

ANNUAL REPORT of the Town of **Baltimore**



Homer and Elizabeth (Bessie) Hammond

***For the Year Ending
December 31, 2003***

Dedication

The 2003 Town Report is dedicated to Homer and Elizabeth (Bessie) Hammond who lived all of their 62 years of marriage in Baltimore. During these years, Homer and Bessie served the town faithfully in many capacities such as Auditor, Lister, Road Commissioner, Selectman, and member of the Zoning Board. Bessie designed many of the covers for the Baltimore Town Report including the 1945 report, which received an award from the State of Vermont.

We the residents of Baltimore would like to thank Homer and Bessie for their hard work and dedication to our "Little Town".

Homer passed away February 2003 at the age of 82 years. Bessie, now 84, resides at Springfield Health and Rehab and enjoys visits and mail from her friends in Baltimore.

TOWN OF BALTIMORE, VERMONT

WARNING For Annual Town Meeting

The legal voters of the Town of Baltimore, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Baltimore Town Hall on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 7 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles:

Article I: To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing.

Article II: To act on Reports of the Town and Town School District.

Article III: To elect all Town and Town School Officials as the law directs.

Article IV: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money with the approval of the Selectmen and School Directors sufficient to defray the current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

Article V: To see if the Town will appropriate an amount to be determined for the maintenance of the Town Roads in Baltimore.

Article VI: To see what taxes the Town will raise to pay current expenses for the Town School District or any part of its indebtedness, now and when to be paid into the Treasury.

Article VII: To see what taxes the Town will raise to pay current expenses for the Town or any part of its indebtedness, now and when to be paid into the Treasury.

Article VIII: To see how the Town will authorize the monies in the Campbell Fund to be invested, used and disbursed.

Article IX: To do any other business legal and proper when met not to involve expenditures of the Town.

Board of School Directors

Sheila Patch
Christy Thomas
Claudia Schlieman

Board of Selectmen

Steve Waldo
Shepard Thomas
Hugh Hammond

TOWN OFFICIALS

Moderator	elected yearly	Robert L. Metcalf
Town Clerk & Treasurer	TE 2005	Judith A. Thomas
Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer		
(appointed by Town Clerk & Treasurer)	elected yearly	Karen A. Hammond
Selectmen	TE 2004	Shepard Thomas
	TE 2005	Steve Waldo
	TE 2006	Hugh Hammond
Listers	TE 2004	Vicki Gould
	TE 2005	Debbie Griswold
	TE 2006	Claudia Schlieman
Auditors	TE 2004	Christine Campbell
	TE 2005	Norma Estey Katz
	TE 2006	Martha Jewett
Road Commissioner	elected yearly	Don Roys
Delinquent Tax Collector	elected yearly	Elizabeth Walker
Town Constable	elected yearly	Ronald K. Walker
Second Town Constable	elected yearly	Elizabeth Walker
Town Grand Juror	elected yearly	Shepard Thomas
Town Agent	elected yearly	Alphonso Chambers
Trustee of Public Funds	elected yearly	Judith A. Thomas
Trustee of Campbell Fund	TE 2004	Louanne Metcalf
	TE 2005	John Thomas
	TE 2006	Harrison Kendall
Cemetery Commissioner		
(appointed by Selectmen)		Marjorie Constantine
School Directors	TE 2004	Sheila Patch
	TE 2005	Christy Thomas
	TE 2006	Claudia Schlieman
Fire Warden (appointed by the State)		Mark Whaley
Justices of the Peace		
(elected at General Election – November)		Harrison Kendall
		Kevin Gould
		Shepard Thomas
		Martha Jewett
		Robert L. Metcalf
Health Officer (appointed by Selectmen)		Mark Whaley
Fence Viewers (appointed by Selectmen)		John Thomas
		Addison Kendall
		Robert L. Metcalf
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood		
(appointed by Selectmen)		Alphonso Chambers
Weigher of Coal (appointed by Selectmen)		Harrison Kendall

TOWN OFFICIALS

Tree Warden (appointed by Selectmen)		Daniel Cox
Town Service Officer (appointed by Selectmen)		John Thomas
Zoning Administrator (appointed by Selectmen)		Kevin Gould
Zoning Board of Adjustment (appointed by Selectmen)		Thomas Tourville
		John Thomas
		Edward Wilson
		Orson Kendell
		Donald Jewett
Planning Commission	TE 2004	Hugh Hammond
(appointed by Selectmen)	TE 2004	Orson Kendall
	TE 2005	John Thomas
	TE 2005	Loreen Billings
	TE 2006	Elizabeth Walker
	TE 2006	Harrison Kendall
	TE 2006	Sheila Stanton
Southern Windsor County Regional Planning & Development Commission Representative (appointed by Selectmen)		Steve Waldo
Solid Waste Management District Representative (appointed by Selectmen)		Robert Schlieman
Council on Aging Representative.		Florence Gomez

**DON'T FORGET
TO ATTEND
THE
TOWN MEETING
MARCH 2, 2004**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ASSETS

School Fund	
Balance of School Account , December 31, 2003	\$221,388.63
Highway Fund	
Balance of Highway Account, December 31, 2003	\$72,630.36
Outstanding checks	(\$1,749.71)
Total Highway Fund	\$70,880.65
General Fund	
Balance of General Account, December 31, 2003	\$44,413.81
Outstanding checks	(\$13,023.97)
Remainder	\$31,389.84
Accounts Receivable- delinquent taxes owed as of 12/31/03	\$17,728.76
Total General Fund	\$49,118.60
Other Funds (Balances as of 12/31/03):	
Campbell Fund Account balance	\$23,488.36
Campbell Fund - Savings Bonds	\$4,000.00
Cemetery Fund	\$662.26
Community Affairs Fund	\$4,209.94
Equipment Fund	\$804.56
Jake Smith Fund	\$711.06
Baltimore Memorial Fund	\$5,021.27
Reappraisal Fund	\$1,951.64
Hammond Scholarship Fund	\$22,410.05
Ella Graves Memorial Fund	\$31,295.85
Total Other Funds	\$94,554.99
Total Assets	\$435,942.87

