21/03	\$5,000.00
Draw for Librarian salary 01/16/04	3,364.75
Draw for Librarian salary 06/01/04	<u>1,635.25</u>
Balance	\$0.00

Third Freeman Grant recv'd 07/26/05	\$1,250.00
<i>This is the final year of Freeman Grant.</i>	

**Dummerston Planning Commission**

The Planning Commission is a seven-member board (we went from eight to seven this year), appointed by the select board, responsible for the development and implementation of the Town Plan and the Town's Zoning By-Laws. The Commission also acts on permit applications with responsibility to assure proper resolution of such issues as harmonious relationship between development and the surrounding areas, safety of traffic circulation (both on-site and between the development area and the road network), landscaping, screening, lighting and setbacks to achieve maximum compatibility with and protection of adjacent property.

As described in the Town Plan: "The ...Plan is designed to provide guidelines for planning the future of the Town of Dummerston so that community actions, whether private or public will 1) conform to the wishes of its citizens, 2) avoid the adverse and sometimes irreversible effects often associated with purely random development, and 3) by in harmony with the planning measures of the State, the Windham Region, and neighboring towns."

2004 was a busy year:

We updated the Town Plan, which was adopted by the select board in August and approved by the Windham Regional Commission also in August. WRC approval gave us the opportunity to apply for state funding for planning.

We then applied for and received \$3500 from the state to develop updated maps for land use, planning and analysis.

We hope to begin revisions to the town's zoning by-laws.

We have a new zoning administrator, Alan McBean, who takes over from Jean Momaney. We thank Jean for her long service.

In 2005:

We will begin to deal with the changes to the state planning statute, which takes effect this year.

We will also revise the permit fee schedule and hope to make some technical revisions to the town's zoning bylaw.

The Planning Commission meets in the Town Office at 5 PM on the first Tuesday of each month unless otherwise warned. Warning of meetings and hearings usually appear in the *Brattleboro Reformer* meetings box. Hearing warnings will be posted also in the Town Office. Anyone is welcome to attend meetings. Also anyone with comments may send them to the Planning Commission, Town of Dummerston, 1523 Middle Road, East Dummerston, VT 05346

2004 Planning Commission members:

Steve Mindel, Chair	Elizabeth Catlin, Vice Chair
Milt Gilmore	Steve Booth, Clerk
David Ryan	Bob Wainwright
Cynthia Wilcox	

**West Dummerston Volunteer Fire Department**

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
Structure	2	3
Brush Fires	5	0
Auto Accidents	33	31
Vehicle Fires	3	1
Chimney Fires	5	4
Rescue Calls	56	60
Miscellaneous	7	3
Fire Alarms	4	0
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	0	2
False Alarms	1	2
Person in River	1	1
Mutual Aid Given	22	32
Mutual Aid Received	5	8
Odor Investigation	1	1
Smoke Investigation	2	3
Haz-Mat	3	1
Electrical Fires	3	4
Public Assist	0	5
Power Line Down	3	4
Total excluding Mutual Aid Received	155	157

The West Dummerston Volunteer Fire and Rescue responded to 157 calls in the year 2004.

On March 29th there was a building fire at the Dwight Miller Orchard. We were assisted by ten mutual aid departments and, with this aid, we were able to save the building.

We received several calls about home fire and wood stove safety. Fire prevention awareness remains our best tool in helping to reduce property damage and personal injury and avoid the loss of life.

In the past year we applied for three grants and received \$9,399.00 from one of them. Equipment received included mobile and portable radios, pagers and personal alert safety devices.

Four new members joined the department in 2004. If you are interested in helping or would like information about the department, please contact one of the officers listed below. We always have a need for someone willing to help!

The members and officers of the fire department would like to thank you for your support and are looking forward to serving you for another year.

Chief	Alan J. Pike	254-3552
President	Peter Wrenn	254-8677
Vice President	Larry Lynch	
Secretary	Dennis Tier	
Treasurer	Tina Emery-Howe	

### Dummerston Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment has had a relatively busy year. The ZBA hears cases and issues formal written decisions on cases referred by the Zoning Administrator. During calendar year 2004 these included three conditional use permits, five variances and two appeals of zoning administrator decisions. We've also seen a year of changes; in addition to a new Zoning Administrator, Alan McBean, our longtime chair, Lou Nelsen, decided it was time to move on to new challenges, and we welcomed new board member Cindy Wilcox. In 2005 we'll need to address the new notice provisions added in the Vermont Statutes. The ZBA meets on the third Tuesday of the month when there is an application ready to be heard.

Lew Sorenson, Chair

### Zoning Administrator's Report

A total of 71 zoning permits and 9 land development permits were issued in 2004. The permits can be broken down by project type as follows:

Houses: 6 This category consists of new construction or total reconstruction of a single- or two-family dwelling.

Additions: 35 This category includes the addition of attached structures such as decks, porches and new living space to existing single- or two-family dwellings.

Mobile Homes: 0

Outbuildings: 18 This category includes all detached structures such as storage sheds, barns and garages.

Other: 12 This category includes application for site plan approval, wind turbines, conversion from single- to two-family dwellings, pools, etc.

Land Development: 9 Land development consists of subdividing an existing lot into two or more lots.

Of the 71 zoning permits, ten were denied, generating six applications for a variance, one application for a conditional use permit, and four applications for site plan approval.

Two approved permits were appealed by a second party. One appeal was denied, resulting in approval of the permit, and one appeal was granted, revoking the approved zoning permit.

Respectfully submitted December 15, 2004

Alan J. McBean  
Zoning Administrator

## Dummerston's 250th Anniversary Year Continues into 2004

Although Dummerston was incorporated as the town of Fullam on December 27, 1753, making 2003 its 250th anniversary year, there was so much to celebrate that events continued well into 2004.

The first sugarhouse tour in March 2003 was such a success that the 250th committee of the Dummerston Historical Society did another one on March 13, 2004. Eleven sugarhouses were open on the tour, plus Mountain Mowings with maple products. This year the sap was running, sugar makers were boiling, and although the Miller's had experienced a serious fire in their regular sugarhouse, they demonstrated syrup making the old fashioned way in iron pots on an ancient hearth at the old sugar house down the road.

The really big 250th event of 2004 was the production of Joe Greenhoe's *Equivalent Lands*, under the excellent direction of Betty Greenhoe at, of course, the Greenhoe Theater of Landmark College. With the co-sponsorship of the Putney Historical Society, the play ran for two weekends at the end of May through June 6, with a production for school children mid-week. The wonderful casts of characters were all local actors and actresses, and this production also included music. Visual displays in the lobby included maps, slides of ancient places in the play, old photos and displays as well. Refreshments were provided by Gail Sorenson and her crew, and ushers were provided from both towns. For copies of the full pro-

gram and some of the pictures from the play, come see the display currently on exhibit at the Dummerston Historical Society schoolhouse. If you really want to see the play again and again, contact Jody Normandeau to order a DVD of the play, which was skillfully filmed by the Seymours and their crew. There are many, many people to credit for this venture (you are in the program) and the Historical Society gives you its utmost thanks.

The final celebration is an exhibit of "Remembering the 250th" with photographs of the various events taken by our local photographers as part of the 250th anniversary celebration, and now an integral part of the Historical Society committee structure. The exhibit opened for Apple Pie Festival in October and is still open by appointment until spring. The photos on exhibit are scanned images done on the Society's own new equipment, and are for sale by special order. Contact Chuck Fish, chair of the Library and Archives Committee if you are interested in the photographs currently on exhibit.

As an ongoing offshoot of the photography projects started during the 250th year, the Historical Society is continuing to collect old images, new documentation of houses and their families, and continued coverage of interesting and fun events in Dummerston. These images will be digitally scanned and preserved for future generations.

### Notes

**SCHOOL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Windham Southeast Supervisory Union**  
**Member District Annual Report—Financial Summary**  
*Operating Budget, Collaborative Programs and Grants*

	2003-2004 <u>Actual</u>	2004-2005 <u>Budget</u>	2005-2006 <u>Proposed</u>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Assessments			(a)
Brattleboro	\$572,989	\$579,950	\$670,966
B.U.H.S. #6	\$505,063	\$508,908	\$669,743
Dummerston	\$115,501	\$122,917	\$131,344
Guilford	\$105,482	\$109,413	\$126,163
Putney	\$156,010	\$149,265	\$168,664
Vernon	\$145,699	\$153,525	\$161,764
Tuition	\$1,869,001	\$2,454,654	\$2,565,889
Early Essential Education Program	\$334,582	\$375,533	\$481,716
Intergovernmental	\$2,973,507	\$3,047,845	\$3,000,000
Interest	\$3,322	\$8,000	\$4,000
Sather Fund	\$3,808	\$0	\$0
Other Local	\$17,133	\$3,250	\$3,000
Asian Studies	<u>\$139,494</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Revenue	\$6,941,591	\$7,513,260	\$7,983,249
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Special Education	\$266,129	\$283,724	\$296,580
Title I/Special Services	see Curriculum	\$15,047	\$18,104
Speech	\$140,468	\$150,383	\$157,183
Administrative Support	\$226,757	\$187,122	\$181,953
Superintendent	\$109,889	\$117,347	\$124,326
School Improvement	\$119,323	\$158,426	\$175,935
Admin. Secretary/Personnel	\$165,960	\$176,659	\$182,506
Business Administrator	\$109,702	\$113,858	\$119,466
Other Fiscal Services	\$309,733	\$346,722	\$337,543
District Wide	\$221	\$2,500	\$3,000
Technology Coordinator	\$78,437	\$79,747	\$90,552
Operations & Maintenance	\$69,963	\$75,972	\$75,723
English as a Second Language	\$0	\$0	\$270,034
Special Projects (Grants)	\$3,198,801	\$3,167,845	\$3,100,000
Special Class Programs	\$1,878,001	\$2,454,654	\$2,565,889
Early Essential Education Program	\$334,582	\$375,533	\$481,716
Sather Fund	\$8,421	\$0	\$0
Asian Studies	<u>\$149,337</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expenditures	\$7,165,724	\$7,705,539	\$8,180,510

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



WSESU SPECIAL EDUCATION AID

Distribution FY04

<u>District</u>	<u>Block Grant</u>	<u>Intensive Aid</u>	<u>Extraordinary Aid</u>	<u>State Placed</u>	<u>E.E.E. State</u>	<u>IDEA Pre-School Capacity</u>	<u>IDEA Federal</u>	<u>Total Aid</u>
Brattleboro	\$450,461.00	\$2,418,666.00	\$38,040.30	\$63,815.00	\$71,832.00	\$13,337.00	\$257,540.00	\$3,313,691.30
Dummerston	\$72,187.00	\$215,136.00	\$44,264.70	\$0.00	\$11,199.00	\$0.00	\$22,204.00	\$364,990.70
Guilford	\$94,429.00	\$209,132.00	\$6,022.80	\$0.00	\$12,545.00	\$1,599.00	\$26,273.00	\$350,000.80
Purney	\$94,700.00	\$458,994.00	\$32,245.20	\$0.00	\$16,330.00	\$0.00	\$35,060.00	\$637,329.20
Vernon	\$109,640.00	\$297,808.00	\$10,179.00	\$45,010.00	\$18,481.00	\$2,403.00	\$32,720.00	\$516,241.00
B.U.H.S. #6	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$119,156.00	\$119,156.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$821,417.00</b>	<b>\$3,599,736.00</b>	<b>\$130,752.00</b>	<b>\$108,825.00</b>	<b>\$130,387.00</b>	<b>\$17,339.00</b>	<b>\$492,953.00</b>	<b>\$5,301,409.00</b>

