

Annual Report



TOWN OF BARTON VERMONT

for the year ending
December 31, 2004

This Town of Barton

Annual Report

is dedicated

to the memory of

Raymond L. "Pokey" Paquette, Sr.

November 9, 1909 - August 24, 2004

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General Information

The Barton Town Clerk's office is located in the Barton Town Municipal Office building at 34 Main Street in Barton Village. We are open 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Telephone 525-6222. Fax 525-8856.

The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Barton meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. You can call the Barton Town Clerk's office to be placed on the agenda. Any change in meeting dates and times is posted outside the Town Clerk's office. Public participation is encouraged.

Planning Commission meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at the Barton Town Municipal Office conference room. Public participation is encouraged. The Zoning Board of Adjustment holds its meetings as necessary. Notices of these meetings are warned in the Chronicle. The Zoning Administrator is available at the town offices on Friday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. or can be reached at 525-3584 or paged at 742-7278.

For solid waste disposal and recycling, Waste USA is open Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Any questions concerning solid waste disposal and recycling at this facility should be directed to Waste USA at 334-5796. Drop off recycling for all Barton residents is available the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. All recycling is done at the trailer located at the former landfill site on May Farm Road. Lists of materials accepted can be obtained at the drop off site, the Village offices and the Town Clerk's office. Household hazardous waste dates are held in the spring and fall of the year at Waste USA. Watch the Chronicle for dates and times. **SAVE THE HANDY REMINDER ON THE INSIDE BACK COVER OF YOUR TOWN REPORT.**

The Town Highway garage has an answering service. You can reach it by calling 754-2923.

Notices concerning meetings, checklist updates, and Town business in general are posted in the following places: Barton Municipal Offices, Barton Village Office, Barton Post Office, Orleans Village Office and Orleans Post Office.

Motor Vehicle registration renewals can now be done at the Barton Town Clerk's office. This includes snowmobile and boat registration renewals. There is a three dollar processing fee for each renewal. Please check with us to make sure it is a renewal that we can process, as Motor Vehicles has limited us in what services we can provide.

Important Dates to Remember

Town Meeting March 1, 2005
Barton Village Annual Meeting March 8, 2005
Orleans Village Annual Meeting March 15, 2005
Rabies Clinic - Barton Town Offices March 26, 2005 9 AM - Noon
Dog licenses due April 1, 2005
Orleans Inc. School Dist. Annual Meeting May 4, 2005
Barton Inc. School Dist. Annual Meeting April 5, 2005
HHW- Spring Collection Day May 14, 2005
HHW-Fall Collection Day October 22, 2005

Town Clerk's Office Scheduled Closures - 2005

Town Meeting Day Tuesday, March 1, 2005
Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, January 17, 2005
President's Day Monday, February 21, 2005
Memorial Day Monday, May 30, 2005
4th of July Monday, July 4, 2005
Labor Day Monday, September 5, 2005
Columbus Day Monday, October 10, 2005
Veteran's Day Friday, November 11, 2005
Thanksgiving Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25, 2005
Christmas Monday, December 26, 2005
New Year's Monday, January 2, 2006

Selectmen's Message

2004 has presented many challenges to your select board. Changes with zoning by-laws, solid waste planning, river bank washout near town offices and obtaining disaster funding from FEMA and the state have been some of the issues we have faced this year.

In 1991 the town voted "no" to joining the Northeast Waste Management District. The select board has been working to make waste disposal and recycling affordable and convenient to our residents by utilizing local private waste haulers and establishing a town recycling station. The need to realize the importance of waste reduction, reuse and recycling materials to minimize our waste stream is something we must stress. Please take note of information sent with tax bills, pamphlets in our town office, information at our recycling station and feel free to call your select board to investigate additional resources. We appreciate input concerning these issues as well as expanding our household hazardous waste service and the possibility of starting a town composting area. All municipalities need to meet the requirements of the Revised Vermont Solid Waste Management Plan. This process also mandates early and sustained public participation. We are currently working on our solid waste implementation plan (SWIP) to satisfy this requirement and are looking for people to serve on an advisory panel.

In November the select board formally approved most of the revised changes to our local by-laws provided to us by the planning board. Accepted changes will improve growth and services to our town. The issue of junkyards and junk yards has been the most difficult to resolve. Regulation of the activities of businesses and individuals while protecting our environment and well-being requires delicate equilibrium. As a result section 329 of our by-laws has been left changed. The select board has recommendations. We need public input on these issues and look forward to your participation at public hearings this upcoming year.

The town reappraisal is well under way. Our tax maps are completed and on display at the town offices. Field listing is about 80% complete. The entire project will be completed this summer. Please see "Listers Message" for more information.

We are still looking for land to purchase to site a new cemetery. We currently have three cemeteries: one in south Barton (South Cemetery) which is full, one on Baird Road (Heath Cemetery) and a third on Maple Hill Road (North Cemetery) which is approaching capacity. Please call the town clerk if you know of purchasable land.

We have contracted with the Orleans County Sheriff Department for 1000 hours of coverage and have worked with the Sheriff to custom tailor these hours to our best advantage. The nature and timing of activities that require law enforcement is very difficult to predict. Together with our police commission and the Sheriff's department, we are working to resolve problems and maintain good police coverage throughout the town. We are also currently creating a speed ordinance to limit speed on some town roads. The first of these will be Maple Hill road, starting at the Orleans Village line to its terminus on Route 5 near the Barton Village line.

The Highway budget is up approximately \$48,000.00 this year. Increases in

healthcare costs, fuel, material (including tar, gravel, truck and plow hardware) is partially responsible. The Town has issued 26 new driveway permits in 2004 alone. We screened enough sand from our own pit to last for two winters. The cost of this has been spread over both the 2004 and 2005 budgets by paying for all the screening in 2004 and the excavation of topsoil in 2005. We have not yet received all of the reimbursement money due from the state and FEMA for work done on the Heath Lane bridge project. Payment of these expenses drove us over budget in 2004, but we will be receiving these funds in 2005 and are appropriately reducing the 2005 budget by this amount.

The Town awarded \$146,017.75 in small business loans this year from our revolving loan fund. This money went to three businesses, which are doing well, employing our citizens and promoting a better business environment within our town. We encourage these businesses and hope you support all our local business.

As always your select board wishes to thank all of our public officials for jobs well done in helping to make our community successful. We would like to thank you, the taxpayers, for your support over the years and encourage you to stay aware of the issues facing the town and to continue to be actively involved in shaping our future.

/s/ ROBERT CROTEAU

/s/ BRYCE ELLIOTT

/s/ RUPERT CHAMBERLIN

Listers Message

The BIG news for the listers' office and all of the property owners is the townwide reappraisal which will be completed by this June. The firm contracted to complete the reappraisal has made a "first pass" of all the properties. They still have a number of final calls to schedule some interior inspections. It is important to have the interior of your property viewed to get accurate information.

Why are we having a reappraisal? State law requires that all properties are listed for tax purposes at fair market value. Our last townwide reappraisal was completed in 1995. With inflation, development, and subdivision, the grand list is currently out of date with recent sales data.

What is Fair market value? Simply stated it is the most probable price that an interested but not desperate buyer would be willing to pay and an interested but not desperate seller would be willing to accept on the open market.

What is the procedure when I get my assessment notice? Along with a detailed listing of your individual assessment, a booklet will be published and circulated which will include all of the assessed values for all properties in the township. If you believe there is an error in your assessment you may "grieve" to the board of listers. The forum is informal but required if you decide to disagree with our written determination. The next appeal is to the Barton Town's Board of Civil Authority.

How will this affect my taxes? Unfortunately listers do not "do taxes." Your taxes are no doubt affected by your property value but equally important are the services you

vote to purchase at the school and municipal meetings. Those budgets help to establish your tax rate/base.

We continue to appreciate your courteousness and know we make every effort to be both fair and accurate. Occasional mistakes are made and the appeals process is an opportunity for both parties to educate the other to clarify any errors or misunderstandings. This will no doubt be a busy summer. We look forward to working with you to produce an accurate grand list.

/s/ LONNIE BROW
/s/ GARY MARCOTTE
/s/ ROBERT MORSE
Listers

Zoning Board of Adjustment & Planning Commission Message

The Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Commission are each made up of the same five (5) members appointed by the Select Board. The Zoning Administrator is also appointed by the Select Board.

During 2004, the Zoning Board and/or the Planning Commission heard and acted upon a total of 39 permit applications. In addition, the Planning Commission completed its revision of the Joint Zoning Bylaw which was approved by the Select Board on November 1, 2004. Also, David Thompson was appointed to both the Zoning Board and the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy left by John Moore who resigned last summer. We would like to take this opportunity to thank John for his many years of service to the Town.

in 2005, the Planning Commission will continue to work in conjunction with the Select Board in crafting regulation of junkyards and junky-yards. Also, the Planning Commission will begin work on reviewing, revising and/or re-adopting the Town Plan as required under Title 24 V.S.A. 4387. We strongly encourage all citizens to participate in this process.

Respectfully submitted,
JAY E. DUDLEY
Chairman
Zoning Board of Adjustment
Planning Commission

NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Warning

The legal voters of the Town of Barton, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Orleans Graded School in Orleans Village on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at ten (10:00) o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business, viz:

1. To elect all officers required by law for the ensuing year and fill all vacancies caused by resignation or otherwise. (Australian ballot.)

NOTE: The polls will be open from ten (10:00 A.M.) o'clock in the forenoon until seven (7:00 P.M.) in the afternoon for balloting under articles necessitating Australian balloting. **ALL OTHER BUSINESS NOT REQUIRING SUCH BALLOT WILL BE TRANSACTED COMMENCING AT SEVEN (7:00 P. M.) O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON.**

2. To hear and dispose of the reports of the Town Officers.
3. To see if the Town will vote to bond the Town Officers and pay for the same.
4. To see if the Town will vote to carry Worker's Compensation Insurance and Liability Insurance.
5. To see if the Town will vote to expend Three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per mile for each mile of Class 1, 2, and 3 Town Highways within the Town pursuant to 19 V.S.A. Section 307.
6. To see in what manner the Town will vote to collect its taxes.
7. To see what salaries the Town will vote to pay its officers.
8. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Selectmen to hire money if necessary to pay current expenses and outstanding indebtedness of this Town.
9. To have presented an estimate of the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year.
 - (a) To see how much money the Town will vote to pay current expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, expressing said sum in dollars in its vote, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
 - (b) To see how much money the Town will vote in addition to the amount required by law for the support of highways for the ensuing year, expressing said sum in dollars in its vote, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
10. To see how much money, if any, the Town will vote in addition to the amount required by law to sustain Town libraries, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, as requested to the Lake Region Senior Citizen's Center, to help support the same and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.

12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2,000.00 (Two thousand dollars) as requested by Northeastern Vermont Area Agency on Aging for the purpose of providing services to senior citizens in the ensuing year and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,000.00 (One thousand dollars) as requested by the Frontier Animal Society of Vermont for the purpose of assisting with its commitments to rescuing, providing care to and finding homes for unwanted pets and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$200.00 (Two hundred dollars) as requested by Green Up Vermont for the purpose of supporting Green Up Day, May 7, 2005 and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$300.00 (Three hundred dollars) as requested by Orleans County Citizen Advocacy for the purpose of creating and supporting one to one relationships between people with disabilities and community volunteers, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$3,624.00 (Three thousand six hundred twenty four dollars) as requested by Northeast Kingdom Human Service, Inc. for the purpose of assisting in providing mental health and developmental services to adults and children; substance abuse services to adolescents and adults; and 24 hour crisis intervention to the general public, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$425.00 (Four hundred twenty five dollars) as requested to the Orleans County Historical Society to assist in maintaining the Old Stone House Museum and its educational program, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$800.00 (Eight hundred dollars) as requested by the NorthWoods Stewardship Center, formerly the Vermont Leadership Center, for the purpose of providing summer employment, job training and conservation education to area youth through the Northeast Kingdom Conservation Service Corps program.
19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$6,500.00 (Six thousand five hundred dollars) as requested to the Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. for the home care services of the Agency and the Hospice Program, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$900.00 (Nine hundred dollars) as requested to Step O.N.E., Newport, Vermont for the purpose of serving victims/survivors of family violence and sexual assault in Orleans and Northern Essex counties and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.

21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, as requested for the purpose of funding programs directed at managing, controlling or eradicating the Eurasian water milfoil infestation in Crystal Lake and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
22. To act upon any other business that may legally come before such meeting.
23. To adjourn.

Dated this 24th day of January A. D. 2005.

/s/ RUPERT CHAMBERLIN

/s/ ROBERT CROTEAU

/s/ BRYCE ELLIOTT

A True Copy

ATTEST: /s/ KATHERINE H. WHITE
Barton Town Clerk

Report of Annual Meeting - 2004

TOWN OF BARTON

The legal voters of the Town of Barton, Vermont met agreeably to the Warning on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 A. D. at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the Barton Academy and Graded School in Barton Village to transact the following business, viz:

1. The following officers were elected by Australian ballot:

Moderator, one year	William R. May-191
Selectman, three year	Rupert Chamberlin-182
Town Clerk, three year	Katherine H. White-195
Town Treasurer, three year	Katherine H. White-194
First Constable, one year	Romeo H. Vezina-120
Town Grand Juror, One year	Rupert Chamberlin-187
Town Agent/Attorney, one year	William R. May-192
Library Trustee, five year	Mary Kay Hunt-195

There were 207 voters at the polls, 13 of whom voted by absentee ballot. The total checklist for the Town of Barton carries 1702 names.