LIABILITIES

The following town officials are covered by surety bonds:

Judith A. Thomas, Treasurer of School Funds	\$1,000.00
Judith A. Thomas, Treasurer of Town Funds	\$1,000.00
Elizabeth Walker, Delinquent Tax Collector	\$1,000.00

Once again, we are pleased to report that the Town of Baltimore remains debt free.

Auditors: Norma Estey Katz
Martha Jewett
Christine Campbell

PROPERTY AND TAX RATE DATA

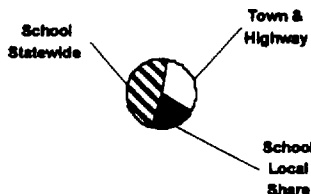
Grand List

Tax Rate	\$2.29
Town & Highway	\$0.71
School Local Share	\$0.48
School Statewide	\$1.10

Tax Rate Distribution

Town & Highway	31.0%
School Local Share	21.0%
School Statewide	48.0%

State-Aid Highways:	4.36 miles
Town Highways:	2.70 miles



STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

GENERAL FUND

Charter One Bank Account # 401-000813-7

Balance as of January 1, 2003 \$937.52

Receipts:

Deposits \$214,489.25

Interest \$236.39

Subtotal \$214,725.64

Transfers:

From G.F.#491-002175-1 \$55,664.07

From Highway Fund \$2,369.75

From Reappraisal Fund \$764.32

Subtotal - Transfers \$58,798.14

Total Receipts: \$273,523.78

Expenditures:

2002 checks cleared in 2003 \$670.87

2003 payments \$37,775.71

Transfers:

To School Account \$149,866.05

To Highway Account \$41,734.86

Total Expenditures: (\$230,047.49)

Balance as of December 31, 2003 \$44,413.81

Outstanding checks (\$13,023.97)

Charter One Bank Account #491-002175-1

Balance as of January 1, 2003: \$50,142.74

Receipts:

Deposits \$5,427.44

Interest \$93.89

Total Receipts: \$5,521.33

Expenditures:

Transfers to General Fund Acc't. #401-000813-7 \$55,664.07

Balance as of March 11, 2003 zero

Account closed

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

HIGHWAY FUND

Charter One Bank Account # 491-006195-7

Balance as of January 1, 2003	\$37,542.05
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Receipts:

Deposits	\$14,975.34
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Interest	<u>\$70.41</u>
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Total Receipts	<u>\$15,045.75</u>
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Expenditures:

Checks written in 2002, cleared 2003	\$25.00
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Checks written and cleared 2003	<u>\$15,004.41</u>
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Total Expenditures	(\$15,029.41)
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Transfer to Highway Account #401-007053-4	\$37,558.39
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Balance as of March 11, 2003	zero
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Account Closed

Charter One Bank Account # 401-007053-4 (Opened March 5, 2003)**Receipts:**

Transfer from Highway Acc't. # 491-006195-7	\$37,558.39
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Transfer from G.F. Acc't. #401-000813-7	\$41,734.86
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Deposits	\$24,974.12
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Interest	<u>\$106.70</u>
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Total Receipts	\$104,374.07
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Expenditures:

Payments	<u>\$31,743.71</u>
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Total Expenditures	(\$31,743.71)
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Balance as of December 31, 2003	\$72,630.36
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(Outstanding checks)	(\$1,749.71)
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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

SCHOOL FUND

Charter One Bank Money Market Account #491-001285-4

Balance as of January 1, 2003 \$240,851.96

Receipts:

Interest \$472.50

Total Receipts \$472.50

Expenditures:

Transfers to School Fund Account # 401-006263-6 (\$241,324.46)

Balance as of March 11, 2003 **zero**

Account closed

Charter One Bank Account #401-006263-6

Balance as of January 1, 2003 \$952.99

Receipts:

Interest \$1,338.10

Deposits \$357,918.05

Transfers \$241,324.46

Total Receipts: \$600,580.61

Expenditures:

Payments \$380,055.97

Check order \$85.00

Total Expenditures (\$380,144.97)

Balance as of December 31, 2003 **\$221,388.63**

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

Campbell Fund

Merchant's Bank Account # 2990004885

Balance on hand, January 1, 2003 \$2,139.55

Receipts

Interest \$7.99

Total Receipts \$7.99

Balance on hand, December 31, 2003 **\$2,147.54**

Brattleboro Savings and Loan Account # 13024495

Balance on hand, January 1, 2003 \$21,079.13 *

Receipts

Interest \$261.82

Total Receipts \$261.82

Balance on hand, December 31, 2003 **\$21,340.95**

Savings Bonds:

4 \$1000 Series H Bonds **\$4,000.00**

* An incorrect beginning balance on hand was entered in the 1999 report. The value was the total of both bank accounts on hand at the end of 1998. Beginning with the 2002 report, the correct balance on hand was entered for this account.