Proof \$5,301,409.00

**DUMMERSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Proposed Capital Plan**

Item	Life Span (in years)	Proposed Capital Plan												
		2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15			
<b>Building Exterior</b>														
Doors	10	\$3,000	\$5,000											
Roof	15	\$5,700	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$6,500	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$5,000
Drywell	20	\$8,000												
<b>Building Interior</b>														
Doors	15				\$2,500	\$2,500							\$2,500	\$2,500
Floors	10		\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
Ceilings	15		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Painting	7		\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Gym HVAC Unit	15	\$8,000												
Gym Floor	15	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000										
Science & Art Tables	10													
Desks & Chairs	10		\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Systems</b>														
Boiler	20	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
Phone System	7			\$4,500	\$4,500									
<b>Grounds</b>														
Paving-Play	12		\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
Paving-Parking	12		\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
<b>Kitchen</b>														
Refrigerator	10		\$3,000											
Freezer	10		\$4,000											
<b>Other</b>														
Technology	N/A	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Additional Capital Costs		\$31,700	\$49,500	\$50,000	\$51,000	\$47,000	\$47,000	\$47,000	\$47,000	\$47,000	\$47,000	\$43,000	\$45,500	\$37,000
Estimated Yearly Spending		\$48,500	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$60,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$24,000
Taxes Raises		\$31,700	\$49,500	\$50,000	\$51,000	\$47,000	\$47,000	\$47,000	\$47,000	\$43,000	\$43,000	\$45,500	\$45,500	\$37,000
Estimated Cash-on-hand		\$72,880	\$88,109	\$103,990	\$96,030	\$103,990	\$97,030	\$97,030	\$97,030	\$61,000	\$61,000	\$57,110	\$53,181	\$66,713
Est. Interest Earnings @ 1%		\$729	\$881	\$1,040	\$960	\$1,040	\$970	\$970	\$970	\$610	\$610	\$571	\$532	\$667
Est. Balance Forward	\$89,680	\$73,609	\$88,990	\$105,030	\$96,990	\$105,030	\$105,030	\$98,000	\$98,000	\$61,610	\$61,610	\$57,681	\$53,71	\$67,380

Interest Rate (estimated) 1%

The total to be expended for FY06 is \$48,500, which includes painting (\$2,000), Gym HVAC unit (\$8,000) flooring (\$4,000), drywell improvements (\$8,000), technology (\$10,000) and roof repairs (\$16,500).

**DUMMERSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT****Comparative Balance Sheet**

	<u>June 30, 2003</u>		<u>June 30, 2004</u>	
	Debit.	Credit	Debit	Credit
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash Checking	\$38,896		\$14,652	
Cash Money Market	\$158,666		\$200,736	
Cash Checking In-Transit	\$0		\$272,579	
Petty Cash	\$1,715		\$1,638	
Due from Capital Fund		\$25,797		
Accounts Receivable	\$914			
Employee Health Refunds Due			\$4,360	
Prepaid Expenditure	\$7,179		\$7,992	
Due from Nutrition Fund	\$57,966		\$89,179	
Security Deposit Pre-Paid	\$403		\$403	
Due from Brattleboro Town SD		\$2,720		
Due from B.U.H.S. #6		\$1,007		
Due from Putney Town S.D		\$166		
Due from Vernon Town S.D		\$124		
Total Assets	\$265,739	\$25,797	\$595,266	\$0
<b>LIABILITIES, RESERVES, &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>				
Due to WSESU		\$2		\$315,935
Due to Brattleboro Union High School		\$2,876	\$552	
Due to State of Vermont	\$42,185		\$57,638	
Accounts Payable		\$20,836		\$36,051
Accrued Salaries & Taxes		\$127,258		\$130,709
Other Liabilities				\$3
Deferred Revenue		\$1,700		\$8,950
Due to Capital Fund				\$38,417
Due to Activity Funds		\$6,498		\$11,467
Unexpended Grants		\$3,348		\$5,005
Reserves & Fund Balance				
Reserve for Encumbrances		\$0		\$0
Reserve for Prepaid Expenditures		\$7,179		\$8,395
Fund Balance Designated		\$40,000		\$45,000
Fund Balance		\$72,430		\$53,524
Total Liabilities, Reserves & Fund Balance	\$42,185	\$282,127	\$58,190	\$653,456
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$307,924</b>	<b>\$307,924</b>	<b>\$653,456</b>	<b>\$653,456</b>

**DUMMERSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT****Balance Sheet—Capital Fund**

June 30, 2004

	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash Checking	\$28,197.43	
Due to General Fund	<u>\$38,417.07</u>	
Total Assets	\$66,614.50	\$0.00
<b>LIABILITIES, RESERVES, &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>		
Due to WSESU		\$1,156.79
Reserves & Fund Balance		
Fund Balance Designated		<u>\$65,457.71</u>
Total Liabilities, Reserves & Fund Balance	\$0.00	\$66,614.50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$66,614.50</b>	<b>\$66,614.50</b>

**Balance Sheet—Nutrition Fund**

June 30, 2004

	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash Checking	\$1,336.48	
Accounts Receivable	\$829.27	
Inventory	<u>\$511.20</u>	
Total Assets	\$2,676.95	\$0.00
<b>LIABILITIES, RESERVES, &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>		
Due to General Fund		\$89,179.44
Accrued Salaries & Taxes		\$3,100.32
Reserves & Fund Balance		
Reserve for Inventory		\$511.20
Fund Balance	<u>\$90,114.01</u>	
Total Liabilities, Reserves & Fund Balance	\$90,114.01	\$92,790.96
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$92,790.96</b>	<b>\$92,790.96</b>

**DUMMERSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT****Statement of Receipts & Disbursements**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2004

<b>Beginning Cash Balance 07/01/03</b>	<b>\$197,561.65</b>
ADD: Receipts	
2003 Tax Levy	
State Education Property Tax	1,549,371.00
Local Share Property Tax	1,705,950.00
State of Vermont	
Aid to Education	369,575.58
School Lunch Reimbursements	13,957.40
WSESU—Heath & Dental Insurance Refunds	32,702.25
WSESU—Miscellaneous Receipts & Refunds	16,169.25
WSESU—Grants and Subgrants	86,744.00
School—Miscellaneous Receipts & Refunds	25,621.87
School PTFO	1,427.69
Tuition Payments	10,087.00
Community Chest Donation	1,000.00
Interest on Savings	2,760.90
Building Rental	685.00
Graduation Awards Income	25.00
Total Receipts	\$3,816,076.94
Total Available Cash	\$4,013,638.59
DEDUCT: Disbursements	
School Directors' Orders	\$1,355,154.09
WSESU—Payroll Orders	1,342,481.24
BUHS Assessment	693,677.00
Construction Bond Principal & Interest	89,104.12
State—Local Share Property Tax Liability	274,928.55
Statewide Education Property Tax Liability	28,922.66
School Lunch—State Reimbursements	13,957.40
Graduation Award	25.00
Total Disbursements	\$3,798,250.06
<b>Ending Cash Balance 06/30/04</b>	<b>\$215,388.53</b>

**DUMMERSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT****Proposed Revenue Budget**

	<b>2003-04 <u>Budget</u></b>	<b>2003-04 <u>Actual</u></b>	<b>2004-05 <u>Budget</u></b>	<b>2005-06 <u>Proposed</u></b>	<b><u>\$ Diff.</u></b>	<b><u>% Diff.</u></b>
<b><u>Local</u></b>						
Taxes -Local	\$1,395,062	\$3,255,321	\$1,397,992	\$1,719,512	\$321,520	23.00%
Property Tax Education FuNd	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Tuition	\$0	\$10,087	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Interest	\$6,000	\$2,761	\$5,000	\$3,000	-\$2,000	-40.00%
Rentals	\$400	\$685	\$400	\$750	\$350	87.50%
Other Revenue	\$500	\$49	\$500	\$0	-\$500	-100.00%
Medicaid—Sub-Grant	\$28,000	\$28,900	\$28,000	\$30,000	\$2,000	7.14%
EPSET Medicaid	\$33,000	\$35,640	\$33,000	\$38,000	\$5,000	15.15%
Prior Yr. Refund	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	
Grant Caledonia S.U.	\$0	\$2,343	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Other Tax Diff	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	
E-Rate	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,150</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	
<b>Local Total</b>	<b>\$1,462,962</b>	<b>\$3,337,936</b>	<b>\$1,464,892</b>	<b>\$1,791,262</b>	<b>\$326,370</b>	<b>22.28%</b>
<b><u>State</u></b>						
General State Support	\$1,478,697		\$1,830,903	\$1,880,600	\$49,697	2.71%
General State Support (31)	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	
Special Ed. Aid	\$267,610	\$273,950	\$354,153	\$355,000	\$847	0.24%
E.E.E. Program	\$11,810	\$11,199	\$9,469	\$10,895	\$1,426	15.06%
Transportation Grant	\$72,000		\$73,485	\$74,025	\$540	0.73%
Hold Harmless Debt—State	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	
Prior-Year Transportation	<u>\$0</u>		<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	
<b>State Total</b>	<b>\$1,830,117</b>	<b>\$285,149</b>	<b>\$2,268,010</b>	<b>\$2,320,520</b>	<b>\$52,510</b>	<b>2.32%</b>
<b><u>Federal</u></b>						
IDEA Capacity	\$0	\$791	\$0	\$0		
Special Education I.D.E.A	<u>\$20,160</u>	<u>\$22,204</u>	<u>\$22,204</u>	<u>\$23,203</u>	<u>\$999</u>	<u>4.50%</u>
<b>Total Federal</b>	<b>\$20,160</b>	<b>\$22,995</b>	<b>\$22,204</b>	<b>\$23,203</b>	<b>\$999</b>	<b>4.50%</b>
<b><u>Other</u></b>						
Fund Balance	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$45,000</u>	<u>\$53,524</u>	<u>\$8,524</u>	<u>18.94%</u>
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>	<b>\$53,524</b>	<b>\$8,524</b>	<b>18.94%</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,353,239</b>	<b>\$3,646,080</b>	<b>\$3,800,106</b>	<b>\$4,188,509</b>	<b>\$388,403</b>	<b>10.22%</b>

**DUMMERSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT****Statement of Changes in Fund Balance**

Operating Fund June 30, 2004

	<b>2003-2004 <u>Budget</u></b>	<b>2003-2004 <u>Actual</u></b>	<b>2004-2005 <u>Budget</u></b>	<b>2005-2006 <u>Proposed</u></b>
Fund Balance	\$40,000	\$118,479	\$45,000	\$53,524
Add:				
Revenue	<u>\$3,313,239</u>	<u>\$3,760,682</u>	<u>\$3,755,106</u>	<u>\$4,134,985</u>
Total Available Cash	\$3,353,239	\$3,879,161	\$3,800,106	\$4,188,509
Deduct:				
Expenditures	<u>\$3,353,239</u>	<u>\$3,772,242</u>	<u>\$3,800,106</u>	<u>\$4,188,509</u>
Total Fund Balance	\$0	\$106,919	\$0	\$0
Less:				
Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Reserves/Adjustments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Encumbrances/Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pre-Paid Expenditures	\$0	\$8,395	\$0	\$0
Cumulative Fund Balance at 6/30/2003	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cumulative Fund Balance at 6/30/2004	\$0	\$98,524	\$0	\$0