The meeting was recessed until 7:00 P.M., except for balloting under the Australian System, with the polls closing at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Moderator William R. May. There were approximately 63 people present during the course of the meeting, 6 of whom were non-voters. Moderator May opened the meeting with a welcome and the pledge of allegiance. With no objections voiced the reading of the warning was waived.

2. Richard Pettengill moved to accept the reports as printed, it was seconded. The motion carried.
3. Bill Lapierre moved and it was seconded to bond the Town officers and pay for the same. The motion carried.
4. Richard Pettengill moved and it was seconded to carry Worker's Compensation Insurance and Liability Insurance. The motion carried.
5. Roger Shaffer moved and it was seconded to expend \$300.00 (Three hundred dollars) per mile for each mile of Class 1, 2, and 3 Town Highways within the Town. The motion carried.
6. Richard Pettengill moved and it was seconded to collect taxes in the same manner as previous years, with billing on or before the 25th of July, due and payable within 90 days without discount, and with interest to accrue on delinquent taxes at the maximum rate allowed by law. The motion carried.
7. Roger Shaffer moved to pay the officers, except the Selectmen, 2.0% increase over last year and it was seconded. The motion carried.
8. Richard Pettengill moved and it was seconded to instruct the Selectmen to hire money if necessary to pay current expenses and outstanding indebtedness of this Town. The motion carried.

9. Richard Pettengill moved and it was seconded to vote to employ voting machines for the registering and counting of votes in subsequent elections. Kathy White explained that this would be for federal elections mostly and quoted Secretary of State Deborah Markowitz as stating "that the upgrade is important under new federal law, the State must move towns to a single type of tabulator to create uniformity across the state". White further advised that this would allow the Board of Civil Authority to move in this direction if it became necessary. It was also pointed out that right now there were grant funds available to pay for one machine for the Town of Barton. The cost of one machine is close to \$6,000. Pettengill inquired about the cost to program versus the cost of paying people to hand count. White advised that programming costs are currently in the \$1800 range for each election and ballot counters are significantly less. After discussing the pros and cons of the issue, the motion then carried.
10. a. Rupert Chamberlin then presented the Selectmen budget, giving highlights of the increases and decreases line by line. Chamberlin also noted that since the budget was prepared the County tax bill had come in and that the Dues and Assessments line could be reduced by \$3,400 to \$24,200. Fern Tanguay then moved to raise \$264,400 in support of the Selectmen budget, which was seconded. Denise Valley then moved to amend the amount to \$261,000 accounting for the reduction of the Dues and Assessments line item as presented by Chamberlin, there was a second to the amendment. With no further discussion the motion to amend carried. The motion to raise \$261,000 in support of the Selectmen budget and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same then carried.
 - b. Rupert Chamberlin then presented the highway budget. He again gave a line by line highlight and explained that the reason for the excess budgeted income under Bridges and Culverts, as well as the accumulated deficit was due to the need to pay for the Heath Lane and May Farm bridge repair in 2003, while reimbursements would be received in 2004. Richard Pettengill then moved to raise \$340,650 for the highway budget and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same and it was seconded. The motion to raise \$340,650.00 in support of the highway budget then carried.
11. Judy Pettengill moved to appropriate \$3,000.00 to Barton Public Library and \$1500.00 to Jones Memorial Library and it was seconded. Anne Hickey then moved to amend the motion to increase the appropriation by 2% or \$3060 for Barton Public Library and \$1530 for Jones Memorial Library and it was seconded. Hickey advised that she felt if the town employees could get a 2% increase then the libraries should receive at least the same amount. The motion to amend then carried. The motion to appropriate \$3060 to Barton Public Library and \$1530 to Jones Memorial Library and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same then carried.
12. Denise Valley moved to appropriate \$1500.00 to the Lake Region Senior Center and there was a second. Anne Hickey moved to amend the amount to \$2,000 and there was a second. David Bolduc advised that the Lake Region Senior Center was showing a balance of \$10,000 and that no one from the Center was asking for more funds. He indicated that he would support an increase if re-

quested, but opposed a random increase. The motion to amend then failed. The motion to appropriate \$1500.00 to the Lake Region Senior Center and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same then carried.

13. Linda LaValle moved to appropriate \$2,500.00 for the purpose of funding programs directed at managing, controlling or eradicating the Eurasian water milfoil infestation in Crystal Lake, it was seconded. Information and answers to specific questions were then fielded by Linda LaValle, Jesse Coe and Stan Dunklee. The motion to appropriate \$2,500 for the purpose of funding programs concerning Eurasian water milfoil infestation in Crystal Lake and directing the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same then carried.
14. Richard Pettengill moved to appropriate \$350.00 to the Orleans County Historical Society, it was seconded. The motion to appropriate \$350.00 and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same carried.
15. Denise Valley moved to appropriate \$850.00 to Step O.N.E., it was seconded. The motion to appropriate \$850.00 and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same then carried.
16. Anne Hickey moved to appropriate \$1,856.00 to Northeastern Vermont Area Agency on Aging, it was seconded. The motion to appropriate \$1,856.00 and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same then carried.
17. Vickie Sayarath moved to appropriate \$6,500.00 to the Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc., it was seconded. Denise Valley advised that she did not support this appropriation as they had a surplus last year of \$369,326 and an additional surplus for this year in the amount of \$82,300. She advised that appropriations should be based on need and would move to amend the motion to appropriate \$2,375 and the amendment was seconded. The discussion then ensued with both sides being presented. After considerable debate concerning the issue the motion to amend then carried. The motion to appropriate \$2,375.00 and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same then carried.
18. Stanley Dunklee moved to appropriate \$300.00 to Orleans County Citizen Advocacy and it was seconded. The motion to appropriate \$300.00 and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same then carried.

Moderator May then reported the results of the local contests, with all incumbents being returned to office.

19. Stanley Dunklee moved to appropriate \$3,624.00 to Northeast Kingdom Human Service, Inc., it was seconded. Denise Valley advised that this agency was also showing a profit in excess of a million dollars and did not feel that further tax dollars should be appropriated. Denise Valley moved to amend the motion to appropriate no money to this organization and it was seconded. Judy Robitaille Dunklee then spoke to the services that had been provided by this organization for her family and advised that had it not been for the assistance she and her husband would not be able to be productive citizens in this community. The motion to amend then failed. The motion to appropriate \$3,624.00 and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same then carried.

20. Richard Boucher moved to appropriate \$800.00 to the Barton Community Swim Project, it was seconded and motion carried.
21. Anne Hickey moved to appropriate \$250.00 to Coutts-Moriarty 4-H Camp, it was seconded and motion carried.
22. Fern Tanguay moved to appropriate \$800.00 to the Vermont Leadership Center, it was seconded and motion carried.
23. Moderator May then recognized individuals who had served the town, Barbara Shafer, resigning after 3 years on the Planning and Zoning boards, John Groff, resigning after 3 years as Pound Keeper and Neal Tarbox who had passed away and had served the Town as a Fence Viewer for 27 years. All were given a round of applause.

Romeo Vezina wished to move to extend the position of Constable to a two year position. Moderator May suggested that he pursue that with the board and believed that there were statutory guidelines.

Senator James Greenwood advised that he was happy to be able to attend town meeting and would be more than happy to speak to anyone about any concerns they may have.

Representative David Bolduc gave an overview of some of the action hat had been taken this year in the legislature and advised that this was his seventh town meeting of the day.

24. A motion was made, seconded and carried at 8:37 P.M. to adjourn.

A true record

ATTEST: /s/ KATHERINE H. WHITE
Town Clerk

Dated at Barton, Vermont
March 8, 2004

Approved and Attested by: /s/ WILLIAM R. MAY, Moderator
RUPERT CHAMBERLIN, Selectman

A True Copy

ATTEST: /s/KATHERINE H. WHITE

Elected Town Officers

FOR THE YEAR 2004

Moderator	William R. May
Clerk	Katherine H. White 2007
Selectmen	Robert J. Croteau 2005 Bryce Elliott 2006 Rupert Chamberlin 2007
Treasurer	Katherine H. White 2007
Tax Collector	Colleen Cloutier 2006
Listers	Lawrence Brow 2005 Gary Marcotte 2006 Robert Morse 2007
Town Grand Jurors	Rupert Chamberlin
Town Agent and Attorney	William R. May
Library Trustees	Judith Pettengill 2005 Susan May 2006 Karen Jarvis 2007 Doris Kennison 2008 Mary Kay Hunt 2009
Constable	Romeo Vezina
Justices of the Peace	Ann K. Berrio John F. Brown Marjorie Brown John Moore Madeleine Decker Priscilla Tinker Richard Dudley Bette Trucott Theresa Kelley Doris Kennison

Appointed Town Officials

FOR THE YEAR 2004

Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer	Grace Mason
Assistant Town Clerk	Doris Poirier
Selectmen's Bookkeeper	Grace Mason
Road Commissioner	Brian Hanson
Pound Keeper	Kay Randall
Fence Viewers	Robert Croteau Vacant
Zoning Administrator	Brent Shafer
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Jay Dudley, Chairman 2007 Kim Haley, 2005 John Moore 2007-resigned 6-7-04 Cheryl Potter 2007 Richard Cleveland 2005 David Thompson appointed 7-26-04
Planning Commission	Jay Dudley, Acting Chairman Kim Haley Cheryl Potter Richard Cleveland David Thompson appointed 7-26-04
Emergency Management Coordinator	Lawrence Burdick
Fire Warden (06-30-09)	Emile Lapierre
Assistant Fire Warden (06-30-09)	Paul Sicard
Health Officer (02-01-2006)	Joyce Croteau
Governor Lee Emerson Memorial Forest Commission	Rupert Chamberlin Dalton Hunt Fred May Richard Carbonnetti-Ex Officio George Buzzell-Ex Officio
N.V.D.A. Representatives	William Boyd Davies 2005 Robert Croteau 2005 James Greenwood David Bolduc
Town Service Officer	Bryce Elliott
Tree Warden	Rupert Chamberlin
State Police Advisory Board	Robert Croteau Roger Shaffer

Treasurer's Report

DIVISION OF TAXES AND TAX RATE FOR 2004

Town	\$.2205
Highway4899

	Rate	Grand List	Assessed	Delinquent	Paid To Treasurer
Town Real Estate	.2205	1,274,017.52	280,920.86	11,601.64	269,146.80
Highway Real Estate	.4899	695,477.52	340,714.44	13,043.03	327,286.21
*due to rounding					
State owned land - Town					2,738.59
State owned land - Highway					3,699.09
Current use/Hold Harmless - Town					3,356.99
Current use/Hold Harmless-Highway					7,472.01
PILOT - Town					634.67
PILOT - Highway					1,412.65
Abated Town Share					(172.42)
Abated Highway Share					(385.20)
Tax Penalty					147.30

Tax Money Market Account

HOWARD BANK 5240105793

Beginning Balance	\$ 34.11
Interest Earned	2,539.02
Income:	1,935,414.75
2004 Taxes Collected	1,935,414.75
Disbursements:	1,937,540.70
Paid to Town of Barton	276,024.35
Paid to Town of Barton-interest	2,115.95
Paid to Highway Account	339,869.96
Paid to Barton Inc. School Dist-Res	643,290.88
Paid to Barton Inc. School Dist-Non-Res	668,297.56
Paid to Barton Village, Inc.	7,543.56
Paid to Inc. Village of Orleans	388.44
Bank Charges	10.00
Balance 12/31/2004	\$ 447.18

Selectmen's Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2004	\$ 54,842.75
Receipts:	
2004 real estate and personal property taxes	276,024.35
Delinquent taxes paid by collector	10,171.79
Liquor and tobacco licenses	1,470.00
Dog licenses	3,592.00
Gifford Fund	2,248.10
Emerson Memorial Scholarship Fund	1,049.79
Dr. Karlene Russell Memorial Scholarship Fund	100.00
Planning and Zoning	6,286.00
State of Vermont - VTTC fines collected	6,347.35
Registration renewal fees	2,280.00
Photocopying	2,803.88
Town Clerk's fees	43,642.65
Vital Statistics	460.00
8% turn-in by Collector	7,112.46
Brownington portion postclosure	462.43
Glover portion postclosure	1,011.72
HHW grant	677.00
Solid Waste planning grant	90.00
Perpetual Care interest	421.15
Tax account interest	2,115.95
Checking account interest	127.63
Emerson Forest reimbursement	421.15
Insurance reimbursement	4,334.50
Miscellaneous refunds	326.13
Transferred from Investment program accounts	175,000.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$548,576.03</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$560,960.16</u>
Cash on hand December 31, 2004	\$ 42,458.62