Cemetery Fund

Charter One Bank Account # 491-001-335-8

Balance on hand, January 1, 2003 \$685.62

Receipts

Deposit – Donation \$20.00

Interest \$6.64

Total Receipts \$26.64

Expenditures

Maintenance (\$50.00)

Total Expenditures (\$50.00)

Balance on hand, December 31, 2003 **\$662.26**

Community Affairs Fund

Charter One Bank Account # 401-000803-0

Balance on hand, January 1, 2003 \$4,176.91

Receipts

Interest \$33.03

Total Receipts \$33.03

Balance on hand, December 31, 2003 **\$4,209.94**

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS (cont'd.)

Equipment Fund

Charter One Bank Account # 491-007555-8	
Balance on hand, January 1, 2003	\$0.00
Receipts	
Grader Sale	\$800.00
Interest	<u>\$4.56</u>
Total Receipts	\$804.56
Balance on hand, December 31, 2003	\$804.56

Jake Smith Fund

Charter One Bank Account # 491-001325-1	
Balance on hand, January 1, 2003	\$704.01
Receipts	
Interest	<u>\$7.05</u>
Total Receipts	\$7.05
Balance on hand, December 31, 2003	\$711.06

Baltimore Memorial Fund

Charter One Bank Account # 491-005435-9	
Balance on hand, January 1, 2003	\$4,714.34
Receipts	
Deposit – Transfer from Metcalf Scholarship Fund	\$257.46
Interest	<u>\$49.47</u>
Total Receipts	\$306.93
Balance on hand, December 31, 2003	\$5,021.27

Reappraisal Fund

Charter One Bank Account # 491-006355-7	
Balance on hand, January 1, 2003	\$3,603.41
Receipts	
Deposit	\$702.00
Interest	<u>\$31.94</u>
Total Receipts	\$733.94
Expenditures	
Computer	(\$1,561.39)
Wages	(\$60.00)
To General Fund	<u>(\$764.32)</u>
Total Expenditures	(\$2,385.71)
Balance on hand, December 31, 2003	\$1,951.64

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AND REPORT

LOUANNE & BUD METCALF COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Louanne and Bud Metcalf established this scholarship fund on September 17, 1994 with the starting balance of \$100.00. It was intended to draw interest for 100 years and not to become available until September 17, 2094 in which the \$100.00 plus 100-year interest would have become available.

Beginning January 31, 2004 the bank began charging a monthly service fee of \$4.00. After consulting with Louanne and Bud Metcalf, it was decided that the account would be closed and the accumulated principal would be transferred to the Baltimore Memorial Fund.

Chittenden Bank Account # 0-55909-2377

Balance on hand, January 1, 2003	\$261.34
Receipts	
Interest	<u>\$.12</u>
Total Receipts	\$.12
Expenditures	
Account Maintenance Fee	\$4.00
Transfer – Baltimore Memorial Fund	<u>\$257.46</u>
Total Expenditures	(\$261.46)
Balance as of February 12, 2003	zero
Account closed	

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AND REPORT

HENRY H. HAMMOND AND MARGARET B. HAMMOND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In April 1988, the Henry H. and Margaret B. Hammond Scholarship fund was established in the Town of Baltimore. \$25,000 was invested in a fund managed by Edwin J. Fowler.

A scholar applying for a scholarship must write a letter to the trustees stating the college and the address along with his or her social security number. The college must be in the State of Vermont. The sum of money will be sent to the college of the applicant's choice.

No principal can be invaded at any time unless the Town of Baltimore fails to utilize the income of the trust.

No one applied and no scholarships were issued last year, as there were insufficient funds in the account.

Balance as of December 31, 2003 \$22,410.05

Trustees:
John Thomas
Linda Converse
Hugh Hammond

ELLA GRAVES MEMORIAL FUND

January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003	
Beginning Market Value -	\$31,984.25
Receipts	
Dividends	\$51.05
Interest	\$1,475.00
Total Receipts	\$1,526.05
Realized Gain/Loss	\$0.00
Unrealized Gain/Loss	(\$710.95)
Disbursements:	
Fees	(\$404.42)
Payments for medical services	<u>(\$1,099.08)</u>
Total Disbursements	(\$1,503.50)
Ending Market Value	\$31,295.85

ELLA GRAVES MEMORIAL FUND

Criteria for Ella Graves Fund

Legal residents* of the Town of Baltimore may submit any medical bill from any medical* institution*. It shall be:

- A. On an official letterhead.
- B. If insured, all bills must be submitted to their insurance carrier first.

A legal resident may submit their bills every month, but is encouraged to be self-reliant as much as possible.

Only interest, after fees deducted, may be used, as follows:

On or before April 1st the Treasurer will contact Chittenden Bank for the interest to be used. This interest will be divided into six equal parts (April, May, June, July, August and September). The interest shall be divided among the bills presented each month. Example: 4 bills, \$17.00, \$20.00, \$50.00 and \$150.00 – total \$237.00. Interest to be spent, \$200.00. Divide interest by 4 bills equals, \$50.00 each. This means all bills are totally paid except the \$150.00 to which \$113.00 can be applied. On or before October 1st the Treasurer will contact Chittenden Bank for interest to be used. This interest will be divided into October, November and December along with any interest not used previously and all will be used by the end of December each year.