**Proposed 2005-2006 Appropriation Summary**

Budget Comparison

	<b>2002-2003 <u>Budget</u></b>	<b>2003-2004 <u>Budget</u></b>	<b>2004-2005 <u>Budget</u></b>	<b>2005-2006 <u>Proposed</u></b>	<b><u>\$ Change</u></b>	<b><u>% Change</u></b>
<b><u>Budget:</u></b>						
General Operating Fund	\$1,805,816	\$1,895,006	\$1,949,746	\$2,003,571	\$53,825	2.76%
Special Education	\$432,305	\$460,127	\$536,000	\$564,477	\$28,477	5.31%
Early Essential Education Program	\$26,540	\$33,611	\$29,774	\$30,043	\$269	0.90%
Debt Service	\$107,858	\$103,617	\$99,355	\$95,017	\$4,338	-4.37%
Capital Fund Expense	<u>\$58,450</u>	<u>\$51,700</u>	<u>\$51,700</u>	<u>\$31,700</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>-38.68%</u>
Total	\$2,430,969	\$2,544,061	\$2,666,575	\$2,724,808	\$58,233	2.18%
<b><u>Assessments &amp; Voc. Expense:</u></b>						
B.U.H.S. #6	\$703,448	\$693,677	\$967,567	\$1,272,466	\$304,899	31.51%
Vocational Education Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$43,047	\$59,891	\$16,844	39.13%
W.S.E.S.U	<u>\$103,313</u>	<u>\$115,501</u>	<u>\$122,917</u>	<u>\$131,344</u>	<u>\$8,427</u>	<u>6.86%</u>
Total	\$806,761	\$809,178	\$1,133,531	\$1,463,701	\$330,170	29.13%
<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>\$3,237,730</b>	<b>\$3,353,239</b>	<b>\$3,800,106</b>	<b>\$4,188,509</b>	<b>\$388,403</b>	<b>10.22%</b>

**DUMMERSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT****2005-2006 Proposed Budget**

	<u>2003-2004</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2003-2004</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2004-2005</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2005-2006</u> <u>Proposed</u>
<b>ESL</b>				
Salary \$8,825	\$13,248	\$4,915	\$0	
Health Insurance	\$675	\$0	\$572	\$0
Dental Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$56	\$0
Social Security	\$0	\$1,013	\$380	\$0
Life Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$6	\$0
403 (b) Benefit	\$0	\$0	\$49	\$0
Disability Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$13	\$0
Course Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$75	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,500</b>	<b>\$14,261</b>	<b>\$6,066</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>ASSEMBLIES</b>				
Assemblies	\$1,800	\$883	\$1,800	\$1,250
<b>JUVENILE OFFICER</b>				
Juvenile Officer	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200
<b>GUIDANCE SERVICES</b>				
Salary	\$29,327	\$30,092	\$22,394	\$23,977
Health Insurance	\$7,422	\$7,422	\$5,666	\$6,173
Dental Insurance	\$821	\$870	\$684	\$645
FICA	\$2,266	\$1,757	\$1,730	\$1,853
Life Insurance	\$31	\$29	\$26	\$30
Course Reimbursement	\$392	\$611	\$283	\$500
Disability Insurance	\$109	\$73	\$56	\$60
125 Plan	\$0	\$63	\$60	\$65
403 B Benefit	\$293	\$0	\$224	\$240
Repairs	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$0
Supplies	\$250	\$903	\$250	\$250
Testing Materials	\$75	\$0	\$75	\$0
Books	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$75
Travel & Conference	\$0	\$149	\$0	\$0
Computer Software	\$75	\$0	\$75	\$75
Non-Instruct. Replace. Equipment	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0
Equipment	\$125	\$0	\$125	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$41,436</b>	<b>\$41,969</b>	<b>\$31,898</b>	<b>\$33,943</b>
<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>				
Doctor's Salary	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200

Dummerston Town School District—2005-2006 Proposed Budget

	<u>2003-2004</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2003-2004</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2004-2005</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2005-2006</u> <u>Proposed</u>
<b>SCHOOL NURSE</b>				
Salary	\$41,167	\$43,925	\$45,414	\$47,231
Health Insurance	\$10,602	\$10,602	\$11,329	\$12,346
Dental Insurance	\$1,173	\$1,242	\$1,367	\$1,489
FICA	\$3,181	\$3,251	\$3,509	\$3,650
Life Insurance	\$46	\$45	\$51	\$60
Course Reimbursement	\$560	\$266	\$565	\$600
Disability Insurance	\$0	\$108	\$0	\$118
125 Plan	\$0	\$63	\$0	\$70
403 Benefit	\$412	\$434	\$454	\$472
Repairs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$320	\$1,101	\$320	\$750
Testing Materials	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0
Books	\$34	\$0	\$34	\$0
Equipment	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$57,795</b>	<b>\$61,037</b>	<b>\$63,343</b>	<b>\$66,786</b>
<b>PSYCH COUNSELING</b>				
Contracted Services	\$7,500	\$2,220	\$7,500	\$3,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$2,220</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>
<b>LIBRARY SERVICES</b>				
Salary	\$40,622	\$40,622	\$34,774	\$46,578
Health Insurance	\$4,023	\$4,024	\$3,440	\$4,685
Dental Insurance	\$361	\$382	\$337	\$459
FICA	\$3,139	\$3,000	\$2,687	\$3,599
Life Insurance	\$46	\$45	\$36	\$60
Course Reimbursement	\$560	\$59	\$500	\$500
125 Plan	\$0	\$63	\$60	\$65
Disability Insurance	\$151	\$102	\$87	\$116
403 B Benefit	\$406	\$406	\$348	\$466
Library Books	\$3,000	\$3,954	\$2,500	\$2,500
Periodicals	\$1,200	\$1,314	\$1,200	\$750
Computer Software	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$2,000
Computer Supplies	\$300	\$0	\$300	\$300
Computer Hardware	\$1,780	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$650	\$1,165	\$650	\$700
Audio Visual	\$2,000	\$2,418	\$1,000	\$1,600
On-Line Serv./Tech. Support	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
Equipment	\$520	\$577	\$220	\$0
Repairs	\$450	\$220	\$450	\$350
Replacement Equipment	\$775	\$336	\$775	\$750
Non-Instruct. Equipment	\$180	\$0	\$180	\$0
Visiting Author or Illustrator	\$400	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$62,663</b>	<b>\$59,287</b>	<b>\$51,644</b>	<b>\$66,078</b>

Dummerston Town School District—2005–2006 Proposed Budget

	<u>2003-2004</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2003-2004</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2004-2005</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2005-2006</u> <u>Proposed</u>
<b>TECHNOLOGY SERVICES</b>				
Site License Fees	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$4,300
Supplies	\$4,000	\$2,503	\$4,000	\$5,250
Software	\$2,000	\$1,573	\$2,000	\$2,000
Hardware	\$7,000	\$5,046	\$5,000	\$5,000
Travel	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment Non-Instructional	\$750	\$2,049	\$750	\$750
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,550</b>	<b>\$15,471</b>	<b>\$16,050</b>	<b>\$17,300</b>
<b>SCHOOL BOARD/TREASURER</b>				
School Board Salaries	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
School Board Recorder	\$800	\$665	\$800	\$825
FICA	\$252	\$242	\$252	\$252
Supplies	\$2,900	\$323	\$2,900	\$1,500
Dues & Fees	\$1,850	\$1,340	\$1,850	\$1,600
Treasurer's Salary	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
Treasurer's Supplies	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300
Legal Fees	\$2,000	\$25	\$2,000	\$1,500
Auditing Fees	\$0	\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,902</b>	<b>\$6,695</b>	<b>\$19,902</b>	<b>\$17,777</b>
<b>OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL</b>				
Principal's Salary	\$66,885	\$66,885	\$68,892	\$71,337
Health Insurance	\$8,324	\$16,713	\$9,136	\$10,232
Dental Insurance	\$740	\$1,567	\$862	\$939
FICA	\$5,270	\$5,128	\$5,423	\$5,743
Life Insurance	\$171	\$195	\$177	\$209
Disability Insurance	\$247	\$171	\$173	\$181
Tax-Sheltered Annuity	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,500
Professional Develop./Course	\$3,447	\$3,500	\$3,447	\$3,447
Travel & Conference	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Office Supplies	\$2,500	\$2,032	\$2,500	\$2,500
Testing Materials	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0
Periodicals	\$150	\$153	\$150	\$165
Admin. Equipment	\$750	\$0	\$750	\$750
Replacement Equipment	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$750
Admin. Stipend	\$5,000	\$3,487	\$0	\$0
Admin. FICA	\$383	\$267	\$0	\$0
Secretary's Salary	\$26,644	\$24,859	\$29,776	\$31,022
Health Insurance	\$8,324	\$64	\$9,136	\$10,232
Dental Insurance	\$1,173	\$0	\$1,367	\$939
FICA	\$2,038	\$1,854	\$2,278	\$2,373
Life Insurance	\$26	\$0	\$31	\$51
Retirement	\$969	\$996	\$630	\$1,241

Dummerston Town School District—2005–2006 Proposed Budget

	<u>2003-2004</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2003-2004</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2004-2005</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2005-2006</u> <u>Proposed</u>
<b>OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL</b> <i>(continued)</i>				
Dues & Fees	\$665	\$633	\$750	\$650
Copier (CPC)	\$9,200	\$8,663	\$10,000	\$8,000
Admin Software	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
Software Support C/S	\$500	\$473	\$500	\$500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$148,656</b>	<b>\$141,012</b>	<b>\$151,228</b>	<b>\$155,261</b>
<b>INSURANCE/EAP</b>				
Property & Liability Insurance	\$11,696	\$13,587	\$13,500	\$17,000
Employee Assistance Program	\$750	\$631	\$850	\$800
125 Plan Admin	\$480	\$0	\$480	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,926</b>	<b>\$14,218</b>	<b>\$14,830</b>	<b>\$17,800</b>
<b>OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE</b>				
Custodial Salaries	\$33,840	\$37,377	\$35,420	\$40,624
Health & Dental Insurance	\$20,579	\$18,569	\$19,942	\$22,310
FICA	\$2,589	\$2,653	\$2,710	\$3,109
Life Insurance	\$37	\$25	\$37	\$58
Retirement (Municipal)	\$939	\$964	\$613	\$1,274
Building Maintenance Improvement	\$4,000	\$5,036	\$4,000	\$2,000
Building Maint. Contracted Services	\$20,000	\$25,788	\$20,000	\$22,500
Custodial Travel	\$150	\$0	\$150	\$75
Rubbish	\$2,850	\$2,901	\$3,300	\$3,300
Telephone & Postage	\$8,850	\$9,138	\$9,750	\$10,100
Custodial Supplies	\$10,304	\$9,494	\$12,750	\$10,750
Electricity	\$28,100	\$24,899	\$28,000	\$27,000
Oil-Heat	\$13,000	\$13,768	\$14,000	\$18,750
Grounds Maint. C/S (lawn & snow)	\$9,500	\$5,651	\$8,500	\$7,500
Replacement Equipment	\$5,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$2,000
Playground Maintenance	\$500	\$490	\$500	\$300
Hazmat Compensation Expense	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0
Repairs	\$500	\$150	\$500	\$350
Water Testing & Supplies	\$850	\$901	\$950	\$975
Dues & Fees	\$110	\$0	\$125	\$150
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$161,898</b>	<b>\$157,804</b>	<b>\$162,447</b>	<b>\$173,125</b>
<b>PUPIL TRANSPORTATION</b>				
Pupil Transportation C/S	\$143,005	\$143,005	\$148,725	\$154,674
Field Trips	\$3,265	\$1,420	\$2,200	\$2,200
Winter Activities	\$2,000	\$3,285	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$148,270</b>	<b>\$147,710</b>	<b>\$152,925</b>	<b>\$158,874</b>
<b>FOOD SERVICE</b>				
Lunch Agent Salary	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Subsidy	\$0	\$0	\$8,778	\$4,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$10,778</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>