Selectmen's Report

ORDERS DRAWN, 2004

OFFICER SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Town Clerk and Treasurer		
Katherine H. White	\$ 29,369.46	
Expenses	368.25	
Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer		
Grace Mason	23,208.00	
Doris Poirier	764.00	
Expenses	12.75	
Tax Collector		
Colleen Cloutier	7,112.46	
Emergency Management Coordinator		
Lawrence Burdick	282.27	
Mileage	73.51	
Listers		
Gary Marcotte	3,283.11	
Lawrence P. Brow	140.40	
Robert Morse	2,611.09	
Mileage	150.75	
Expenses	157.94	
Health Officer		
Joyce Croteau	592.78	
Expenses	101.87	
Selectmen		
Rupert Chamberlin	1,125.64	
Robert Croteau	1,125.64	
Bryce Elliott	1,125.64	
Expenses	177.50	
Board Clerk	882.00	
Civil Board of Adjustment		
Labor	2,097.24	
Expenses	40.00	
Constable		
Expenses	50.00	
		\$ 74,852.30

PLANNING AND ZONING

Labor-Planning	532.75	
Labor-Zoning	522.14	
Zoning Officer's Salary	6,572.36	
Zoning Officer's mileage	366.05	
Supplies	243.13	
Ads and notices	1,519.22	
Sheriff notices	60.62	
		9,816.27

OFFICE MAINTENANCE

Telephone	2,332.28
Electricity	1,703.61
Bond Note Payments	17,358.91
Heating	2,247.72
Water & Sewer	840.64
Rubbish Removal	175.50
Office Cleaning	2,793.29
Mowing & Plowing	845.00
Office supplies and postage	6,372.26
Selectmen Supplies	78.85
Audit Report	3,895.00
Civil board supplies	1,765.50
Lister supplies	2,067.15
Vital Statistics to State of Vermont	270.00
Ads and notices	1,128.84
Equipment, service and supplies	12,467.17
Annual Reports	2,465.00
Exterminating	144.56
Restoration fund	<u>5,842.00</u>

64,793.28

FIRE PROTECTION

Barton Village, Inc	27,500.00
Incorporated Village of Orleans	32,000.00
Barton Village Sinking Fund	5,000.00
Orleans Village Sinking Fund	<u>5,000.00</u>

69,500.00

DEPRECIATION FUND

Town of Barton	1,000.00
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POLICE PROTECTION

Dept. of Public Safety	7,429.10
Orleans County Sheriff's Dept.	<u>26,669.26</u>

\$34,098.36

TAX EXPENSE

Tax bills, envelopes, postage	1,369.15
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EMPLOYEE INSURANCE

Group Insurance	158.40
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	<u>14,163.06</u>

14,321.46

INSURANCE AND OFFICER'S BONDS

Worker's Compensation	3,302.98	
Public Official's Bond	1,937.00	
Property Liability policy	4,008.50	
Unemployment Trust	113.28	
Employment practices	<u>781.00</u>	
		10,142.76

CEMETERIES

Expenses		850.00
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DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

County Tax	20,687.94	
Vt. League of Cities and Towns	<u>2,293.00</u>	
		22,980.94

APPROPRIATIONS

Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice	2,375.00	
Barton Public Library	3,060.00	
Step O.N.E.	850.00	
Jones Memorial Library	1,530.00	
Lake Region Senior Center	1,500.00	
Orleans County Citizens Advocacy	300.00	
Orleans County Historical Society	350.00	
Northeastern Vermont Area Agency on Aging	1,856.00	
Barton Community Swim Project	800.00	
Crystal Lake Preservation	2,500.00	
Northeast Kingdom Human Services	3,624.00	
Coutts-Moriarity 4-H camp	250.00	
Vermont Leadership Council	800.00	
Town of Barton - Reappraisal	<u>20,000.00</u>	
		39,795.00

LEGAL

Board of Civil Authority	450.00	
Selectmen	85.00	
Highway	90.00	
Listers	1,140.00	
Zoning	<u>2,998.75</u>	
		4,763.75

SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security	12,446.22	
less portion paid by employees	<u>(6,223.11)</u>	
		6,223.11

RETIREMENT

Vt. Municipal Employees Retirement System	3,417.65	
less portion paid by employees	<u>(1,314.52)</u>	2,103.13

DOG EXPENSE

Licenses and supplies	190.00	
Pick up and dispose	1,390.00	
Dog Tax	<u>606.00</u>	2,186.00

LANDFILL

POSTCLOSURE

Engineering and analysis		3,611.15
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HHW

Household Hazardous Waste collection		4,995.52
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RECYCLING

Contract and supplies	6,400.00	
Hauling fees	2,822.83	
Tonnage Costs	2,233.46	
Advertising	<u>15.47</u>	11,471.76

REIMBURSED EXPENSES AND TRANSFER ITEMS

(a) Reimbursed expenses

Gifford Fund Scholarship		
Elizabeth Aldrich	624.00	
Alfred Croteau	624.00	
Elsa Sargent	500.05	
Susan Dunklee	<u>500.05</u>	2,248.10
Dr. Karlene V. Russell Mem. Scholarship		
Stephanie Piette	100.00	100.00
Lee E. Emerson Mem. Scholarship		
Colin Lawrence	524.89	
Nealey Politano	<u>524.89</u>	1,049.78

MISC. EXPENSES

Sweep Account	44.33	
Emerson Forest (bush-hogging)	<u>60.00</u>	104.33

(b) Transfer items

Transferred to Investment checking Acct		<u>\$178,584.01</u>
TOTAL SELECTMEN'S ORDERS		\$560,960.16

Highway Account

Cash on Hand January 1, 2004	\$ 9,301.74
Receipts:	
2004 Real estate taxes collected	339,869.96
Delinquent taxes paid by Collector	13,581.78
State Aid-Highway	113,425.46
Reimbursement for materials and labor	1,411.69
Equipment repair refund	196.19
Transfer from Investment program accounts	325,000.00
Sweep account interest earned	139.27
Town line of credit	40,000.00
State Aid-Bridges	259,334.29
Insurance claim payment	596.26
Grant interest transferred	4,340.56
Grant Anticipation note	55,000.00
Total Receipts	\$1,152,895.46
Total Disbursements	\$1,149,934.62
Cash on hand December 31, 2004	\$ 12,262.58

Highway Report

ORDERS DRAWN, 2004

TOWN ROAD SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Labor	\$ 25,883.16	
Gravel	3,761.25	
Chloride	19,267.92	
Materials	71.49	
Outside services	890.00	
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		\$ 49,873.82

TOWN ROAD WINTER MAINTENANCE

Labor	56,927.91	
Salt	9,860.58	
Gravel	201.72	
Cold Patch	14.56	
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		67,004.77

STATE AID SUMMER ROAD MAINTENANCE

Labor	1,347.81	
Materials	15.33	
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		1,363.14

STATE AID WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE

Labor	8,372.84	
Salt	19,721.11	
Cold Patch	29.12	
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		28,123.07

RESURFACING TOWN ROADS

Labor	10,216.79
Paving Contracts	103,223.36
Materials	47,302.00
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160,742.15

RESURFACING STATE AID ROAD

Labor	178.20
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178.20

STOCKPILING WINTER SAND

Labor	3,149.25
Calcium Chloride	594.72
Outside Services	1,280.00
Screening	10,080.00
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15,103.97

CULVERTS-STATE AID ROADS

Labor	82.96
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82.96

CULVERTS-TOWN HIGHWAY

Labor	17,174.94
Materials	3,834.71
Outside Services	900.00
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21,909.65

BRIDGES

Labor	41.72
Heath Lane Bridge	142,932.95
May Farm Bridge	1,207.00
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144,181.67

TOWN EQUIPMENT

Fuel - equipment	21,490.17
Equipment Supplies	2,711.09
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24,201.26

Grader

Labor	1,024.33
Parts	1,687.54
Outside labor	57.00
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2,768.87

Mower and Tractor

Labor	328.75
Parts	1,285.52
Outside Labor	260.00
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1,874.27

Snowplows

Labor	533.27
Parts	3,524.44
Outside labor	405.50
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4,463.21

Sander & Spreader		
Labor	10.43	
Parts	59.92	
		<u>70.35</u>
Chainsaw		
Fuel	45.32	
Parts	99.12	
Outside labor	10.00	
		<u>154.44</u>
Steamer		
Parts	56.86	
		<u>56.86</u>
Misc. tool/equipment		
Purchases	642.66	
Signs and Posts	1,587.28	
Outside labor	100.00	
		<u>2,329.94</u>
1993 Backhoe		
Labor	525.01	
Parts	1,597.23	
Outside labor	1,832.00	
		<u>3,954.24</u>
1997 International truck		
Labor	1,209.36	
Parts	4,034.40	
Outside labor	2,282.16	
		<u>7,525.92</u>
1998 International truck		
Labor	1,009.66	
Parts	3,582.71	
Outside labor	797.45	
		<u>5,389.82</u>
1999 International truck		
Labor	1,264.59	
Parts	3,720.75	
Outside labor	1,845.20	
		<u>6,830.54</u>
2000 Ford F550		
Labor	880.99	
Parts	2,519.49	
Outside labor	2,952.49	
		<u>6,352.97</u>

TOWN GARAGE

Electricity	816.64
Fuel oil	1,553.23
Town shed supplies	1,483.62
Uniforms	2,286.88
Telephone	1,333.03
Furnace	202.95
Misc. Expense & maint.	2,751.51
Labor	<u>293.93</u>

10,721.79

GROUP INSURANCE

Group life insurance	316.80
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	<u>35,538.40</u>

35,855.20

INSURANCE

Workmen's Compensation	9,885.29
Property owners' liability	4,008.50
Equipment	1,518.50
Unemployment Trust	<u>286.47</u>

15,698.76

SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security	19,958.24
less portion paid by employees	<u>(9,979.12)</u>

9,979.12

RETIREMENT

Vt. Mun. Employees Retirement System	7,867.35
less portion paid by employees	<u>(3,026.11)</u>

4,841.24

EQUIPMENT DEPRECIATION

Trans. to Equipment Depreciation Fund

\$50,000.00

OTHER

Training	300.00
Mileage and reimbursements	362.76
Interest Expense	4,629.16
Adjustments	<u>10.50</u>

5,302.42

REIMBURSED EXPENSES AND TRANSFER ITEMS

Transfer items

Trans. to Investment checking account	\$ 325,000.00
Transfer to Grant Anticipation account	<u>138,000.00</u>

TOTAL HIGHWAY ORDERS **\$1,149,934.62**

Investment Account

COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK 0540085613

Beginning Balance	\$ 0.00
Interest Earned	8,118.44
Income	1,016,784.21
New Note	513,200.00
Transfer from Selectmen Account	178,584.21
Transfer from Highway Account	325,000.00
Disbursements	1,024,902.65
Transfer to Selectmen Account	175,000.00
Transfer to Highway Account	325,000.00
Pay 2004 Investment Note	
Principal	513,200.00
Interest	11,702.65
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Balance 12/31/2004	\$ 0.00

Grant Anticipation Fund

COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK 0545492116

Beginning Balance	\$ 75,531.45
Interest Earned	4,305.11
Income:	138,000.00
Transferred from Highway account	138,000.00
Disbursements:	
Transferred to Highway account	59,340.56
Pay Grant Anticipation Note	158,496.00
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Balance 12/31/2004	\$ 0.00

Governor Lee Emerson Memorial Forest

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - MATURES 2005
EDWARD JONES INVESTMENTS

Beginning Balance	\$ 6,000.00
Interest Earned	421.15
Disbursements:	
Transferred to Selectmen Account	421.15
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Balance 12/31/04	\$ 6,000.00

Governor Lee Emerson Memorial Scholarship Fund

COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK 544623670
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT MATURES 10-12-09

Beginning Balance	\$ 86,174.08
Interest Earned	1,267.52
Income:	
Disbursements:	
Transfer to Selectmen Account	1,049.79
Balance 12/31/2004	<u>\$ 86,391.81</u>

Dr. Karlene V. Russell Memorial Scholarship Fund

COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK 544624470
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT MATURES 10-12-09

Beginning Balance	\$ 5,270.86
Interest Earned	77.52
Disbursements:	
Transferred to Selectmen Account	64.21
Balance 12/31/2004	<u>\$ 5,284.17</u>

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund

COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK 538934818
EDWARD JONES CD MATURES 2005

Beginning Balance	\$ 6,904.33
Interest Earned	424.80
Disbursements	
Transferred to Selectmen Account	421.15
Balance 12/31/2004	<u>\$ 6,907.98</u>

Equipment Fund Checking Account

HOWARD BANK 941311257

Beginning Balance	\$114,946.71
Interest Earned	1,111.01
Income:	
Transferred from Highway Account	50,000.00
Disbursements:	
Balance 12/31/2004	<u>\$166,057.72</u>

Reappraisal/Maintenance Fund

HOWARD BANK 5204336538

Beginning Balance	\$ 66,445.65
Interest Earned	384.04
Income:	31,445.00
State of Vermont	11,445.00
2004 Appropriation	20,000.00
Disbursements:	
New England Municipal Consultants	62,194.50
Russell Graphics	1,550.00
Balance 12/31/2004	<u>\$ 34,530.19</u>