*** Dictionary Definition**

Medical:	treatment; to heal
Institution:	an establishment; a practice, an organization; dedicated to public service
Legal Resident:	one who has lived in Baltimore for six months or more and currently resides in the Town of Baltimore
Conclusion:	Ella Graves Fund will pay for any treatment that helps to keep the body and mind sound until the interest is depleted
Examples:	Services for Doctors, Hospitals, Dentists, Vision, Chiropractors, etc., but are not limited to the above

Adopted by the Baltimore Board of Selectmen February 4, 1998

REPORT OF THE DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

PAYMENTS COLLECTED 1/1/03 THRU 12/31/03

	TAXES	INTEREST	COMMISSION	OWED
Glidden, David & Carol	\$500.34	\$75.10	\$40.01	\$615.45
2000 Taxes Paid	\$500.34	\$75.10	\$40.01	\$615.45
Agency of Natural Resources	\$50.00	\$-	\$-	\$50.00
Glidden, Carol & David	\$1,366.40	\$512.78	\$109.31	\$1,988.49
2001 Taxes Paid	\$1,416.40	\$512.78	\$109.31	\$2,038.49
Farnsworth, Randall	\$1,384.30	\$109.94	\$110.75	\$1,604.99
Glidden, Carol	\$1,084.58	\$309.14	\$86.77	\$1,480.49
2002 Taxes Paid	\$2,468.88	\$419.08	\$197.52	\$3,085.48
Bruce, Sharon	\$1,696.77	\$67.29	\$135.94	\$1,900.00
Corliss, Jessica & Kevin	\$2,061.15	\$194.01	\$164.89	\$2,420.05
Eastman, Manuella	\$38.49	\$0.76	\$3.08	\$42.33
Farnsworth, Randall	\$1,053.10	\$81.84	\$84.25	\$1,219.19
Faust, Naomi	\$1,744.93	\$34.90	\$139.59	\$1,919.42
Glidden, Carol	\$971.43	\$101.98	\$77.71	\$1,151.12
Hunter, Frances	\$1,082.90	\$21.66	\$86.63	\$1,191.19
Knight, Shawn	\$1,763.13	\$178.85	\$141.05	\$2,083.03
Lavoie, Beverly	\$3,735.55	\$74.72	\$298.84	\$4,109.11
Leggett, Karen	\$1,358.18	\$40.74	\$108.65	\$1,507.57
Muther, Geoffrey & Kathy	\$723.78	\$14.48	\$57.90	\$796.16
Youngs	\$25.03	\$0.50	\$2.00	\$27.53
2003 Taxes Paid	\$16,254.44	\$811.73	\$1,300.53	\$18,366.70
Cole, Carol	\$3,741.86	\$37.42	\$299.35	\$4,078.63
Gallagher, Jayne	\$333.77	\$3.64	\$26.70	\$364.11
Sigl, David & Kada	\$4,849.07	\$52.90	\$387.93	\$5,289.90
2004 Taxes Paid	\$8,924.70	\$93.96	\$713.98	\$9,732.64
TOTAL OF ALL YEARS	\$29,564.76	\$1,912.65	\$2,361.35	\$33,838.76

REPORT OF THE DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

TAXES DUE as of 12/31/03

	TAXES	INTEREST	COMM.	OTHER	OWED
Coleman Trust	\$610.16	\$439.20	\$48.81	\$5.32	\$1,103.49
Total 2000 Due	\$610.16	\$439.20	\$48.81	\$5.32	\$1,103.49
Coleman Trust	\$841.60	\$454.34	\$67.33	\$1.33	\$1,364.60
Total 2001 Due	\$841.60	\$454.34	\$67.33	\$1.33	\$1,364.60
Coleman Trust	\$668.02	\$240.48	\$53.44		\$961.94
Total 2002 Due	\$668.02	\$240.48	\$53.44		\$961.94
Bruce, Steven & Sharon	\$546.38	\$82.00	\$43.51		\$671.89
Coleman Trust	\$598.33	\$107.64	\$47.87		\$753.84
Farnsworth, Timothy Randall	\$186.78	\$2.80	\$14.94		\$204.52
Glidden, James & Raylene	\$2,245.43	\$404.15	\$179.63		\$2,829.21
Total 2003 Due	\$3,576.92	\$596.59	\$285.95		\$4,459.46
Allen, John & Irene	\$783.18	\$7.83	\$62.65		\$853.66
Bruce, Sharon	\$2,257.94	\$22.58	\$180.64		\$2,461.16
Coleman Trust	\$602.27	\$6.02	\$48.18		\$656.47
Fawcett, Walter & Suki	\$950.35	\$9.50	\$76.03		\$1,035.88
Gallagher, Jayne	\$30.34		\$2.43		\$32.77
Glidden, James & Raylene	\$2,260.23	\$22.60	\$180.82		\$2,463.65
Leggett, Karen	\$1,367.13	\$13.67	\$109.37		\$1,490.17
Sigl, David & Kada	\$440.83		\$35.26		\$476.09
Williams, Gordon & Wendy	\$338.92	\$3.39	\$27.11		\$369.42
Total 2004 Due	\$9,031.19	\$85.59	\$722.49		\$9,839.27
TOTAL OF ALL YEARS	\$14,727.89	\$1,816.20	\$1,178.02	\$6.65	\$17,728.76