Dummerston Town School District—2005–2006 Proposed Budget

	<u>2003-2004 Budget</u>	<u>2003-2004 Actual</u>	<u>2004-2005 Budget</u>	<u>2005-2006 Proposed</u>
<b>ELEMENTARY</b>				
Teacher Salaries	\$536,791	\$673,178	\$560,296	\$608,685
Paraprofessional Salaries	\$85,341	\$91,864	\$86,777	\$63,000
Substitutes Salaries	\$27,000	\$18,675	\$27,000	\$20,000
Health Insurance	\$162,621	\$182,085	\$178,162	\$178,849
Dental Insurance	\$14,063	\$15,070	\$16,029	\$16,812
Teacher/Substitute FICA	\$43,763	\$51,409	\$45,250	\$47,334
Paraprofessional FICA	\$6,529	\$6,807	\$6,638	\$4,875
Life Insurance	\$718	\$806	\$712	\$962
Teacher Course Reimbursement	\$8,162	\$7,937	\$7,750	\$7,750
125 Plan	\$0	\$359	\$0	\$400
Disability Insurance	\$2,082	\$1,640	\$1,401	\$1,519
Retirement	\$3,148	\$3,700	\$2,108	\$2,646
403 B Benefit	\$5,626	\$6,198	\$4,202	\$6,073
Lease (Equipment)	\$1,211	\$1,613	\$1,211	\$2,000
Teaching Supplies	\$16,748	\$20,657	\$16,748	\$20,000
Textbooks	\$6,760	\$4,698	\$5,000	\$2,500
Periodicals/Journals	\$520	\$0	\$520	\$0
Audio Visual	\$134	\$0	\$134	\$0
Equipment—Instructional	\$2,968	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
Replace Equipment—Instructional	\$205	\$0	\$205	\$0
Equipment Non—Instructional	\$1,188	\$181	\$1,188	\$0
Replace Equipment Non—Instructional	\$482	\$1,923	\$482	\$1,000
Other Fees—Admissions	\$1,750	\$1,292	\$1,750	\$1,800
Repairs	\$164	\$80	\$164	\$125
Computer Supplies	\$725	\$0	\$725	\$0
Computer Software	\$966	\$0	\$966	\$200
Standards Based Materials	\$779	\$162	\$779	\$250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$930,444</b>	<b>\$1,090,334</b>	<b>\$967,697</b>	<b>\$988,280</b>
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>				
Foreign Language/Asian Studies	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>TESTING</b>				
Testing Supplies	\$750	\$0	\$0	\$250
<b>PROGRAM IMPROV. 1% FUND</b>				
Program Improvement	\$5,100	\$5,292	\$5,100	\$5,100
Action Planning	\$600	\$574	\$600	\$500
Special Programming	\$2,200	\$800	\$1,100	\$1,100
Paraprofessional Training	\$1,500	\$40	\$1,500	\$1,200
One Percent Fund	\$5,510	\$0	\$5,910	\$6,400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,910</b>	<b>\$6,706</b>	<b>\$14,210</b>	<b>\$14,300</b>

Dummerston Town School District—2005–2006 Proposed Budget

	<u>2003-2004</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2003-2004</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2004-2005</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2005-2006</u> <u>Proposed</u>
<b>STAFF TRAVEL</b>				
Staff Travel	\$1,825	\$2,548	\$560	\$2,000
<b>SECONDARY</b>				
Teacher Salary	\$170,419	\$89,120	\$185,000	\$188,192
Substitute Salaries	\$7,900	\$0	\$7,900	\$5,000
Health Insurance	\$29,707	\$14,626	\$31,438	\$33,483
Dental Insurance	\$3,097	\$1,625	\$3,643	\$3,853
FICA	\$13,642	\$6,729	\$14,868	\$14,572
Life Insurance	\$189	\$90	\$219	\$252
Course Reimbursement	\$2,072	\$200	\$2,127	\$2,127
Disability Insurance	\$631	\$210	\$475	\$471
403 B Benefit	\$1,703	\$840	\$1,453	\$1,881
Lease (Equipment)	\$403	\$0	\$403	\$1,000
Secondary Tuition	\$0	\$8,600	\$0	\$0
Teaching Supplies	\$6,142	\$12,162	\$6,142	\$8,500
Textbooks	\$3,565	\$3,039	\$2,065	\$2,000
Periodicals / Journals	\$190	\$145	\$190	\$200
Audio Visual	\$45	\$0	\$45	\$0
Equipment—Instructional	\$1,784	\$553	\$1,000	\$1,000
Non-Instructional Equipment	\$592	\$140	\$592	\$650
Replace Equip.—Instructional	\$260	\$0	\$260	\$0
Replace Equip.—Non-Instructional	\$488	-\$500	\$488	\$0
Official's Fees —Athletics	\$2,720	\$2,510	\$2,720	\$2,720
Coaches, Extracurr. & A.D. Salaries	\$7,000	\$2,850	\$7,000	\$7,000
Coaches Social Security	\$536	\$199	\$536	\$536
Athletic Supplies	\$1,500	\$510	\$1,500	\$1,500
Athletic Equipment	\$920	\$1,026	\$920	\$920
Tournament Fees	\$540	\$0	\$540	\$540
Standards Based Materials	\$1,669	\$136	\$500	\$500
Repairs	\$110	\$0	\$110	\$0
Computer Supplies	\$525	\$0	\$525	\$525
Computer Software	\$484	\$0	\$484	\$400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$258,833</b>	<b>\$144,810</b>	<b>\$273,143</b>	<b>\$277,822</b>
<b>TESTING</b>				
Testing Supplies	\$123	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>STAFF TRAVEL</b>				
Staff Travel	\$1,325	\$354	\$1,325	\$750
<b>GRADUATION</b>				
Graduation	\$500	\$534	\$500	\$575

Dummerston Town School District—2005–2006 Proposed Budget

	<u>2003-2004</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2003-2004</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2004-2005</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2005-2006</u> <u>Proposed</u>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION/EEE</b>				
Teacher Salaries	\$85,182	\$109,257	\$131,967	\$124,569
Paraprofessional/Tutor Salaries	\$49,699	\$44,536	\$39,923	\$77,197
Summer Tutoring	\$2,000	\$400	\$2,000	\$3,000
Substitutes	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Insurance	\$53,668	\$53,058	\$63,711	\$87,999
Dental Insurance	\$3,428	\$4,536	\$4,919	\$5,340
Social Security	\$10,384	\$11,320	\$13,480	\$15,806
Life Insurance	\$164	\$154	\$207	\$255
Worker's Compensation	\$473	\$636	\$609	\$1,170
Long Term Disability	\$316	\$132	\$330	\$312
Course Reimbursement	\$1,102	\$727	\$1,679	\$1,750
403 (b) Benefit	\$0	\$1,172	\$1,320	\$1,245
Retirement	\$1,988	\$1,551	\$998	\$3,234
One Percent Fund	\$570	\$0	\$600	\$630
Contracted Services	\$3,000	\$1,883	\$800	\$2,000
Repairs	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$0
Travel & Conference	\$200	\$170	\$200	\$200
Advertising	\$0	\$2,434	\$0	\$0
Tuition	\$207,577	\$241,673	\$240,488	\$200,285
Supplies	\$750	\$2,216	\$750	\$2,000
Textbooks	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$0
Prof Books/ Journals	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$0
Testing Materials	\$925	\$218	\$0	\$0
Computer Software	\$475	\$0	\$0	\$0
Computer Hardware	\$1,400	\$1,138	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$120	\$95	\$750	\$0
Non-Instructional Equipment	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$0
EE.E. Program	\$33,611	\$31,807	\$29,774	\$30,043
Psych. Services	\$11,000	\$12,775	\$7,500	\$13,500
PT/OT Services	\$6,531	\$6,694	\$5,953	\$3,985
Transportation Services	\$16,550	\$19,123	\$17,617	\$20,000
Field Trips	\$75	\$327	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$493,738</b>	<b>\$548,032</b>	<b>\$565,774</b>	<b>\$594,520</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$2,388,744</b>	<b>\$2,458,085</b>	<b>\$2,515,520</b>	<b>\$2,598,091</b>
<b>BOND PAYMENT &amp; INTEREST</b>				
Bond Payment & Interest	\$103,617	\$89,104	\$99,355	\$95,017
<b>SPEC. ARTICLES /-ACT 68 Voc. Ed.</b>				
Capital Fund Expense	\$51,700	\$51,700	\$51,700	\$31,700
Act 68 Vocational Ed. Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$43,047	\$59,891
On-Behalf of Teacher's Retire	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$51,700</b>	<b>\$51,700</b>	<b>\$94,747</b>	<b>\$91,591</b>

Dummerston Town School District—2005–2006 Proposed Budget

	<u>2003-2004</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2003-2004</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2004-2005</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2005-2006</u> <u>Proposed</u>
<b>PAYMENT TO THE EDUCATION FUND</b>				
Payment to the Education Fund	\$0	\$303,851	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$303,851</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>DEFICIT APPROPRIATION</b>				
Deficit Appropriation ( <i>see plan</i> )	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b> ( <i>Excluding Assessments</i> )	<b>\$2,544,061</b>	<b>\$2,902,740</b>	<b>\$2,709,622</b>	<b>\$2,784,699</b>
<b>B.U.H.S. ASSESSMENT</b>				
Assessment (A)	\$693,677	\$693,677	\$967,567	\$1,272,466
<b>W.S.E.S.U. ASSESSMENT</b>				
W.S.E.S.U. Assessment	\$115,501	\$115,501	\$122,917	\$131,344
<b>BUDGET TOTALS</b>	<b>\$3,353,239</b>	<b>\$3,711,918</b>	<b>\$3,800,106</b>	<b>\$4,188,509</b>

**DUMMERSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT****Arlene Forrett Memorial Fund**

Beginning Balance 7/01/03	\$1,000.00
Investment	<u>25.12</u>
Income Balance	1,025.12
Income:	
Interest 6/16/03 to 6/15/04	<u>9.44</u>
	1,034.56
Less:	
Graduation Award 6/04	<u>25.00</u>
Balance 6/30/04 Investment & Income	\$1,009.56

**Jenny Rubenstein Scholarship Fund**

Beginning Balance 7/01/03	\$320.00
Investment	<u>6.56</u>
Income Balance	326.56
Income:	
Interest 6/16/03 to 6/15/04	<u>2.87</u>
Balance 6/30/04 Investment & Income	\$329.43