Records Restoration Fund

HOWARD BANK 520105925

Beginning Balance	\$ 16,614.30
Interest Earned	204.14
Income	
Transferred from Selectmen Account	5,842.00
Balance 12/31/2004	<u>\$ 22,660.44</u>

Acquisition Grant Fund

COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK 0531727401

Beginning Balance	\$ 636.44
Disbursements:	
Bushhogging Land	35.00
Balance 12/31/2004	<u>\$ 601.44</u>

Town Office Fund

HOWARD BANK 60208212

Beginning Balance	\$ 5,413.32
Interest Earned	4.80
Disbursements:	
Lister Office Renovations	810.72
Balance 12/31/2004	<u>\$ 4,607.40</u>

Town Depreciation Fund

HOWARD BANK 5240105511

Beginning Balance	\$ 16,342.53
Interest Earned	65.68
Income	
Transferred from Selectmen Account	1,000.00
Balance 12/31/2004	<u>\$ 17,408.21</u>

UDAG Revolving Loan Fund

COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK 05132560513

Beginning Balance		\$300,367.62
Interest Earned		2,487.37
Income:		103,076.04
Barton Pharmacy	Principal	9,913.25
	Interest	5,779.99
Barton Village Corner Store	Principal	2,673.69
	Interest	1,568.93
Bonin-Converse Company	Principal	5,308.14
	Interest	2,328.54
Menard-Country Lovelies	Principal	2,605.52
	Interest	1,766.44
Kingdom Kares	Principal	18,100.87
	Interest	379.46
M & J Root, Inc.	Principal	28,824.01
	Interest	239.15
Nature by Design	Principal	182.47
	Interest	312.50
Orleans Pizza Place	Principal	1,296.05
	Interest	825.27
Orleans Snowstormers	Principal	9,037.45
	Interest	2,388.43
Vt. Beef Jerky, Inc.	Principal	6,312.25
	Interest	3,233.63
Disbursements:		\$146,037.75
Orleans Pizza Place Loan Proceeds		50,000.00
Barton Village Corner Store Loan Proceeds		21,017.75
Nature by Design Loan Proceeds		75,000.00
Administration Fees		20.00
Balance 12/31/2004		\$259,893.28

Grant Funds (Misc)

HOWARD BANK 94131232

Beginning Balance		\$ 77,277.10
Interest Earned		958.10
Income:		32,234.09
Auger's Sugarmill Farm	Principal	19,024.09
	Interest	468.17
Barton Village, Inc.	Principal	1,568.05
	Interest	15.68
Bushey-Crystal Saloon	Principal	3,092.79
	Interest	63.81
Freehart	Principal	8,001.50
Disbursements:		40,035.79
Administration Fees		35.79
Town of Barton-Highway Line of Credit		40,000.00
Balance 12/31/2004		\$ 70,433.50

Investment Account Balance Sheet

Assets	01-01-04	12-31-04
Cash on Hand-checking accts.		
Investment programs	\$ 75,258.60	\$
Total	75,258.60	0.00
Liabilities		
Note Payable	158,496.00	
Amount owed to/by Sel. Acct	(83,237.40)	
Amount owed to/by Hwy Acct.		
Total	\$ 75,258.60	\$ 0.00

Funds Available Statement

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT

	01-01-04	12-31-04
Cash on hand-checking accts.	\$ 54,842.75	42,362.79
Amount owed to/by Investment acc't		
Total	54,842.75	42,362.79

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

Cash on hand-checking accts.	9,301.74	12,162.05
Amount owed to/by Investment acc't	(83,237.40)	(40,000.00)
Total	(\$73,935.66)	(\$27,837.95)

2004 Wage Information

Employee Name Position	Chamberlin, A. Highway	Chamberlin, T Highway	Boucher, R. Highway	Hanson, B. Road Commissioner	Mason, G. Ass't. Town Clerk	White, K. Town Clerk/ Treasurer	Totals
Insurance Plan	Single	Family	Family	Double	Single	Double	
Health Cost	\$ 4,335.61	\$ 11,150.18	\$ 11,150.18	\$ 8,902.43	\$ 4,335.61	\$ 9,827.45	\$ 49,701.46
FICA	2,285.31	1,564.44	2,146.73	3,262.53	1,775.42	2,246.77	13,281.20
Retirement	1,194.94	817.93	1,122.40	1,705.97	928.34	1,174.79	6,944.37
Life Insurance	46.80	46.80	46.80	46.80	46.80	46.80	280.80
Disability Insurance	32.40	32.40	32.40	32.40	32.40	32.40	194.40
Wages	21,598.40	16,161.11	21,078.40	30,792.00	23,208.00	29,369.46	142,207.37
Overtime Earned	8,274.92	4,289.06	6,983.37	11,855.36			31,402.71
TOTAL	\$ 37,768.38	\$ 34,061.92	\$ 42,560.28	\$ 56,597.49	\$ 30,326.57	\$ 42,697.67	\$244,012.31

Report of Dogs Licensed for 2004

Neutered males or spayed females	326 at \$ 4.00	\$1,304.00
Non-neutered or spay	120 at 8.00	960.00
Special permits (26 dogs)	3 at 30.00	90.00
Kennel permits	2 at 10.00	20.00
Total		2,374.00

AFTER APRIL 1ST

Neutered males or spayed females	53 at 6.00	318.00
Non-neutered or spay animals	17 at 12.00	204.00
Special permit (6 dogs)	1 at 45.00	45.00
Kennel permit	1 at 15.00	15.00
Total		582.00

AFTER OCTOBER 1ST

Neutered males or spayed females	6 at 2.00	12.00
Non-neutered or spay animals	1 at 4.00	4.00
Total		16.00

Total Dog Fees Collected **\$2,972.00**

State Assessment collected and paid to State of Vermont \$ 606.00

Collected to be paid

		14.00
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Total Collected

		\$3,592.00
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2005 Dog Tags are now available. Please register your pet early and avoid the line!

Back by popular demand! RABIES CLINIC. This year it will be held March 26, 2005 9 A.M. to 12 Noon at the Barton Town Offices. We will also be available to license all Barton dogs at that time.

Selectmen Budget - 2005

	Net Budget 2003	Net Cost 2003	Net Budget 2004	Cost 2004	Income 2004	Net Net 2004	Budget Costs 2005	Budget Income 2005	Net Budget 2005
Off. Sal/Exp	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 21,925.59	\$ 25,700.00	\$ 74,852.30	\$ 51,081.44	\$ 23,770.86	\$ 77,800.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 22,800.00
Plan Exp	5,000.00	4,805.20	5,000.00	9,816.27	6,286.00	3,530.27	11,000.00	6,200.00	4,800.00
Off. Maint	45,000.00	43,014.80	55,000.00	64,793.28	5,543.88	59,249.40	60,200.00	8,500.00	51,700.00
Fire Prot.	69,800.00	69,756.16	69,800.00	69,500.00		69,500.00	73,883.00		73,883.00
Police Protect.	31,000.00	15,924.62	27,000.00	34,098.36	6,347.35	27,751.01	35,000.00	6,500.00	28,500.00
Depreciation Fun	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
Tax Expense	2,000.00	1,934.78	2,000.00	1,369.15		1,369.15	1,800.00		1,800.00
Grp Ins.	12,900.00	13,269.98	15,500.00	14,321.46		14,321.46	15,200.00		15,200.00
Ins. & Off. Bond	8,300.00	5,802.21	5,600.00	10,142.76	4,334.50	5,808.26	5,775.00		5,775.00
Cemeteries	1,400.00	575.00	1,400.00	850.00	421.15	428.85	1,400.00	400.00	1,000.00
Dues/Assess	23,000.00	23,183.38	24,200.00	22,980.94		22,980.94	26,000.00		26,000.00
Appropriations	38,630.00	38,630.00	39,795.00	39,795.00		39,795.00	20,000.00		20,000.00
Legal	10,000.00	12,263.85	15,000.00	4,763.75		4,763.75	10,000.00		10,000.00
Soc. Sec.	5,900.00	6,238.79	6,500.00	12,446.22	6,223.11	6,223.11	13,000.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
Retirement	2,100.00	2,064.04	2,100.00	3,417.65	1,314.52	2,103.13	3,600.00	1,400.00	2,200.00
Dog Expense	(2,700.00)	(2,616.88)	(2,800.00)	2,186.00	3,592.00	(1,406.00)	3,500.00	5,500.00	(2,000.00)
Post-Closure	1,300.00	4,738.81	2,500.00	3,611.15	1,564.15	2,047.00	4,000.00	700.00	3,300.00
Recycling	9,900.00	10,409.78	12,000.00	11,471.76		11,471.76	15,000.00		15,000.00
HHW	5,000.00	2,315.22	2,400.00	4,995.52	677.00	4,318.52	4,000.00	1,400.00	4,000.00
Liq. licenses	(1,400.00)	(1,310.00)	(1,400.00)	11,746.98	10,362.02	1,384.96			(1,400.00)
Interest		(337.97)	0.00	60.00	471.15	(411.15)	2,500.00		2,500.00
Contingency	2,500.00	(469.67)	2,500.00						
SUB-TOTAL	296,630.00	273,117.69	310,795.00	398,218.55	99,688.27	298,530.28	384,658.00	92,100.00	292,558.00
Accum (surplus/deficit)	(25,000.00)	(25,000.00)	(30,000.00)		30,000.00	(30,000.00)		20,000.00	(20,000.00)
Total	\$271,630.00	\$248,117.69	\$280,795.00	\$398,218.55	\$129,688.27	\$268,530.28	\$384,658.00	\$112,100.00	\$272,558.00

Highway Budget

	Net Budget 2003	Net Cost 2003	Net Budget 2004	Cost 2004	Income 2004	Net Cost 2004	Budgeted Cost 2005	Budgeted Income 2005	Net Budget 2005
Maintenance	\$210,300.00	\$168,594.50	\$176,600.00	\$322,389.18	\$114,837.15	\$207,552.03	\$293,500.00	\$138,000.00	\$155,500.00
Tr-Summer				49,873.88			50,000.00		
Tr-Winter				67,004.77			70,000.00		
Sa-Summer				1,363.14			1,500.00		
Sa-Winter				28,123.07			30,000.00		
Tr-Resurf				160,742.15			108,000.00		
Sa-Resurf				178.20			26,000.00		
Stock Sand				15,103.97			8,000.00		
Bridges/Culv	47,300.00	215,067.76	(154,000.00)	166,174.28	259,930.55	(93,756.27)	61,200.00	83,200.00	(22,000.00)
Tr-Cul/Dit				21,909.65			22,000.00		
Sa-Cul/Dit				82.96			39,000.00		
Bridges				144,181.67			200.00		
Town Equipment	64,900.00	70,624.48	72,400.00	65,972.69	196.19	65,776.50	65,800.00		65,800.00
Grader				2,768.87			4,000.00		
Tractor/Mower				1,874.27			1,000.00		
Plows				4,463.21			4,000.00		
Sand/Spread				70.35			0.00		
Chainsaws				154.44			200.00		
Steamer				56.86			100.00		
Trucks (4)									
Fuel				24,201.26			26,000.00		
Maintenance				26,099.25			23,000.00		
Backhoe				3,954.24			2,500.00		
Misc. Tools/Equip				2,329.94			5,000.00		
Town Garage				10,721.79		10,721.79	9,000.00		9,000.00
Group Ins.	7,000.00	8,137.09	10,000.00	35,855.20		35,855.20	40,700.00		40,700.00
Insurance	30,000.00	30,406.70	35,500.00	15,698.76		15,698.76	12,300.00		12,300.00
Soc Sec.	16,300.00	15,950.12	15,800.00	19,958.24		9,979.12	20,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Retirement	11,800.00	10,595.40	11,000.00	7,867.35		4,841.24	8,400.00	3,300.00	5,100.00
Equip. Fund	5,700.00	5,540.24	5,850.00	50,000.00		50,000.00	50,000.00		50,000.00
Interest	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	4,629.16		4,479.83	2,500.00		2,500.00
Contingency	0.00	304.85	0.00	673.26		673.26			
SUB-TOTAL	2,500.00	749.47	2,500.00	\$699,939.91	\$392,448.95	\$307,490.96	\$563,400.00	234,500.00	328,900.00
Accum (surplus)/Deficit Tr	\$445,800.00	\$575,970.61	\$225,650.00	115,000.00		115,000.00	60,000.00		60,000.00
	((35,000.00))	(35,000.00)	115,000.00						
Total	\$410,800.00	\$540,970.61	\$340,650.00	\$814,939.91	\$392,448.95	\$422,490.96	\$623,400.00	\$234,500.00	\$388,900.00

