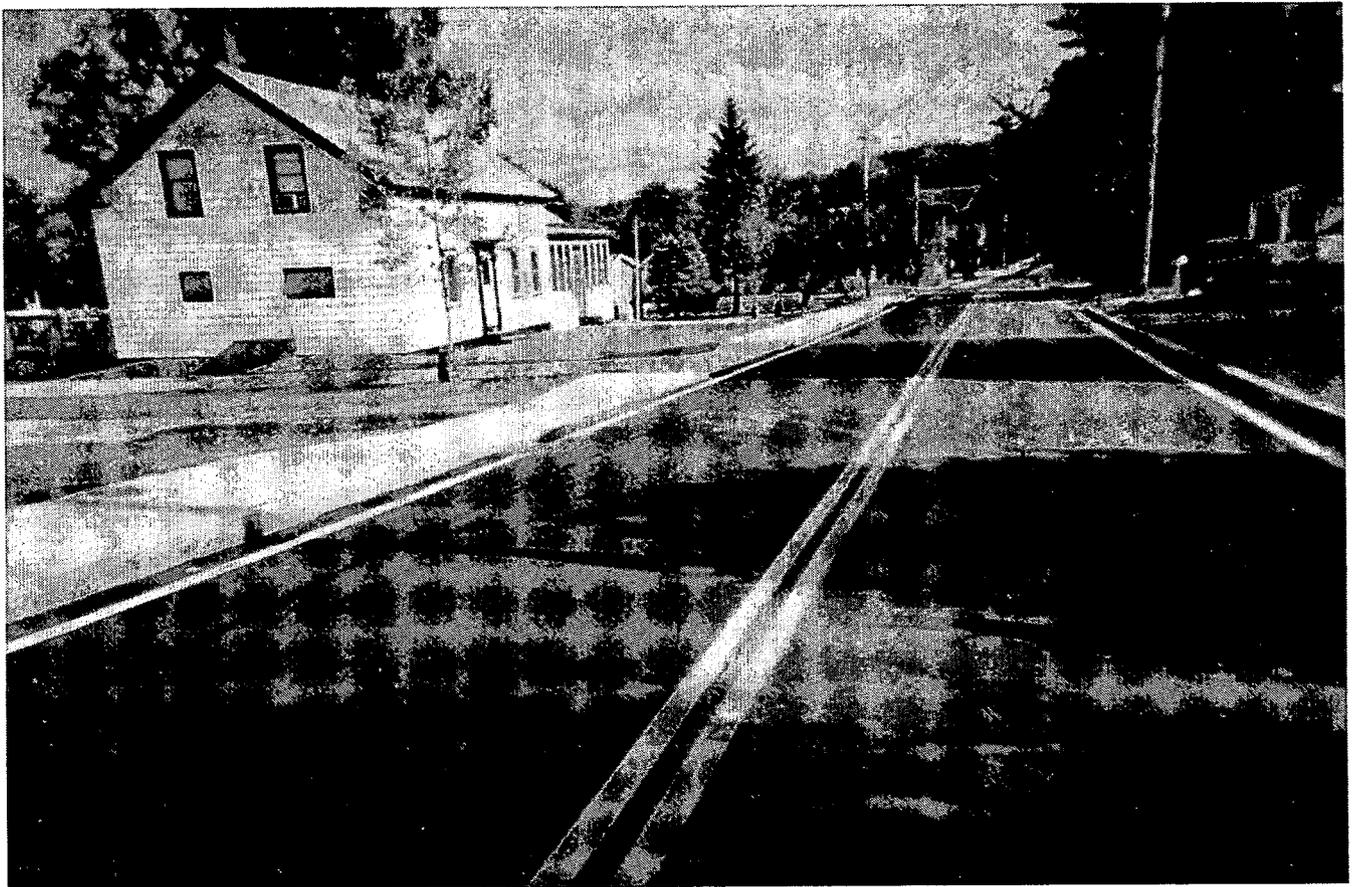


Town of Franklin, Vermont

and the

Franklin School District



2004 Annual Report

For the
Town Year Ending December 31, 2004
School Year Ending June 30, 2004

Cover photo caption:

The people of Franklin received their long awaited sidewalks this last summer. People were seen walking, jogging, rollerblading and just enjoying their new sidewalks. Wrights Excavating Inc. is to be commended for the esthetics, trees that were added, landscaping, curbs, etc. It is a pleasure to look at as well as being very functional.

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AUDITORS' ANNUAL REPORT

for the

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VERMONT

For the Year Ending
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WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Franklin and the School District are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Franklin Central School on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at ten o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business:

1. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To elect a treasurer for a three-year term.
3. To receive and act upon the reports of the several town officers.
4. To see if the town will vote the following items(each voted separately):
 - A. ARC of Northwestern Vermont - \$600
 - B. Club Respite - \$100
 - C. Franklin County Senior Center - \$1,500
 - D. Franklin County Court Diversion - \$345
 - E. Green Up Vermont - \$100
 - F. Northern Vermont Resource Conservation - \$75
 - G. Northwestern Counseling - \$1,600
 - H. Samaritan House – Donation
 - I. St. Albans Amateur Radio Club - \$500
 - J. Vermont Adult Learning - \$300
 - K. Vermont Association of the Blind - \$100
5. To see if the legal voters will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$80,000 for the purchase of 20 +/- acres of land located northerly of the Franklin Town Garage to be utilized for the benefit of the Town of Franklin as the selectboard deems appropriate.
6. To see if the legal voters will approve a sum not to exceed \$10,000 to be used in conjunction with grants for a design plan for erosion control and prevention along the Dewing Shore Road.
7. To see if the voters will vote an adequate sum of money to meet current expenses, deficit, and debt payment of the town as indicated in the proposed municipal budget.
8. To elect the following town officers:
 - A. One selectboard member for a term of three years. (by ballot)
 - B. One selectboard member for a term of two years. (by ballot)
 - C. One lister for a term of three years. (by ballot)
 - D. One auditor for a term of three years. (by ballot)
 - E. A trustee of public money.
 - F. A trustee of the Haston Library Fund.
 - G. One Haston Library trustee for a term of two years.
 - H. Two Haston Library trustees for terms of three years.
 - I. A collector of delinquent taxes for a term of one year.
 - J. A constable for a term of one year.
 - K. A town agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the town is interested.
 - L. One or more grand jurors.
 - M. One representative to serve on the Franklin Homestead, Inc. board of directors for a term of three years.

RECESS REGULAR TOWN MEETING AND ENTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

9. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.
10. To act upon the reports of the school directors.
11. Will the voters of the Franklin Town School District appropriate \$1,277,839 necessary for the support of the Franklin Elementary School for the school year beginning July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006?
12. Will the voters of the Franklin Town School District appropriate an amount up to \$65,000 less any applicable grants and state aid, for the purpose of replacing doors and windows and completing necessary repairs at the elementary school?
13. To elect one school director for the term of three (3) years.
14. Will the voters of the Franklin Town School District authorize the school directors to borrow money to pay the current expenditures in anticipation of taxes and to sign notes for that purpose?
15. To transact any other business legally authorized to be transacted, considered appropriate and necessary when met.

RECESS TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND ENTER REGULAR TOWN MEETING

16. To see if the town will authorize the selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the needs of the town.
17. To elect a person, or persons to act as cemetery commissioner(s) to care for the cemeteries in town where there is no one responsible to act in such a capacity.
18. To see if the voters will set the date of payment of property taxes paid to the treasurer, to be October 17, 2005 before 4:00 p.m.
19. To see if the town will vote to publish the names of all delinquent property taxpayers and amounts due and owed the town as of December 31, 2005.
20. To elect any town officers to fill any town office which may be vacant at this time.
21. To transact any other non-binding business thought proper when met.

Peter Kittell
Wayne Fiske
Pauline W. Gadbois
Kimberly Gates Maynard
Scott Choiniere
Franklin Selectboard

Jonathan Gates
Timothy Magnant
Erik Whittaker
Franklin School Directors

Read for record on January 20, 2005 at the Franklin Town Clerk's Office and is duly recorded.

ATTEST: Susan E. Clark, Town Clerk

PLEASE NOTE: Special accommodations will be made for all handicapped persons requesting an accommodation at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting. Please call 285-2101 for more information.

***** ABSTRACT OF MARCH 2, 2004 TOWN MEETING *****

Moderator, Hugh Gates, called the Town Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Gates read the opening statement of the Warning. Pastor, Jason McConnell gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Marilyn Hackett voiced her objection to prayer at a government meeting. The challenge of Ms. Hackett was denied by voice vote of the audience. The Town Clerk declared the polls open for the Australian Balloting of the Missisquoi Valley Union High School #7 budget and school directors as well as the Presidential Primary.

ARTICLE 1
ARTICLE 2
ARTICLE 3
ARTICLE 4

- Elected Hugh Gates as moderator for the ensuing year.
Elected Susan Clark town clerk for a three-year term.
Accepted the reports of the town officers.
Voted the following items:
- A. ARC of Northwestern Vermont - \$0
 - B. Club Respite - \$0
 - C. Franklin County Senior Center - \$1,000
 - D. Franklin County Court Diversion - \$0
 - E. Franklin County Humane Society - \$0
 - F. Green Up Vermont - \$0
 - G. MVU Substance Free Party - \$100
 - H. Northern Vermont Resource Conservation - \$50
 - I. Samaritan House - \$200
 - J. Vermont Association of the Blind - \$100

ARTICLE 5
ARTICLE 6
ARTICLE 7

- Approved \$57,000 for ROW fund over three years.
Approved \$504,411 for a municipal budget
Elected the following town officers:
- A. Kimberly Gates Maynard selectperson for three-year term.
 - B. Scott Choiniere selectperson for two-year term.
 - C. Gilbert Dewing lister for three-year term.
 - D. Christine Vaillancourt auditor for three-year term.
 - E. Betty Hubbard auditor for two-year term.
 - F. Thomas Magnant trustee of public money for one year.
 - G. Gerald Gates trustee of Haston Library Fund for one year.
 - H. Angela Clark & Jennifer Ploof Haston Library Trustees for 3 years.
 - I. Johanna Crane-Godin delinquent tax collector for one year.
 - J. Burt Maynard constable for one year.
 - K. Howard Gates town agent for one year.
 - L. George Godin, Andrè Blouin, and Richard Fitzgerald grand jurors for one year.
 - M. Imogene Rainville Franklin Homestead Board of Directors for three years.

RECESS REGULAR TOWN MEETING AND ENTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

ARTICLE 8
ARTICLE 9
ARTICLE 10
ARTICLE 11
ARTICLE 12
ARTICLE 13

- Elected Hugh Gates as moderator for the ensuing year.
Accepted reports of school directors.
Appropriated \$1,196,262 for the FY 2004-2005 school budget.
Elected Erik Whittaker school director for a three-year term.
Authorized school directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
No other business transacted.

RECESS TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND ENTER REGULAR TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 14
ARTICLE 15

ARTICLE 16

- Authorized the selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
Elected Howard Vansette and Patty Jo Lothian cemetery commissioners for one year.
Authorized the payment of taxes to be paid on October 15, 2004 before 4:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 17

Voted to publish names of delinquent property taxpayers as of December 31, 2004.

ARTICLE 18

No vacant offices to be filled.

ARTICLE 19

Non-binding business: Approved library reports on pages 16, 17, and 18. Births, deaths, and marriages questioned again. Peter thanked Richard Boudreau for seven years of service on the selectboard. Rebecca Raynak thanked Christine Vaillancourt for her three years of excellent service to the MVU board.

Adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator	Hugh H. Gates
Town Clerk	Susan E. Clark
Town Treasurer	Lisa Larivee

SELECTBOARD

Pauline W. Gadbois	Term Expires 2005
Wayne Fiske	Term Expires 2005
Peter Kittell	Term Expires 2006
Scott Choiniere	Term Expires 2006
Kimberly Gates Maynard	Term Expires 2007

LISTERS

Jean M. Richard	Term Expires 2005
Robert Irish	Term Expires 2006
Gilbert Dewing	Term Expires 2007

FRANKLIN SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Timothy Magnant	Term Expires 2005
Jonathan Gates	Term Expires 2006
Erik Whittaker	Term Expires 2007

MISSISQUOI VALLEY UNION #7 DIRECTORS

Robin Blouin	Term Expires 2005
Gerald Gates	Term Expires 2006
Cindy Metayer	Term Expires 2007

AUDITORS

Betty Hubbard	Term Expires 2005
Nancy Magnant	Term Expires 2006
Christine Vaillancourt	Term Expires 2007

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC MONEY

Thomas Magnant..... Term Expires 2005

TRUSTEE OF HASTON LIBRARY FUND

Gerald Gates Term Expires 2005

TOWN AGENT

Howard Gates..... Term Expires 2005

TOWN GRAND JURORS

George Godin Term Expires 2005

Andrè Blouin Term Expires 2005

Richard Fitzgerald..... Term Expires 2005

CONSTABLE

Burt Maynard Term Expires 2005

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

Johanna Crane-Godin Term Expires 2005

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Patty Jo Lothian Term Expires 2005

Howard Vansette Term Expires 2005

HASTON LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Angela Clark..... Refused Term

Elsa Rood Appointed until 2005

Gerald Gates Term Expires 2005

Annette Vachon Term Expires 2005

Alyson Racine..... Term Expires 2006

Nini Worman..... Term Expires 2006

Jennifer Ploof..... Term Expires 2007

Eva Fiske Member at Large

FRANKLIN HOMESTEAD, INC.

Elizabeth Rainville Term Expires 2005
Martha Jane Olmstead Term Expires 2006
Imogene Rainville Term Expires 2007

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Philip N. Bouchard
Dorothy P. Lothian
Thomas Magnant
Gilbert Dewing
Kimberly Gates Maynard

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

PLANNING COMMISSION - 4 Year Term

John Giroux Term Expires 2005
Kevin Thayer Term Expires 2005
Richard Gadbois Term Expires 2006
Jennifer Bright Term Expires 2007
Clark Hubbard Term Expires 2007
David Lucey Term Expires 2007
Jay Denault Term Expires 2008
Douglas Clark Term Expires 2008
William Mayo Term Expires 2008

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 3 Year Term

Carolyn Kittell Term Expires 2005
Adrian Rainville Term Expires 2005
Bruce Maitland Term Expires 2006
John Cote Term Expires 2006
Barbara Varin Term Expires 2007
Larry Kempton Term Expires 2007
Chris Wagner Term Expires 2007

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Robert Irish Term Expires 2005

OTHER OFFICERS

Town Service Officer.....	Cindy Samuelson
Health Officer	Rosemarie Haskins
Road Commissioner	Wayne Fiske
Road Foreman.....	Howard Vansette
Fence Viewers.....	Douglas Clark
.....	Dennis Demar
.....	Adrian Rainville
Animal Control Officer	David Clark
Tree & Fire Warden	Burt Maynard
Keeper of Street Lights.....	Burt Maynard
Keeper of Town Clock	Cliff Bullis
Town Energy Coordinator.....	Bruce Maitland
Emergency Management Coordinator.....	Tim Sargeant
Inspector of Wood Shingles	Richard Boudreau
Weigher of Coal.....	Scott Choiniere
Regional Planning	Douglas Clark
.....	David Lucey
E911 Coordinator	Tim Sargeant
.....	Pauline Gadbois

AUDITORS' REPORT

We the undersigned and duly elected auditors of the Town of Franklin, respectfully report that we have reviewed and approved, in accordance with the Vermont State Statutes, the accounts relating to the town, and these findings are shown in the reports herein.

The school accounts are audited by certified public accountants, Angolano & Company. This town report includes part of their report and figures taken from their report. The complete report from Angolano's is available for review at the Town Clerk's office. For purpose of division of duties, the auditors balance the school checkbooks monthly.

We are pleased to report that the 2003 Franklin Town Report received an excellent rating by the James P. Taylor Memorial Town Report Contest.

The cooperation of all who submitted reports at an early date is appreciated as is the assistance of the town clerk and treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Hubbard
Nancy Magnant
Chris Vaillancourt

SELECTBOARD'S REPORT

The first phase of the Town Highway #3 project was completed in August, well ahead of schedule. Wright's Excavating, Inc., one of Franklin's own, was the successful bidder and they did an outstanding job; in fact, there were no negative comments at the final site visit and the project manager noted this is very unusual. In December we received the final plans for the second phase which is scheduled to go out to bid in May with construction to commence in July. The project is scheduled for completion next year. Right of way negotiations are underway in Highgate and will begin soon in Franklin with assistance from members of this board. As you may be aware, there have been several changes at the AOT since November and although we're advised this project remains their #1 priority, we believe a call to our local representative(s) and Representative Winters (who sits on the Transportation Committee) might ensure it remains their #1 priority. As per our agreement, we will make the first installment payment of \$71,667 in November. We appreciate your patience with the work that was done last summer and look forward to the completion of this long awaited project.