**Ruth E. Knapp Fund**

Beginning Balance 7/01/03	\$250.00
Investment	<u>5.25</u>
Income Balance	255.25
Income:	
Interest 6/16/03 to 6/15/04	<u>2.30</u>
Balance 6/30/04 Investment & Income	\$257.55

**Jean Shaw Creativity in Science Award**

Beginning Balance 7/01/03	\$200.00
Investment	<u>4.13</u>
Income Balance	204.13
Income:	
Interest 6/16/03 to 6/15/04	<u>1.81</u>
Balance 6/30/04 Investment & Income	\$205.94

**Timothy Garland Scholarship Fund**

Beginning Balance 7/01/03	\$860.00
Investment	<u>5.82</u>
Income Balance	865.82
Income:	
Interest 5/27/03 to 6/15/04	<u>10.50</u>
Balance 6/30/04 Investment & Income	\$876.32

**DUMMERSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT****Act 68 Three-Year Comparison**

	<b>FY2002</b>	<b>FY2003</b>	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>FY2005</b>	<b>FY2006</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Budget (approved)				\$2,832,539	\$2,916,043
State Vocational Block Grant (87% FY06)	\$3,342,657	\$3,237,730	\$3,353,239	43,047	59,891
Supervisory Union Assessment				122,917	131,344
Block Grant State Voc. Ed. Prior Yrs	53,608	50,372	47,293	51,700	31,700
Separately Warned Article -approved					
Separately Warned Article -approved					
Separately Warned Article -approved					
Act 144 Expenditures					
<b>Act 68 Local Adopted Budget</b>	<b>\$3,396,265</b>	<b>\$3,288,102</b>	<b>\$3,400,532</b>	<b>\$2,832,539</b>	<b>\$2,916,043</b>
Union school assessment				967,567	1,272,466
Deficit if not included in the budget or revenue					
Special Programs (not included in local budget)					
<b>Gross Act 68 Budget</b>	<b>\$3,396,265</b>	<b>\$3,288,102</b>	<b>\$3,400,532</b>	<b>\$3,800,106</b>	<b>\$4,188,509</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Local Revenues	\$629,432	\$426,896	\$479,480	\$571,211	\$588,397
Capital Debt Aid	17,973	18,349	10,665	0	0
Special Programs (not included in local budget)					
Deficit if not included in local budget					
Act 144 Revenues					
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$647,405</b>	<b>\$445,245</b>	<b>\$490,145</b>	<b>\$571,211</b>	<b>\$588,397</b>
Fund raising (if any)					
<b>Adjusted Local Revenues</b>	<b>\$647,405</b>	<b>\$445,245</b>	<b>\$490,145</b>	<b>\$571,211</b>	<b>\$588,397</b>
Education Spending (Act 68)	\$2,748,860	\$2,842,857	\$2,910,387	\$3,228,895	\$3,600,112
Equalized Pupils	\$283.61	\$273.70	\$269.81	\$270.64	\$269.62
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$9,692	\$10,387	\$10,787	\$11,931	\$13,353
<b>Net Adjusted for district adjustment</b>				<b>\$11,931</b>	<b>\$13,353</b>
Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil (if any)	NA	NA	NA	\$0	\$800
<b>Per Pupil figure used for calculating District A</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$11,931</b>	<b>\$14,153</b>
District Spending Adjustment	NA	NA	NA	175.450%	202.904%
Estimated Homestead tax rate (equalized)	NA	NA	NA	\$1.84	\$2.07
Household Income % for Income Sensitivity	NA	NA	NA	3.33%	3.75%
Common Level of Appraisal	NA	NA	NA	84.77%	72.37%
Estimated Homestead tax rate	NA	NA	NA	\$2.173	\$2.860

## Windham Southeast Supervisory Union

### REPORT OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Once again, I am pleased to have the opportunity to highlight student accomplishments and school initiatives that have taken place at Dummerston School since last year's Town Report. In addition, I hope to draw attention to some of the current state and federal mandates that guide our work towards helping ensure that every child reaches his or her potential.

We are all aware that the demands on students are increasing as never before. The changing character of society and today's information and technology-based economy are driving new questions about what students should know and be able to do when they graduate. Expectations are rising, not just for students but for teachers and school communities as well. As with all public schools in Vermont, Dummerston School must work to meet its "adequate yearly progress" (AYP) indicators set forth by the state and measured by state assessment results in Language Arts and Mathematics. Beginning next year, students in grades 3-8 will be administered state assessments in reading, math and writing as mandated by the *No Child Left Behind Act*. The tables below provide an overview of the percentage of students who *meet* or *exceed the standard* on the Spring 2004 New Standards Reference Exams:

#### Grade 4: New Standards Reference Exam

	<u>SCHOOL RESULTS</u>	<u>STATE RESULTS</u>
<b>English/Language Arts</b>		
Reading: Basic Understanding	81%	81%
Reading: Analysis & Interpretation	81%	70%
Writing Effectiveness	86%	72%
Writing Conventions	81%	63%
<b>Mathematics</b>		
Mathematical Skills	77%	75%
Mathematical Concepts	78%	52%
Problem Solving	82%	52%

### Grade 8: New Standard Reference Exam

	<u>SCHOOL RESULTS</u>	<u>STATE RESULTS</u>
<b>English/Language Arts</b>		
Reading: Basic Understanding	87%	68%
Reading: Analysis & Interpretation	58%	41%
Writing Effectiveness	80%	73%
Writing Conventions	52%	55%
<b>Mathematics</b>		
Mathematical Skills	94%	73%
Mathematical Concepts	68%	44%
Problem Solving	71%	47%

While the national conversation about student achievement often focuses narrowly on students' abilities to perform well on standardized tests, we continue to work to define achievement in ways that are meaningful to parents and the community we represent. Even though the state no longer requires Portfolios as an assessment indicator, Dummerston teachers will continue to assess student work using Portfolios since they provide an authentic appraisal of what a student has learned and is able to demonstrate. In addition, we use the Action Planning process to help teachers, parents, school board and community members' focus on student performance results and other indicators that are closely associated with improved student learning. Successful schools do not happen by accident - they are the result of many people planning and working together in conjunction with taking shared responsibility for the success of all students. Dummerston School's Action Planning includes the following four (4) goals:

- Increase the percentage of students *Achieving the Standards* and *Achieving the Standards with Honors*
- Continue to build a Comprehensive Educational Support System, which meets the academic and emotional needs of all students
- Develop school-wide, standards of behavior that address respect, responsibility, diversity and equity
- Enhance our organizational capacity to support student learning by building a professional community that is characterized by shared purpose, collaborative activity and collective responsibility between school and home.

Our on-going work with *Thinking Maps* is an example of a professional development initiative that was encouraged by our Action Planning work and links with three of our Action Planning goals. Thinking Maps gives all students and teachers (K-8) a common "visual" language for fundamental thinking processes such as comparing and contrasting, sequencing, classifying and cause-effect reasoning. In this age of information overflow and networking, students must be able to use multiple strategies to solve complicated problems. In language arts, for instance, students are tested on their responses to complex reading selections or to an array of writing prompts. In mathematics, they must solve multi-step portfolio problems. The standards-based testing format requires students to complete varied tasks and show their work and reasoning. Students enjoy using Thinking Maps for organizing information and constructing knowledge and the graphics allow them to be more proactive learners.

The Vermont Legislature and the State Board of Education are promoting Healthy School initiatives at the state and local level in an effort to contradict the rise in childhood obesity in our state. Our local School Health Action Committee (SHAC) works to facilitate programming options and opportunities for students and families. The team's mission is to improve students' ability to make healthy choices and decrease risk-taking behaviors. Dummerston School is fortunate to have a full-time registered nurse who is responsible for providing health services to students in accordance with the Vermont Nurse Practice Act and the Vermont School Services: Standards of Practice. These services include health counseling and assessments, communicable disease control and emergency first aide to students, parents, faculty and staff.

The Dummerston School Student Council is a wonderful asset to our school and the council members have been very busy this year. The officers, and representatives at large, work hard to boost school spirit, fund raise and promote the accomplishments of all our students. Please take a moment to look at our Wall of Honor in the main hallway. This year's Student Council officers are: President-Kim Butts, Vice President-Abby Lipinski, Treasurer-Andrea Given and Secretary-Becky Chapman.

Eighth graders are busy planning their transition to ninth grade, their end of the year class trip and gradua-

tion! Earlier in the school year, the class traveled to Boston and visited many of the city's historic locations. They also enjoyed some of Boston's fine art and entertainment opportunities that included seeing the Blue Man group perform at the Wang. This year's eighth grade class officers are: President(s)-Kyra Pelz-Walsh & Shaun O'Connor, Vice President-Cody Balin, Treasurer-Robby Brown and Secretary-Brittney Tyler.

Dummerston School is enriched by the gracious and generous support of individual parent volunteers, ELF and Winter Activity volunteers, the Friends of the Library and the Parents Teachers Friends Organization (PTFO). In numerous ways, these volunteers and organizations give their time and energy as well as their fundraising efforts to support and supplement learning opportunities for Dummerston students. As we work to promote high standards for learning and achievement, our ability to provide quality educational programs is made possible through our collaborative work on behalf of the children and families of Dummerston School.

Jo Carol Ratti

### REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

As we started the current school year, the Windham Regional Career Center's Trade and Industrial Center officially opened its doors, ushering in a new and exciting era for the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union. The second phase of the BUHS #6 Construction Project continues on schedule with several new areas of the middle school, high school, and career center coming on line for use this year. At the Brattleboro Area Middle School, a new two-story classroom addition and the BAMS multi-purpose room have been completed. The newly renovated high school gymnasium is open and ready for the basketball season. Renovations to the west wing of the high school and a new second story addition will house English and social studies classrooms in January. I hope you have an opportunity to visit the campus and see first hand the expanded learning opportunities for our students as project phases are completed.

Academically, the district is working to ensure that all students are positioned to meet Vermont Standards. We continue to implement the WSESU Framework of

Learning guided by the Vermont Framework of Standards and newly developed Vermont Grade Level Expectations. Action steps include providing training in effective instructional practices to improve student achievement and implementing systematic grade level transitions; i.e., from pre-school to elementary, elementary to middle school, middle to high school and high school to post-secondary opportunities. We are also collecting and analyzing student data and other indicators of student success to guide our programs and dedicate resources to improve the achievement of low performing students.

Another area of emphasis is to ensure that all students will have access to equal educational opportunities in safe and healthy environments. We use baseline information from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Youth Developmental Asset Survey, and school climate surveys to create a deeper understanding of what a safe school is and where we are on the continuum. Programs like Second Step, The Responsive Classroom, and A World of Difference have been initiated to support safe and healthy school environments.

In my third year as superintendent of the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union, I am exceedingly grateful to all who give so much to make this such an outstanding school district. It is the combined efforts of each of our constituencies – the faculty who teach here, the administrators and staff who serve our students, the students themselves, and our parents, school board members and community members who lend their interest and support – which enable this district to be outstanding. To all of you, I offer my sincere appreciation.