TOWN OF BALTIMORE

Policy for Collection of Delinquent Taxes

- As soon as the warrant has been received , and each month afterwards, the tax collector will send a notice to each delinquent taxpayer indicating the amount of taxes, penalty and interest owed.
- After due date (12-1) of taxes, interest will be added at 1% per month for three months, then at 1.5% per month until paid in full. A one-time charge of 8% is also charged.
- If a delinquent taxpayer has not made arrangements for satisfactory monthly payments to the delinquent tax collector or if prior agreement has not been made, the property will be put up for a tax sale.
 - 1.The collector will notify the taxpayer of the tax sale decision, the date by which full payment must be received, and the costs to expect once the sale process begins.
 - 2.The collector will also notify all mortgage holders, lessees and lien holders.
 - 3.Once the deadline date has expired and full payment has not been received, the collector will proceed with tax sale according to the procedures specified in 32 V.S.A. ~ 5252.
 - 4.Costs of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.
- Partial payments will be accepted only when a delinquent tax agreement has been signed by the delinquent taxpayer(s) and delinquent tax collector.
- Partial payments will be applied first to the interest portion of the amount due, the remainder will be divided proportionally between the principal amount of the tax and the 8% fee.
- Payments will be applied to the oldest (tax year) account first.
- There will be no grace period allowed for the late payment.
- Mortgage holders and lien holders will be notified of the delinquent taxes 30 days after the first notice has been sent out.

OPEN LETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF BALTIMORE

From the Baltimore Board of Selectmen

Your Board of Selectmen has worked hard during the year of 2003 to hold the line on expenditures to keep your taxes as low as possible. We would like to take a moment to explain some of what has happened in your Town this year.

1) As we are sure you are all aware, the Town has incurred very large legal costs over the last several years battling the Town Line issue. The issue has finally been brought to a close. The agreed-upon line has been properly and legally marked and the Vermont Legislature will be decreeing the line as the legal boundary between our Towns. Of particular note on this issue, you will notice in our spent line item for 2003 for the town line we spent \$14,255.00. Through the hard-working efforts of our town legislator, Erron Carey, we were able to obtain reimbursement funding from the State of Vermont for the survey that cost \$14,100.00. The next time you see Mrs. Carey, please thank her for us.

2) The Selectboard has obtained funds to replace a failing culvert on Bernis Road. Due to your Board's hard work, the Town will only need to raise 10% of the funds for the job.

3) As you remember, the Town, as well as our neighboring Towns, had a substantial amount of rain in August. Our neighbors lost several of their roads, bridges and culverts. Although our damage was nowhere as devastating, we still lost several of our road edges and it ruined quite a bit of the ditch work we had just completed. Your Board asked for, and received, Federal and State assistance to repair the damage. In the spring, the repairs will be completed with very little out-of-pocket expenses to our taxpayers.

4) If you have visited our Town Hall lately you will notice that it is in dire need of a good coat of paint. We have included in the budget monies to paint the building. You will notice the amount only covers the cost of paint. We are asking you to help us scrape and paint the building. We've done this before to help fix the cemetery. Now it's time to pitch in once again. We've set aside the day of May 15th (a Saturday) to start stripping off the old paint, hopefully with a pressure washer. The rain date for the project is the following Saturday, May 22, 2004. We hope to see all of you there.

5) One area of our highway budget includes monies for roadside mowing and brush cutting. It would save a considerable amount of taxpayer dollars if homeowners would lend a hand in keeping brush off the side of the roadway in front of their property. Keeping the brush back helps keep the ditches clear and the road in good condition.

6) The Listers were required to purchase a new computer because the old one would not run the new State required software. The funds needed for this purchase were withdrawn from the reappraisal fund rather than adding to your tax bill.

Your Board does its best, with the able assistance of our Road Commissioner, to provide you, the taxpayer and resident of Baltimore, with the best road system available at the lowest cost that is practical. We are bound by State Law to maintain a certain level of care to your roads. You have all seen our Town grader pass your driveway plowing the roads in the winter and grading the roads in the summer. That grader has seen better days. This past year we have spent a considerable amount of your hard-earned dollars trying to keep that grader in operable condition. Some of us feel we are losing the battle. We are including, in the Town Report, a discussion on this important topic with several options for you, the taxpayer and voter, to consider. Please read the options on the handout very carefully before casting your vote at the Town Meeting in March. But most importantly, please attend the meeting so we can hear your thoughts on this very important matter of concern to us all.

HANDOUT – ROAD MAINTENANCE DISCUSSION

If there is one issue that has come before your Board of Selectmen time and time again, many times to contentious debate, it has to be the idea of replacing the grader the Town of Baltimore now owns. This issue has reared its head at many of the past Town Meetings and, to this point, the only thing that has been resolved is to try to fix what we have and hope for the best. Well, the best has gone by.

The time appears to have arrived where we will need to decide how our roads will be maintained. The following information was derived after many hours of debate and careful thought by your Board. We are certain it will spark a lively debate, but hopefully one using common sense and forethought. It is legally within the power of the Board to purchase whatever it feels is in the Town's best interest and thereby force the taxpayer to bear the cost. We decided we would rather share this discussion with our friends and neighbors, since it is one of the only things in our Town that we truly have any choice over.

Please take a moment out of your busy lives, grab a cup of coffee or tea and take the next few minutes to read the information, so we can use it to form our discussion at the Town Meeting. Hopefully we will be able to arrive at a solution that is best for all.

First, there are some facts that you, the taxpayer and voter, need to know. The Board has selected what we believe are our six best options. Some are costly and some are more enticing than others. All are choices. Each has its bad points and good points. Below is what we wanted to be sure you knew as you considered each option.

Options:

1. Leave the grader as is knowing that:
 - it is currently valued at only \$1,500.00
 - this grader has an unknown amount of remaining life; it may be hours, days, weeks or months
 - it currently uses almost 3 times more fuel than it should
 - it may break down at any time
 - when it fails for the last time, we will need to contract out all work at a substantial taxpayer cost and then maybe go to another option without voter input
 - major repair problems are just starting
 - the grader is extremely cold for the operator to use
2. Subcontract all work
 - any "wing-back work" will be at \$124/hour with a payload, which will take an inordinate amount of time to complete versus a grader wing
 - we don't know who will be in charge of coordinating the work
 - there will be very little control, by the Town, over who is actually doing the road work and minimal control over when it is done
 - the term of the contract is unknown

HANDOUT – ROAD MAINTENANCE DISCUSSION (cont'd.)