Hopefully everyone had an opportunity to take a leisurely stroll over the new sidewalk at the Town Hall. Brian Sartwell, again one of Franklin's own, did an outstanding job and we were especially pleased with his attention to detail as seen in the way he joined this new section with the old sidewalk which runs parallel to Main Street. This project, which was primarily funded with a grant, also included the installation of ice guards on the northerly side of the building. In addition to the work accomplished with this grant, we added about 10" of insulation and replaced the furnace. Although the restoration of the curtain has not yet begun, you will note that matching funds appropriated last year are being held in reserve and we are hopeful that restoration will commence this year. We plan to explore the possibility of other grants to help supplement further restoration efforts. This board is committed to the preservation and maintenance of town properties which will allow these beautiful buildings to be utilized and appreciated for generations to come.

We've had several inquiries from residents regarding the use of the town's sand pile which is put up each year for use on our town roads. The policy adopted by this board allows each household to take up to a 5 gallon pail from our stockpile for their personal use. If greater amounts are needed, residents must have permission from a member of the board. Under no circumstances do we allow the commercial use of our sand. Sadly, we've seen a real misuse of this privilege. Further violations will necessitate this board taking measures to secure our stockpile and violators will be billed for removal of town property without permission. We urge everyone to abide by this policy so all may utilize this privilege extended to Franklin residents.

This summer we plan to do extensive work on that section of the Square Road which runs from Main Street to the school. We believe inadequate drainage is primarily responsible for the poor condition of this road each spring and have budgeted monies to correct this situation. Once the drainage work is completed, we intend to widen and pave this section and a strip to create a walk/bike path. We considered building a sidewalk but felt widening the road was a better and more economical solution. We believe this will provide a safer road for those children who walk to and from the school and will allow for more efficient maintenance during winter months.

Your board is currently reviewing grants available to help secure the shoreline along the Dewing shore which has eroded severely over the past few years. We're hopeful that through the combined efforts of the Town, the Franklin Watershed Committee, the Lake Carmi Camper's Association, the Corps of Engineers and the Agency of Natural Resources we can restore and save this shoreline. We will have more information available at Town Meeting. We also continue to utilize grant funds to supplement our weed harvesting efforts at Lake Carmi. This board is committed to the preservation of our lake.

The metal dumpster will again be available in May for all Franklin residents and depending on usage may remain here until September. We also plan to conduct two Household Hazardous Waste Days, one in the spring and one in the fall. Both the dumpster and the HHWD provide an opportunity to remove unwanted items/materials from your property and we encourage all Franklin residents to participate. The metal dumpster is provided to the town at no cost by Hodgdon Brothers of Swanton who would like to remind everyone to deposit only metal waste.

In conjunction with Green-Up Day in May, we plan to sweep the village streets and other intersections around town and will remove dirt and leaves raked or swept to the side of the village streets. Please bag your leaves. The highway crew will pick up these materials either on Green Up Day or the following Monday.

You will find an article in this year's Warning relative to the purchase of land located northerly of the Town Garage. The original parcel, owned by Richard Westcot, was subdivided in January with five acres to be conveyed directly to the Town; there is interest in another two acre parcel that may be sold prior to consideration of this article. Franklin Rescue will fund the purchase of the five acre parcel and the closing on this transaction should occur before Town Meeting. We believe the purchase of the remaining acreage, located squarely in the center of town, provides the Town endless opportunities for future uses of this parcel. Although this board has no immediate plans for the property, if this article is approved we do intend to conduct meetings in the near future affording residents an opportunity to share their visions for this land. Some ideas that have surfaced to date include a recycling center, relocation of the existing sand pile, an enclosed sand shed or perhaps simply keeping this as a green space to be enjoyed by all. This is a great spot for sledding and would be a perfect spot for a skating rink or tennis courts. The possibilities are many. If you have questions, please contact any member of this board. Handouts outlining the tax impact of this article will be available at Town Meeting.

At this writing, we are experiencing our first ice storm of 2005. Our highway crew is out at this hour maintaining our highways to ensure the safety of all Franklin residents. We'd like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to both Boy and Ron for all they do, we appreciate their efforts.

We'd like to invite everyone to visit our website which was established and maintained by Janet Norcross until October when her work schedule became more demanding. We've had much positive feedback from those who enjoy reading about our community on the website and we extend our sincere appreciation to Janet for her fine work. Our friends who join us during the summer months find this a perfect way to stay current with community affairs. Amie Choiniere now maintains the website and she can be reached at the email address posted on the site.

We'd also like to extend our sincere appreciation to Barb Varin who serves as our secretary and is the link between our minutes and the website. Barb sits quietly at our meetings utilizing her shorthand skills to the amazement of each member of this board. In addition to serving as secretary for our board, Barb is secretary of the Planning Commission, Rescue Squad and serves as a member of the ZBA. Barb and her husband Vern moved to Franklin in 2000 and we're fortunate they chose to settle in our community. Thanks again Barb.

Finally, we take this opportunity to thank the Franklin community for entrusting this board with the task of conducting its town affairs. We strive to ensure that each member of this community is provided fair and equal treatment but recognize that we can't always please everyone. We meet at the Franklin Central School Library at 7:00 p.m. the second Monday of each month and encourage anyone to attend. If you have a specific concern that you'd like this board to consider, please contact a member of the board or the town clerk to be placed on our agenda. Conducting our meetings with an agenda provides a structured forum and allows us to function in a more efficient manner.

We look forward to Town Meeting. We plan to conduct an informational meeting prior to Town Meeting with a time and date to be announced and encourage everyone to either attend this meeting or contact a board member if you have questions. We pledge to continue utilizing your tax dollars in the most efficient and productive manner possible for the betterment of our community. We hope to see you all at Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Kittell, Chair
Polly Gadbois
Wayne Fiske
Scott Choiniere
Kim Gates Maynard

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

2004 was easy on our sand pile. We had one-half of the pile left. In early spring, our road crew began stripping and screening gravel from Andy Rainville's pit in Berkshire. It was estimated that 13,500 yards for gravel were screened with 4,000 yards stock piled for this year's use. This gravel has a good compaction base, and the cost to rent equipment for this task was approximated to be about \$1.50 per yard.

Here is a summary of the projects completed in 2004:

Stanley Road: Paved from Route 236 to the Berkshire town line. A two-inch base and a one-inch top coat were placed costing \$161,228. We received a state grant toward this project in the amount of \$126,432.

Swamp Road: A shim top coat was placed from Route 120 to Route 236 except for a section near Dan Favreau's which was dug out because of heaving. Fabric and two feet of gravel were placed in this section and then it was paved. The total cost for this road was \$56,977.

Homestead Drive: Paved at a cost of \$3,361. This cost was shared with Franklin Telephone and the Homestead at \$1,120.62 each.

Town Garage: Paved in front of the garage to the intersection of Homestead Drive costing \$2,488.

Phase I of the Franklin/Highgate Road Project was completed this summer. Thank you to residents for their patience and cooperation with all the inconvenience that such a project entails. It is expected that Phase II will begin this year once the bids are completed.

On behalf of the selectboard, thank you for your past support in passing the highway budget. Thanks to our road crew, Boy and Ron, for their efforts. Any roadway concerns can be directed to Boy at the Town Garage or to Wayne at his home.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne A. Fiske, Road Commissioner

TOWN HEALTH OFFICER

During the year 2004 I became involved in two incidents of possible public health concerns due to questionable septic problems. One which was handled by the septic officer and the other incident handled and fixed by the landowner. I inspected and approved one site as a location for a burial plot. There were 2 reports of dog bites.

Once again a rabies bait drop occurred in August, 2004. This was the ninth year in a row that such a bait drop took place. The bait drop does not wipe out rabies so it remains essential to have your animals vaccinated.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemarie A. Haskins

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

2004 was a relatively uneventful year for the commission.

The regular meetings of the commission are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the dining room at the Franklin Homestead. Meetings begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. We try our best to end them no later than 9:00 p.m. The commission is especially indebted to the following groups for helping to facilitate the work of the commission. Northwest Regional Planning Commission and the Homestead Directors for allowing us to conduct our meetings in their facility and most importantly, to the selectboard and the people of Franklin for our budget which allows us to do our work.

We currently do not have a full slate of members and if you have an interest in serving on the commission give your name to any commission member.

In 2005 we have two big projects on our agenda: the revision of our zoning ordinance to bring it into line with a recently enacted legislative revision of Vermont's planning and development act and preparing a new town plan for the existing one which will expire in October. Perhaps there will be time left in 2005 to begin work on a capital budget which would be Franklin's first. The Agency of Commerce and Community Development awarded us a \$10,767 grant for use in rewriting the zoning bylaws.

We gained a new zoning administrator in the person of Robert Irish, a Franklin resident. He has regular weekly office hours at the town clerk's office.

We wish our fellow Franklinites a happy and prosperous 2005.

Respectfully submitted,
*Douglas Clark, Richard Gadbois, Jennifer Neville Bright, John Giroux,
Jay Denault, David Lucey, Clark Hubbard, Bill Mayo*

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The board rendered decisions on the following in 2004.

1. Variance from the lakeshore zoning district dimensions for a year-round residence – **Denied.**
2. Variance from rural residential/agriculture district setbacks resulting from a subdivision – **Approved.**
3. **Upheld** an appeal of a decision of the zoning administrative officer concerning a proposed camp.
4. Conditional use for a retail building – **Granted.**

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Maitland
Chairman

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The year 2004 was an average year in the zoning office. In September we switched zoning administrators from Darlene Marrier to Robert Irish. Thanks to Darlene for her hard work and dedication. New for 2004 the ZA will be posting pink signs at sites where permits have been approved, two weeks prior to the start of building. If you see these signs and have questions please drop by the Town Clerk's office and review the building permit.

During the year, 57 building/zoning permits were received for processing and 54 building permits were issued. Three were denied and referred to the zoning board of adjustment. There were eight Certificates of Compliance issued. One was referred to the planning commission for approval.

The permits processed in 2004 were for:

7 new dwellings	4 additions	3 porches
1 new mobile home	1 pool/deck	3 decks
7 camps	9 garages	6 sheds
4 agricultural exempt	1 barn	6 other

Also this year 22 Certificates of Occupancy were issued.

The Zoning Administrator is in the Town Clerk's Office on Monday mornings from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Anyone who has a zoning question at another time can leave a message at (802) 285-2179 and your call will be returned.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert B. Irish
Zoning Administrator

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

General maintenance and upkeep was performed at the Briggs, Prouty, Willard, and Marsh cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Jo Lothian
Howard Vanselette

NOTE: There are five old cemeteries in town that no longer have cemetery associations. They are the Marsh on the State Park Road, the Prouty at the intersection of the Gallup Road and Middle Road, the Willey on the Kendall Road, the Willard on the Messier Road, and the Briggs on Pidgeon Hill Road.



Photograph by Cindy Weed, Printed in St. Albans Messenger

Merriman Lothian spent most of his lifetime serving his native town. For 37 years he served as town road commissioner or foreman plowing and maintaining the roads, keeping them passable for all. He retired as road foreman in 1990. In 1997 Merriman and Lucille took up the challenge of becoming cemetery commissioners for the town. Lucille provided the inspiration and Merriman the labor. Together they undertook the daunting task of cleaning up the town's long neglected old cemeteries. They began with the Willard Cemetery on the Messier Road where there are about 80 graves. Heavy equipment was brought in and Merriman removed trees and brush, cleaned up old barbed wire, righted stones, had soil brought in and seeded the new grounds. He salvaged a fence from another cemetery and, with the help of other townspeople, fenced in the cemetery to complete the job.

Likewise, other cemeteries were reclaimed. The Marsh Cemetery on the State Park Road was reclaimed when Merriman and his son, Art, removed more than thirty trees from the small graveyard that contains about a dozen graves. The three-grave Briggs lot on the Pidgeon Hill Road was nearly beyond recall. The stones were shattered but Merriman managed to restore them by putting them in a rectangular frame and cementing them together. They now stand back at the Briggs Lot. The small Willey Cemetery on the Kendall Road was a special challenge, as it is not easily accessed. That was not enough reason to ignore it. The Lothians went in and removed the brush, leveled and seeded the ground, righted stones, and made a path to the tiny cemetery. For several summers they continued to maintain and improve the cemeteries.

Merriman died May 27, 2004. The town is, indeed, indebted to both Merriman and Lucille for their dedication in restoring our old cemeteries. Their pride and hard work to maintain the gravesites of earlier townspeople are a fine example for the rest of us to follow.

ENHANCED 911 / EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

2004 was a non-eventful year for 911 in the town of Franklin. Cell phone providers are still bringing their systems into compliance with the state/federal regulations, so no matter what type of phone you are making an E911 call from there will be a locatable address available. Many residents are now using their location addresses and have found them to be useful to both delivery personnel and visitors. The fire department and ambulance service request that you please mark your residence with your address as required by the towns addressing ordinance. We still have a number of residences/camps that are not in compliance with the addressing ordinance.

We still have the recurring problem of damage and disappearance of street signs throughout the town. We ask that if you know where they might be that you please return them to the town garage (where no questions will be asked) to be placed back where they belong. We would further ask that if you notice a sign missing that you report it. To replace an entire unit (pole, sign and hardware) is over \$150.

For those residents who will be building structures that will require an Enhanced 911 address we now require that you have a completed selectboard / state approved driveway permit prior to an address being given. This is for both town and state roads.

We have developed a Town Emergency Plan and continue to update it so that the plan meets the standards set forth by HSU/FEMA and the State Emergency Management Office. With the cooperation and assistance of the regional planning office, we continue to upgrade the Town Emergency Plan to better fit into the current state of the nation/world following the events of September 11, 2001.

We have worked with our local emergency service providers in supporting their applications for federal grant money. With this funding they have been able to upgrade communication equipment, generate emergency power for the Emergency Operation Center and purchase specialized support equipment that will provide for a safer Franklin.

It is hoped that, in the future, federal or state funding will become available so that we will be able to bring other town facilities up to EOC and/or shelter status. With the emergency generator at the town school we have at least one facility available during an emergency. With the impending installation of a federal funded generator at the fire and rescue station our town EOC will also be self-sustainable if disaster strikes.

If you would like any more information on E911/Emergency Management or would like to see the current maps please contact either me or the town clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy Sargeant

HASTON LIBRARY REPORT

This past year has been an incredibly busy year for all of us at the Haston Library. We are a very fortunate town to have such an amazing library working for our community. A huge thank you goes to library director Brenda Stanley, library assistant Melissa McKinstry, and our many substitutes and volunteers. This past year would not have been the great success it was without your hard work and amazing dedication.

The Haston Library offered a huge number of programs this past year for all ages. We continue to offer our weekly story hours for preschoolers and our summer reading programs for kids of all ages. This past summer had a magic show performed by Tom Joyce, The Backpack Theater, Jeban Trio, the Traveling Storyteller and much more. We had weekly guessing games, free books and lots of door prize giveaways. It was an incredibly busy summer.

We have also started some "new" regular programs. Mrs. Stanley began a weekly book club for grades 1 through 3 in the fall of 2004. It was a huge success. The kids read a different book for each week, met at the library and discussed the book, played games, made crafts, sang songs, ate a snack and had loads of fun, all associated with the book of the week. Mrs. Stanley will be offering the book club again in the spring of 2005 and we hope to offer another book club for older students. A knitting class was offered in the winter of 2004 by Kathy Giroux for four weeks. We had an incredible turn-out and Kathy graciously agreed to extend it to a fifth week. At the end of the class, the attendees decided to continue with a monthly knitting group (we are still looking for a name!) for beginners to advanced knitters. The knitting group meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month and new members are always welcome.

The Haston Library sponsored workshops by three talented Vermont authors in 2004. Archer Mayor is the author of a series of novels based on the life of detective Joe Gunther. Mr. Mayor spent an afternoon with us at the Felco Room in September entertaining us with his personal stories and readings for his latest novel, The Surrogate Thief. Mr. Mayor donated an incredible gift to our raffle. Marianne Kotch won the raffle and will have her name used in his next novel. The Haston Library also sponsored a program with MVU and Vermont author Joe Citro who is known for his novel, Cursed in New England. He spent a day at MVU speaking to the students about his books and research on life in Vermont and New England. We were also fortunate to have Vermont author Louise Dietzel who offered a parenting workshop for four weeks in October. It was a wonderful chance for parents of children of all ages to ask parenting and discipline questions. The library gave a copy of her latest book, Parenting with Respect and Peacefulness, to all those who attended at least one of her workshops.

In September we received a grant for a new Young Explorer computer through the United Way. It is a computer system for preschoolers with the desk and computer all in one. It is a big hit with the kids especially before and after story hours.

We had two very exciting accomplishments this summer in our building. First was the final installation of our air conditioner. This was a very long project, but we are happy to say it was worth the wait. We found patrons coming to the library to actually sit and read throughout the summer, enjoying the cool surroundings. We all agree this was a necessary addition to the Haston Library building. Our second very large project was started and completed during Memorial Day Weekend. The wood floors in the library were refinished and look great!

The above mentioned items are just a small look into life at the Haston Library. There are always new programs, books, resources, as well as the ones you have learned to depend on available at the Library. We are so much more than shelves of books. Please come in and check out all that we have to offer. We guarantee you will be surprised!