Sincerely,

Ron Stahley Superintendent of Schools

**Administration**

Ron Stahley Superintendent  
 James Kane Business Administrator  
 Jo Carol Ratti Principal

**Teachers**

Jennifer E. Brown	Social Studies/Language Arts 7/8
Deborah Coombs	ESL
Rita Corey	Vocal Music
Cynthia Daly	Social Studies/Language Arts 6/7/8
Robert Glennon	Science 6/7/8
Mary Goodemote	Special Educator
Heidi Gould	Grade 2
Mary Harvey-Bandish	Instrumental Music
Judith Hawkins	Special Educator
Lyle Holiday	Literacy
Linda Ives	Math 6/7/8
Wynetta John	Instructional Support
Nancy Livingston-Clements	Art
Susan McCanna	Kindergarten
Melissa Petroski	Library Media Specialist
Teresa Robinson	Instructional Support
Sara M. Ryan	Grade 1
Wendy Scott	Physical Education
Linda Skrzyniarz	Grade 4
Elizabeth Whittaker	Grade 5
Annette Wilson	Grade 3

**Staff**

Stella White	Administrative Assistant
Kathy Bacon	Paraeducator
Lavon Butts	Paraeducator
Ann Davis	Paraeducator
Sandra Draper	Paraeducator
Kathleen Evans	Paraeducator
Carolyn Freed	Paraeducator
Lawrence B. Lynch, Sr.	Custodian
Joan Momaney	Paraeducator
Lois Reed	Paraeducator
Michael Walior	Head Cook/Lunch Agent
Patricia Walior	Paraeducator
Judith Walker	Paraeducator
Richard Walsh	Head Custodian

**Special Services**

Mary Ann Runge	School Nurse
Lynn Herzog	Medical Advisor
Lynda Meeder-Pumilia	School Counselor
Deborah Merchant	Special Education Administrator
Francine Swanson	Speech Pathologist

**Dummerston Enrollment**

Class	00-01	01-02	02-03	03-04	04-05
K	10	10	22	12	14
1	21	11	12	24	16
2	21	23	13	12	26
3	20	22	21	13	13
4	20	18	22	23	15
5	25	22	20	23	22
6	23	27	21	22	21
7	17	25	29	24	21
8	<u>25</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>22</u>
Totals:	182	177	186	184	170

**BUHS Students from Dummerston  
for 2004-2005:**

Grade 7	—
Grade 8	—
Grade 9	33
Grade 10	21
Grade 11	21
Grade 12	<u>26</u>
Total	101

**SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

What matters most in school board news for the year is the fact that Dummerston School students continue to perform well on state-wide assessments in all areas. They make positive contributions to the community and represent the town wonderfully in local and state-wide art and music exhibitions and sporting events. The faculty and staff of the school create an atmosphere that's very inviting and home-like, especially the new feature of teachers Sue McKenna and Nancy Clements dressed in different costumes every Friday morning as they greet children getting off the school buses. Sometimes the Dummerston community and school remind me of the description of the fictional "Lake Wobegone" on Garrison Keillor's radio show *A Prairie Home Companion*, a place where "all the women are strong, all the men are good-looking, and all the children are above average."

The school building continues to be a center for a wide variety of community activities and aesthetically is something to be proud of. The completion of new siding on the peeling and cracking paint of the old school section of the facility was a capital budget item that has made a big difference. New fold-out tables for the cafeteria are safer and

better-looking, and there has been some interior painting, as well as fire-code updates for interior doors that improve safety. It's often overlooked how big an impact a clean and beautiful environment can have on how children learn and how people feel about school. Dummerstonians whose children have experienced the conditions in recent years at BUHS understand this. Under the leadership of Principal Ratti, the hard work of our custodial staff, and all the volunteer efforts, the space where Dummerston kids spend a good amount of their time is a very attractive and pleasant learning environment.

We continue to have an amazingly high rate and quality of parental and community involvement in all aspects of the school's programs, and this includes the efforts of the various volunteer groups such as ELF, Friends of the Library, PTFO, Winter Activities organizers, the Action Plan Committee, etc. The rich life of the school and its place and importance in the community is assured by these efforts which contribute so much to supporting the development of health, happy, well-educated children.

Another remarkable sign this past year of the community's support for its school and the high quality for which it is known was the generosity of a group of private donors who raised enough money to bring the librarian position back to a full-time level after the position was reduced in last year's budget. The board is extremely grateful to everyone who supported this effort. It was an unexpectedly marvelous show of commitment to wanting the best for the children of the Dummerston school.

We started the board year by welcoming Amy Dews as a newly-elected member to the board. Amy has already contributed considerably to the board's deliberations and is expected to play an increasingly vital role in the future.

One issue that has all too frequently crossed the board's desk this year has been vandalism of school property. There have been windows broken, screens slashed, signs defaced and pulled down with a frequency that is disturbing both for the unexpected budget impact and for the fact that there is a strong chance that former students were involved in all the incidents. The principal and board have responded by requesting more frequent patrols by the Windham County Sheriff, installing new lights and trying to stay more vigilant. We ask the community to help keep an eye out as you pass the school for

any behavior around the school that doesn't appear appropriate and to report this to Principal Ratti or the sheriff's office if you can.

At this writing (the week before Christmas), we are really at the beginning of what many experienced board members know as "budget season." It's funny how budget season coincides with the other well-known season yet somehow doesn't carry nearly the same warm associations. The process usually starts when the board sees a proposal in mid- or late-November that comes jointly from our principal and the WSESU office of the business manager. We then engage in the multi-month process of see to what extent we have control over cost increases (where can we trim?) and to what extent not (what are the state and federal mandates and contractual instruction costs that are fixed?). After examining the first draft of the budget this fall, we are contemplating a budget with only two essential changes from last year. One is to bring a teacher back to 100% from a previously requested 80% time and the other is to fully fund the librarian position which was cut back to 80% in the last budget. At our last meeting, after examining the overwhelming number of budget lines unchanged or reduced from last year, it's a bit disconcerting that the cost of running our K-8 school still rises overall.

This week *The Brattleboro Reformer* reports a first draft budget before the BUHS board of a proposed 5.7% increase. Dummerston's assessment (our tuition bill) from the high school is 30% higher this year due to an unusually large number of students we sent this year to BUHS. The budget of the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union has been approved by its board with an overall increase of 2.9%. Governor Douglas is pushing the legislature to approve a state-wide property tax decrease of 3 cents from last year's rate of \$1.05 per \$100 of assessed value. His office is estimating that this will have no adverse impact of the state's education fund nor on rainy day reserves. In budget preparations, the board is also operating under the new environment of Act 68 which sets a cap on per-pupil spending and penalizes the towns that exceed that amount. This year's increases in our high school assessment, and the fact that we would have to cut over \$210,000 from an already level-service K-8 operating budget to avoid the state penalty for exceeding its per-pupil spending cap, mean that last year's 20% reduction in property taxes was a windfall that will, in all likelihood, be

reversed this year. As always, we remind you to apply for state property tax rebates to which you are entitled and for which you are eligible based on the state's income sensitivity provisions of school funding law.

The usual problem with budget preparations in the post Act 60 and Act 68 era is that it becomes increasingly difficult to tell citizens what the actual impact on property taxes will be, since the money we raise from school taxes no longer stays exclusively within our town. Sometimes the state doesn't have its state property tax rate decided until after Town Meeting Day; neither can they always provide timely information for board members about the actual amount of state aid, which determines how much we need to raise locally. Added to this is the fact that Dummerston is at a disadvantage in terms of not receiving certain state and federal monies which would reduce our overall per-pupil costs. Compared to most neighboring towns, we don't receive beneficial increments in state and federal funding per pupil that apply to such criteria as percentages of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch or ethnic minority backgrounds or learners of English as a second language, etc. From one perspective, it is some of our strongest assets as a community which work to our disadvantage in terms of how the current state formula for school funding affects us. From another, we are, in the aggregate, objectively a more privileged and property-wealthy community than so many others in the county and state, and with this comes a greater responsibility in order to maintain high standards and high quality in our schools. Under these increasingly complex conditions and ambiguity, we work our hardest to try to ensure the best education our children deserve while trying to balance the willingness and ability of the community to pay for this most essential part of our democratic society.

As always, we are sincerely grateful to the community, the people that make our school great, and for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. You are always welcome at our meetings at the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 in the school library.

Bill Conley, Chairman  
Roger Aquadro, Vice-Chairman  
Dan Brown, Clerk  
Charlotte Neer Annis  
Amy Dews

**BUHS #6 DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

It has been my pleasure to serve as your representative on the Brattleboro Union High School District #6 board for another year. It has been a busy year with construction, the mascot and a new dress code.

The new Trade & Industrial Center (TIC) is now complete and in use. It is truly a building that the district can be proud of. Plans are underway for a new class, Warehousing & Logistics, to begin in the fall. This class will provide students with what they need to know to enter a workforce now in demand in the area.

Construction and reconstruction of the high school building is continuing along with much moving of classes from one area to another. If you have a student at the school, I'm sure you will have heard of the "blue line" which shows people the way from one area to another and changes from time to time. Even with all the construction going on around them, administration, faculty, staff and the construction company are doing everything possible to ensure that all students get a quality education.

As most of you probably know, the decision was made last spring to discontinue the use of the image of the "Colonel" as the school mascot. At the present time we have no mascot image. However, from time to time various images come in for us to view in the hopes to have one adopted at some point in the future.

After much thoughtful discussion and many meetings on the subject, a new dress code was adopted late this fall. This is to be in effect at the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year. The dress code we had in place for many years was outdated and vague. In an attempt to bring it more in line with current thinking, we have adopted a much more detailed code. It may take some getting used to, but in the long run it should be a positive move for our students.

These are just some of the highlights of the past year at your high school. As always, if you have any questions please contact me at 254-1128 and I will do my best to get answers for you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Barton