2004 Report of Uncollected Taxes

	2003 Balance	2004 Delinquent	2004 Collected	2004 Abated	2004 Balance
2000					
Town	\$ 86.72	\$	\$ 0.00		\$ 86.72
2001					
Town	345.92		143.74		202.18
Highway	43.23		43.23		0.00
2002					
Town	1,019.94		766.79	1.53	251.62
Highway	1,049.31		981.35		67.96
2003					
Town	6,355.45		4,813.76		1,541.69
Highway	8,838.79		7,747.36		1,091.43
2004					
Town		11,601.64	3,811.56		7,790.08
Highway		13,043.03	3,895.51		9,147.52
Total	<u>\$17,739.36</u>	<u>\$24,644.67</u>	<u>\$22,203.30</u>	<u>\$ 1.53</u>	<u>\$20,179.20</u>

2004 Delinquent Tax Report

Year		Town	Highway
2000	Blancato, Anthony	\$ 86.72	\$
2001	Blancato, Anthony	78.66	
	Blancato, Anthony J. Jr	123.52	
2002	Blancato, Anthony	88.53	
	Blancato, Anthony J. Jr	139.00	
	Dopp, Bernie & Pam	22.18	62.57
	Goad, Tim & Tammy	1.91	5.39
2003	Blancato, Anthony	96.91	
	Blancato, Anthony J. Jr.	152.16	
	Dipietro, Kenneth & Dawn	130.18	
	Dopp, Bernie & Pam	24.28	69.53
	Dudley, Dwight	129.35	
	Fortin, Tammy J & Raymond A. Sr. ...	156.77	
	Hill, Richard A & Kathleen M	151.32	
	Lagasse, Steven & Kimberley	7.54	38.96
Probst, Juliette		192.77	
	Valley, Wayne L	157.18	
	Willey, Laurence M & Faye A	343.23	982.94
2004	Barton, William & Christina	161.40	358.61
	Barton, William & Christina L	92.39	205.27
	Beaupre, Rebecca A & Paul J, Sr.	192.72	
	Blancato, Anthony	102.09	

Year		Town	Highway
2004	Blancato, Anthony J, Jr.	159.64	
	Bryant, Naomi	6.61	14.70
	Campbell, Dorothy	101.43	225.35
	Campbell, Dorothy K	54.02	
	Campbell-Lybarger Lisa and	66.62	
	Carpenter, Judith & Walsh, Donna	77.84	172.93
	Chaffee, Gordon & Locke, Cindy	93.71	
	Cross, Pamela D	84.78	410.54
	Daignault, Mark R & Glory	80.05	177.83
	Densmore, Ricky A	48.07	106.80
	Diette, Peter & Teresa	139.36	
	Dipietro, Kenneth & Dawn	137.15	
	Dolan, Donna	140.90	
	Dopp, Bernie & Pam	25.58	56.83
	Dow, Scott & Colburn, Loretta	79.16	
	Dudley, Dwight	135.83	
	Edmonds, Nathan & Robin	132.96	
	Farias, Michelle E	189.63	421.31
	Fontaine, Michael & Jessica	264.60	587.88
	Fortin, Tammy J & Raymond A Sr.	164.71	
	Freehart, Madeline M, Ronald & Hanna, Joanna (Bondor)	102.31	
	Gordon, C Edward	280.26	622.66
	Greenwood, George Sr	89.30	
	Hedgeman, Richard P & Ledger, Jay A Hill, Richard A & Kathleen M	31.97	71.04
	Hunt, Michael J & Kimberly A (Beasley)	159.42	
	Huntington, James & Sharon	105.89	
	Huntington, James & Sharon	112.45	249.85
	Jeannette, Elaine	160.96	357.63
	Jenne, William & Berly	211.68	
	Kittredge, Preston L	95.69	212.62
	Klar, Jacqueline A	303.40	674.10
	Kruckas, Anthony	148.84	
	Labounty, Maurice	70.56	
	Lagasse, Steven & Kimberly	14.34	31.84
	Lamadeleine, David P & Paula	103.64	230.25
	Lamadeleine, Guy	34.40	
	Lavoie, Albert J, Perkins, Judith, Gariepy, Linda (Lovegrove)	81.81	
	Livingston, Debra J	53.58	119.05
	Lorimer, Stephen	120.39	
	Mannix, Charles R J	61.52	136.68
	McCartney, Elizabeth	146.85	
	Meehan, Jodina S & Sara	122.82	272.87
	Morse, James	105.62	

Year	Town	Highway
2004		
Morse, James	99.23	
Morse, James	134.95	
Nano, David J & Powell, Tina J	72.98	162.16
Nelson, Gail M.....	185.88	412.99
O'Brien, William F	267.48	
Orr, Richard M & Myra	130.54	290.02
Paddleford, Edward & Melissa	86.44	192.04
Perron, Claire (Quirion & Chaffee)	55.50	
Petrosyans, Vachig	79.82	
Pitha, John F	5.31	419.35
Potter, Rodney	14.78	32.82
Poutre, Phillip M Jr & Wendy L	143.69	319.23
Probst, Juliette E	203.08	
Sousa, Tanya C		231.58
Tacinelli, Paul		91.67
Valley, Wayne L	166.04	
Watson, Jason & Caroline	16.76	37.23
Weidler, Thomas W	18.52	41.15
Whipple, Kim & Ehrgood, Debbie	197.79	439.44
Willey, Laurence M & Faye A	342.61	761.20
Withers, Penny	119.73	
Total	\$ 9,872.29	\$10,306.91

Independent Auditor's Statement

To the Town of Barton, Vermont

R.F. Lavigne & Company was engaged to audit the financial statements of the Town of Barton for the year ended December 31, 2004. The Town maintains their records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Firm's opinion on the governmental activities and each major fund, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements, concluded that the cash basis financial statements were fairly stated, in all material respects, in conformity with the cash basis of accounting.

Jean L. Giard, CPA

Partner

R.F. Lavigne & Company

**Copies of the report are on file
at the Town of Barton
and can be obtained by calling
(802) 525-6222.**

Barton Village, Inc., Fire Department

	2004 Budget	2004 Actual (Unaudited)	2005 Budget
Beginning Balance	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 102.07
Income:			
Town of Barton Appropriation	27,500	27,500.00	31,583.00
Town of Barton Truck Appropriation	5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00
Transfer from Rent Savings			
for Loan Payment	0	1,583.73	0.00
Transfer from Village Hydrant Fund			
for Dry Hydrant		1,496.21	0.00
Grants	0	17,055.00	0.00
Total Income	32,500	52,634.94	36,583.00
Disbursements:			
Fireman's Training	1,000	348.00	1,000.00
Payroll	4,500	3,610.50	5,000.00
Officer's Salaries	945	945.00	945.00
Telephone	700	577.17	600.00
Electricity	160	536.60	500.00
Fuel (Heating)	1,600	1,782.44	2,000.00
Supplies & Expenses	800	3,425.00	1,000.00
Truck Expenses & Equipment	2,000	1,878.24	2,000.00
Truck Insurance	2,800	2,473.40	2,800.00
Worker's Compensation	800	841.84	900.00
Accident Insurance	1,000	1,070.00	1,100.00
Property Insurance	380	478.32	480.00
Boiler Insurance	210	204.00	210.00
Liability Insurance	400	0.00	400.00
Unemployment Insurance	0	72.40	73.00
Dues	300	230.00	300.00
Physicals	500	0.00	1,000.00
Water/Sewer Rent	200	240.81	250.00
Water/Sewer User Fees	200	220.04	250.00
Mutual Aid	0	100.00	125.00
Buildings & Grounds Repair	200	1,029.01	1,000.00
Radio	100	0.00	500.00
Furnace & Electrical Repair	0	0.00	250.00
New Equipment	4,000	6,827.00	4,000.00
FICA	500	348.49	400.00
Interest	50	15.68	0.00
Dry Hydrants	0	1,496.21	0.00
2004 Homeland Security Grant Exp. ...	0	17,214.67	0.00
Fire Education	0	0.00	500.00
Total	23,345	45,964.82	27,583.00

Debt Retirement

Renovation Loan Principal	1,568	1,568.05	0.00
Total Debt Retirement	1,568	1,568.05	0.00
Replacement Funds			
Building Rent	2,587	0.00	4,000.00
Depreciation Expense	0	0.00	0.00
Truck Replacement Funds	5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Replacement Funds	7,587	5,000.00	9,000.00
Total Expenses	\$32,500	\$52,532.87	\$36,583.00
Ending Year End Balance		\$ 102.07	\$ 102.07

CAPITAL TRUCK FUND

Balance January 1, 2004	\$ 24,861.33
Interest Earned	158.89
Truck Raffle Proceeds	1,375.00
Town of Barton Appropriation	5,000.00
Balance December 31, 2004	\$ 31,395.22

FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND

Balance January 1, 2004	\$ 43,630.47
Interest Earned	340.36
Balance December 31, 2004	\$ 43,970.83

FIRE DEPARTMENT RENT FUND

Balance January 1, 2004	\$ 19,130.78
2003 Rent Deposit	0.00
Interest Earned	90.72
	19,221.50
Less Transfer for Renovation Loan	(1,583.73)
Balance December 31, 2004	\$ 17,637.77

FIRE DEPARTMENT OUTSTANDING LOANS

Town of Barton (Renovation)	\$ 1,568.05
Less 2004 Principal Payment	(1,568.05)
Total Outstanding December 31, 2004	\$ 0.00

DEPRECIATION

Life	Description	Cost	2004	Remaining
5 years	Coats, Helmets, Gloves (00)	5,719.60	1,143.92	0.00
4 years	Equipment (3)	6,515.20	1,628.80	3,257.60
5 years	Radios (03)	2,373.00	474.60	1,423.80
5 years	Gas Meter	2,067.23	413.44	1,240.35
5 years	Scott Air Packs (03)	20,050.00	4,010.00	12,030.00
10 years	Imaging Camera (03)	26,000.00	5,200.00	15,600.00
5 years	Radios (04)	4,159.00	831.80	3,327.20
10 years	Cascade System (04)	3,168.67	316.87	2,851.80
5 years	Generator (04)	1,399.00	279.80	1,119.20
5 years	Scott Air Packs (04)	6,870.00	1,374.00	5,496.00
3 years	Computer (04)	1,618.00	539.33	1,078.67
		<u>\$79,939.70</u>	<u>\$16,212.56</u>	<u>\$47,424.62</u>

FIRE CALLS

Barton Village (includes False Alarms)	25
Barton Town	17
Glover/Mutual Aid	4
Interstate 91	8
Training Hours	369.50 Non Paid Hours
Work Detail	415.25 Non Paid Hours

Orleans Fire Department

FIRE DEPARTMENT FY 2004

Description	Total 2004	Budget 2004	Proposed 2005
Fire Dept. Revenues			
Town of Barton (fire)	\$32,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$32,000.00
Town of Brownington (fire)	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
Outside Fires	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc. Fire Dept. Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Dept. Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00
Fire Dept. Salaries	13,687.00	19,000.00	19,000.00
Fire Dept. Officials	2,600.00	2,600.00	2,600.00
Rubbish-Steam Boiler	410.00	440.00	440.00
Rent	3,620.39	5,300.00	5,300.00
Supplies, Equip., Tools	3,983.65	3,000.00	4,000.00
Equipment	19,738.01	10,000.00	10,000.00
Radio Expense	5,767.32	5,000.00	5,000.00
Tower 1	0.00	3,000.00	5,000.00
Vehicle Expense	1,706.54	2,500.00	2,500.00
Engine 4	1,022.77	1,000.00	1,000.00
98 Tanker - 1987 Freightliner	0.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Van/1996	768.60	1,000.00	1,000.00
Pumper Truck/2001	162.92	1,000.00	1,000.00
Phones	1,333.43	1,000.00	1,000.00
Legal Services	120.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance	7,231.00	6,410.00	8,200.00
Outside Assis. (Mutual Aid)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Schools & Dues	0.00	800.00	800.00
Outside Labor	0.00	0.00	0.00
Generator	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
FICA	900.00	900.00	900.00
Totals	\$63,051.63	\$63,950.00	\$69,740.00

DEPRECIATION

	Cost	Expense	Remaining
10 yrs 2000 Engine 6	\$153,000.00	\$41,310.00	\$96,390.00
10 yrs 1996 Van (Freightliner)	23,000.00	6,210.00	14,490.00
10 yrs 2000 2000' 4" hose	8,000.00	2,160.00	5,040.00
10 yrs 2002 Fold-a-Tank	1,700.00	316.00	1,314.00
10 yrs 2001 Portable Radios (7)	4,200.00	756.00	3,024.00
5 yrs 2001 Gear- 10 sets	10,600.00	2,438.00	6,042.00
5 yrs 2002 CO2 Detector	400.00	92.00	228.00
10 yrs 2002 Extension Ladder	1,100.00	198.00	792.00
10 yrs 2001 400' 1 3/4" hose	1,000.00	1,080.00	720.00
5 yrs 2000 Pagers (10)	3,000.00	1,260.00	1,140.00
10 yrs 200 Suction Hose	5,000.00	1,350.00	3,150.00
10 yrs 2000 Cairns 1010 Helmets (28)	6,300.00	1,701.00	3,969.00
5 yrs 2001 Survival Lights 95	450.00	103.50	256.50
10 yrs 2000 1-6" x 4" Relief Valve	550.00	148.50	346.50
5 yrs 2001 Cascade System	500.00	115.00	285.00
10 yrs 1997 1987 Freightliner Tanker .	40,000.00	21,600.00	14,400.00
10 yrs 2002 New Radio System	6,500.00	1,170.00	4,680.00
10 yrs 2002 New Radio (E-6)	3,000.00	810.00	1,890.00
10 yrs 2003 Tower 1	35,000.00	7,000.00	28,350.00
10 yrs 2004 MSA Air Packs (19)	75,000.00	7,500.00	67,500.00
10 yrs 2004 Thermal Imaging Camera	11,000.00	1,100.00	9,900.00
5 yrs 2004 500' 4" hose	2,000.00	100.00	1,900.00
5 yrs 2004 Turnout Gear - 5 sets	5,000.00	250.00	4,750.00
10 yrs 2004 Cascade System/Compressor	12,395.00	1,239.50	11,155.50
10 yrs 2004 Base Radio System	2,400.00	240.00	2,160.00
Totals	\$411,095.00	\$100,247.50	\$283,872.50

FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK FUND BALANCE SHEET - NOVEMBER 30, 2004

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash AIA	(\$ 6,520.51)	
Cash - CDs	15,730.38	
AR Other	5,000.00	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		\$14,209.87
PROPERTY/EQUIPMENT		
OTHER ASSETS		
Total Assets		\$14,209.87
Fund Balance	14,209.87	
Total Fund Balance		\$14,209.87
Total		\$14,209.87

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - NOVEMBER 30, 2004

Unrestricted

Beg	\$14,388.60
Change	(178.73)
Net	\$14,209.87

Barton Public Library

Operated by Woman's Literary Club d/b/a Barton Library Club, Inc.
ANNUAL REPORT, OPERATING FUND, CALENDAR 2004 AND 2005 BUDGET

Income:	2004	2005 Budget
Town of Barton	\$ 3,060.00	\$ 3,060.00
Barton Village, Inc.	5,000.00	5,000.00
Town of Westmore	1,500.00	1,500.00
Foundation Grants	9,800.00	9,000.00
Appeal Letter (net of Expenses)	3,288.66	3,500.00
Club Fundraising (net of Expenses)	3,774.64	2,500.00
Gifts	2,598.39	2,500.00
Interest & Dividends	383.49	340.00
Meeting Room Rent	1,900.00	2,000.00
	\$31,305.18	\$29,400.00
 Expenses:		
Salaries - Libr., Ass't Libr., Children's Librarian	20,100.89	20,550.00
Payroll Taxes	1,537.71	1,675.00
Librarian's Mileage Allowance	208.80	250.00
Books	3,829.33	4,500.00
Audio Books	198.12	200.00
Magazines	580.06	600.00
Interlibrary Loans (Postage)	600.00	800.00
Children's Programs	2,220.13	1,800.00
Adult Programs	472.51	500.00
Internet Access & Telephone	1,067.24	800.00
Librarian's Supplies & Expenses	964.97	1,000.00
Supplies & Maintenance —		
Computers, Copier, Office	1,103.14	1,000.00
Treasurer's Expense	351.21	300.00
Legal Fees	51.00	50.00
Custodian	570.00	750.00
Cleaning & Supplies	2,458.29	2,100.00
Utilities — Water, Sewer, Electric	1,824.39	1,800.00
Facilities Maintenance & Repair	1,334.64	1,000.00
Heating Fuel	3,006.47	2,500.00
Insurance	2,016.00	2,100.00
Furniture & Fixtures	100.00	425.00
Miscellaneous	57.81	
	44,652.71	44,700.00
Net Deficit (Covered from savings)	\$13,347.53	\$15,300.00

Respectfully submitted,
 Ulo L. Sinberg, Treasurer

Jones Memorial Library

ANNUAL REPORT - 2004

Income:

Bal. Brt. Frd. 2003	\$ 3,333.67
Jones Mem. Trust Fund	52,750.00
Town of Barton	1,500.00
Town of Westmore	500.00
Town of Brownington	500.00
Adopt-A-Mag./Video	93.00
Rec. from copier	484.47
Overdue Videos	327.00
Lost/damaged books/videos	216.00
Conscience Box	171.39
Book Sale/AC Fund	2,000.91
Book purchase reimbursement	173.46
Banknorth - Interest	3.78
Freeman Grant	2,476.25
VHPS	210.12
Miscellaneous	18.05

Total Income

\$64,758.10

Expenses:

Publications	9,474.25
Salary - Lib./Aides/Treas.	22,922.24
Janitor	5,200.00
Utilities	2,932.21
Insurance	3,451.00
Fuel	4,547.14
Lib's supplies/equip./ref. mat.	3,900.20
Interior main./supplies	394.52
Payroll Taxes	5,447.45
Postage	659.54
Miscellaneous	466.10
Online Computer	88.37
Videos	209.07
Equipment/repairs	2,219.04
Adult/child programs	146.55
Copier supplies	72.05
Adopt-A-Mag./Video	55.00
AC Fund Transfer	2,000.00
Lib's. mileage	272.64
VHPS	210.12

Total Expenses

\$64,667.49

Checkbook Balance 12/31/04

\$ 90.61

/s/ JUDITH C. PETTENGILL

Treasurer

Lake Region Senior Center

2004 FINANCIAL REPORT

01/01/04 TO 12/31/04

Balance Brought Forward 01/01/04 \$10,442.39

INCOME

Appropriations 2004	\$ 5,500.00
Area on Aging	5,088.40
Dinners	16,478.99
Donation	527.00
Fund Raisers	2,194.38
Interest Inc	19.55
Total Income	29,808.32

EXPENSES

Bank Charge	32.62
Donations	28.59
Equipment	1,549.00
Flowers	7.30
Food Bank	167.01
Groceries	8,229.50
Insurance	1,206.00
Labor	106.00
Misc	669.14
Payroll	7,339.47
Payroll Liabilities	1,256.28
Postage and Delivery	78.45
Repairs	539.80
Supplies	29.01
Property Tax	1,334.72
Electricity	543.11
Gas & Oil	1,607.61
Telephone	802.39
Water & Sewer	388.00
Total Expenses	\$25,914.00

Balance in Savings & Checking 12/31/04 \$14,336.71

We derive our income from appropriation, donations and fund raiser. We receive appropriations from Albany, Brownington, Barton Town, Barton Village, Glover, Irasburg, Orleans and Westmore.

We want to thank the surrounding towns and villages as well as the individual people and organizations who have given us donations and the volunteers who have given their time to make the Lake Region Senior Center a success.

Our fiscal year runs January 1st to December 31st. We estimate our budget for the year 2005 to be \$27,000.00. Without the support of the surrounding towns and villages we would not be able to continue operating.

We serve from 25 to 50 dinners on Wednesdays and Fridays to seniors from Orleans and the surrounding towns and villages and we have a Birthday Dinner once a month with entertainment.

Frontier Animal Society of Vermont

ACTUAL INCOME AND EXPENSES - JAN 1, 2004 - DEC 31, 2004

INCOME

Adoptions	\$ 26,683.00
Spay Clinic	2,633.00
Surrenders	3,911.50
Donations	15,542.25
Membership	3,650.00
Coins/Bottles	5,692.40

FUND DRIVES

Mortgage Raffle	16,925.00
Raffle: truck, quilt, mirror	3,274.25
Country Auction	8,719.26
Phish Proceeds	2,392.00
Yard Sales	3,279.00
Oct. Fund raiser	2,157.37
Bequeathments	2,837.13
Grants	6,500.00
Kennel sponsors	1,015.00
Xmas letter	6,115.00
Enter. Books	480.00
T-Shirts	670.00
Sales/Donations	3,824.86
TOTAL ALL FUND DRIVES	\$ 58,188.87

NEK spay rebate	2,250.00
In Memoriam	5,947.55
Interest	188.83
Town Appropriator	8,300.00

Total Income **132,987.40**

Expenses

Vet Costs	24,943.44
Shelter Util/Office	15,871.83
Food/Supplies	7,622.92
Mortgage	54,891.28
Legal/Ins/Dues	2,778.00
Fund drives	
Enter. Books, T-Shirts, Ads	3,448.64
Raffles winners	6,225.00
TOTAL FUND DRIVE EXPENSES	9,673.64
Spay Refund	1,482.00
Property Tax	6,072.68
Payroll	4,824.80

Total Expenses **\$128,160.59**

Balance due on shelter mortgage \$98,852.88

Area Agency on Aging

NORTHEASTERN VERMONT BUDGET SUMMARY

	Fiscal 2005 Budget	Fiscal 2004 Budget
REVENUE		
Title III B	\$298,900	\$248,606
Title III C1	224,649	183,159
Title III C2	137,228	144,258
Title III D	26,294	16,807
Title III E	77,077	128,546
Title III G	3,970	4,588
Senior Companion	10,000	10,000
USDA	77,591	77,153
DSW Energy	15,000	15,000
Fd Stmp Outreach	30,709	29,288
Beneficiary Services	167,867	169,581
Medicaid Waiver	134,219	136,700
Coalition	15,185	12,953
Dementia Respite	56,101	51,696
HASS		18,545
Americorp	14,500	14,500
General Fund	214,817	202,000
Special Services	3,701	2,467
Transportation	47,829	59,362
Participant Contributions	25,200	29,287
Town Funds	46,000	41,107
United Way	1,500	1,650
Community Donations	12,000	11,572
Other Revenue	14,000	13,896
Total Revenue	1,654,338	1,622,721
EXPENSES		
Personnel	590,449	571,103
Fringe	219,697	200,487
Travel	67,200	69,747
Consumables	18,500	27,818
Rent/Util.	54,874	52,146
Telephone and Postage	32,828	35,672
Equipment	10,000	16,198
Insurance	7,626	7,016
Audit	5,000	5,000
Raw Food	10,000	9,649
Training	12,000	11,868
Other	106,618	120,348
Grants/Contracts	514,546	489,162
Total Expenses	\$1,649,338	\$1,616,214
Change in Net Assets	\$5,000	\$6,507

SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF BARTON

	Consumers/ Consumer Groups	Hours
Case Management	76/0	550.00
Congregate Meals	42/0	47.00
Home Delivered Meals	38/0	45.00
Nutrition Counseling	3/0	17.00
Transportation	1/0	2.00
Subtotal	127/0	661.00
Total	127/0	661.00
Grand Total	127/0	661.00

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy's mission is to bring community volunteers (called advocates) and people with developmental disabilities together in one-to-one relationships of friendship and advocacy. OCCA's goal is for people with disabilities to be valued, protected and accepted in their communities. The matches made by our Citizen Advocacy Coordinator, Ellen Bowen, grow to be enriching and important relationships, not only for the person with disabilities but also for the advocate.

Our non-profit organization operates with money raised at annual fundraisers, including the Echo Lake Road Race, the Northeast Kingdom Lakes Century Bike Tour, the Glover Day Barn Sale, from donations from businesses and individuals, and occasional grants. We do not receive federal or state funding. Town Meeting Day appropriations made in towns across Orleans County are one of our largest sources of revenue.

Since our part-time program began in 1989 almost 50 matches have been made, thanks to the generosity of people in our communities. We are so grateful for the generosity of voters in Orleans County at Town Meeting over the years, and look forward to your support again this year. Anyone interested in learning more about Citizen Advocacy can call Ellen at 873-3285.

FINANCIAL REPORT - 10/1/03 - 9/30/04

Cash on Hand - Checking Account		\$21,086.14
RECEIPTS		
Barn Sale	\$ 1,431.04	
Echo	6,732.20	
Century	6,945.00	
Town Appropriations	5,235.00	
Donations	235.00	
Letter Drive	1,915.00	
Interest Income	243.71	
Grants (Phish)	1,000.00	
Total Income	23,736.95	
Total Cash on Hand		44,823.09
EXPENSES		
Ellen Bowen's Wages (net of withholding taxes)	11,817.00	
Mileage	1,689.61	
Echo Expense	2,332.58	
Century Expense	3,080.55	
Vt. Dept. of Employment & Training	727.38	
IRS	2,932.91	
Vt. Dept. of Taxes	161.00	
Advertising	76.21	
Supplies & Expenses	335.98	
Phone	23.06	
Postage	457.38	
Letterhead	60.00	
Connie's Gift	50.00	
Bank One (Barb)	931.43	
Newsletter	261.47	
Biennial Report	15.00	
P.O. Box Renewal	24.00	
Training	674.70	
Total Expenses	25,650.26	
Net Cash on Hand - Checking		\$19,172.83

The Orleans County Historical Society

The Orleans County Historical Society owns and operates the Old Stone House Museum, a regional history museum located in the Brownington Village Historic District. The Stone House and the Lawrence Barn are open for guided tours from May 15 through October 15. Orleans County residents receive a discount on Museum admissions. The Museum Visitors' Center, located in the historic home of Alexander Twilight, our nation's first African-American college graduate, is open year-round. The Prospect Hill Observatory, offering a spectacular view of the surrounding countryside, is open from May 1 to November 1. The Historical Society's research library and archives are available for use by appointment on a year-round basis.