Respectfully submitted,
The Haston Library Board of Trustees

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Book Circulation	6,327
Magazines	170
Cassettes	254
Video	495
Total	7,246

January 1, 2004 - Cash on Hand:

Petty Cash	37.06
Postage	66.38

RECEIPTS:

Conscience	55.30
Book Sales/Donations	70.55
Printing	33.25
Postage from Haston Library	420.00
Total Receipts/Cash on Hand	<u>\$ 682.54</u>

EXPENSES:

Postage	456.55
Supplies	145.74

December 31, 2004 - Cash on Hand:

Petty Cash	45.42
Postage	34.83
Supplies	
Total Expenses/Cash on Hand	<u>\$ 682.54</u>

NEW BOOKS ADDED:

Purchased with Library Funds	253
Gifts from friends	199
Memorials	9
Grants	75
Total	536

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Stanley, Librarian

HASTON LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2004 \$ 10,831.01

INCOME:

Fund Raisers	\$ 1,549.45	
Town Funds	2,770.00	
Haston Donations	7,350.00	
Haston Library Fund	600.00	
Eben Racine Memorial Fund Interest	158.24	
Grants:		
Success by Six	100.00	
VT Dept of Libraries	100.00	
Miscellaneous	332.10	
Memorials	50.00	
Total Income		13,009.79
Total Income/Cash		<u>\$ 23,840.80</u>

EXPENSES:

Juvenile Books	\$ 1,209.33	
Adult Books	1,242.28	
Audio Books	148.90	
Juvenile Magazines	51.87	
Adult Magazines	42.90	
Adult Videos	45.51	
Juvenile Videos	42.36	
Juvenile Programs	401.64	
Adult Programs	1,056.00	
Cataloging/Processing	109.10	
Capital Expense	432.79	
Professional Development	706.00	
Professional Resources	284.95	
Technology Items	144.56	
Supplies	1,201.72	
Postage	420.00	
Shipping & Handling	137.05	
Miscellaneous	2,292.52	
Freeman Foundation Grant - (Year 2) Items	2,409.80	
Freeman Foundation Grant - (Year 3) Items	925.00	
Parenting Resource Grant Items	1,348.93	
Paul Post Young Adult - Items	8.62	
VT Dept of Libraries Grant Items	100.00	
Success By Six Grant Program	100.00	
Sandy Cousineau Memorial Directed Items	42.68	
Ellis Hull Memorial Directed Items	1.11	
Total Expenses		\$ 14,905.62

DECEMBER 31, 2004:

Bank Balance		\$ 8,287.18
Total Expenses/Cash		<u>\$ 23,192.80</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald Gates, Treasurer

HASTON LIBRARY FUND

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2004	\$	10,000.00
<u>INCOME:</u>		
Interest Income		
4/15/2004		300.00
10/15/2004		300.00
Total Income/Beginning Balance	\$	<u>10,600.00</u>
<u>EXPENSES:</u>		
Paid to Haston Library Treasurer:		600.00
Total Expenses		600.00
Ending Balance - December 31, 2004		
FHLMC (Edward Jones Investment)	\$	10,000.00
Total Expenses and Ending Balance	\$	<u>10,600.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Gates Maynard

HASTON LIBRARY - EBEN RACINE MEMORIAL

C. D. Beginning Balance - January 1, 2004	\$	4,071.24
Income:		
Interest		
Charter One	\$	87.00
Vermont Federal Credit Union	\$	50.37
Interest		
Total Beg. Bal. & Income	\$	<u>4,208.61</u>
Expenses:		
Haston Library	\$	158.24
December 31, 2004:		
C.D. Ending Balance	\$	4,000.00
Share Account Balance	\$	50.37
Total Expenses and Ending Balance	\$	<u>4,208.61</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Gates Maynard

HASTON LIBRARY WINDOW REFURBISHMENT

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2004	\$	1,855.57
Ending Balance - December 31, 2004	\$	1,855.57

FRANKLIN HOMESTEAD, INC.

We are happy to report that the Franklin Homestead and Franklin Carriage House have both remained full to capacity all year.

This means we are no longer operating in the red. Our goal is to maintain full occupancy and provide a warm, safe and friendly atmosphere for the residents. Our manager, Patsy Conder, has been and is working diligently to achieve this goal.

We welcome volunteers to help with activities, (call Patsy at 285-2944) or to deliver "Meals on Wheels", (call Nancy Bishop at 285-2915).

Anyone who wishes to reside in either the Franklin Homestead or the Franklin Carriage House, in the near future, should get their name on the waiting list.

Respectfully submitted,
Gilbert A. Dewing, Chairman
of the Board of Directors

FRANKLIN WATERSHED COMMITTEE

The Franklin Watershed Committee continues to work for better water quality both in Lake Carmi and the streams that feed it. Stream assessment is now one of our top priorities as we seek to understand the nature of water pollution. We are also in the process of surveying camps in the lake watershed to determine septic usage and conditions, and have been pleasantly surprised by both our findings and the cooperation of the property owners. We are also working with farms in the watershed to reduce nutrients washing into the lake, and continue to fund our pump-out assistance program.

As the result of a wet summer, there were no algae-blooms on the lake until things dried out in early autumn. Weeds continue to flourish well beyond the control of man or machine, and boater education appears to be the best way to stop the spread. The state park had a good season with near capacity camping. The growing numbers of paddlers, rowers, and sailors using the lake, is a positive step for water quality.

We appreciate the continued support of the Franklin Selectboard and the Lake Carmi Campers Association. We meet the first Wednesday of every other month at the Franklin Homestead and are always looking for new ideas and energy.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris O'Shea, FWC Chairman

FRANKLIN WATERSHED COMMITTEE

JANUARY 1, 2004:

Checking		\$1,961.47
Money Market		3,771.25
Cash on Hand		4.50

INCOME:

Town of Franklin	600.00	
Fish & Wildlife	2,700.00	
Interest	10.34	
Lake Carmi Campers Association	1,000.00	
Total Income		\$4,310.34

Total Income/Cash **\$10,047.56**

EXPENSES:

Stipend - Salary	1,764.35	
Survey Septic -Salary	622.00	
Postage	74.00	
Nutrient Program:	1,086.00	
Septic Program:		
Pumping Septic Systems	850.00	
Total Expenses		\$4,396.35

DECEMBER 31, 2004:

Checking		\$2,351.12
Cash on Hand		4.50
Money Market		3,295.59

Total Expenses/Cash \$10,047.56

Total Expenses/Cash **\$ 10,047.56**

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline Favreau

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

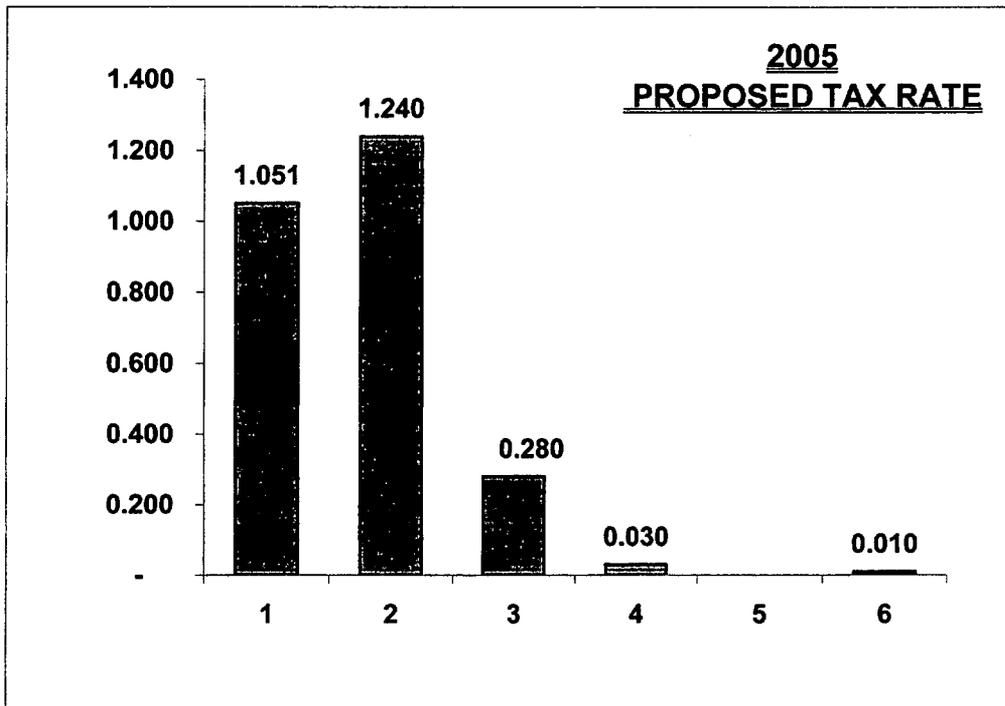
<u>ASSETS:</u>	<u>12/31/2003</u>	<u>12/31/2004</u>
Cash/Cash Equivalent - Municipal	124,417.91	102,601.20
Cash/Cash Equivalent - ROW	158,246.43	157,566.40
Cash/Cash Equivalent - Equipment	1,022.97	1,037.82
Cash/Cash Equivalent - Fire Truck	2,430.10	2,186.43
Accounts Receivable - Delinquent Taxes	15,080.19	20,109.09
Cash/Cash Equivalent - Library Window Refurbishing	1855.57	1855.57
Total Assets	\$ <u>303,053.17</u>	\$ <u>285,356.51</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES/RESERVES:</u>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 217.71	\$ -
 <u>Reserves:</u>		
Surcharge Restoration	2,911.27	4,466.96
Historic Preservation Fund	95.42	95.42
Act 60 Reappraisal	31,871.00	16,782.48
2003 School Taxes Collected	6,146.43	-
Reappraisal	8,755.22	-
Tax Mapping	2,692.33	5,384.66
Town Hall Curtain Restoration		1,000.00
2005 Property Taxes		212.50
Total Liabilities/Reserves	\$ 41,241.83	\$ 27,942.02
Fund Balance	\$ 261,811.34	\$ 257,414.49
Total Liabilities/Reserves/Fund Balance	\$ <u>303,053.17</u>	\$ <u>285,356.51</u>

This Balance Sheet represents all town accounts. For town school district accounts, see school section of this report.

COMPARISON OF TAX RATES

	ACTUALS					PROPOSED	
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2004	2005	2005
				Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident
Homest. Education Tax	1.120	1.180	1.256	0.8711		1.051	
Non-Resident. Ed. Tax	0.380	0.430	0.401		1.1208		1.240
Municipal	0.440	0.470	0.447	0.2700	0.2700	0.280	0.280
Fire Truck Bond	-	0.010	0.047	0.0300	0.0300	0.030	0.030
Reappraisal	-	-	0.051				
Tax Mapping	-	-	0.009	0.0100	0.0100	0.010	0.010
TAX RATE	\$ 1.94	\$ 2.09	\$ 2.21	1.1811	1.4308	\$ 1.371	\$ 1.560

Grand List Totals \$ 638,084 \$ 660,617 \$ 667,307 \$ 628,671 \$ 477,803 \$ 640,386 \$ 463,841



- 1 - Homestead Education Tax
- 2 - Non-Residential Education Tax
- 3 - Municipal
- 4 - Fire Truck Bond
- 5 - Reappraisal
- 6 - Tax Mapping

2003S STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

GRAND LIST:	Values	Rate	Assessed/Billed
Grand List (To set Tax Rate)	\$ 668,267.00	0.4100	\$ 273,989.47

TAXES COLLECTED BY TREASURER:

Education Taxes	\$ 254,902.84
Prepaid	6,146.43
Carried over E&O Credit	146.61
Total Collected	\$ 261,195.88
Prepaid credits from 2003 applied to 2004	(1,469.63)
Adjustment for Erno	\$ 0.01
2003 E&O refund carried to 2004 tax bills	\$ (11.72)
Turned to Tax Collector	14,274.93
Total Taxes	<u>\$ 273,989.47</u>

2004 STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

GRAND LIST:	Values	Rate	Assessed/Billed
Real Estate - Homestead	\$ 628,671.00	0.8711	\$ 547,635.31
Real Estate - Non-Residential	477,803.00	1.1208	\$ 535,521.60
Municipal, Fire Truck, Tax Mapping	1,106,474.00	0.3100	\$ 343,006.94
Veterans Exemption	(200.00)	1.1811	\$ (236.22)
Original to be Billed			\$ 1,425,927.63
Net changes - BCA, HS-131, E&O			\$ (10,363.26)
Adjusted Total to be Billed			\$ 1,420,375.38

Tax Area	Tax Rate	Needed To Be Raised	Total To Be Billed	Adjusted amount billed
Homestead Ed. Tax	0.8711	\$ 547,635.31	\$ 547,635.31	\$ 519,873.29
Non-Residential Ed. Tax	1.1208	535,521.60	535,521.60	557,839.89
Municipal Tax	0.2700	294,832.47	298,747.98	298,366.56
Fire Truck Bond	0.0300	32,745.00	33,194.22	33,152.40
Tax Mapping	0.0100	5,383.33	11,064.74	11,050.95
Penalty assessed				92.29
Total		\$ 1,416,117.71	\$ 1,426,163.85	\$ 1,420,375.38

TAXES COLLECTED BY TREASURER:

Homestead Education Tax		\$ 547,635.31
Non-Residential Education Tax		535,521.60
Penalty allotted to school		87.37
Municipal:		
Applied from 2003S billed surplus	1,469.63	
Applied from 2003 E&O overpayment	11.72	
Collected 2004	<u>239,877.50</u>	
		\$ 241,358.85
Fire Truck Bond		32,745.00
Tax Mapping		<u>5,383.33</u>
Total Collected		\$ 1,362,731.46
2003S unapplied surplus		\$ (18.96)
Turned to Tax Collector	2004	57,662.88
Total Taxes		\$ <u>1,420,375.38</u>

BUDGET NARRATIVE

Expenses General:

Salaries: Reflects salary increases for the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer and Selectboard plus salaries for the following: Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, Animal Control Officer, Constable, Health Officer, Zoning Administrator, Auditors, Janitor and Listers.

FICA/Medicare/Pension: Includes pension cost for the Treasurer offered for the first time this year. The Town will match pre-tax contributions up to 5% of the annual salary.

Insurance: Reflects 15% premium increase less 10% of premium paid by Town Clerk and a portion (\$517) of the Town Treasurer's net insurance cost. Total cost for Town/School Treasurer is divided equally with the School. Treasurer also pays 10% of premium.

Legal Fees: Estimated cost of zoning enforcement plus miscellaneous legal issues.

Town Hall: Includes monies to repair the roof and fascia.

Tax Assessments: Includes **\$9,881** for Franklin County Court Assessment plus the following items which have been approved by the voters in each of the past 3 years: Champlain Valley Agency on Aging (**\$1,600**); Franklin County Industrial Dev Corp (**\$300**); Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc. (**\$1,870**); The Family Center (**\$300**); NW Unit for Special Investigations (**\$1,000**); Voices Against Violence (**\$800**); Franklin Alumni Association (**\$400**). **The 2005 budgeted tax assessments are \$16,151 PLUS** those items listed in Article #4 not previously approved to be considered individually. **NOTE: Last year you approved Voices Against Violence for \$400; The Family Center for \$250 and Franklin Alumni Association for \$300.**

Office/Library Building: Includes \$1,400 for painting the trim on the Haston Library.

Miscellaneous: Includes \$17,000 for tax appeals. Citizens' appeal estimated at \$14,000 and \$3,000 for all other appeals.

Expenses Highway:

Salaries: Includes wage increase for highway employees.

Health Insurance: Includes coverage for both highway employees reflecting a 15% premium increase less 10% employee co-pay.

Equipment Fund: Final lease payment on truck.