**CHILD FIND NOTICE****For All Parents**

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

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

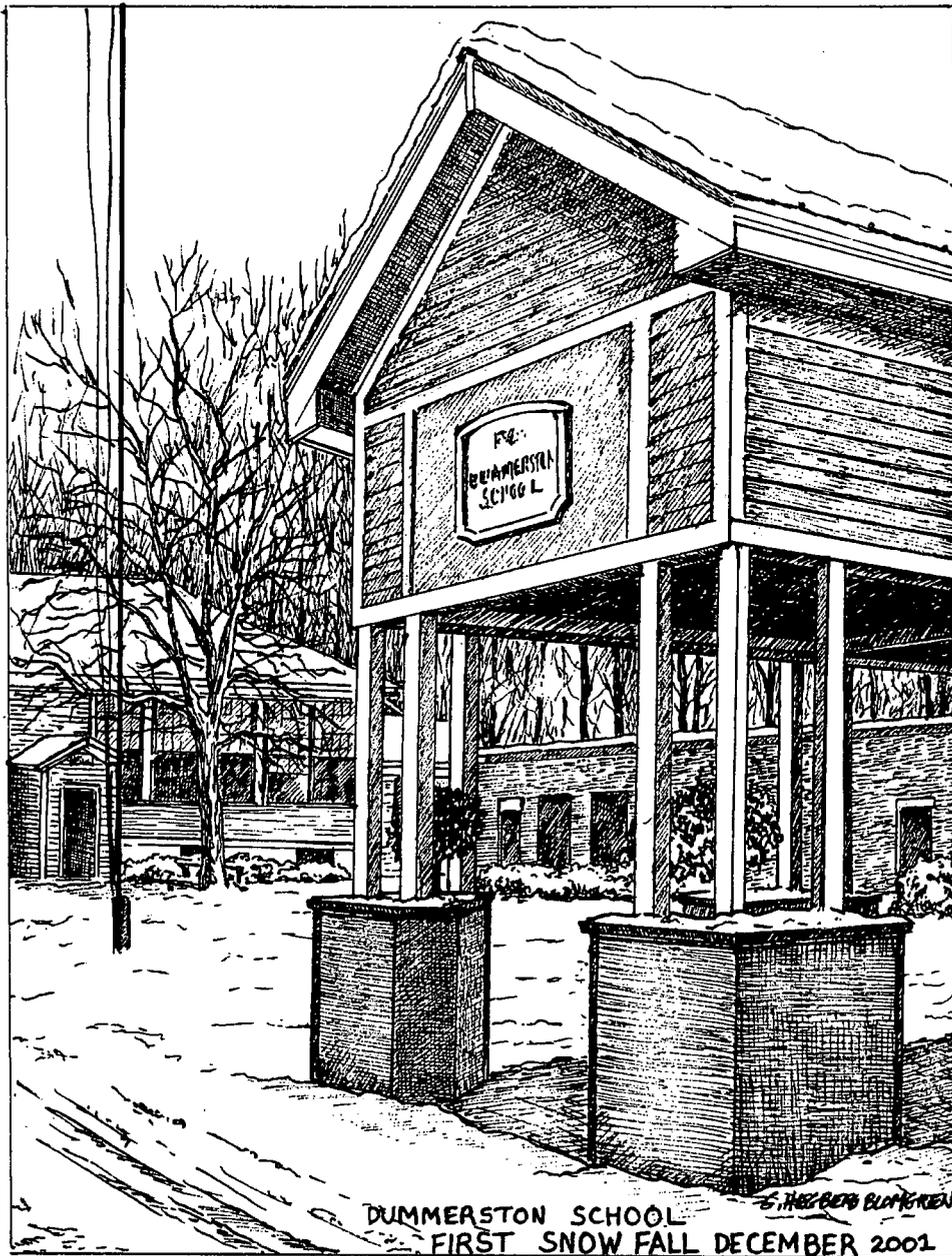
In addition, the WSESU needs to locate infants who may be disabled, between birth (0) and two (2) years eleven (11) months of age for evaluation and service under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

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

Superintendent of Schools      53 Green Street, Brattleboro  
254-3731, for further information

# Dummerston School

2003 - 2004



DUMMERSTON SCHOOL  
FIRST SNOW FALL DECEMBER 2001



JACOB BUTLER



MRS. MCCANNA



MRS. BUTTS



JARETH CHAMBERLIN

2003

# DUMMERSTON SCHOOL

MS. JO CAROL RATTI, PRINCIPAL  
MRS. MCCANNA - KINDERGARTEN A.M.

2004



BRIDGET DEWS



JOSHUA DOUCETTE



KRISTIN GODDARD



GAILLY MACKEY



KIARA LEWIS



ISABEL RENAUD



SKYLER ROSS



AISHA SCHOR



HOLLIE SHIPPEE



EMALIE WAINWRIGHT



GREGORY WOOD

*Wainwright*



JOANNA BROWN

2003

# DUMMERSTON SCHOOL

MS. JO CAROL RATTI, PRINCIPAL  
MRS. GOULD & MRS. RYAN - GRADE 1

2004



MAGDALENA BUETNER



ADDISON CLARK



NAYASHA CLARK



MACENZIE CRAHER



PYLEA CROSS



HARRISON CROSS



AMBREN CADOWSON



SHELBY GODDARD



RHODENE GREEN



NICHOLAS GRUBIGER



SKYIA HARVEY



CODY HELLING



ASHLEY LOOMAN



DANIELLE LOOMAN



ROSS LOMAIS



PILEY OWEN



LAURA ROLLINS



ALECIA SANTOR



CARLOS SHALLTEBERGER



CASSIDY STEBBINS



VICTORIA SVEC



COOPER TURNER-RENAUD



CAMERON WRIGHT

*Wainwright*



ELIZABETH ANNIS



MR. MOUSIN



MS. DAVIS



ZACHARY BOKUM

2003

# DUMMERSTON SCHOOL

MS. JO CAROL RATTI, PRINCIPAL  
MR. MOUSIN - GRADE 2

2004



AMBER CARPENTER



DYLAN CROSS



MADISON DOUCETTE



ALEXIS REDSON



CONNER ELLIOTT-KHAGGS



JAMES LUCY



ADAM MAHLEY



MATTHEW SPICER



LOGAN TURNER-RENAUD



DREW WOOD

*W. G. Smith*



JESSE BROWN



MRS. WILSON



MRS. CLEMENTS



MRS. WALIOR



ANTOINETTE BUTLER

2003

# DUMMERSTON SCHOOL

MS. JO CAROL RATTI, PRINCIPAL  
MRS. WILSON & MRS. CLEMENTS - GRADE 3

2004



DOUGLAS CEHLAR



MICHAEL GIOFF



MATTHEW DEEWS



ERIC FOSS



LYDIA GARLAND



THERESA GLABACH



KARA PIERGENTILI



HEATHER PRIVEE



HANNAH REICHEL



MADLYNN ROLLINS



LEAH SHORT



KAYLA WOOD

*W. G. Smith*



MORGAN  
BAKER



BRYCE  
DAVIDISH



MRS.  
SKRZYNIARZ



MRS.  
LOMANEY



BRADY  
DAPK



MAGDA  
BLAKESON



CRAG  
CARPENTER

2003

# DUMMERSTON SCHOOL

MS. JO CAROL RATTI, PRINCIPAL  
MRS. SKRZYNIARZ - GRADE 4

2004



CHRISTIAN  
CARR



JARED  
GRAY



SAHUEL  
GRUDZIGER



MARCUS  
HOLZY



DOMINIC  
ITALIK



NICHOLE  
KUZSBURZ



CODY  
MATHEW



BRYCE  
NICHOLS



COLM  
OWEN



SOREN  
PELL-WALSH



MICHELLE  
REFFI



HANNAH  
REYHOLOGS



SYDNEY  
SAITOR



ALEX  
SMECH



BRIANNA  
SNOW



ALEXIS  
TAHER



JAMES  
VVICI



JORDAN  
WRIGHT

*Wright*



KATY  
ANNIS



IAN  
BAKER



CHARLOTTE  
BROWN



MRS.  
WHITTAKER



JENNIFER  
BUTTS



AIMEE  
CELLAR



SHELBY  
DAVISLANE



TRAVIS  
ELLIOTT-KHAGGS

2003

# DUMMERSTON SCHOOL

MS. JO CAROL RATTI, PRINCIPAL  
MRS. WHITTAKER - GRADE 5

2004



TREVOR  
EMERY



TRACY  
EVANS



LANDIS  
FIELD



SARAH  
GNEI-WALSH



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GRUVER



ASHLEY  
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IAN  
MCBEAH



AMBRIA  
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MCMANEY



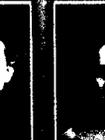
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MURPHY



MAX  
ORIASSE



SETH  
PLETCHER



ABEL  
SANCHEZ



MAUREEN  
SPICER



JOHN  
WALOR



CHASTITY  
WATERMAN



KEITH  
WOOD

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BJORN  
BLAKESON



EMILY  
BROWN



KIMBERLY  
BUTTS



MS  
DALY



KAYLA  
CEHLAR



DILLON  
CLOUGH



MADELHE  
CONLEY



STEPHANIE  
DEAN

2003

# DUMMERSTON SCHOOL

MS. JO CAROL RATTI, PRINCIPAL  
MS. DALY - GRADE 6

2004



DALE  
FORRISTER



CHELSEY  
GRAY



GAGE  
HALL



BENJAMIN  
JEROME LEE



JESSE  
JOHNS



NAOMI  
KRAMER



CORINNE  
MCFADEN



SAMANTHA  
NEWELL



CRISTINA  
PIERGENTILI



ANHA  
SHORT



CODY  
SPAULDING



HANNAH  
SVEC



KYLE  
TAKEI



SIERRA  
WARD



RACHAEL  
WARRINER

*John P. ...*



CODY  
BALWI



DRUHO  
BALES



EMILY  
BOURNE



MS  
BROWN



ROBERT  
BROWN



REBECCA  
CHAPMAN



JAMIE  
DENYOU



LANDEN  
ELLIOTT-HAGGS

2003

# DUMMERSTON SCHOOL

MS. JO CAROL RATTI, PRINCIPAL  
MS. BROWN - GRADE 7

2004



CODY  
EMERY



QUINN  
FIELD



RYAN  
GILLOOLY



ANDREA  
GIVEN VAN  
EEUWEN



CHLOE  
BEAULIEU



ABIGAIL  
EPSTEIN



AJAY  
LUCKEY



JENNIFER  
MAYER



MELANE  
MURPHY



SHALIN  
O'CONNOR



KYRA  
PELZ-WALSH



DAVID  
REFTI



DANIEL  
RENAUD



ERIC  
RUSSELL



TRAVIS  
SPRAGUE



DOUGLAS  
SYLVESTER



BRITTANY  
TYLER



MARIAH  
WARD

*John P. ...*



BRIANA  
BARROWS



JOSHUA  
BRISTOL



MR.  
GLENNON



MS.  
HADDEH



MRS.  
IVES



CAMERON  
CARRER



JEREMIAH  
GIOFFI



ZACHARY  
GOODWELL

2003

# DUMMERSTON SCHOOL

MS. JO CAROL RATTI, PRINCIPAL  
MR. GLENNON - GRADE 8

2004



MR. AYLA  
CROSSMAN



KATHERINE  
DERBY



ANDREA  
DURANT



KYLE  
EVANS



JONATHAN  
GARLAND



CLAIRE  
GEDRON



KRISTEN  
GROVER



JAMES  
HADDEH



JAKE  
HOAK



SHEINA  
HOTSIJA



THOMAS  
HOLIDAY



ANDREW  
KILD



ORNI  
KHAPP



TESSE  
KNOWLES-THOMPSON



JOSHUA  
KRAMER



MAPTI  
MCBEAN



WILLIAM  
MILLER



AISHA  
BOHANEY



JUSTIN  
PLETCHER



ALYSSA  
ROLLINS



DELIZA  
SANCHEZ



CAMERON  
SPAULDING



COLPI  
STOCKWELL



BENJAMIN  
WOOD



EMILY  
YURKEVICH

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## VITAL STATISTICS 2004

### Marriages

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Residence</u>
January 19	Dummerston	Anthony Ananins Beverly J. Allen	Dummerston Carlsbad NM
February 5	Putney	Samuel Logan Griffis Nancy Ann Burgess	Dummerston Dummerston
February 29	Dummerston	Edward Mary Rose Anthes Mary Ellen Copeland	Dummerston Dummerston
July 23	Brattleboro	Don Benjamin Wruck Leah Rejeanne McBreairty	Middleburg FL Dummerston
July 24	So. Londonderry	James Robert Ballen Anne Niesley Black	Dummerston Dummerston
July 31	Whitingham	Dennis Nelson Moore Jr Crystal Marie Ingraham	Dummerston Dummerston
August 7	Putney	Wesley Kent Layton Jill Aileen Donohue	Dummerston Dummerston
August 22	Dummerston	George Luther Houghton Emilia P. Schauer	Dummerston Holyoke MA
August 29	Wilmington	John Leonard Quinn Ana Nolasco Williams	Dummerston Dummerston
September 17	Putney	Brian Donald McBreairty Erica Lyn Chivers	Dummerston N Springfield
October 23	Putney	Joshua Augustus Blomgren Kristen Maxine Clark	Dummerston Hinsdale NH
December 17	Dummerston	Gary Everton Gordon Mary Elizabeth Witkowsky	Stamford CT Milford CT
December 29	Dummerston	Joseph Kenneth Robert Coutu Jr Wanda Anne Ouimette	Dummerston Dummerston