This year, the Historical Society is pleased to announce a new "Town Days" program. Residents from every town in Orleans County will receive free admission to the Old Stone House Museum on their town's special days. Barton's "Town Days" will be Saturday and Sunday, July 2 and 3.

Museum events and activities for 2005 include: the Annual Collectors' Fair, the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Show, Heritage Craft Classes, concerts and traditional craft circles. In addition, more than 1200 school children will participate in educational programs offered by the Museum, such as: the Northeast Kingdom History Fair; planting, cultivation and seed saving in an heirloom vegetable garden; a history-based day camp; and two field days.

The Museum's largest annual event, Old Stone House Day, is scheduled this year for August 14. Among the day's highlights will be demonstrations of old-time skills, a farmers' market, live music, children's activities and the Museum's open house. As always, the event will be free and open to the public. For more information, please call 754-2022, visit our website at www.oldstonehousemuseum.org, or write: Old Stone House Museum, 109 Old Stone House Road, Brownington, VT 05860.

PROFIT & LOSS - JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2004

Income	Jan-Dec 04
400 - Appropriations	\$ 4,750.00
403 - Contributions/Unrestricted	39,589.27
404 - Dividends	6,390.66
405 - Eaton House Reimbursements	3,060.00
408 - Contributions/In Kind	250.00
420 - Membership Dues	12,445.19
421 - Museum Admissions	6,944.97
422 - Museum Shop Sales	7,307.49
423 - Other Revenue	826.49
424 - Program Service Revenue	5,077.35
425 - Special Event Income	1,508.00
Transfer from Endowment	<u>36,000.00</u>
Total Income	124,149.42

Expense

Insurance

506 - Directors & Officers Liability	1,098.82
507 - Property/Liability	5,890.58
508 - Workman's Comp	<u>477.00</u>

Total Insurance

7,466.40

Occupancy

515 - Maintenance (labor/materials)	4,653.51
516 - Utilities	<u>3,973.68</u>

Total Occupancy

8,627.19

500 - Cost of Goods Sold	4,435.07
501 - Bank Charges	241.55
502 - Conferences/Meetings	450.40
504 - Dues & Subscriptions	1,023.68
505 - Equip Rental/Maint. (copier)	1,852.14
511 - Misc.	43.13
519 - SUTA	2,808.20
520 - Officer Salaries	17,307.72
522 - Salary Expenses	59,859.34
523 - Payroll Taxes	5,886.27
524 - Special Events Expense	178.59
525 - Supplies (general)	1,360.10
526 - Telephone & Internet	2,588.73
527 - Travel	261.69
528 - Office Supplies	1,087.87
530 - Interest Expense	687.27
531 - Postage & Shipping	3,246.28
532 - Printing & Publication	3,116.64
533 - Professional Expenses	1,291.00
534 - Program Expense	2,559.07
535 - Property Tax	130.16
538 - Advertising	363.24
539 - Marketing	995.91
540 - Software/Hardware	1,068.07
541 - Tech Support Services	<u>660.00</u>

Total Expense **\$129,595.71**

Net Income \$ -5,446.29

NorthWoods Stewardship Center

(FORMERLY THE VERMONT LEADERSHIP CENTER)

Fostering long-term stewardship of human and natural communities

Thanks in part to the Town of Barton's appropriation of \$800 in support of the Kingdom Corps, 44 young people from the Northeast Kingdom were employed on a variety of conservation projects throughout the communities of Northern Vermont and New Hampshire during 2004. Besides completing meaningful conservation work, participants gained valuable employment, teamwork, and leadership skills, along with the added benefit of learning about the natural environment. On behalf of the Center staff, Corps participants, and myself I wish to convey our sincere appreciation to the Town of Barton for its support.

2004 was a year of significant transition at the Center. We changed our name from the Vermont Leadership Center to the NorthWoods Stewardship Center in an effort to reflect our mission more clearly. There was also a change in leadership with Dr. Charles Woods, a long time member of the Board of Directors, taking on the role of Executive Director. The Center also purchased the land on which our facilities are on, and we were given over 1,400 acres of surrounding land. All of these changes will lead to a strengthened organization that will continue to serve the community.

In 2004 two young people from the Town of Barton were selected as crewmembers, each earned \$150 per week, adding up to a total of \$1500 paid directly in wages to Barton youth. A Kingdom Corps crew contributed one week of labor maintaining the Brick Kingdom Trail in Barton, re-establishing the tread, installing benches, and clearing brush in an effort to make the historic buildings more visible. The cost of running a crew consisting of 11 young people and two adult leaders is nearly \$5000 per week, returning a significant value to the Town of Barton. Other projects included trail maintenance projects to Burke, Pisgah, and Bluff Mountains, stream bank restoration work on the Sleepers and Clyde Rivers, and wildlife habitat projects on the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. Participants contributed a total of 7,000 hours of labor to the enhancement of the region's natural resources and development of its recreational opportunities and they were provided a total of 1,400 hours of employment training and natural resource education.

The Town's generous support is sincerely appreciated and I hope the voters will consider the many benefits of the Corps and the Center as a whole and will support this year's request of \$800 to fund the Kingdom Corps.

Sincerely,

/s/ ROSS STEVENS

Program Director

PROFIT AND LOSS - JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2004

Ordinary Income/Expense	Jan - Dec '04
Income	
Capital Campaign	\$154,223.88
Grants/Contributions	304,474.05
Program Services	156,459.96
Fundraisers	-95.70
Interest Income	312.95
Total Income	615,375.14
Expense	
PAYROLL	
Salaries and Wages	343,292.60
Expense Accounts	3,000.00
Health Insurance	37,645.89
Payroll Taxes	27,875.89
Workers Comp Insurance	6,841.55
Total Payroll	418,655.93
OCCUPANCY	
Rent	6,000.00
Insurance	1,055.60
Maintenance	2,888.86
Taxes	6,833.40
Utilities	12,617.94
Total Occupancy	29,395.80
Accounting Fees	2,525.00
Americorps Match	9,656.00
Conference Fees	315.00
Consulting Fees	270.00
Credit Card Fees	-0.01
Depreciation Expense	19,987.56
Dues & Subscriptions	661.00
Equipment Rental & Maintenance	14,780.56
Interest Expense	659.13
Instructors & Presenters	3,013.50
Liability Insurance	5,679.88
Mileage & Travel	2,460.82
Miscellaneous	96.69
Payroll Services	794.00
Permits & Licenses	437.00
Postage & Delivery	4,716.37
Printing & Publication	4,159.36
Publicity/Advertising	1,187.11
Staff Training	150.00
Supplies & Materials	24,889.52
Telephone	4,450.01
Vehicle Expense	10,777.68
Total Expense	559,717.91
Net Ordinary Income	5,657.23
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	684.00
Capital Gains & Losses	684.00
Total Other Expense	684.00
Net Other Income	-684.00
Net Income	\$54,973.23

SERVICE REPORT FY 2004

Orleans Essex V.N.A. and Hospice, Inc.

Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc. provides professional quality home health services to the residents of the 24 communities in Orleans and northern Essex counties. We serve the elderly, homebound and chronically ill through the VNA and homemaker programs, and the terminally ill through our Hospice program. Special programs include a variety of clinics available to the public. As a not-for-profit agency, we are locally controlled by a Board of Directors selected from the towns we serve. Our services are available to anyone in need regardless of their ability to pay and all clients are charged the same fee for the same service. We adhere to strict regulations, which prohibit the practice of charging more to a client who can afford services to compensate for those who cannot. All revenue, by law, goes back into the Agency to provide, maintain, and improve services and programs.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES:

Total Agency Visits FY 2004	41,027
Total Visits FY 2004 - Town of Barton	6,856
Total Visit Hours - Town of Barton	6,923
Total Agency Hours FY 2004	48,130

During Fiscal Year 2004, individuals served without reimbursement amounted to \$179,141 of uncompensated care provided throughout the 24 communities. 14% of the total free care was provided to individuals in your community; this translates to a total of \$26,506.00 in uncompensated services. In Barton, home based services were provided to 163 individuals for a total 6856 multi-disciplinary visits. 70 residents also received services through Agency-sponsored wellness programs.

Appropriation Request for 2005 \$6,500.00

Members of your community are in need of services daily and they receive them from the dedicated staff of the Orleans Essex VNA and Hospice, seven days a week, 24-hours a day. The funds your community appropriates to our Agency allow us to continue providing much needed care to individuals without third party insurance and those unable to pay, and provide special programs open to all community members. The Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice is supported by donations, service fees, and the generosity of communities who realize that in order to continue providing high quality home health services to their family members, friends, and neighbors, appropriations are desperately needed.

Respectfully submitted,
NANCY WARNER
Executive Director

BALANCE SHEET - AS OF JUNE 30, 2004
(Extracted from the Audited Financial Statement)

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 208,129.00
Accounts Receivable	1,492,250.00
(Net of Allowance for Doubtful Accounts)	
Inventory	15,939.00
Prepaid Expenses	184,597.00
Assets Limited as to Use	33,454.00
Property, Plant and Equipment (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	510,229.00
Total Assets	2,444,598.00

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$148,017.00
Accrued Payroll and Related Taxes	227,962.00
Accrued and Withheld Pension	49,971.00
Deferred Revenue	239,835.00
Notes Payable	671,827.00
Total Liabilities	1,337,612.00

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	1,106,986.00
Total Net Assets	1,106,986.00
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$2,444,598.00

Annual Audit by Angela Norder & Company, Inc., Certified Public Accountants

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE - FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004
(Extracted from the Audited Financial Statement)

Public Support and Revenue - Operating:

Third Party Reimbursement and Public Fees	\$3,262,165.00
Other Operating Revenues	11,192.00
Total Income from Operations	3,637,357.00

Operating Expenses:

Personnel Expenses	3,155,441.00
Operating Expenses	306,466.00
Overhead	459,425.00
Fund Raising	7,761.00
Total Operating Expenses	3,929,093.00

Excess Operating Revenues

Over (Under) Operating Expenses: (291,736.00)

Public Support and Revenue - Other:

Municipal Appropriations - General	21,043.00
Municipal Appropriations - Tax Abatement	13,717.00
Donations and Fund Raising	
General Donations	21,002.00
Estate Donations	5,108.00
Fund Raising	24,199.00
Total Other Income	85,069.00

Change in Net Assets **\$(206,667.00)**

VISIT STATS FOR TOWN OF BARTON

Number of Visits Provided:	6856
Number of Visit Hours Provided:	6923
Number of Residents Served:	163
Number of Residents who Participated in Clinics:	70
Value of Free Care Provided to Barton Residents:	\$26,506.00

We ask the voters of the Town of Barton to approve our request so that we may continue to provide care to residents in your community regardless of their ability to pay. Our dedicated staff provides services seven days a week, 24-hours a day. The funds allow us to continue providing much needed care to individuals without third party insurance and those unable to pay, and provide special programs open to all community members. The Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice is supported by donations, service fees, and the generosity of communities who realize that in order to continue providing high quality home health services to their family members, friends, and neighbors, appropriations are desperately needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Warner, Executive Director

Orleans County Sheriff's Department

2004 REPORT

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department provided patrol services to your Town during 2004. Through your financial support, the Sheriff's Department provided 801.5 hours of patrol in the Town of Barton and documented the following statistics:

1. Calls for Service: 93
2. Motor Vehicle
 - a. Warnings: 184
 - b. Vt Traffic Complaints: 122
3. Arrests: 20

The Sheriff's Department is requesting a 4.4% increase for 2005. The added funding will cover our rising costs for health insurance, liability insurance, worker's compensation, gasoline and a cost of living adjustment in Deputies salaries.

We now have a certified "DARE" Officer available to provide an anti-drug program in schools throughout the County. We are also continuing the Child Identification Program and job shadowing experience for our youth. Interested students should contact their guidance counselors to make arrangements.

I appreciate your support and look forward to serving your community in 2005.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Lance A. Bowen, Sheriff

Step O.N.E.

REQUEST FOR YEAR 2005 APPROPRIATION - \$900.00

Step O.N.E. provides free services to victim/survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Orleans and northern Essex counties, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

People who have been battered, abused, or raped may call the hotline to speak with a trained advocate. Advocates are available to meet with individuals at the hospital or at a law endorsement agency to discuss safety options. Victim/survivors may also call to make an appointment to meet with an advocate in our Newport office. Guidance is offered in accessing emergency safe housing, social services and other community resources. Support may be provided for victim/survivors during court appearances. Follow up, supportive listening, support groups, educational materials, and information is also offered. We also facilitate violence prevention presentations in schools focusing on bullying prevention and healthy relationships. For more information call (802) 334-0148 or 1-800-224-7837.

In 2004 Step O.N.E. provided thousands of units of service to victim/survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Orleans and northern Essex counties. Each new incident of violence requires a minimum of 6 hours of staff time to aid the victim/survivor.

We depend upon local support to provide the immediate help that victims and survivors need. It would be greatly appreciated if Barton residents would please appropriate \$900.00 (Nine Hundred Dollars) to help with the costs that Step O.N.E. is facing. On behalf of the victim/survivors of domestic and sexual violence, Step O.N.E. staff and volunteers thank you for your past contributions. We ask for your consideration of this year's request; please help us continue to provide free services.