New Blacktop/Resurfacing: Estimated cost for the following projects: Riley Road: 1" resurfacing cost on 1 mile previously paved and paving cost for 2" to complete paving of that road; Hanna Road, 2" resurfacing cost on .2 mile; Square Road, paving cost for 2" on .1 mile.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET

	<u>'04 Budget</u>	<u>'04 Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>2005 Budget</u>
<u>CASH/INCOME:</u>				
GENERAL				
Checking A/C	\$ 20,116.80	\$ 20,116.80	\$ -	\$ 27,555.70
Cash on Hand	3,373.24	3,373.24	-	9,254.97
Money Market A/C	63,209.29	63,209.29	-	63,467.78
Voted Taxes	107,202.05	53,728.43	(53,473.62)	
2003S School Taxes		(8,350.08)	(8,350.08)	
2005 Taxes		212.50	212.50	
St. of VT-40% of Hold Harmless	8,000.00	13,919.60	5,919.60	10,000.00
St. of Vermont-Various		15,077.00	15,077.00	
St. of Vermont-HAVA Grant		4,842.00	4,842.00	
Delinquent Taxes		66,908.91	66,908.91	-
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	1,500.00	1,838.06	338.06	1,500.00
Permits	4,000.00	3,588.00	(412.00)	3,500.00
Other Income	250.00	2,275.16	2,025.16	1,000.00
Dog/Liquor Licenses	2,000.00	2,212.00	212.00	2,000.00
Fees	12,500.00	14,764.38	2,264.38	10,000.00
Interest	200.00	231.44	31.44	600.00
Surcharge Restoration	1,000.00	1,842.00	842.00	1,000.00
Tax Mapping Taxes	5,383.33	5,383.33	-	
HIGHWAY				
Checking Account	\$ (66.18)	\$ (66.18)	\$ -	
Cash on Hand			-	2,322.75
Savings Account	35,944.05	35,944.05	-	
Voted Taxes	187,471.13	187,471.13	-	
State Aid to Highways	94,000.00	98,172.74	4,172.74	94,000.00
St. of VT-60% of Hold Harmless	10,000.00	20,879.40	10,879.40	15,000.00
State Paving Grant - Stanley Rd		126,432.00	126,432.00	
Interest Income	400.00	2,083.00	1,683.00	400.00
Other Income	1,000.00	2,597.75	1,597.75	200.00
WEED HARVESTER				
Checking Account	\$ 1,840.71	\$ 1,840.71	\$ -	
Savings Account			-	
Voted Taxes	159.29	159.29	-	
State of Vermont	2,500.00	2,465.00	(35.00)	2,100.00
Other Income	500.00	400.00	(100.00)	400.00
Total Cash/Income	\$ 562,483.71	\$ 743,550.95	\$ 181,067.24	\$ 244,301.20
<u>LIABILITIES/RESERVES:</u>				
1991 Historic Preservation Fund	\$ 95.42		\$ 95.42	\$ 95.42
St. of Vt. Act 60 Reappraisal	31,871.00	21,577.52	10,293.48	16,782.48
Surcharge Restoration	2,911.27	286.31	2,624.96	4,466.96
Reappraisal	8,755.22	8,755.22	-	-
Tax Mapping	8,075.66	2,691.00	5,384.66	5,384.66
Accrued Liability to Tax Collector	217.71	217.71		
2003 Taxes Due to School	6,146.43	6,146.43		
2005 Property Taxes				212.50
Town Hall Curtain Restoration				1,000.00
Total Liabilities/Reserves	\$ 58,072.71	\$ 39,674.19	\$ 18,398.52	\$ 27,942.02
NET CASH-INC-LIAB-RES	\$ 504,411.00	\$ 703,876.76	\$ 199,465.76	\$ 216,359.18

Municipal Budget Cont.

<u>EXPENSES:</u>	<u>'04 Budget</u>	<u>'04 Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>2005 Budget</u>
GENERAL				
Salaries	\$ 57,871.00	\$ 46,335.39	\$ 11,535.61	\$ 55,581.00
FICA/Medicare	5,135.00	3,928.13	1,206.87	5,314.00
Health Insurance	7,899.00	8,324.26	(425.26)	9,121.00
Office Expense	9,500.00	9,240.65	259.35	9,000.00
Library	18,411.00	18,339.54	71.46	23,606.00
Town Hall	6,600.00	15,532.43	(8,932.43)	8,000.00
Street Lights	3,600.00	3,445.10	154.90	3,600.00
Meetings	1,000.00	1,095.00	(95.00)	1,000.00
Tax Assessments	17,026.00	17,078.19	(52.19)	21,371.00
Insurance	8,595.00	10,172.62	(1,577.62)	9,099.00
Miscellaneous	3,500.00	8,550.30	(5,050.30)	20,500.00
Solid Waste	600.00	1,028.66	(428.66)	700.00
Legal Fees	2,500.00	587.14	1,912.86	5,000.00
Fire Department	16,000.00	16,000.00	-	16,000.00
Contracted Services	800.00	800.00	-	900.00
Planning Commission	1,725.00	1,552.52	172.48	1,865.00
Office/Library Building	8,500.00	7,293.77	1,206.23	7,000.00
Watershed Grant	600.00	600.00	-	600.00
Mileage Reimbursement	800.00	775.80	24.20	800.00
Total General :	170,662.00	170,679.50	(17.50)	199,057.00
HIGHWAY				
Salaries	\$ 67,937.00	\$ 61,595.52	\$ 6,341.48	\$ 67,892.00
FICA/Medicare/Pension	8,455.00	7,299.07	1,155.93	8,574.00
Health Insurance	11,754.00	11,741.95	12.05	12,804.00
Uniforms	624.00	550.84	73.16	624.00
Mileage Reimbursement	800.00	389.70	410.30	600.00
Shop & Tools	8,000.00	10,909.96	(2,909.96)	12,500.00
Gas & Fuel	15,000.00	11,254.46	3,745.54	12,500.00
Insurance	9,979.00	9,725.00	254.00	7,612.00
Repair & Maintenance	17,000.00	19,269.43	(2,269.43)	17,000.00
Equipment Rental	10,000.00	18,122.29	(8,122.29)	10,000.00
Culverts	-	226.65	(226.65)	2,000.00
Chloride	25,000.00	14,264.36	10,735.64	20,000.00
Sand/Salt	18,000.00	9,157.18	8,842.82	18,000.00
Gravel	40,000.00	15,956.10	24,043.90	25,000.00
Miscellaneous	6,600.00	4,069.84	2,530.16	4,500.00
Equipment Fund	9,600.00	9,600.00	-	9,600.00
New Blacktop/Resurfacing	80,000.00	221,814.46	(141,814.46)	95,000.00
Total Highway:	328,749.00	425,946.81	(97,197.81)	324,206.00
WEED HARVESTER				
Weed Harvester	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,649.25	\$ 350.75	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 504,411.00	\$ 601,275.56	\$ (96,864.56)	\$ 528,263.00
TO BE RAISED BY TAXES: \$	\$ 311,904.00			
SUGGESTED TAX RATE: \$	\$ 0.280			

TREASURER'S REPORTS
MUNICIPAL FUND

	<u>General</u>	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Weed Harvester</u>	<u>Combined</u>
<u>JANUARY 1, 2004:</u>				
Invested Funds	\$ 63,209.29	\$ 35,944.05		\$ 99,153.34
<u>CASH:</u>				
Checking Account	20,116.80	(66.18)	1,840.71	21,891.33
Cash on Hand	3,373.24			3,373.24
Total Cash	\$ 23,490.04			\$ 25,264.57
<u>INCOME:</u>				
2003S Property Taxes	(13,015.16)			(13,015.16)
2004 Property Taxes	52,247.08	187,471.13	159.29	239,877.50
2005 Property Taxes	212.50			212.50
Delinquent Taxes	66,908.91			66,908.91
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	1,838.06			1,838.06
8% Penalty	5,306.09			5,306.09
Tax Mapping Taxes	5,383.33			5,383.33
State of Vermont:				
Hold Harmless	13,919.60	20,879.40		34,799.00
PILOT	2,160.00			2,160.00
Parks and Recreation	6,428.00			6,428.00
Reappraisal	5,562.00			5,562.00
Parcel Maintenance	927.00			927.00
Aid to Highways		98,172.74		98,172.74
Aquatic Nuisance			2,465.00	2,465.00
Paving Grant		126,432.00		126,432.00
Town Hall - HAVA Grant	4,842.00			4,842.00
Borrowed Funds "R.O.W."		115,000.00		115,000.00
Permits	3,588.00	275.00		3,863.00
Fees	14,764.38			14,764.38
Surcharge Restoration	1,842.00			1,842.00
Dog Licenses	2,112.00			2,112.00
Liquor Licenses	100.00			100.00
Rental - Town Hall	25.00			25.00
Return of Investments	50,685.56	20,000.00		70,685.56
Interest on Investments	231.44	2,083.00		2,314.44
Miscellaneous	2,250.16	2,322.75		4,572.91
Mullen Lakeshore			400.00	400.00
Total Income	228,317.95	572,636.02	3,024.29	\$ 803,978.26
Total Cash/Income	\$ 251,807.99	\$ 572,569.84	\$ 4,865.00	<u>\$ 829,242.83</u>
<u>EXPENSES:</u>				
2004 Selectboard Orders Paid	219,513.35	565,946.81	4,649.25	790,109.41
<u>DECEMBER 31, 2004:</u>				
Checking Account	23,039.67	4,300.28	215.75	27,555.70
Cash on Hand	9,254.97	2,322.75		11,577.72
Total Cash/Expenses				<u>\$ 829,242.83</u>
Invested Funds				\$ 63,467.78
Liability 2005 Taxes	212.50			

EQUIPMENT FUND

JANUARY 1, 2004:

Money Market	\$	1,021.75
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INCOME:

As Voted - Highway Budget	\$	9,600.00	
Interest		14.19	
Total Income			\$ 9,614.19
Total Income/Cash			\$ 10,635.94

EXPENSES:

Final Lease Payment 2000 Truck		9,598.12	
Total Expenses			\$ 9,598.12

December 31, 2004:

Money Market			\$ 1,037.82
Total Expenses/Cash			\$ 10,635.94

ROW FUND

JANUARY 1, 2004:

Money Market Account	\$	158,058.38
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INCOME:

Repayment of Municipal Loan		115,000.00	
Interest		1,252.09	
Total Income			\$ 116,252.09
Total Income/Cash			\$ 274,310.47

EXPENSES:

Loan to Municipal Acct.	\$	115,000.00	
Legal Fees		1,744.07	
Total Expenses			\$ 116,744.07

DECEMBER 31, 2004:

Money Market Account			\$ 157,566.40
Total Expenses/Cash			\$ 274,310.47

Fire Truck Bond

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2004 \$ 2,427.54

INCOME:

Interest 19.89

Voted Funds 32,745.00

Total Income/Beginning Balance \$ 35,192.43

EXPENSES:

2004 Semi-Annual Interest 1,503.00

2004 Bond Payment & Interest 31,503.00

End Balance - December 31, 2004 \$ 35,192.43

DOG LICENSES

Sex	#	Rate	Fees	State	Kennel	Late Fees	Total Fees
Neutered	82	\$7.00	\$574.00	\$84.00		\$54.00	\$712.00
Spayed	110	7.00	770.00	114.00		64.00	948.00
Male	33	11.00	363.00	33.00		36.00	432.00
Female	13	11.00	143.00	15.00		28.00	186.00
Neutered	2	3.00	6.00	6.00			12.00
Female	1	7.00	7.00	1.00		2.00	10.00
Female	1	5.00	5.00	3.00			8.00
Male (Kennels)	8				60.00		60.00
Female (Kennels)	3						
Totals	253		\$1,868.00	\$256.00	\$60.00	\$184.00	\$2,368.00

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Treasurer

DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>1998-2002</u>
Bailey, Howard	715.32	715.32		
Blair, Randy	235.15	235.15		
Blodgett, Rodney	1,719.63	200.31	293.04	1,226.28
Brown, Dayton & Sandra	1,183.46	1,183.46		
Clark, Jeffrey	1,071.98	1,047.90	24.08	
Dipaolo, Nick	28.05	28.05		
Glidden, Brian & Nicole	1,324.49	1,324.49		
Gordon, Jeffrey	954.03	856.04	97.99	
Granger, John	88.31	88.31		
Greenwood, Paul & Mary	209.18	209.18		
Jenne, Lorraine & Terrance Butson	872.22	872.22		
Jensen, Marianne & Richard	480.04	480.04		
Jerry, Robert Jr	1,559.33	1,559.33		
Kern, Norman & Denise	1,376.95	1,376.95		
King, Bruce Sr	62.81	62.81		
Knowles, Scott & Penny	761.49	761.49		
L & W Inc	3,155.83	2,401.02	754.81	
Legrand, Philip & Doreen	111.00		111.00	
Mason, Billy	55.52	55.52		
Paquette, Rose	120.18	95.58	24.60	
Prokopchuk, Ann Estate	922.87	765.90	156.97	
Robaittaile, Norma	118.33	118.33		
Rosploch, John & Joanne	1,403.47	1,403.47		
Sweet, Donald & Linda	1,406.92	1,406.92		
Tibbits, Larry	93.41	93.41		
Wright, Mary & Marie	79.12	79.12		
Totals	<u>\$ 20,109.09</u>	<u>\$ 17,420.32</u>	<u>\$ 1,462.49</u>	<u>\$ 1,226.28</u>
Uncollected @ 12/31/03	\$ 15,080.19	-	\$ 13,853.91	\$ 1,226.28
To Tax Collector 3/26/04	\$ 14,274.93	-	\$ 14,274.93	
To Tax Collector 10/15/2004	57,662.88	57,662.88	-	
Collected by Tax Collector	(66,908.91)	(40,242.56)	(26,666.35)	
Total Uncollected 12/31/04	<u>\$ 20,109.09</u>	<u>\$ 17,420.32</u>	<u>\$ 1,462.49</u>	<u>\$ 1,226.28</u>
Interest Pd to General Fund	<u>\$ 1,838.06</u>	<u>\$ 831.39</u>	<u>\$ 1,006.67</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Johanna Crane-Godin
 Delinquent Tax Collector

SELECTBOARD'S ORDERS
GENERAL FUND

OFFICER'S SALARIES:

Selectboard:

Peter Kittell	\$	750.00
Scott Choiniere		500.00
Wayne Fiske		500.00
Pauline W. Gadbois		500.00
Kim Gates-Maynard		500.00

Town Clerk:

Susan E. Clark		22,500.00
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Town Treasurer:

Lisa Larivee		13,186.00
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Assistant:

Jean Richard		540.00
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Auditors:

Nancy Magnant		496.88
Debra Martin		429.38
Debra Welker		523.13

Listers:

Gilbert A. Dewing		1,230.00
Robert Irish		1,066.00
Jean Richard		1,264.00

Zoning Officer:

Darlene Marrier		805.00
Robert Irish		490.00

Constable:

Burt Maynard		-
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Health Officer:

Rosemarie A. Haskins		100.00
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Animal Control Officer

David Clark		-
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Janitor:

Patty Corey		835.00
Lisa Larivee		120.00

Total Officer's Salaries		\$	46,335.39
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FICA/MEDICARE:

Franklin Lamoille Bank/EFTPS		\$	3,928.13
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HEALTH INSURANCE:

Blue Cross Blue Shield		\$	8,324.26
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OFFICE EXPENSE:

Dell Marketing L.P.	\$	1,813.70
L & L Office Machines Inc		75.00

Office Expense Continued:

Deluxe Business Forms	\$	148.87	
Franklin General Store		92.42	
Franklin Telephone Co., Inc.		684.02	
Green's Ace Hardware		16.56	
Joseph J Marotti Co, Inc		70.95	
Lisa Larivee		199.00	
NEMRC		1,297.50	
Office Qtrs		1,002.56	
Polly Gadbois		128.07	
Postmaster, Town of Franklin		841.10	
Schwaab, Inc.		77.95	
Susan Clark		247.27	
SymQuest Group Inc.		631.66	
Trend Business Forms, Inc.		8.16	
U.S. Postal Service		618.90	
Vermont Department of Health		9.00	
Vermont Offender Work Program		57.21	
VLCT		1,198.00	
Service Charges		22.75	
Total Office Expense	\$		9,240.65

HASTON LIBRARY:

Brenda Stanley	\$	8,966.40	
Alyson Racine		54.00	
Eva Fiske		703.38	
Melissa McKinstry		3,168.00	
Lynn Calderwood		189.00	
Patricia O'Shea		54.00	
FICA/Medicare		1,004.82	
Franklin Telephone Co., Inc.		821.24	
Haston Library		2,770.00	
Brenda Stanley, mileage		348.00	
Melissa McKinstry, mileage		260.70	
Total Haston Library	\$		18,339.54

TOWN HALL:

Bennett Plumbing & Heating	\$	5,800.00	
Brian Sartwell		3,025.00	
Citizens Utilities		166.92	
D & M Fire & Safty Equipment		25.00	
Franklin Fire District #1		165.00	
Green's Ace Hardware		395.00	
New England Insulation		1,540.00	
Office Qtrs		16.90	
Pat Tracy		2,100.00	
Polly Gadbois		74.96	
Shelburne Limestone		163.16	

Town Hall Continued:

Ultramar	\$	1,946.55	
Vermont Electric Coop		113.94	
Total Town Hall			\$ 15,532.43

STREET LIGHTS:

Citizens Utilities	\$	1,093.24	
VT Electric Co-operative		2,351.86	
Total Street Lights			\$ 3,445.10

TOWN MEETING/ELECTIONS:

Martha Jane Olmstead	\$	80.00	
Dorothy G Lothian		20.00	
Dorothy P. Lothian		80.00	
Monique Rainville		80.00	
Agnes Mercier		20.00	
Imogene Rainville		30.00	
Marjorie Jacobs		30.00	
NEMRC		95.00	
Polly Gadbois		75.00	
UVM Extension Services		330.00	
VMCTA-Continuing Education		110.00	
VLCT		125.00	
Shirley Barnum		20.00	
Total Town Meeting/Elections			\$ 1,095.00

TAX ASSESSMENTS:

Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	\$	1,600.00	
Franklin Alumni Association		300.00	
Franklin County Home Health		1,870.00	
Franklin County Industrial Development		300.00	
Franklin County Treasurer		9,908.19	
MVU Substance Free Graduation Party		100.00	
Franklin County Senior Center		1,000.00	
Northern Vermont Resource Conservation		50.00	
Northwest Unit for Special Investigation		1,000.00	
Samaritan House		200.00	
The Family Center		250.00	
Vermont Association for the Blind		100.00	
Voices Against Violence		400.00	
Total Tax Assessments			\$ 17,078.19

INSURANCE:

Coburn Insurance	\$	92.00	
Town & Country Insurance Agency		10,080.62	
Total Insurance			\$ 10,172.62

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Franklin Fire Department - as voted			\$ 16,000.00
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SOLID WASTE:

Northwest Regional Planning Commission	\$	356.66	
Town of Highgate HHW Day		672.00	
Total Solid Waste			\$ 1,028.66

OFFICE/LIBRARY BUILDING:

Carolyn Perley	\$	384.00	
Citizens Utilities		515.72	
Jim Burns Rubbish Removal		760.00	
D & M Fire & Safety Equipment		41.00	
Dennis Young		475.00	
Franklin Fire District #1		620.24	
Life Safety Systems, Inc.		215.00	
Tremblay Electric		192.00	
Ultramar		1,556.63	
Waylon Maitland		1,618.50	
Vermont Electric Coop		776.92	
Susan Clark		138.76	
Total Office/Library Building			\$ 7,293.77

LEGAL FEES:

Stitzel, Page & Fletcher			\$ 587.14
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CONTRACTED SERVICES:

Paul Greenwood			\$ 800.00
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MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT:

Polly Gadbois	\$	185.10	
Robert Irish		113.10	
Nancy Magnant		49.20	
Lisa Larivee		101.40	
Susan Clark		327.00	
Total Mileage Reimbursement			\$ 775.80

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Franklin Telephone	\$	512.52	
Northwest Regional Planning Commission		1,040.00	
Total Planning Commission			\$ 1,552.52

MISCELLANEOUS:

Alpine Carpet & Upholstery	\$	95.00	
Abbey Restaurant		100.00	
Buyers Digest		210.40	
Champlain Door Co		5,827.52	
Franklin County Humane Society		75.00	
IDS		96.41	
Vermont State Treasurer		249.00	
Wayne Fiske		20.00	
Peter Kittell		595.00	

Miscellaneous Continued:

Reprographics	\$	687.30	
Scott Choiniere		14.99	
Southworth-Milton		654.77	
The Flower Patch		24.91	
Software - Rebate		(100.00)	
Total Miscellaneous			\$ 8,550.30

SURCHARGE RESTORATION:

BGS Public Records	\$	225.00	
Reprographics		61.31	
Total Surcharge Restoration			\$ 286.31

REAPPRAISAL :

Salaries	\$	5,526.25	
FICA/MEDI		422.76	
Appraisal Resource Group		22,929.12	
Franklin Telephone Co		28.61	
Jean Richard		426.00	
Manatron		1,000.00	
Total Reappraisal			\$ 30,332.74

WATERSHED GRANT:

Franklin Watershed Committee-as budgeted			\$ 600.00
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TAX MAPPING:

Bruce Maitland			\$ 2,691.00
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DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:

Johanna Crane-Godin	\$	5,523.80	
Total Delinquent Tax Collector			\$ 5,523.80

INVESTED FUNDS:

Banknorth			\$ 10,000.00
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TOTAL ORDERS - General Fund

			<u>\$ 219,513.35</u>
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SUMMARY OF GENERAL FUND ORDERS

Officer's Salaries	\$	46,335.39
FICA/Medicare		3,928.13
Health Insurance		8,324.26
Office Expense		9,240.65
Haston Library		18,339.54
Town Hall		15,532.43
Street Lights		3,445.10
Town Meeting/Elections		1,095.00
Tax Assessments		17,078.19
Insurance		10,172.62
Fire Department		16,000.00
Solid Waste		1,028.66
Office/Library Building		7,293.77
Legal Fees		587.14
Contracted Services		800.00
Planning Commission		1,552.52
Miscellaneous		8,550.30
Watershed Grant		600.00
Delinquent Tax Collector		5,523.80
Surcharge Restoration		286.31
Reappraisal		30,332.74
Tax Mapping		2,691.00
Mileage Reimbursement		775.80
Invested Funds		10,000.00
Total Selectboard Orders-General Fund	\$	<u>219,513.35</u>

SELECTBOARD'S ORDERS
HIGHWAY FUND

SALARIES:

Howard Vansette, Road Foreman	\$	33,162.52	
Roland Lontine		27,238.00	
Heath Wright		40.00	
Roger Wright		100.00	
Mark Rollo		755.00	
Wayne Fiske, Road Commissioner		300.00	
Total Salaries	\$		61,595.52

FICA/MEDICARE:

Banknorth/EFTPS	\$		4,712.07
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EMPLOYEE PENSION:

Orchard Trust Bank	\$		2,587.00
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HEALTH INSURANCE:

Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$		11,741.95
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UNIFORMS:

Unifirst	\$		550.84
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MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT:

Roland Lontine	\$	156.00	
Howard Vansette		233.70	
Total Mileage Reimbursement	\$		389.70

SHOP & TOOLS:

ATCO International	\$	267.00	
Bond Auto Parts		78.08	
Enosburg Carquest		47.12	
Bill Sanville Garage Door & Painting		161.00	
Clark's Truck Center		340.58	
Citizens Utilities		383.35	
D & M Fire & Safty Equipment		70.00	
Franklin General Store		62.76	
Franklin Telephone Co., Inc.		462.57	
Green Valley Repair		316.00	
Green's Ace Hardware		120.43	
Franklin Fire District #1		165.00	
Britch & Sons Welding		175.00	
H G Berger & Son		179.00	
California Contractors Supplies		95.80	
Merriam-Graves Corp.		192.26	
Office Qtrs		4.89	
O.C. McCuin & Sons		423.45	

Shop & Tools Continued:

Overhead Door Co	\$	550.00	
Rinkers Communications		159.50	
David Hager		799.50	
Richard Boudreau		1,408.20	
Sticks & Stuff		905.22	
Ultramar		3,187.77	
Vermont Electric Coop		285.73	
Winston Machia		69.75	
Total Shop & Tools	\$		10,909.96

INSURANCE:

Coburn Insurance Agency	\$	1,743.00	
Town & Country Insurance Agency		7,982.00	
Total Insurance	\$		9,725.00

GAS & FUEL:

Byam's Quick Stop	\$	141.60	
Ultramar		11,081.13	
Wayne Fiske		31.73	
Total Gas & Fuel	\$		11,254.46

REPAIR & MAINTENANCE:

A.C. Vaillancourt Repair	\$	83.91	
Andy Bonneau Machinery Co		107.88	
Bond Auto Parts		455.46	
B & N Sales & Service		22.90	
Bousquet's		594.59	
Bowman Distribution		239.71	
Chevalier Drilling Co		76.00	
Don's Tire Center		500.25	
Clark's Truck Center		7,726.69	
Enosburg Carquest		856.81	
George S. Wood, Inc.		196.75	
Howard P. Fairfield, Inc.		1,285.34	
Learned's Sales & Service		397.47	
Lussier Sawmill		25.50	
McDermott's		384.12	
M.E. Quilliam Welding		440.40	
O.C. McCuins		18.60	
NAPA Auto Parts		108.44	
Nortrax Equipment Company		1,299.00	
Powerplan		282.00	
Reynolds & Sons Inc		878.47	
Rene J Fournier		428.43	
Southworth-Milton		1,271.23	
Tenco New England		1,293.40	
Texas Refinery Corp		213.50	
Wayne Fiske		82.58	
Total Repair & Maintenance	\$		19,269.43

EQUIPMENT RENTAL:

Andy Leduc	\$	900.00	
Wright's Excavating, Inc.		6,582.50	
Mowing Unlimited		105.00	
Branon Equipment Inc		1,697.79	
G.W. Tatro		7,487.00	
Green's Ace Hardware		1,350.00	
Total Equipment Rental			\$ 18,122.29

CHLORIDE:

Gorman Brothers Inc	\$	14,216.40	
O.C. McCuins		47.96	
Total Chloride			\$ 14,264.36

CULVERTS:

Bonnette Supply Co	\$	161.75	
Green's Ace Hardware		64.90	
Total Culverts			\$ 226.65

SAND/SALT:

Cargill Inc. Salt Division	\$	4,699.18	
Leach Family, Inc.		714.00	
Wright's Excavating, Inc.		3,744.00	
Total Sand/Salt			\$ 9,157.18

GRAVEL:

Leach Family, Inc.	\$	630.00	
Shelburne Limestone Corporation		3,541.10	
Wright's Excavating Inc.		11,785.00	
Total Gravel			\$ 15,956.10

MISCELLANEOUS:

Abbey Restaurant	\$	50.00	
Econo Signs LLC		373.59	
Dupuis Drainage		39.36	
O.C. McCuins		114.97	
Jeffrey Kittell		1,500.00	
Pike Industries		735.82	
Polly Gadbois		100.82	
Worksafe Traffic Control		762.99	
University of New Hampshire		25.00	
Vermont Local Roads Program		20.00	
VLCT Property & Casualty		150.00	
Vt Dept of Employment & Training		17.29	
Wayne Fiske		180.00	
Total Miscellaneous			\$ 4,069.84

NEW BLACKTOP/RESURFACING:

Pike Industries, Inc. (Stanley Rd)	\$	161,228.31	
Pike Industries, Inc. (Swamp Rd)		56,977.49	
Pike Industries, Inc. (Homestead Drive/Garage)		3,608.66	
Total New Blacktop			\$ 221,814.46

EQUIPMENT FUND:

\$ 9,600.00

OTHER:

Borrowed Funds R.O.W	\$	115,000.00	
Invested Funds		25,000.00	
Total Other			\$ 140,000.00

TOTAL ORDERS - Highway Fund

\$ 565,946.81

SUMMARY OF HIGHWAY FUND ORDERS

Salaries	\$ 61,595.52
FICA/Medicare/Pension	7,299.07
Health Insurance	11,741.95
Uniforms	550.84
Mileage Reimbursement	389.70
Shop & Tools	10,909.96
Gas & Fuel	11,254.46
Insurance	9,725.00
Repair & Maintenance	19,269.43
Equipment Rental	18,122.29
Culverts	226.65
Chloride	14,264.36
Sand/Salt	9,157.18
Gravel	15,956.10
Miscellaneous	4,069.84
New Blacktop/Resurfacing	221,814.46
Equipment Fund	9,600.00
Other	140,000.00
Total Selectboard Orders-Highway	<u>\$ 565,946.81</u>

SELECTBOARD'S ORDERS
WEED HARVESTER FUND

Seth Kittell, Operator	\$ 2,700.00
FICA/Medicare	206.55
Richard Boudreau, Storage	600.00
Boat Headquarters	90.95
Bousquet's	551.78
O.C. McCuins	17.97
Mullen Lakeshore	400.00
Howard Vanselette	82.00
Total Selectboard Orders-Weed Harvester	<u>\$ 4,649.25</u>

Respectfully submitted
Franklin Selectboard
Peter Kittell, Chairman
Polly Gadbois, Vice Chair
Wayne Fiske, Road Comm.
Kim Gates-Maynard
Scott Choiniere

2004 VITAL STATISTICS

The following list is comprised of those required request/release forms returned to the Town Clerk's Office before the deadline of January 1, 2005. If you would like a vital statistic published in the town report next year, you must come to the Town Clerk's Office and sign a request/release form.

Births

Brady Jacob Adams
Braden Whittaker

February 1, 2004
October 27, 2004

Amy & Travis Adams
Jennifer & Erik Whittaker

Marriages

Amanda Gates Powell
Michael Hans Geyer

August 8, 2004

Timothy Sargeant
Wendy Stilianessis

August 14, 2004

Deaths

Merriman Lothian
Eleanor Elizabeth Corey
Sedrick N. Abell

May 27, 2004
August 27, 2004
November 17, 2004

VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWALS

The Town Clerk's Office is now setup to process preprinted computer generated "Vehicle Registration Renewals". Only current to two month's expiration date renewals will be accepted. There will be a separate \$3.00 processing fee. We hope you will enjoy this convenience.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

The Town of Franklin in cooperation with the Town of Highgate sponsors two Household Hazardous Waste Collection days each year at the Highgate Transfer Station. These events are open to all **Franklin** residents. Collection days will be **SATURDAY MAY 14, 2005** and **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2005**.

If you are looking for information about recycling for Franklin residents, the Highgate Transfer Station has a guide listed on the next to the last page in the yellow pages of your telephone book.

FRANKLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The department has been working on getting our building up to par. Our furnace of 30 years finally gave out and we replaced it with a new and much more efficient furnace. Our thanks goes to the anonymous donor who paid for the replacement of our furnace. We have also replaced all the doors at the station. We are now getting quotes to replace the lighting. The old lights are constantly burning out ballasts and are very expensive to maintain. We're hoping all the steps we are taking to upgrade the station will save money through efficiency.

One of our long time members, Jon Magnant, is now training for a mission in Iraq. Our thoughts and prayers go to Jon and his family and all the National Guard Members.

Thanks to Pat Allain, we once again received a grant for extraction equipment. We are hoping that by spring we will have this equipment on board and in service.

The 501c3 application was finished and approved by the IRS and this makes us truly tax exempt. All back taxes that have been paid will be refunded to the department.

Our **10th Annual Pancake Breakfast** was a huge success, we served well over 1,000 people. Many thanks to all who donated food, syrup, etc. as well as all those who came out to support us. We are looking forward to seeing you all again this year.

If you would like to have a controlled burn, please contact **Burt Maynard**, our Forest Fire Warden for a permit.

New members are **ALWAYS** welcome. We meet Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the station.

Current Fire Department Members:

Brian Barnum – 35 yrs	Marshall Ploof – 35 yrs
Philip Bouchard – 34 yrs	Hugh Gates – 27 yrs
Mark Racine – 15 yrs	Burt Maynard – 15 yrs
Jon Magnant – 13 yrs	Scott Choiniere – 13 yrs
Brian Sartwell – 11 yrs	Patrick Allain – 8 yrs
Eddie Bouchard – 8 yrs	Clark Hubbard – 2 yrs
Janet Norcross – 2 yrs	Ed Lewis – 1 yr
Sara Rainville – 1 yr	Albert Gagne – 1 yr
Paul Norcross – Jr. Member	Kevin Fitzgerald – Jr. Member
Rodney St. Denis – new	Mikal Burley – new
David Rood – new	Adam Kane - new
David Olmstead, Safety Officer – 33 yrs	David Covalinski - Fire Police
Kyle Lothian, Chief – 21 yrs	Howard Deuso, Asst. Chief – 8 yrs
Justin Rainville, Captain – 6 yrs	Mike Lawyer, Lieutenant – 1 yr
Kim Gates Maynard, Dispatcher – 15 yrs	

Dates to Remember

Sunday, March 6th – Annual Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, July 2nd – Fire & Rescue Chicken BBQ

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Kyle Lothian, Chief
Franklin Fire Department

FRANKLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>2004 Actuals</u>	<u>2004 Budget</u>	<u>2005 Budget</u>
<u>JANUARY 1, 2004:</u>			
Checking Account	\$ 6,312.12		
MM Account - Air Handler	-		
MM Account	33,245.39		
Total Beginning Cash	\$ 39,557.51		
<u>INCOME:</u>			
Grant Income	\$ 10,129.95		
Town Appropriated Funds	16,000.00		
Pancake Breakfast	7,261.17		
BBQ Income	2,209.71		
Donation Income	909.00		
Interest Income	144.58		
Miscellaneous Income	2,656.35		
Total Income	\$ 39,310.76		
Total Cash/Income	\$ 78,868.27		
<u>EXPENSES:</u>			
Fire Gear	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,687.18	725.00	1,225.00
Dues and Subscriptions	253.50	250.00	250.00
Hose and Accessories	-	2,245.00	1,500.00
Insurance	5,713.92	6,250.00	6,000.00
Equipment	14,574.94	500.00	1,000.00
Repairs	387.02	1,110.00	1,100.00
Utilities	1,024.66	2,070.00	1,100.00
Truck Expense	1,238.55	2,250.00	1,500.00
Uniforms	1,812.16	-	-
Training	134.00	500.00	300.00
Air Handler System	-	2,500.00	2,500.00
Office Expense	761.25	-	250.00
Building Maintenance	-	-	1,675.00
Other Misc. Expense	968.77	-	-
Pancake Breakfast Expense	2,267.65	-	-
BBQ Expense	432.79	-	-
Total Expenses	\$ 32,256.39	\$ 20,400.00	\$ 20,400.00
<u>DECEMBER 31, 2004:</u>			
Checking Account	\$ 6,256.64		
MM Account - Air Handler	4,470.00		
MM Account	35,885.24		
Total Ending Cash	\$ 46,611.88		
Total Expenses/Cash	\$ 78,868.27		

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Rainville, Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT

for the

FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

2004 Fiscal Year
July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004

Franklin Central School's Mission Statement

The mission of the Franklin Central School is to educate our children to become self-reliant and socially responsible individuals. They will respect themselves, their community, and the world around them. Ultimately, they will develop the skills and confidence to become life-long learners.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I am proud to report on the progress of the Franklin Central Elementary School. The children of our community and your school represent our greatest investment. The school staff, students, parents, and Board of Directors are working collaboratively to make our school the best it can be and to create a positive and effective culture for learning and teaching.