### Civil Unions

August 21	Dummerston	Stephen Thomas Grede Robert Griffith Bailey Jr	Tucson AZ Tucson AZ
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**Deaths Filed**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Jane Gertrude Barnett	F	79	January 1	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Joan Blanche Sorton	F	73	January 13	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Laurence E. Anderson	M	87	January 20	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Mary Ann Worden	F	83	January 27	Vernon	Dummerston
Richard Barry Munzing	M	54	March 16	Dummerston	Dummerston
Elsie K. Detjen	F	94	May 8	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Leon W. Chamberlin Sr	M	61	May 9	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Katherine Mable Brown	F	89	June 21	Dummerston	Dummerston
Robert P. Burnham	M	57	August 23	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Georgia-Lee V. Agallianos	F	71	September 17	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Rosemary P. Lewis	F	84	November 15	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Brian Theodore Davis	M	48	November 27	Springfield	Dummerston
Laura Sears Davis	F	33	November 27	Westminster	Dummerston
Bernice F. Anderson	F	89	December 8	Townshend	Dummerston

**Births Filed**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Lucia Cecile Farnum	F	January 22	Amelia Perretta Farnum Chad Walter Farnum
Stephen James Sargent	M	February 14	Jennifer Ruth Sargent Stephen James Sargent
Morganna Patrice Miller	F	February 19	Tasha Marie Miller
Aidan Michael Stockwell	M	March 13	Carissa June Stockwell
Olivia Katherine Lafayette	F	March 14	Elisa Danielle Lafayette
Riley Elizabeth Evans	F	May 18	Sarah Elizabeth Evans Christopher Andrew Evans
Caden Riley Powers	M	June 9	Dionne Elise Bowen Morgan Evan Powers
Patrick Joseph Lackey	M	July 5	Amy Michelle Lackey Joshua David Lackey
Miya Grace Hazlett-Waterman	F	August 11	Denise Lynn Waterman Jacob William Hazlett
Clara Quinn Zacchini	F	August 21	Rachel Adelle Glickmann Henry Francis Zacchini II
Maxwell Elliot Gordon	M	October 13	Mary Elizabeth Witkowsky Gary Everton Gordon
Tristan Anthony Evans	M	December 20	Melissa Carey Gullotti Evans Jason Michael Evans

**MINUTES OF TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETINGS**

March 2, 2004

The legal voters of the Town of Dummerston met as warned at the Dummerston School on March 2, 2004. Moderator Charles Fish called the meeting to order at 10 AM and declared the polls open for voting by Australian Ballot on Articles 1 of the Town warning and the Town School District warning. The Moderator led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and reviewed the rules of procedure.

**TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect all necessary Town and School District officers for the ensuing year. (See elected officials page.)
- ARTICLE 2:** Voted to accept the Auditor's Report of the Town School District.
- ARTICLE 3:** Voted to authorize its School Board to accept and expend categorical grants and aid received from the State of Vermont and the U.S. Government.
- ARTICLE 4:** Voted to pay the Town School District Officers and Directors salaries in the amount of \$500 each for a total of \$2,500.
- ARTICLE 5:** Voted to exempt the district from the requirements of 16 VSA Sec. 1264, that it operate a school breakfast program for the 2004-2005 school year.
- ARTICLE 6:** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$51,700 and appropriate such sum to the "Dummerston Town School District Capital Plan Fund."
- ARTICLE 7:** Voted to expend the sum of \$34,000 from the "Dummerston Town School District Capital Plan Fund." These funds will be expended for painting (\$2,500), exterior siding (\$2,500), doors (\$4,000), technology and computer hardware (\$10,000), floors (\$8,000), and water system improvements (\$7,000).
- ARTICLE 8:** Voted to appropriate a sum of money to defray its expenses and liabilities for the period of July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2005 in the sum of \$2,780,839.
- ARTICLE 9:** To transact any other business that may legally come before said Town School District Meeting.

Bill Conley read a proclamation addressed to Richard McFadden from the WSESU in recognition and appreciation of his four years of service as school director.

School meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

**TOWN MEETING**

- ARTICLE 1:** Elected all necessary Town Officers for the following positions required by law to be elected at the annual meeting. (See elected officials page.)
- ARTICLE 2:** Voted to accept the Auditor's report of the Town Accounts.
- ARTICLE 3:** Voted to authorize its Selectboard to appoint a receiver of current and delinquent taxes.

**ARTICLE 4:** Voted to raise taxes in the amount of \$100,000 to be added to the Capital Fund for future Capital needs.

**ARTICLE 5:** Voted to authorize Capital Expenditures in the amount of \$115,000 from the Capital Budget Plan for FY 04-05 for a front end loader.

**ARTICLE 6:** Voted to appropriate a sum of money to defray its expenses and liabilities for the period of July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 in the sum of \$747,981.

**ARTICLE 7:** Voted to grant tax exempt status to the Dummerston Center Grange for a period of one year.

**ARTICLE 8:** Voted to grant tax exempt status to Green Mountain Camp for a period of one year.

**ARTICLE 9:** Voted to advise the Selectboard, the Governor and our State Legislators of the following: "Whereas the rising cost of health insurance is placing an increasingly unupportable burden on town and school budgets, the voters of the Town of Dummerston call upon the Selectboard, the Governor and our State Legislators to support and actively work for the creation of a UNIVERSAL AND COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE SYSTEM which is publicly financed and accountable to the citizens of Vermont, and which will reduce costs by eliminating most current administrative expenses?"

**ARTICLE 10:** To transact any other business that may legally come before said Town Meeting.

Paul Normandeau thanked all volunteers, employees and firemen, stating that the town depends on volunteers, making a wonderful community in which to live.

The Town Meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Recorded by:

Approved by: /s/ Charles Fish Moderator

/s/ Janice C. Duke  
Town Clerk

/s/ Paul Normandeau Selectperson

/s/ William Conley School Director

## TOWN OF DUMMERSTON

### Warning for Town Meeting

March 1, 2005

The legal voters of the Town of Dummerston are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Dummerston School in said Town on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at 10:00 AM to transact the following business of the Town. (Voting on Article 1 will be by Australian Ballot.) The polls will be open from 10:00AM to 7:00PM.

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect all necessary Town Officers for the following positions required by Law to be elected at the annual meeting (by Australian Ballot).

Moderator	1 year term
Town Clerk	1 year term
Town Treasurer	1 year term
Selectperson	3 year term
Selectperson	2 year term
Lister	3 year term
Auditor	3 year term
Town Agent	1 year term
Town Grand Juror	1 year term
Trustee of Cemetery Funds	1 year term
Library Trustee	5 year term
Library Trustee	3 years remaining of a 5 year term

**ARTICLE 2:** To act on the auditor's report of the Town Accounts.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Selectboard to appoint a receiver of current and delinquent taxes.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise taxes in the amount of \$100,000 to be added to the Capital Fund for future Capital needs.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize Capital Expenditures in the amount of \$93,500 from the Capital Budget Plan for FY05–06 for a dump truck and plow.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to defray its expenses and liabilities for the period of July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, and if so, in what amount.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will grant tax exempt status to the Dummerston Center Grange for a period of one year.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will grant tax exempt status to Green Mountain Camp for a period of one year.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will grant tax exempt status to the West Dummerston Volunteer Fire Department for a period of five years.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town of Dummerston will vote to appropriate \$300.00 for Brattleboro Senior Meals, which provides Meals-on-Wheels in Dummerston and weekday hot meals to area residents at the Brattleboro Senior Center. (By petition.)

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the voters of the Town of Dummerston will vote to approve the following resolution concerning the war in Iraq and the deployment of members of the Vermont National Guard in that war, and then send a copy of the resolution to Vermont's state and federal office-holders? (By petition.)

Summary of the Iraq War Resolution Petition

- The war in Iraq was advanced and the Joint Congressional Resolution authorizing U.S. action in Iraq was adopted on the basis of erroneous factual claims. Saddam Hussein had no weapons of mass destruction and was never shown to have a connection to the 9/11 attacks.
- The costs of deploying Vermont National Guard members in Iraq has been substantial, reckoned in deaths, injuries, and personal trauma, as well as dislocation and financial hardship to businesses and communities.
- We call on the Congressional Delegation to work to restore a proper balance between the powers of the States and the power of the federal government over state National Guard units.
- We call on the Legislature to investigate and discuss the role of Vermont in the governance of its National Guard, as the Vermont Constitution authorizes it to do, and to set up a commission to study how Guard deployments affect the readiness here in Vermont.
- We call on the president to take steps to withdraw American troops from Iraq, as peacekeepers of other nations willing to able to serve in such a role complete the mandate of international humanitarian law and return the governance of Iraq to its duly chosen and recognized government.

(A copy of the full resolution can be viewed at <http://iraqresolution.org/> or at the Town Clerk's office.)

**ARTIVLE 12:** To transact any other business that may legally come before said Town Meeting.

Dated at Dummerston, this 20th day of January, 2005.

Paul E. Normandeau, Chairman  
Sylvio L. Forrett, Vice-Chairman  
Lester L. Dunklee, Clerk  
Cynthia D. Jerome  
Jack W. Manix  
*Dummerston Selectboard*

**Warning for Dummerston Town School District**

March 1, 2005

The legal voters of the Town of Dummerston School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Dummerston School in said Town on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following business of the Town School District. (Voting on Article 1 will be by Australian Ballot.) The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect all necessary Town School District officers for the ensuing year: School District Moderator for 1 one year term; School Director for three year term; two School Directors for one year terms. (By Australian Ballot.)
- ARTICLE 2:** To act on the Auditor's Report of the Town School District.
- ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town School District will authorize its School Board to accept and expend categorical grants and aid received from the State of Vermont and the U.S. Government.
- ARTICLE 4:** To see what salaries the Town School District will vote to pay its Officers and Directors.
- ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,700 and appropriate such sum to the "Dummerston Town School District Capital Plan Fund."
- ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town School District will vote to expend the sum of \$48,500 from the "Dummerston Town School District Capital Plan Fund." These funds will be expended for painting (\$2,000), gym HVAC unit (\$8,000), flooring (\$4,000), drywell improvements (\$8,000), technology (\$10,000) and roof repairs (\$16,500).
- ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town School District will authorize the Board of School Directors to apply for a loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 (3% or less interest rate) for water system improvements [VSA 24 § 4755 (a)(4) – projects of less than \$75,000].
- ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town School District will vote to appropriate a sum of money to defray its expenses and liabilities for the period of July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006, and if so, in what amount. If adopted, the portion of this total sum to be raised by taxes to be only that portion not received from revenues from other sources.
- ARTICLE 9:** To transact any other business that may legally come before said Town School District Meeting.

William Conley, Chairman  
Roger Aquadro, Vice-Chairman  
Daniel Brown, Clerk  
Charlotte Neer Annis  
Amy Dews  
*Dummerston Town School Board*

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