Respectfully,

Catherine Norton, Director of Step O.N.E. Programs

AUDITED FINANCIALS - SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

REVENUES

Grant	\$258,720.00
Donations	618.00
In-kind donations	1,276.00
Other	3,057.00
Total Revenues	\$263,671.00

Expenditures

Salaries	165,999.00
Fringe benefits	48,054.00
Travel	5,249.00
Supplies	8,539.00
Training	1,071.00
Admin	3,425.00
Occupancy	11,010.00
Direct support	1,030.00
Grants & Contracts	4,276.00
Insurance	1,061.00
In-kind Expenses	1,276.00
Other costs	13,047.00
Total Expenses	\$264,037.00

Change in Net Assets	(\$366.00)
Net Assets - 10/01/02	0.00
Net Assets - 9/30/03	(\$366.00)

Northeastern Vermont Development Association

REPORT TO THE VOTERS OF BARTON

In 2004 Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) continued to serve as both the regional planning commission and the economic development corporation of the Northeast Kingdom. For 54 years, we've been carrying out our mission of putting planning into practice, while creating economic opportunities that complement the quality of life in Caledonia, Essex and Orleans counties.

NVDA provides planning assistance to each of our member communities. Assistance often takes the form of transportation planning, traffic counts - including recent counts in Barton - GIS mapping, bridge and culvert inventories, certification of town plans, and interpretation of planning and zoning issues and state laws. In 2004, our staff provided assistance to the Town of Barton with zoning issues and continued NVDA's collaboration with Barton's downtown revitalization group. NVDA also has highly capable grant writers and administrators on staff, giving each community greater access to funds for infrastructural and facility improvements. For instance, we recently helped Barton Village to secure a Vermont Housing & Conservation Board grant for a village park.

FEMA recently announced that all communities would have to have a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan in place in order to remain eligible for funding. In response, NVDA sent representatives to all 55 Northeast Kingdom towns to work with local first responders to ensure that each community would remain eligible for FEMA relief funds in the face of a natural or man-made disaster. That work included preparing data collection maps for Barton.

In 2004, NVDA saw several significant economic developments. The first was the opening of Dirigo Paper Company, which opened in Gilman - the location of the now-defunct American Paper Mills of Vermont. NVDA helped put together a multi-million-dollar financing package that would allow the specialty paper producer to open and put more than 90 individuals back to work.

Another highlight was the completion of the Charles E. Carter Business Resource Center in the St. Johnsbury-Lyndon Industrial Park. This facility now has a number of tenants, pushing the employee count in the industrial part to nearly 600.

There are several pieces of land pending sale in the St. Johnsbury-Lyndon Industrial Park. These sales will mean the establishment of new businesses in the area, with employees coming from throughout the Northeast Kingdom. There is also activity in the Hardwick Industrial Park, with one business planning an expansion and a new business that is scheduled to start up next spring.

NVDA has become more aggressive in recruiting Canadian companies to the area. Ongoing negotiations have yielded some very strong prospects from some Quebec-based companies. Our staff has also worked with a number of local businesses, either by providing capital from our revolving loan fund or coordinating specialized, confidential technical assistance. Our dynamic partnership with the Small Business Development Center allows us to provide continuous service to entrepreneurs. We've made more than 150 referrals to the SBDC in 2004.

We look forward to working with your community in 2005 and appreciate your much-needed support.

Sincerely,
Steve Patterson, Executive Director

Crystal Lake Preservation Association, Inc.

	2004 Budget	2004 Actual	2005 Budget
INCOME			
Appropriations	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$7,000.00
Donations			
Barton Village-Grant	1,568.70	1,568.70	1,000.00
St. of Vt. - Grant	10,681.00	7,166.00	9,500.00
Membership	200.00	160.00	200.00
In-Kind		1,630.00	1,500.00
Total	\$14,949.70	\$13,024.70	\$19,200.00
EXPENSE			
Accounting	504.00	435.00	500.00
Administration	800.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
Boat Inspections	9,408.00	6,296.00	10,000.00
Divers	4,320.00	3,546.01	2,500.00
Milfoil search	300.00	120.00	300.00
Payroll Taxes	750.00	685.98	750.00
Equipment	2,500.00	35.00	2,000.00
Air Tank Recharge	500.00	135.00	100.00
Literature	400.00		100.00
Boat Rental	750.00	1,733.05	100.00
Insurance	829.00	835.00	925.00
Education	250.00	190.00	200.00
Postage/Supplies	50.00	330.56	300.00
Inspection Costs	0.00	270.00	250.00
Total	\$21,361.00	\$15,811.60	\$19,025.00
Cash on Hand 01-01-04	\$ 4,008.71		
Income	\$13,024.70		
Disbursements	\$15,811.60		
Ending Balance 12-31-04	\$ 1,221.81		

Vital Statistics - 2004

BIRTHS

Filings from other towns 20

MARRIAGES

Issued by Town Clerk 16

Filings from other Towns 1

CIVIL UNIONS

Issued by Town Clerk 1

DEATHS

Reported to State by Town Clerk 37

Filings from other Towns 18

/s/ KATHERINE H. WHITE

Town Clerk and Treasurer

I hereby certify that the foregoing report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to by Katherine H. White, Town Clerk and Treasurer, this 24th day of January A.D. 2005.

/s/ WILLIAM R. MAY

Town Agent

Town Agent Report

Your Town Agent reports that there is an appeal of a zoning decision by Francis and Helene Taylor, filed in Environmental Court pending against the Town of Barton.

Dated at Barton, Vermont, this 24th day of January, A.D. 2005.

/s/ WILLIAM R. MAY

Town Agent

Births Filed in Barton - 2004

Child's Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth
Father's Name	Mother's Name	
Gonyaw, Elizabeth Anne	December 01, 2003	
Gonyaw, Jody Dean	Davis, Deanna Lynne	Newport City
Smith, Makenzie Rose	December 17, 2003	
Smith, Christopher Butler	Sapa, Shelley Marie	Newport City
Harris, Braden Andrew	January 23	
Harris, Andrew Robb	Willis, Jessica	Newport City
Mott, Savanna Marie	March 25	
Mott, Joseph Mitchell	Daudelin, Amy Lee	Newport City
LaMadeleine, Celine Fay Aline	April 07	
LaMadeleine, Adam Timothy	Willis, Carrie Louise	Newport City
Young, Jared Steven	April 22	
Young, Robert Christopher	Hackett, Kittie Lynne	Newport City
Millette, Skyler James	May 28	
	Millette, Anne M.	Newport City
Poirier, Riley Joesph	July 01	
Blair, Joesph Armand	Poirier, Jami Lynn	St. Johnsbury
Bonin, Nicholas Paul	July 29	
Bonin, Marcel Paul	Alexander, Michele Leane	St. Johnsbury
Locke-Fortin, Caden Blaze	August 14	
Fortin, Kyle Richard	Locke, Tonya Marie	Newport City
Coe, Samuel James	August 16	
Coe, Jesse Wade	Poginy, Mandy Leigh	Newport City
Matten, Kaylynn Mae Patricia	September 09	
Matten, Justin Edwin	Craig, Nicole Stacey	Newport City
Gentley, Juliana Rayne	September 22	
Gentley, Peter Gene	Delude, Jasmine Elaine	St. Johnsbury
Bryant, Alec Colt	September 16	
Bryant, Jerry Lee	Huntington, Naomi	Burlington
Hoyt, Aidan Robert	October 09	
Hoyt, Robert Christopher	Wells, Erin Marie	St. Johnsbury
Chapdelaine, Aerial Love	October 16	
Chapdelaine, Aaron James	Sweeney, Emmi Rena	St. Johnsbury
Todd, Brooklyn Grayce	October 20	
Todd, Benjamin David	Lavallee, Kelly Elaine	St. Johnsbury
Mandigo, Emma May	October 19	
Mandigo, Michael Christopher	Stacey, Sara Lynn	Newport City
McCormick, Cooper Craig-Kean	October 20	
McCormick, Craig Thomas II	Ovitt, Tiffany Rose	Newport City
Menard, Noah Glenn	November 30	
Menard, Nathan Francis	Butler, Rebecca Lynn	Newport City

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Name	Residence	Age	Date of Death
Coathup, Stella M.	Orleans	83	December 06, 2003
Fleury, Damase	Barton	78	January 06
Sudman, Erlene Regina	Barton	80	January 07
Locke, Charlotte Belle	Barton	77	January 10
Amyot, Albertine A.	Barton	93	January 14
Sofinowski, Julius Jacob	Southwick, MA	87	January 24
Mattson, Dorothy Hunt	Orleans	94	January 24
May, Jessie	Barton	89	January 28
Howland, Lillian E.	Barton	90	February 04
Butler, Walter R. Sr.	Corinth	78	February 04
Laliberty, Mathilda M.	Island Pond	95	February 26
Stevens, Eunice	Barton	94	February 10
Brown, Isabelle C.	Barton	61	February 12
Plante, Pearle Mae	Barton	82	March 14
Henry, Carmel Cecelia	Island Pond	80	March 20
Stevens, Claire L.	Barton	81	April 01
Markwell, Percy Lemuel	Orleans	69	April 05
Perry, David Dean	Barton	69	April 14
Waldron, Ralph W.	Barton	81	April 01
Perry, Simone	Barton	85	April 03
Amey, Rose Marteszak	Barton	84	April 12
Cole, Clifton A.	North Troy	91	April 28
Fournier, Bernard J.	Barton	43	May 06
Gross, Ruth Ines	Barton	90	May 11
Burrington, Clifton Freeman	Lyndon	91	May 12
Miner, Judith Ann	Westmore	64	May 20
Moffett, Lenore Marie	Barton	99	May 07
Randall, Wanda	Barton	76	May 24
Cushing, Lorette L.	Barton	65	May 28
Nutting, Stephanie Lynn	Barton	16	June 06
Hardy, Robert Parker	Barton	82	June 19
Matie, Elizabeth	Barton	85	June 19
Mosher, Colen Albert	Irasburg	69	June 24
Hickey, Anne D.	Barton	55	June 19
Atkins, Doris Ethel	Barton	97	July 01
Conley, Irene Margaret	Barton	92	July 09
Hilliard, Maynard R.	Orleans	80	August 10

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Matt, Priscilla A.	Waterford, VA	71	August 16
Nolan, Ruth Marion	Barton	76	July 28
Bindrim, William F. JR.	Barton	78	August 22
Paquette, Raymond L. Sr.	Barton	94	August 24
Boisvert, Anthony Robert	Orleans	26	August 20
Boulay, Beverly M.	Brownington	79	September 19
Stevens, Dorothy Evelyn	Barton	85	October 08
Roberts, John M. III	Orleans	56	June 15
Greenwood, Sarto Arthur	Barton	96	November 07
LeBlanc, Doug Allen	Orleans	29	October 28
Megaw, Joyce G.	Hyde Park	81	November 21
Lafont, Kathleen M.	Barton	98	December 04
Cota, Helen Marie	Barton	70	December 09
Hanna, Lois C.	East Montpelier	69	December 09
Pouliot, Joan Evelyn	Orleans	61	December 12
Paquette, Carl E.	Barton	77	December 12
Tribul, Marian C.	Barton	80	December 16
Leblanc, Laurette Beatrice	Barton	81	December 23

Marriages Filed in Barton - 2004

Groom Bride	Residence	Date of Event
Thompson, Daniel J. III Hazlehurst, Pamela D.	Barton Barton	January 28
Hoyt, Robert Christopher Wells, Erin Marie	Orleans Orleans	April 24
Lafleur, Wayne Denis Paquette, Cheryl Ann	Barton Barton	May 15
Hodgdon, Randy Kane Pratt, Angelique Elaine	Orleans Orleans	June 12
Marrotte, Justin Joseph Ashman, Virginia Anita	Stanstead, PQ Barton	June 17
Matten, Justin Edwin Craig, Nicole Stacey	Barton Barton	June 26
Prue, Michael Richard Jewer, Jessica Lynn	Barton Barton	July 10
Barton, Michael David Cotnoir, Michelle Dawn	Barton Newport	July 10
Kelley, Richard Lawrence Jr. Hessler, Amy Beth	Barton Barton	July 24
Choquette, Dennis Raymond Butler, Linda	Glover Orleans	August 21
Bacon, Joshua Paul Miller, Miranda Leigh	Barton Barton	August 28
Stimpson, Donald E. Shatney, Terri L.	Barton Barton	September 18
Williger, Brett Douglas Williams, Anita Dawn	Riverside, RI Riverside, RI	September 25
Chapdelaine, Aaron James Sweeney, Emmi Rena	Orleans Orleans	September 26
Blair, Joseph Armand Poirier, Jami Lynn	Barton Barton	October 02
Orzolek, Harry Francis Foster, Renee Michelle	Barton Barton	September 25
Plowman, Nathan Dyer Perron, Melissa Dawn	Wilmington, MA Wilmington, MA	October 30

Civil Unions Filed - 2004

Party A Party B	Residence	Date of Event
LeBlanc, Peter Raymond Dashno, Peter Arnold	Barton Barton	January 31