3. New truck with attachments
 - rent grader as needed for summer grading work
 - price can be spread over the next 15 years, since that is the expected life of the vehicle
 - we may need to house the truck inside somewhere
 - a Commercial Driver's License will be required for the operator
 - we would be doing our own sanding, which would be a cost savings to the Town, since we are now paying for a truck, driver and the sand
4. Used truck
 - rent grader as needed for summer grading work
 - useful life of a used vehicle is about 5 years, depending on condition
 - a vehicle may be difficult to find, since we will be dependant on towns and contractors trading in their old vehicles for new ones
 - a Commercial Driver's License will be required for the operator
 - we would be doing our own sanding, which would be a cost savings to the Town, since we are now paying for a truck, driver and the sand
5. Used grader
 - one is currently available that fits the Town's needs, others may be as well
 - we will need to purchase carefully, since there may be reasons it was traded in
 - life span of used grader is unknown, but may be about 10 years or more
6. New grader
 - life span is about 20 years or more and considering our limited use (only 7 miles of road) it may be significantly more
 - price can be spread over several years, if desired
 - the purchase would need to be financed because the price is substantial

Okay, so how much is this going to cost you, the taxpayer? In the past there have been many, many numbers thrown around as to what the actual taxpayer costs might be. No one seemed to have a good handle on what they really were. We were able to determine what the total cost of a piece of equipment might be, but we didn't figure out what that meant in taxpayer dollars.

The best way to represent these proposals, we feel, is to show everyone how much it might increase a person's taxes in an example home. We understand that this won't tell you exactly how much your taxes might go up, but it will give you a general idea, since you know how much your home and land is worth and how much you are currently paying.

HANDOUT – ROAD MAINTENANCE DISCUSSION (cont'd.)

So, we picked the following example:

If you owned a home and land that was appraised at \$150,000.00, your taxes would be \$3,435.00 per year (2003 tax bill based on a total tax rate of \$2.29). (This includes the State amount, the School budget, the General Fund and the Highway budget.)

The "Your cost" number in the following chart represents only how much the example taxpayer's tax bill would increase given each option. The tax bill will also increase or decrease because of a rise or fall in the State amount, the School budget and/or the General Fund, as well as other Highway budget increases.

If we purchased any equipment, the chart below represents what that "example" taxpayer's tax bill would increase if we paid for the entire purchase that first year.

	Option #1	Option #2	Option #3	Option #4	Option #5	Option #6
	Old grader	Contractor	New truck	Used truck	Used grader	New grader
Total cost	\$6,720	\$25,091	\$95,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$175,000
Your cost	\$120	\$420	\$1,560	\$510	\$510	\$2,865

However, if we financed the purchase of Option #3, #4, #5, and #6, here's what it might look like:

	Option #1	Option #2	Option #3	Option #4	Option #5	Option #6
	Old grader	Contractor	New truck	Used truck	Used grader	New grader
Total cost	\$6,720	\$25,091	\$95,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$175,000
Financed for 5 years	Cost is per year already	Cost is per year already	\$19,980 per year	\$6,300 per year	\$6,300 per year	\$36,804 per year
Your cost	\$120	\$420	\$330	\$105	\$105	\$615
Financed for 10 years	Cost is per year already	Cost is per year already	\$10,488 per year	\$3,312 per year	\$3,312 per year	\$19,320 per year
Your cost	\$120	\$420	\$180	\$60	\$60	\$315

Notes:

- We currently have \$804.56 in the Town's equipment fund.
- The true cost of operating the grader we have now is unknown since we have no way of knowing how much longer it will last. When it breaks down for the last time, the end cost could be significant since we would need to contract out the work until we could purchase whatever equipment is needed.

Your Selectboard wants to thank you for taking the time to consider all this information and looks forward to engaging in a discussion with you to do some common sense planning for our current and future highway needs at the Town Meeting on March 2, 2004.