The faculty and staff at Franklin Central Elementary School under the leadership of our Principal, Joyce Hakey, continue to manage the school programs in a creative and effective manner. The Franklin school continues to excel in student achievement and we are very proud of the individual accomplishments of many students and the overall high standards of success that the school consistently maintains.

The Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union Central Office continues to work closely with the Franklin school. To this end, support is provided Franklin students in many areas including curriculum and instruction, action planning, grant applications, technology coordination. Leadership is provided for Indian Education, staff development, public relations, legal advisement, alternative education, business management, and fiscal services. Additionally, oversight regarding federal, state, and local funding sources is ensured. Many personnel items including certification, academic credential documentation, finger printing, and benefit information are handled by the Franklin Northwest Central Office.

The FNWSU Central Office administers federal and state grants that support programs such as student and program assessment, and curriculum development in science, language arts, and math. The Indian Education Program has assisted in funding cultural programs, curriculum development, mentoring, the learning center and programs in collaboration with institutions of higher education.

The total enrollment as of October 1, 2004 was 145 as follows: Kindergarten 25; Grade 1 - 12; Grade 2 - 19; Grade 3 - 19; Grade 3 - 23; Grade 4 - 28; Grade 5 - 16; and Grade 6 - 22.

The announced tuition rates for the 2004-2005 school year are \$6,351 for Grades 1 - 6, and \$3,175 for Kindergarten.

The Franklin Central Elementary School Board of Directors and the Administration have developed a budget for the 2005-2006 school year that will provide an effective and challenging education for your students. The budget is fiscally responsible with most of the increase in the budget coming in increased costs for health benefits, contractual obligations, and special education costs. I urge you to vote on Town Meeting Day.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. John J. McCarthy
Superintendent of Schools

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

"If we succeed in giving the love of learning, the learning itself is sure to follow."

--Sir John Lubbock

The school year 2003-2004 was a productive and memorable one for Franklin Central School which was appropriate as our theme for the year was "Creating Memories"! There were so many wonderful memories to share and to thank the community for. Last year, working together we were able to accomplish getting two wonderful additions to the school that we will use for many years to come—a backdrop to cover the cafeteria area for special events and a floor covering for the gym. A huge thanks to Joan Lothian for the tremendous amount of work that went into creating the backdrop and to Franklin Rescue for the donation toward the gym floor covering. Other special memories from last year include: the 100th birthday celebration of a resident at the Homestead that we were so happy to be a part of; participation in the Get Moving Vermont Program, Jump Rope for Heart, & Governor's Fit and Healthy Kids Challenge; donation of computers from Champlain College (thanks to a Franklin graduate!); "Double Vision" anti-drug/alcohol performance; our Veterans' Day assembly with Ms. Shepard our featured speaker; kindergarten students doing mini-PowerPoints; field trips to local farms; winning the Hannaford's School Dollars contest for the 3rd year & Price Chopper for the 1st time; the Senior Dinner where we boarded the "U.S.S. Franklin" for a fabulous cruise & the end of year Lake Carmi Picnic where we had one of the few days this summer that it didn't rain!

Our staff continued to be very dedicated and committed to furthering their knowledge and participated in many professional development activities that included: 5 teachers in a Reading/Writing Connections course; Local Assessment Institute; integrating technology; curriculum and management; Dimensions in Learning; writing and math portfolio calibrations; Guided Reading; Junior Great Books; Responsive Classroom; and multi-district in-service time that allowed our teachers to share ideas/resources, learn new instructional approaches, and gain information about meeting standards.

The emphasis on reading literacy in grades K through 2 and in our Reading Recovery Program at Franklin School is evident in our scores on the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) given in May to 2nd graders. For the last seven years, 90% and over (100% 2001-2004) of our students achieved the standard or achieved it with honors. The results for our school on the New Standards Reference Exam (given in Grade 4), which measures student performance on the VT Framework of Standards for Math and Language Arts, were outstanding. The results show Franklin School continuing to score significantly above the district and state scores. In math, the percentage of Franklin students achieving at or above the standard in skills, concepts and problem solving was 100%, 81% and 88% respectively. The state scores were 75%, 52% and 52%. In Language Arts, the scores for Franklin were Reading Comprehension 94%, Reading Analysis and Interpretation 94%, Writing Effectiveness 94%, and Grammar and Usage 88% meeting or exceeding the standard. State scores were 81%, 70%, 72%, and 63% in those areas. We were again named a Medallion School--one of the top thirteen elementary schools in the state for 2004--by the VT Business Roundtable based on our statewide assessment results (Gold Medallion in 2002, Medallion in 1999 and 2003).

Thank you to the PTO, Reading Is Fundamental, Playground Committee, Success By Six, Franklin Rec. & Activities Program, Franklin Fire & Rescue, Franklin Telephone Co., M & C Transport, Town Road Crew, and Haston Library for all of their contributions. We also want to thank all of the volunteers who coach, assist with the different committees, help with the ski program, chaperone field trips, work in the classrooms, and just help out with whatever needs to be done! Your support and your volunteered time are appreciated and make a difference for the children of Franklin—thank you!!

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hakey, Principal

Report of the Franklin School District Board of Directors

It is with pleasure that the Franklin School District Board of Directors reports to you on another year of excellence for Franklin Central School. Led by a strong and dedicated administration and staff, supported by parents and the entire community, and guided by an experienced Central Office, Franklin Central School continued its academic excellence and has set its sights even higher for the future.

Again this past spring, Franklin Central School was named a Medallion School by the Vermont Business Round Table. Achieving this honor for the third year in a row is truly humbling. This is a great tribute to the educational excellence that takes place at Franklin every day. Our teachers are truly dedicated professionals, working so well as a team and putting in extra time to ensure our children get the best education possible.

In one of the policies in our board policy manual, it is stated that the first and greatest concern of a board member is the educational welfare of the students attending Franklin's public school. The long term performance of our students on statewide testing shows that the school is providing very well for its students. The staff and administration at Franklin takes the yearly results from these tests to draft its Action Plan for the upcoming school year. We are always impressed by the time and effort that is put in to this document. The Action Plan sets goals and plans activities to improve areas that testing has shown could use improvement. This is one of the many things the staff and administration do to continually improve the educational experience at Franklin.

The school board also is bound by policy to keep the school buildings and grounds in good repair. The hiring of Steve Ballard in June has helped the board in fulfilling this duty. Steve, Joyce Hakey, and the board have developed a list of short and long-term items to be addressed in maintaining the building and grounds. The item we hope to address first is replacement of windows and repair of the outside doors and gym doors. The money for this work will be provided by a separate article to be voted on at Town Meeting. Long range items to be addressed include replacing counters in the classrooms, repaving the parking lot, and finishing the reroofing of the school.

The FY '06 budget reflects the board, staff, and administration's commitment to the educational welfare of the students. At the current time, the increase in the budget is approximately 6.5%. This is similar to other schools in the district, and follows several years when Franklin's increase was lower than the average in the district. Increases in health insurance costs, special ed paraprofessional salaries, and speech pathology services are contractual or are mandated by state statutes. Under plant operations, custodial salaries and repair & maintenance items have been increased to be proactive in keeping the school in good repair and to make sure the school meets all safety codes. As always, the board and the administration, along with the help of Becky Hart and Jack McCarthy, search out alternative funding sources for programs and projects to keep the cost to the taxpayer as low as possible.

The board feels this year's proposed budget will help maintain the academic excellence at Franklin Central School, and to keep the school facility safe and well maintained.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Gates, Timothy Magnant, and Eric Whittaker
Franklin School Directors

**FRANKLIN NORTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET FY2006**

	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Budget	FY2005 Anticipated	FY2006 Budget	Franklin Share
Expenses:					
Administration Salaries	\$298,629	\$308,533	\$308,533	\$309,876	\$18,407
Support Staff Salaries	\$40,728	\$45,660	\$46,314	\$49,535	\$2,942
Insurance Benefits	\$60,667	\$69,169	\$57,297	\$54,676	\$3,248
Other Benefits	\$10,759	\$10,985	\$10,516	\$11,921	\$708
Payroll Expense	\$26,780	\$29,734	\$30,082	\$30,581	\$1,817
Purchased Prof. Services	\$14,058	\$3,550	\$5,800	\$4,300	\$255
Repair&Maintenance / Equipment Lease	\$6,272	\$8,100	\$8,100	\$8,100	\$481
Other Property Services	\$17,641	\$27,145	\$29,069	\$32,745	\$1,945
Office Expenses	\$14,913	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$743
Travel / Conference	\$10,157	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$594
Supplies	\$9,049	\$7,950	\$7,950	\$7,950	\$472
Equipment	\$2,982	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$356
Dues & Fees	\$3,758	\$3,900	\$4,050	\$4,050	\$241
Total Expense:	\$516,393	\$541,226	\$534,211	\$542,234	\$32,209

Revenues:					
Title I, II, IV, and V Funding	\$116,288	\$115,911	\$115,911	\$109,162	\$6,484
Other Grant receipts	\$24,346	\$15,550	\$15,332	\$22,850	\$1,357
Other [Carryover, Interest Earnings & Misc.]	\$25,607	\$31,500	\$30,750	\$6,000	\$356
Total Revenues:	\$166,241	\$162,961	\$161,993	\$138,012	\$8,198

FY2006 ASSESSMENT AMOUNT	<u>\$360,886</u>	<u>\$378,226</u>	<u>\$372,218</u>	<u>\$404,222</u>	<u>\$24,011</u>
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Underlined are amounts assessed during the year - any amount assessed in excess of amount necessary is incorporated in the following year's carry forward amount.

FRANKLIN NORTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
2005-2006 Special Education Budget

	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Budget	FY2005 Anticipated	FY2006 Budget	Franklin Share
Expenses:					
Special Education Administration	\$61,120	\$63,465	\$63,470	\$67,000	\$5,280
Medicaid Clerk / Clerical Support	\$24,658	\$25,106	\$25,106	\$26,936	\$2,123
School Psychologists	\$119,015	\$132,169	\$132,155	\$137,711	\$10,852
Health, Dental & Disability Insurances	\$35,904	\$51,989	\$49,172	\$53,774	\$4,237
FICA, Workers Comp & Unempl.Comp	\$16,390	\$18,627	\$18,376	\$19,709	\$1,553
Municipal Retirement	\$1,233	\$1,255	\$1,255	\$1,347	\$106
Tuition Reimbursement	\$538	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$252
Purchased Professional Services	\$423	\$500	\$500	\$5,500	\$433
Office Expenses	\$1,857	\$4,250	\$4,250	\$4,250	\$335
Travel / Conference	\$4,819	\$5,300	\$5,300	\$5,300	\$418
Supplies	\$2,321	\$6,050	\$6,050	\$6,050	\$477
Equipment	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$315
Dues & Fees	\$565	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$59
Total Expense:	\$268,843	\$316,661	\$313,584	\$335,525	\$26,439

Revenues:					
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$19,587	\$19,344	\$19,344	\$21,750	\$1,714
IDEA-B Grant Reimbursement	\$75,737	\$85,181	\$85,181	\$88,781	\$6,996
Carryover from Prior Year	\$29,900	\$22,500	\$43,962	\$22,500	\$1,773
Total Revenues:	\$125,224	\$127,025	\$148,487	\$133,031	\$10,483

FY2006 ASSESSMENT AMOUNT	<u>\$187,581</u>	<u>\$189,634</u>	\$165,097	<u>\$202,494</u>	<u>\$15,957</u>
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Underlined are amounts assessed during the year - any amount assessed in excess of amount necessary is incorporated in the following year's carry forward amount.

FRANKLIN NORTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
2005-2006 Local Early Childhood Program Budget

	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Budget	FY2005 Anticipated	FY2006 Budget	Franklin Share
Expenses:					
ECP Administration & Spec.Educ.LEA	\$26,044	\$34,407	\$35,045	\$36,316	\$3,599
Teachers' Salaries	\$142,932	\$154,229	\$155,732	\$160,969	\$15,952
Support Staff [paraprofessionals and tutors]	\$59,161	\$52,923	\$61,431	\$76,529	\$7,584
Speech Pathologist Salary	\$37,171	\$40,411	\$39,314	\$41,569	\$4,119
ECP Secretary Salary	\$13,668	\$14,459	\$14,459	\$15,579	\$1,544
Insurance Benefits	\$35,605	\$51,307	\$54,187	\$66,966	\$6,636
Payroll Expense	\$24,877	\$24,596	\$24,676	\$27,235	\$2,699
Other Benefits	\$1,529	\$2,300	\$2,300	\$2,300	\$228
OT/PT Services	\$3,357	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$159
Purchased Prof. Services	\$6,371	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$416
Repair&Maintenance	\$1,952	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$208
Office Expenses	\$4,028	\$13,750	\$8,138	\$13,750	\$1,363
Student Tuition & Transportation	\$4,543	\$5,250	\$1,450	\$5,250	\$520
Travel / Conference	\$5,504	\$4,600	\$4,600	\$4,600	\$456
Supplies & Equipment	\$5,445	\$6,400	\$6,400	\$6,400	\$634
Total Expense:	\$372,187	\$412,532	\$415,632	\$465,363	\$46,117

Revenues:					
Preschool Tuition Receipts	\$8,157	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$476
Grant Funding [EEI, Title, and IDEA-B Preschool]	\$115,753	\$123,450	\$123,631	\$129,415	\$12,825
Carryover from Prior Year	\$41,745	\$20,000	\$22,780	\$20,000	\$1,982
Total Revenues:	\$165,655	\$148,250	\$151,211	\$154,215	\$15,283

FY2006 ASSESSMENT AMOUNT	<u>\$222,603</u>	<u>\$264,279</u>	<u>\$264,421</u>	<u>\$311,148</u>	<u>\$30,835</u>
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Underlined are amounts assessed during the year - any amount assessed in excess of amount necessary is incorporated in the following year's carry forward amount.

FRANKLIN NORTHWEST SUMMARY

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004

	Beginning Balance	FY2004		Ending Balance
		Receipts	Expenditures	
Grants / Non-Local Revenues:				
Title I	\$16,647	\$644,593	\$636,310	\$24,930
Title II A&D Grant(s) - Teacher Quality & Technology	\$16,371	\$334,371	\$347,835	\$2,908
Technology Literacy Grant	\$0	\$10,875	\$5,081	\$5,794
Title IV Grant - Drug Free Schools	\$1,658	\$31,342	\$22,202	\$10,799
Title V Grant - Innovative Programs	\$0	\$42,278	\$42,278	(\$0)
IDEA-B Grant	\$55,232	\$417,748	\$404,369	\$68,611
IDEA-B Preschool Grant	\$119	\$17,018	\$17,137	(\$1)
Higher Education Collaborative Grant	\$0	\$36,272	\$36,272	\$0
Success by Six Grant	\$13,914	\$194,335	\$208,242	\$7
Early Learning Opportunities Grant	\$359	\$556,158	\$559,517	(\$3,000)
Early Education Initiative Grant	\$0	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0
FCECP Advisory Council	\$21,637	\$83,731	\$16,613	\$88,755
VT Council on the Humanities Grant	(\$2,008)	\$6,500	\$2,483	\$2,009
Prism Grant	\$8,667	\$21,880	\$25,931	\$4,616
Best Grant	(\$1,417)	\$18,250	\$17,866	(\$1,033)
Alternative Assessment Grant	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500
Indian Education Grant	\$1	\$131,874	\$131,874	\$1
Mentoring Program	\$22,509	\$7,750	\$8,527	\$21,732
Comprehensive School Reform Grant (MVUHS)	\$0	\$98,010	\$98,010	\$0
Tobacco Grant	\$5,946	\$20,915	\$13,486	\$13,374
VT Kids Against Tobacco	\$296	\$700	\$622	\$374
Franklin County Caring Communities Project	\$0	\$15,281	\$7,869	\$7,412
OJJDP	\$0	\$34,000	\$41,778	(\$7,778)
Missisquoi Mentoring		\$19,600	\$16,314	\$3,286
Curriculum Council	\$1,265	\$2,285	\$105	\$3,445
Standards Board	\$0	\$900	\$1,160	(\$260)
Medicaid Reimbursements (school-based)	\$251,688	\$196,174	\$274,733	\$173,128
Medicaid Reimbursements (FNWSU)	\$40,895	\$21,322	\$25,474	\$36,743
EPSDT Reimbursements	\$54,322	\$39,624	\$45,416	\$48,530
Carnegie Grant	\$9,905	\$0	\$0	\$9,905
School-wide Improvement Grant (Highgate)	\$0	\$13,964	\$13,964	\$0
Character Education (SCOPE) Grant (Swanton)	\$0	\$88,932	\$88,932	\$0
Central Office	\$128,225	\$506,034	\$516,393	\$117,866
Special Education	\$29,901	\$207,168	\$193,107	\$43,962
Early Childhood Program	\$49,902	\$303,343	\$330,465	\$22,780

A copy of the Independent Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, performed by Angolano & Co., may be obtained from the Superintendent of Schools' Office.

FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL SALARY SCHEDULE

Step	BA/BS	BA/BS+15	BA/BS+30	BA/BS+45	MA/MS	MA/MS+15	MA/MS+30
1	\$ 22,365	\$ 23,483	\$ 24,602	\$ 25,720	\$ 26,838	\$ 27,956	\$ 29,075
2	\$ 23,483	\$ 24,602	\$ 25,720	\$ 26,838	\$ 27,956	\$ 29,075	\$ 30,193
3	\$ 24,602	\$ 25,720	\$ 26,838	\$ 27,956	\$ 29,075	\$ 30,193	\$ 31,311
4	\$ 25,720	\$ 26,838	\$ 27,956	\$ 29,075	\$ 30,193	\$ 31,311	\$ 32,429
5	\$ 26,838	\$ 27,956	\$ 29,075	\$ 30,193	\$ 31,311	\$ 32,429	\$ 33,548
6	\$ 27,956	\$ 29,075	\$ 30,193	\$ 31,311	\$ 32,429	\$ 33,548	\$ 34,666
7	\$ 29,075	\$ 30,193	\$ 31,311	\$ 32,429	\$ 33,548	\$ 34,666	\$ 35,784
8	\$ 30,193	\$ 31,311	\$ 32,429	\$ 33,548	\$ 34,666	\$ 35,784	\$ 36,902
9	\$ 31,311	\$ 32,429	\$ 33,548	\$ 34,666	\$ 35,784	\$ 36,902	\$ 38,021
10	\$ 32,429	\$ 33,548	\$ 34,666	\$ 35,784	\$ 36,902	\$ 38,021	\$ 39,139
11	\$ 33,548	\$ 34,666	\$ 35,784	\$ 36,902	\$ 38,021	\$ 39,139	\$ 40,257
12	\$ 34,666	\$ 35,784	\$ 36,902	\$ 38,021	\$ 39,139	\$ 40,257	\$ 41,375
13		\$ 36,902	\$ 38,021	\$ 39,139	\$ 40,257	\$ 41,375	\$ 42,494
14		\$ 38,021	\$ 39,139	\$ 40,257	\$ 41,375	\$ 42,494	\$ 43,612
15			\$ 40,257	\$ 41,375	\$ 42,494	\$ 43,612	\$ 44,730
16							\$ 45,848

READING THE SALARY SCHEDULE

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Salary Ranges For Employees Not Subject To The Salary Scale

Administration/Treasurer	\$ 2,775	to	\$ 55,694
Paraprofessionals/Librarian	\$ 5,432	to	\$ 18,720
Custodian	\$ 1,524	to	\$ 24,400
Food Service	\$ 7,417	to	\$ 11,146

NOTE: Individual salary information is available, by request, at the Franklin Town Clerk's Office.

FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL STAFF

FY 04 - July 1, 2003 thru June 30, 2004

Department	Employee	FTE	Level	Step	Years of Service at Franklin
Teacher/Guidance/Nurse:					
Kindergarten	Sturgeon, Theresa	50	BS+45	13	16
Grade 1	Trainer, Brye	100	BA	1	3
Grade 2	Andersen, Sandra	100	MA+30	13	26
Grade 3	Moore, Diane	100	MS+30	13	30
Grade 4	Shepard, Valerie	100	BA+45	13	22
Grade 5&6	Boucher, Deborah	100	BA+15	3	6
Grade 5&6	Therrien, Jason	100	BA	3	6
Special Ed.	Babinski, Jessica	100	MA	1	1
Physical Ed.	Young, Douglas	40	BS	1	0
Guidance	May, Allison	60	MA	1	0
Compensatory Ed.	Reader, Linda	50	BA+45	13	21
Music	Allen, David	60	BA	8	1
Nurse .5	Forgues, Sally	50			2
Nurse .5	Potts, Alita	50			0
Administration:					
Principal	Hakey, Joyce				
Admin. Assistant	Sartwell, Susan				
Treasurer	Larivee, Lisa				
Paraprofessional/Library:					
Librarian	Wilson, Nancy				
Instructional Assistant	Glidden, Daisy				
Spec. Ed. Paraprofessional	Domina, Theresa	Renaudette, Lana			
Spec. Ed. Paraprofessional	Ashton, Constance	Boyd, Sabrina			
Spec. Ed. Paraprofessional	Machia, Jessica	Dunphy, Carol			
Spec. Ed. Paraprofessional	Larivee, Nancy				
Spec. Ed. Paraprofessional	Legault, Monica				
Prevention Tutor	Greenwood, Rebecca				
Sp.Ed./Technology Para.	Ovitt, Kathy				
Custodial:					
Head Custodian	Rivers, Roy				
Part Time Custodian	Colman, Richard				
Food Services:					
Head Cook/Co-Agent	Bushey, Carolyn				
Cook/Co-Agent	Daignault, Amanda				

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Independent Auditors' Report

To The School Board
Franklin Town School District

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Franklin Town School District, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We have also audited the financial statements of each of the City's nonmajor governmental, nonmajor enterprise, and fiduciary funds presented as supplementary information in the accompanying combining and individual fund financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Franklin Town School District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Franklin Town School District, Vermont, as of June 30, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each nonmajor governmental, nonmajor enterprise, and fiduciary fund of Franklin Town School District, as of June 30, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 1, the School District has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, as of June 30, 2004.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 2, 2004 on our consideration of Franklin Town School District’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The Management’s Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on page 4 and 26 through 30 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Franklin Town School District’s basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, and statistical tables are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The introductory section and statistical tables have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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September 2, 2004

Franklin Town School District
 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
 and Changes in Fund Balances
 All Governmental Fund Types - Fund Base
 For The Year Ended June 30, 2004

EXHIBIT IV

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Project Fund	Debt Service Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)
REVENUES:					
Local Share Property Taxes	\$ 267,918				\$ 267,918
Investment Income	1,050		\$ 91		1,141
Miscellaneous	2,644				2,644
Private/Local		\$ 4,324			4,324
State	<u>1,806,429</u>	-	-	-	<u>1,806,429</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>2,078,041</u>	<u>4,324</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>2,082,456</u>
EXPENDITURES:					
Direct Services	1,549,019	4,324			1,553,343
Support Services:					
Students	46,499				46,499
Instructional Staff	35,268				35,268
General Administration	26,220				26,220
Area Administration	118,753				118,753
Fiscal Services	15,197				15,197
Operation and Maintenance of Building	122,557				122,557
Transportation	86,198				86,198
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement				70,000	70,000
Interest Charges	-	-	-	43,040	43,040
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,999,711</u>	<u>4,324</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>113,040</u>	<u>2,117,075</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	78,330	-	91	(113,040)	(34,619)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Transfers In (Out)	<u>(113,040)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>113,040</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(34,710)	-	91	-	(34,619)
FUND BALANCES, JULY 1, 2003	<u>56,095</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,090</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,185</u>
FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30, 2004	<u>\$ 21,385</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,181</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 37,566</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Franklin Town School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenses
and Changes in Retained Earnings
Proprietary Fund Type - Enterprise Fund
Food Program
For The Year Ended June 30, 2004

EXHIBIT V

Operating Revenue:		
Sales	\$ 33,199	
Total Operating Revenue		\$ 33,199
Operating Expenses:		
Salaries and Benefits	26,724	
Repairs and Maintenance	358	
Rubbish Removal	814	
Storage and Delivery	507	
Food and Supplies	28,499	
Utilities	374	
Equipment	781	
Other	754	
Commodities	<u>2,877</u>	
Total Operating Expenses		<u>61,688</u>
Operating Income (Loss)		(28,489)
Non-Operating Revenues:		
State Sources:		
Restricted Grants:		
Lunch Match	798	
Child Nutrition Breakfast	174	
Federal Sources:		
Restricted Grants:		
School Lunch Program	17,230	
School Breakfast Program	5,039	
Commodities	<u>2,877</u>	
Total Non-Operating Revenues		<u>26,118</u>
Net Income (Loss)		(2,371)
Retained Earnings, July 1, 2003		<u>9,543</u>
Retained Earnings, June 30, 2004		<u>\$ 7,172</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
AGENCY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	Balance July 1, 2003	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance June 30, 2004
ASSETS:				
Cash - Library Fund	\$ 512	\$ 4,113	\$ 3,979	\$ 646
Cash - Childrens Fund	6,806	11,521	10,058	8,269
Total Assets	<u>\$ 7,318</u>	<u>\$ 15,634</u>	<u>\$ 14,037</u>	<u>\$ 8,915</u>
 LIABILITIES:				
Amount Held for Agency Funds	<u>\$ 7,318</u>	<u>\$ 15,634</u>	<u>\$ 14,037</u>	<u>\$ 8,915</u>

FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	6/30/2003	6/30/2004
ASSETS:		
Cash - General Fund	\$ 56,095	\$ 31,696
Cash - Special Revenue Fund	589	-
Cash - Capital Project Fund	16,090	16,181
Cash - Enterprise Fund	7,199	4,125
Cash - Agency Fund	7,318	8,915
Accounts Receivable - State-General Fund	-	-
Accounts Receivable - State-Enterprise Fund	1,317	1,648
Accounts Receivable - Other	142	-
Due From Other - Special Revenue Fund	-	139
Inventory	885	1,260
Retirement of Long-Term Debt	700,000	630,000
Total Assets:	<u>\$ 789,635</u>	<u>\$ 693,964</u>
 LIABILITIES/FUND EQUITY:		
Accrued Expenses	-	10,311
Accounts Payable - General Fund	-	-
Accounts Payable - Enterprise Fund	-	8,915
Amount Held for Agency Funds	7,318	-
Due to Other Funds	-	-
Deferred Revenue	589	-
Bond Payable	700,000	630,000
Fund Balances, Reserved - Roof Project (Capital Project Fund)	16,090	16,181
Fund Balances, Reserved - FY 04	-	-
Fund Balances, Reserved - FY 05	6,900	7,500
Fund Balances, Unreserved	49,195	13,885
Retained Earnings	9,543	7,172
Total Liabilities/Fund Equity	<u>\$ 789,635</u>	<u>\$ 693,964</u>

FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Treasurer's Report

July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004

Balance as of June 30, 2003	\$	56,094.82	
Unexpended PO's	\$	-	
Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2003			\$ 56,094.82

RECEIPTS:

State of VT State Education Taxes	\$	837,636.00	
State of VT Local Share Taxes	\$	267,918.00	
State of VT All Aid to Education	\$	968,792.78	
State of VT Hot Lunch	\$	22,909.63	
Interest Income	\$	1,050.32	
All other	\$	2,641.17	\$ 2,100,947.90
TOTAL BEGINNING BAL & RECEIPTS:			<u>\$ 2,157,042.72</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Regular Orders Paid	\$	1,161,768.91	
MVU Operational/Capital Budget	\$	950,979.65	
Hot Lunch Reimb.	\$	22,909.63	
Liabilities as of June 30, 2004	\$	-	
Ending Balance	\$	21,384.53	
TOTAL OF ENDING BAL. & EXPENDITURES:			<u>\$ 2,157,042.72</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Treasurer

FRANKLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

ROOF RENOVATION PROJECT

July 1, 2003-June 30, 2004

Balance as of July 1, 2003	\$	16,089.87
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Revenues:

Interest Earnings	\$91.48
Total Revenues Received to date:	\$91.48

Expenditures:

Transfer to School District General Fund	-
Total Expenditures:	-

Balance on Hand, June 30, 2004	\$	<u>16,181.35</u>
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Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by DOE

District: **Franklin**
County: **Franklin**

LEA: **078**
S.U.: **Franklin Northwest**

Act 60

Expenditures

1. Budget (local budget, excluding special programs reported in line 3, full tech expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)
2. Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years under Act 60
3. Special revenue program expenditures (federal dollars, restricted grants, etc.)
4. Locally adopted or warned budget
5. Separately warned article passed at town meeting
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	FY2003	FY2004
1.	\$1,102,478	\$1,144,702
2.	\$11,577	\$10,109
3.	\$14,159	\$12,000
4.	\$1,128,214	\$1,166,811
5.	-	-
6.	-	-
7.	-	-
8.	-	-
9.	\$1,128,214	\$1,166,811

Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget

10.	\$996,660	\$950,960
11.	-	-
12.	\$2,124,874	\$2,117,791
13.	\$48,590	\$59,166
14.	-	-

Gross Act 68 Budget

S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data
Prior deficit reduction (if included in local budget) - informational data

Act 68

15. Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)
16. Capital debt aid
17. Special program revenues (if not included in local budget; included in FY2006)
18. Prior deficit reduction if included in revenues
- 19.
20. Total revenues
21. Fund raising, if any (included in line 15)
22. Adjusted local revenues
23. Education Spending (Act 68 definition)
24. Equalized Pupils
25. Less eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil
26. Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)
27. Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment
28. District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$6,752 / \$6,976)
29. Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized (\$6,752 / \$6,976)
30. Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)
31. Estimated homestead tax rate, actual (\$1,280 / 121.80%)
32. Household Income Percentage for income sensitivity (125.48% x 1.85%)

	FY2005	FY2006
15.	\$273,454	\$312,593
16.	\$8,000	\$20,642
17.	-	-
18.	-	-
19.	-	-
20.	\$281,454	\$333,236
21.	-	-
22.	\$281,454	\$333,236
23.	\$1,924,371	\$2,173,775
24.	248.26	248.37
25.	\$7,761	\$8,752
26.	621.17	522.67
27.	not applicable	not applicable
28.	113.992%	125.477%
29.	\$1.197	\$1.280
30.	137.40%	121.80%
31.	\$0.871	\$1.051
32.	2.17%	2.32%

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Education Spending (Act 68 definition)

23.	\$1,855,661	\$1,832,725
24.	261.75	252.59

Education Spending per Equalized Pupil

25.	not applicable	not applicable
26.	not applicable	not applicable
27.	not applicable	not applicable
28.	not applicable	not applicable
29.	\$1,499	\$1,452
30.	91.22%	87.39%
31.	\$1,610	\$1,656
32.	2.73%	2.64%

The projected base education spending amount of \$8,975 is subject to Legislative approval.
The base education homestead tax rate of \$1.02 and the income percentage cap of 1.85% are based on the recommendation of the Governor's Office and are subject to Legislative approval.