SELECTMEN'S BUDGET

General Fund				
	2003 approved	2003 spent	2004 approved	2005 proposed
BUILDING				
Electric	\$315.00	\$379.92	\$350.00	\$492.80
Heat	\$765.00	\$923.88	\$850.00	\$1,120.00
Maintenance	\$540.00	\$203.05	\$600.00	\$1,000.00
Supplies	\$135.00	\$24.45	\$150.00	\$168.00
TOTAL BUILDING	\$1,755.00	\$1,531.30	\$1,950.00	\$2,780.80
PAYROLL/EXPENSE				
Asst. Clerk/Treas	\$990.00	\$1,890.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,720.00
Auditors	\$540.00	\$540.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Constables	\$1,350.00	\$390.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,680.00
Listers	\$1,350.00	\$1,725.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,600.00
Selectman	\$540.00	\$540.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Board Clerk	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Town Clerk /Treasuer	\$10,530.00	\$10,530.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
FICA (7.65%)	\$1,350.00	\$1,233.42	\$1,675.00	\$1,887.20
Total Payroll/exp.	\$16,650.00	\$16,848.42	\$24,775.00	\$26,087.20
CONTRIBUTIONS				
Council on Aging	\$180.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Visiting Nurses	\$562.50	\$562.50	\$690.00	\$700.00
Total Contributions	\$742.50	\$762.50	\$890.00	\$900.00
OPERATING				
Advertising	\$180.00	\$72.44	\$150.00	\$168.00
Annual Dues/Assess.	\$1,831.50	\$1,848.85	\$2,000.00	\$2,464.00
Bond/Insurance	\$1,980.00	\$2,110.00	\$2,110.00	\$2,400.00
Copier Maintenance	\$283.50	\$370.95	\$245.00	\$275.00
Dog Tags/Licenses	\$135.00	\$307.15	\$300.00	\$224.00
Fire & Ambulance	\$3,600.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Misc	\$180.00	\$191.04	\$200.00	\$224.00
Postage	\$315.00	\$201.53	\$350.00	\$400.00
Training/Schools/Miles	\$450.00	\$560.00	\$500.00	\$784.00
Telephone	\$405.00	\$480.54	\$450.00	\$504.00
Town Line	\$3,600.00	\$14,255.00*	\$0.00	\$0.00
Town Reports	\$940.50	\$1,090.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,450.00
Total Operating	\$13,900.50	\$25,487.50	\$11,305.00	\$12,893.00
SUPPLIES				
Constables	\$180.00	\$256.50	\$200.00	\$224.00
Copier	\$45.00	\$26.38	\$50.00	\$56.00
Del. Tax Collector	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$224.00
Listers	\$247.50	\$11.20	\$205.00	\$325.00
Office	\$121.50	\$115.90	\$135.00	\$168.00
Town Clerk	\$337.50	\$272.75	\$355.00	\$400.00
Total Supplies	\$1,111.50	\$682.73	\$1,145.00	\$1,397.00
TOTALS	\$34,159.50	\$45,312.45*	\$40,065.00	\$44,058.00
carryover	\$20,000.00		\$14,000.00	
amount to be raised by taxes	\$14,159.50		\$26,065.00	

Note: Building maintenance increase is to paint the building with volunteer help.

* Reimbursed from the State of Vermont \$14,100.00 in January 2004.

SELECTMEN'S BUDGET

Highway Expenditures & Budget

	Budget 2003	Spent 2003	Budget 2004	Proposed Budget 2005
Grader				
Maintenance	\$2,250.00	\$4,337.75	\$2,500.00	\$5,600.00
Fuel & Oil	\$720.00	\$948.29	\$1,000.00	\$1,120.00
Subtotal	\$2,970.00	\$5,286.04	\$3,500.00	\$6,720.00
Highways				
Chloride	\$5,400.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,600.00
Gravel	\$9,000.00	\$4,715.50	\$12,000.00	\$13,440.00
Sand	\$16,200.00	\$22,936.00	\$37,000.00	\$33,600.00
Road Repair	\$4,950.00	\$6,761.63	\$6,000.00	\$13,104.00
Roadside	\$180.00	\$1,419.82	\$300.00	\$336.00
Mowing	\$405.00	\$175.00	\$555.00	\$621.60
Subtotal	\$36,135.00	\$36,007.95	\$60,855.00	\$66,701.60
Road Commissioner	\$5,670.00	\$5,740.00	\$6,800.00	\$7,616.00
FICA	\$450.00	\$443.14	\$520.00	\$582.40
Subtotal	\$6,120.00	\$6,183.14	\$7,320.00	\$8,198.40
Totals	\$45,225.00	\$47,477.13	\$71,675.00	\$81,620.00
State Aid deduct	\$18,000.00	\$30,183.36	\$18,000.00	\$20,827.84
Grand Total	\$27,225.00	\$17,293.77	\$53,675.00	\$60,792.16

AUDITORS REPORT OF THE GENERAL FUND

The following is an accounting of all monies collected and paid in 2003 by the Town of Baltimore:

Receipts:

Dog licenses	\$1035.50
Interest earned	\$330.28
Miscellaneous	\$192.49
Permit fees/licenses	\$193.00
Property Taxes – Current	\$201,077.53
Property taxes – delinquent (including interest, commissions, fees)	\$24,631.29
Recording fees / copies	\$2,673.25
Transfer from Reappraisal Fund	\$764.32
Total Receipts:	\$230,897.66

Expenditures:

Building:

Electricity	\$379.92
Heat	\$923.88
Maintenance /supplies	\$227.50
Subtotal	\$1,531.30

Contributions:

Council on Aging	\$200.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance	\$562.50
Subtotal	\$762.50

Operating:

Advertising	\$72.44
Annual Dues	\$1,848.85
Bonds/insurance	\$2,110.00
Copier Maintenance	\$370.95
Dog Tags, licenses	\$307.15
Fire and ambulance	\$4,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$191.04
Postage	\$201.53
Training/schools/mileage	\$560.00
Telephone	\$480.54
Town Line	\$14,255.00
Town Reports	\$1,090.00
Subtotal	\$25,487.50

AUDITORS REPORT OF THE GENERAL FUND

Expenditures (cont'd.)