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FRANKLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY2004 Expenditures, FY2005 Estimated Expenditures, and FY2006 Proposed School Budget

Func/ Object	Description	FY2004 Budget	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Budget	FY2005 Anticipated	FY2006 Proposed	Budget Change
1100	INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS:						
110	Teachers' Salaries	\$308,079	\$293,667	\$308,315	\$308,059	\$305,652	(\$2,463)
119	Aides' Salaries	\$13,832	\$12,067	\$13,759	\$12,950	\$14,939	\$1,180
120	Substitutes' Salaries	\$3,500	\$1,429	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0
210	Health Insurance	\$44,911	\$47,957	\$56,473	\$59,186	\$72,460	\$15,987
210A	Expanded Medical/Dep.Care	\$300	\$569	\$420	\$420	\$420	\$0
210B	Dental Insurance	\$3,444	\$2,520	\$3,393	\$3,393	\$3,393	\$0
220	Social Security	\$24,894	\$23,737	\$24,906	\$24,675	\$24,808	(\$98)
250	Workers Compensation	\$2,115	\$4,454	\$2,605	\$2,626	\$2,594	(\$11)
260	Unemployment Compensation	\$0	\$1,678	\$0	\$161	\$0	\$0
300	Contracted Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
430	Repair & Maintenance	\$1,100	\$1,092	\$1,243	\$1,243	\$4,623	\$3,380
610	Supplies	\$6,550	\$6,958	\$6,689	\$6,689	\$6,607	(\$82)
610.1	Testing Supplies (SAT-9)	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
610.2	PE Supplies	\$400	\$398	\$325	\$325	\$360	\$35
640	Books	\$1,100	\$114	\$712	\$712	\$1,137	\$425
640.1	Books - reference/periodicals	\$280	\$176	\$386	\$386	\$249	(\$137)
640.2	Books - consumable	\$1,050	\$1,028	\$776	\$776	\$1,189	\$413
650	Audiovisuals	\$200	\$138	\$206	\$206	\$185	(\$21)
660	Manipulatives	\$380	\$177	\$201	\$201	\$292	\$91
670	Computer Software	\$40	\$38	\$68	\$68	\$100	\$32
730	Equipment	\$1,050	\$1,077	\$3,258	\$3,258	\$678	(\$2,580)
	Subtotal - Instructional Prog.	\$413,725	\$399,274	\$427,735	\$429,334	\$443,886	\$16,151
1210	SPECIAL EDUCATION:						
110	Teachers' Salaries	\$33,240	\$33,240	\$34,348	\$34,348	\$36,520	\$2,172
115	Paraprofessionals' Salaries	\$61,061	\$62,859	\$80,729	\$85,206	\$97,416	\$16,687
119	Substitutes & Tutors' Salaries	\$7,500	\$4,813	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0

Func/ Object	Description	FY2004 Budget	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Budget	FY2005 Anticipated	FY2006 Proposed	Budget Change
1210	SPECIAL EDUCATION:						
210	Health Insurance	\$22,116	\$20,576	\$19,854	\$24,273	\$26,873	\$7,019
210B	Dental Insurance	\$507	\$523	\$507	\$507	\$507	\$0
220	Social Security	\$7,788	\$8,132	\$9,377	\$9,676	\$10,820	\$1,443
250	Workman's Compensation	\$662	\$525	\$981	\$981	\$1,131	\$150
270	Course Reimbursement	\$800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
300	Purchased Prof. Services	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$1,800	\$1,300
400	Purchased Property Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
561	Tuition to Private Schools	\$18,000	\$38,326	\$22,500	\$94	\$0	(\$22,500)
580	Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$250
610	Supplies	\$2,000	\$588	\$2,000	\$1,506	\$2,155	\$155
640	Books	\$110	\$32	\$0	\$494	\$200	\$200
670	Computer Software	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
730	Equipment	\$300	\$142	\$500	\$500	\$300	(\$200)
	Subtotal - Spec. Education	\$154,584	\$169,756	\$178,797	\$165,585	\$185,473	\$6,676
1214	EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM:						
331	Assessment	\$23,373	\$23,373	\$28,014	\$28,014	\$30,835	\$2,821
	Subtotal - Early Childhood Prog.	\$23,373	\$23,373	\$28,014	\$28,014	\$30,835	\$2,821
2120	GUIDANCE PROGRAM						
110	Salary, Counselor (.4FTE)	\$13,296	\$13,296	\$9,114	\$8,239	\$8,753	(\$361)
210	Health Insurance	\$4,018	\$488	\$1,859	\$1,682	\$1,884	\$25
210.1	Dental Insurance	\$203	\$160	\$203	\$203	\$204	\$1
220	Social Security	\$1,017	\$996	\$697	\$630	\$670	(\$27)
250	Workman's Compensation	\$86	\$16	\$73	\$73	\$70	(\$3)
300	Contracted Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
580	Travel/Mileage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
610	Supplies	\$400	\$15	\$200	\$200	\$150	(\$50)
640	Books	\$90	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Subtotal - Guidance	\$19,110	\$14,971	\$12,146	\$11,027	\$11,731	(\$415)

Func/ Object	Description	FY2004 Budget	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Budget	FY2005 Anticipated	FY2006 Proposed	Budget Change
2130	HEALTH SERVICES:						
110	Salary, Nurse (.5FTE)	\$16,190	\$13,165	\$13,241	\$13,241	\$11,972	(\$1,269)
210	Health Insurance	\$3,746	\$1,952	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
210.1	Dental Insurance	\$254	\$76	\$254	\$254	\$254	\$0
220	Social Security	\$1,238	\$1,250	\$1,013	\$1,013	\$916	(\$97)
250	Workman's Compensation	\$105	\$56	\$106	\$106	\$96	(\$10)
430	Repair & Maintenance	\$120	\$95	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$0
610	Supplies	\$745	\$461	\$715	\$715	\$760	\$45
730	Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$200
	Subtotal - Health Serv.	\$22,398	\$17,055	\$15,449	\$15,449	\$14,318	(\$1,131)
2150	SPEECH PATH. & AUDIOLOGY:						
300	Purchased Professional Services	\$15,000	\$14,473	\$15,000	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$7,500
610	Supplies	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
	Subtotal - Speech Pathology	\$15,500	\$14,473	\$15,500	\$23,000	\$23,000	\$7,500
2213	INSTR. STAFF TRAINING:						
270	Course Reimbursement	\$5,500	\$6,343	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$0
270.1	Staff Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Subtotal - Staff Training	\$5,500	\$6,343	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$0
2222	LIBRARY SERVICES:						
110	Salary, Library Aide	\$16,548	\$16,850	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$19,200	\$1,200
210	Health Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
220	Social Security	\$1,266	\$1,289	\$1,377	\$1,377	\$1,469	\$92
250	Workman's Compensation	\$108	\$82	\$144	\$144	\$154	\$10
430	Repair & Maintenance	\$660	\$480	\$660	\$660	\$930	\$270
610	Supplies	\$300	\$50	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0
640	Books & Periodicals	\$1,800	\$1,730	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0

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2222		LIBRARY SERVICES:						
650		Audiovisuals	\$300	\$163	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0
660		Manipulatives	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
670		Computer Software	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
730		Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Subtotal - Library	\$20,982	\$20,644	\$22,481	\$22,481	\$24,053	\$1,572
2225		SCHOOL-WIDE TECHNOLOGY						
110		Paraprofessional Salary	\$6,552	\$6,204	\$7,215	\$7,215	\$7,770	\$555
210		Health Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
220		Social Security	\$501	\$475	\$552	\$552	\$594	\$42
250		Workers Compensation	\$43	\$3	\$58	\$58	\$62	\$4
430		Repair & Maintenance	\$500	\$65	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
530		Telephone	\$4,300	\$925	\$950	\$950	\$950	\$0
610		Supplies	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
670		Computer Software	\$200	\$236	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0
910		Equipment	\$0	\$373	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Subtotal - School-Wide Technology	\$12,596	\$8,281	\$9,975	\$9,975	\$10,576	\$601
2310		BOARD OF EDUCATION:						
111		Board Salaries	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0
220		Salary, Board Secretary	\$500	\$464	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
260		Social Security	\$130	\$127	\$130	\$130	\$130	\$0
330		Audit	\$1,900	\$1,400	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
360		Legal Services	\$500	\$479	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
540		Advertising/Printing	\$1,000	\$1,353	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
550		Printing/Binding Town Report	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
810		Dues [VSBA]	\$900	\$850	\$900	\$850	\$850	(\$50)
890		Miscellaneous	\$50	\$498	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$0
		Subtotal - Board of Educ.	\$6,680	\$6,371	\$7,280	\$7,230	\$7,230	(\$50)

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2321	OFFICE OF THE SUPT:						
331	S. U. Assessment (Central Office)	\$19,849	\$19,849	\$20,351	\$20,351	\$24,011	\$3,660
	Subtotal - Supt's Office	\$19,849	\$19,849	\$20,351	\$20,351	\$24,011	\$3,660
2410	PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:						
110	Salary, Principal	\$59,602	\$59,602	\$62,995	\$62,995	\$65,515	\$2,520
111	Salary, Secretary	\$16,492	\$16,123	\$18,228	\$18,228	\$19,530	\$1,302
210	Health Insurance	\$15,816	\$16,058	\$16,901	\$16,901	\$18,725	\$1,824
210B	Dental Insurance	\$507	\$503	\$507	\$507	\$507	\$0
210C	LongTerm Disability Insurance	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0
220	Social Security	\$5,821	\$5,531	\$6,214	\$6,167	\$6,506	\$292
250	Workman's Compensation	\$495	\$387	\$650	\$650	\$680	\$30
430	Repair & Maintenance	\$943	\$1,380	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0
530	Telephone	\$1,500	\$2,011	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
531	Postage	\$650	\$407	\$650	\$650	\$650	\$0
580	Conference/Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
610	Supplies	\$1,050	\$667	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$0
670	Computer Software	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
730	Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
810	Dues (VT Headmasters)	\$200	\$140	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0
	Subtotal - Principal's Office	\$103,326	\$102,809	\$110,495	\$110,448	\$116,463	\$5,968
2420	OFFICE OF THE SUPT:						
331	S. U. Assessment (Special Educ.)	\$15,944	\$15,944	\$13,843	\$13,843	\$15,957	\$2,114
	Subtotal - Supt's Office	\$15,944	\$15,944	\$13,843	\$13,843	\$15,957	\$2,114
2520	FISCAL SERVICES:						
300	Salary & Benefits, Treasurer	\$13,199	\$13,711	\$15,213	\$15,190	\$16,213	\$1,000
420	Contracted Services	\$480	\$488	\$480	\$480	\$480	\$0
	Repair & Maintenance	\$350	\$0	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$0

Funct/ Object	Description	FY2004		FY2005	FY2005	FY2006	Budget Change
		Budget	Actuals	Budget	Anticipated	Proposed	
2520	FISCAL SERVICES:						
531	Postage	\$170	\$148	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0
610	Supplies	\$300	\$348	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$0
730	Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
830	Interest on Current Loan	\$690	\$502	\$800	\$321	\$800	\$0
	Subtotal - Fiscal Services	\$15,189	\$15,197	\$17,393	\$16,891	\$18,393	\$1,000
2540	PLANT OPERATIONS:						
110	Custodians' Salaries	\$33,781	\$36,671	\$35,066	\$49,135	\$52,004	\$16,938
210	Insurance / Benefits	\$7,908	\$7,913	\$8,679	\$5,818	\$1,483	(\$7,196)
220	Social Security	\$2,584	\$2,772	\$2,683	\$3,750	\$3,978	\$1,295
250	Workman's Compensation	\$1,351	\$4,016	\$2,455	\$2,455	\$3,640	\$1,185
400	Purchased Property Services	\$0	\$1,060	\$0	\$0	\$2,400	\$2,400
411	Water & Sewer	\$1,050	\$1,240	\$1,050	\$1,050	\$1,050	\$0
421	Disposal Service	\$1,900	\$1,899	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,200	\$200
430	Repair/Maintenance	\$8,735	\$24,423	\$9,730	\$13,300	\$5,750	(\$3,980)
431	Heating & Ventilation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,774	\$4,774
433	Grounds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000
520	Property Insurance	\$3,321	\$3,824	\$4,398	\$4,500	\$5,063	\$665
610	Supplies	\$8,750	\$9,360	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$12,400	\$3,900
622	Electricity	\$16,450	\$19,913	\$19,500	\$19,500	\$19,500	\$0
624	Wood Chips	\$6,000	\$4,101	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
624	Fuel Oil	\$3,000	\$3,636	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0
624.1	Gasoline (for snowblower & tractor)	\$325	\$100	\$250	\$250	\$200	(\$50)
700	Equipment	\$0	\$1,629	\$0	\$120	\$2,500	\$2,500
	Subtotal - Plant Operation	\$95,155	\$122,557	\$103,811	\$119,878	\$130,442	\$26,631

Funct/ Object	Description	FY2004 Budget	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Budget	FY2005 Anticipated	FY2006 Proposed	Budget Change
2550	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION						
513	Contracted Service	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$78,000	\$75,000	\$81,000	\$3,000
513.01	ExtraCurricular Transportation	\$300	\$186	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$0
515	Special Education Transportation	\$6,500	\$11,012	\$6,500	\$108	\$0	(\$6,500)
	Subtotal - Pupil Transportation	\$81,800	\$86,198	\$84,800	\$75,408	\$81,300	(\$3,500)
2600	FOOD SERVICE						
200	Hot Lunch Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,684	\$9,684
	Subtotal - Food Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,684	\$9,684
5100	DEBT SERVICE						
830	Interest	\$43,040	\$43,040	\$38,729	\$38,729	\$34,347	(\$4,382)
910	Principal	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$0
	Subtotal - Debt Service	\$113,040	\$113,040	\$108,729	\$108,729	\$104,347	(\$4,382)
	SubTotal - Franklin Elem. School	\$1,138,752	\$1,156,135	\$1,182,297	\$1,183,141	\$1,257,199	\$74,902
1400	VOCATIONAL TUITION ***						
565	Vocational Tuition	\$5,950	\$5,636	\$13,965	\$13,601	\$20,640	\$6,675
	Subtotal - Vocational Tuition	\$5,950	\$5,636	\$13,965	\$13,601	\$20,640	\$6,675
	GRAND TOTAL - FRANKLIN SCH DISTRICT	\$1,144,702	\$1,161,771	\$1,196,262	\$1,196,742	\$1,277,839	\$81,577

*** Beginning in FY2005, School Districts are required to reflect the full vocational tuition expense in their local expenditure budget with the corresponding revenue from the State.

FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROPOSED EXPENSES:

Franklin School District Budget Proposal	\$1,277,839	
Franklin Special Article - For doors & windows replacement anticipated to be reduced by State Construction Aid	\$65,000	
 MVUHS Oper. Budget Proposal - Franklin share	 \$1,115,012	
MVUHS Capital Costs - roof renovation	\$25,469	
MVUHS Special Article - \$25,000 roof maintenance fund	<u>\$3,048</u>	
TOTAL		<u>\$2,486,368</u>

PROJECTED REVENUES:

Interest Earnings	\$3,000	
FY04 Unreserved Fund Balance	\$13,885	
Minus Overpayment of Spec.Educ. Reimbursement	-\$8,061	
Estimated Year End Carryover	\$0	
 Projected Special Education Aid:		
Mainstream Block Grant	\$72,355	
Intensive Reimb - est. elem. school expenses	\$71,538	
Intensive Reimb. - est. high school expenses	\$92,166	
EEE Grant	\$14,184	
Care & Custody	\$0	
Small Schools Grant	\$12,561	
Transportation Reimbursement	<u>\$40,965</u>	

\$312,593

EDUCATION SPENDING K-12

Vocational Tuition align="right">\$13,047

LOCAL EDUCATION REVENUE from State & Local sources align="right">**\$2,160,728**

Equalized Pupils K12	248.37	
Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$8,752	
District Spending Adjustment (Spending divided by \$6975 block)	125.48%	
Equalized Tax Rate (\$1.02 base x Spending Adjustment)		\$1.280

Estimated Equalized Tax Rate	\$1.280
Estimated Homestead Tax Rate based on current Common Level of Appraisal [increased to 121.8% of State Appraisal value]	\$1.051

Calculation based on current recommendations and actual rates will be based on calculation approved by the legislature.

NOTES OF INTEREST

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Friday.....9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday.....9:00 am - Noon
Thursday.....9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Closed from 12:00 - 1:00 each day

HASTON LIBRARY HOURS

Monday.....8:00 am - Noon
Tuesday.....3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Wednesday.....8:00 am - Noon
Thursday.....9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday.....8:00 am - Noon
Trustee Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm

SELECTBOARD MEETING

Second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Franklin School Library
Contact the Town Clerk if you wish to be on the agenda.

LOCAL SCHOOLBOARD MEETING

First Tuesday of each month at the Franklin Elementary School.
Contact the Principal if you wish to be on the agenda.

MVUHS DIRECTOR'S MEETING

First and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at MVUHS.

DOG LICENSES

Due by April 1, 2005

Any dog six months of age and over must be licensed at the Town Clerk's Office and must show proof of current rabies vaccination at that time.

PROPERTY TAXES

Proposed property tax due date – October 17, 2005

NOTICE: New policy – All tax payments must be received by October 17th or will be considered delinquent. Postmarked checks or envelopes will not be accepted.

BUILDING PERMITS & SEPTIC DESIGN

Building applications and permits are necessary if you are doing construction of more than fifty square feet **or if you are changing the use**. Forms are available at Town Clerk's Office. Septic systems must be designed by a Certified Technician or Registered Engineer. **The design must be approved by the Selectboard before work commences and inspected by the Board of Health before covering.** A 48-hour notice is required.

PERMISSION TO BURN (REQUIRED)

Contact Burt Maynard, Town Fire Warden at 285-2220 for a permit.

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS

Available for all residents over 62 (\$2.00 lifetime fee) - Forms at Town Clerk's Office.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Franklin Fire Department.....	285-6789
Franklin Rescue Service.....	285-6789
Vermont State Police.....	933-5555
Franklin County Sheriff's Department.....	524-2121
Northwestern Medical Center.....	524-5911
Poison Control Center	658-3456
Vermont Game Warden	524-5993
U.S. Border Patrol	868-3229

TOWN OFFICES

Franklin Town Clerk & Treasurer.....	285-2101
Haston Library	285-6505
Selectboard Chair.....	285-2206
School Board Chair	285-2272
Zoning Administrator	285-2179
Planning Commission Chair	933-2022
Board of Adjustment Chair	933-6255
Health Officer	933-5974
Animal Control Officer	285-2101
Town Garage.....	285-2180
Road Commissioner.....	285-6383

CHURCHES

Franklin United Church..... 285-6425
Catholic Rectory 933-8921

SCHOOLS

Franklin Elementary School..... 285-2100
MVUHS..... 868-7311
Northwest Supervisory Union 868-4967

FRANKLIN DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTATIVES

Albert Perry..... 848-7618
E-mail perryvt@together.net
Norman McAllister 285-6363
Representatives Number in Montpelier 800-322-5616

LAKE CARMİ CAMPER'S ASSOCIATION

Richard Lang, President..... 285-6832

The Franklin Historical Society still has an ample supply of "A History of Franklin" books for sale for only \$20.

CONTACTS FOR THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN AND THE HASTON LIBRARY

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