Supplies :

Constables	\$256.50
Copier	\$26.38
Listers	\$11.20
Office	\$115.90
Selectboard	\$135.00
Town Clerk	<u>\$137.75</u>
Subtotal	\$682.73

Payroll:

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer (net)	\$1,745.41
Auditors	\$540.00
Constable (net)	\$360.16
Delinquent Tax Collector (net)	\$1,397.08
Listers	\$2,190.49
Selectmen	\$540.00
Town Clerk/Treasurer (net)	\$9,220.57
Federal & State Taxes	<u>\$3,542.29</u>
Subtotal	\$19,536.00

Total Expenditures: (\$48,000.03)

AUDITORS REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY FUND

Receipts:

Interest	\$177.11
State Agency of Transportation	\$20,827.84
FEMA (for flood damage)	\$9,355.52
Delinquent Taxes	\$9,766.10
Transfer from General Fund	\$41,734.86
Total Receipts	\$81,861.43

Expenditures:

Grader:	
Fuel	\$948.29
Maintenance	\$4,337.75
Highways:	
Chloride	-----
Gravel	\$4,715.50
Sand	\$22,936.00
Road Repair	\$6,761.63
Roadside	\$1,419.82
Mowing	\$175.00
Road Commissioner:	
Wages paid (net)	\$4,834.09
2003 taxes withheld	\$905.91
2003 taxes (employer)	\$443.14
2002 taxes paid in 2003	\$1,020.70
Total Expenditures	(\$48,497.83)

REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Office Hours:

Saturdays — 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Evenings, by appointment

Property Transactions recorded in Baltimore Land Records in 2003:

Homer and Elizabeth Hammond to Hugh H. & Karen A. Hammond, house & land

Paul and Ruby Pinders to Robert S. and Jessie L. Metcalf, house and land

Carol A. Cole to Carol A. Lighthall, house and land

Shawn L. Knight to David and Joanna Tedone, house and land

The Board of Selectmen meet the first Wednesday of each month unless otherwise posted. All are welcome to attend.

The Baltimore-Rabies Clinic will be held Saturday March 20, 2004 at the Town Office from 9:00AM to 11:00AM. The cost will be \$8.00 per animal for the shot. All dogs are to have current rabies shot and licensed on or before April 1, 2004. You may license your dog at the clinic whether it needs a shot or not.

Neutered or spayed dog	\$ 5.00 each
Un-neutered dog	\$ 9.00 each
Kennel License	\$10.00 each
Special License	\$30.00 each
Extra Dogs	\$ 4.00 each

I wish to thank Karen Hammond as Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer for all her help during the past year.

Judy Thomas, Town Clerk

REPORT FROM THE TOWN CONSTABLE

Thanks to the wonderful help from our friends and neighbors we have received more calls when activities are happening, which helps with a quick response. Baltimore has a wonderful neighborhood watch; we believe this helps lessen criminal activity in Baltimore.

We would like to see more signs (yield and stop signs) purchased for the town so we can enforce town ordinances.

We have again this year responded to the following:

- ✓ weekly road-town checks
- ✓ radar checks
- ✓ snowmobile/ ATV riding in roadways
- ✓ mailbox complaints
- ✓ dog complaints
- ✓ VIN checks for DMV
- ✓ house alarms
- ✓ down trees
- ✓ noise complaints

If you have any suggestions of what you would like to see done, times of days for checks, etc. please give us a call. We would like to hear from the citizens of Baltimore.

If you wish for home checks while you are away, please let us know. We do monitor homes for several residents.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Town of Baltimore for the year 2003. We hope to be able to serve you in the coming year.

Ronald K. Walker & Elizabeth A. Walker
1st Constable 2nd Constable

Phone 802- 263-9472
email: walkergibbs@tds.net
office: 870 Baltimore Road
Baltimore VT 05143

REPORT OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

School Board meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00PM at the Town Office. We encourage you to attend.

We have an indefinite agreement with the Springfield School district. This agree-ment is for K-8 grades only at this time. It shall remain in effect until Springfield or Baltimore deems otherwise.

Grades K-6 attend Springfield Schools as stated in the Baltimore School District Policy. Grades 7-12 have a choice. However, you must notify the school board within 10 days of enrollment if the student is attending school outside of the Springfield School District.

If problems exist at the school your child attends, please first discuss the difficulties with your child's teacher. If you are unable to get a resolution, contact the principal, then contact the superintendent. If no resolution is found, contact your local school board.

Thank you for your continued confidence, support and most of all your patience with the union issue this past fall.

Sheila Patch
Claudia Schlieman
Christy Thomas

SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S BUDGET

	Jul'02-Jun'03 Budget	Jul'02-Jun'03 Spent	Jul'03-Jun'04 Budget	Jul'03-Jun'04 1/2 year Spent	July'04-Jun'05 Proposed Budget
Income:					
Revenues					
Property Taxes	\$347,469.00		\$342,228.00		\$422,488.00
& State Support					
Mainstream Block Grant	\$12,024.00		\$12,992.00		\$13,555.00
Special Education	\$50,446.00		\$19,940.00		\$17,671.00
EEE	\$2,857.00		\$2,002.00		\$1,477.00
Total Income	\$412,796.00		\$377,162.00		\$455,191.00
Expenditures:					
Direct Instruction (Tuition)					
WSWD - Assessments	\$11,987.00	\$13,716.00	\$14,152.00	\$7438.00	\$16,488.00
Springfield Schools	\$250,816.00	\$255,670.00	\$256,328.00	\$126,245.00	\$299,947.00
Springfield extra	\$2,736.00		\$20,000.00	\$19,581.00	
Reading School		\$9,768.00	\$11,302.00		
GMUHS	\$31,990.00	\$11,083.00	\$8,540.00	\$14,164.00	\$18,860.00
Cavendish School	\$7,010.00				
Mt Ascutney				\$17,430.00	\$20,400.00
Chester Andover					\$27,200.00
Vocational/Technical	\$4,000.00	\$584.00	\$2,500.00	\$901.00	\$5,982.00
Total Instruction (Tuition)	\$308,539.00	\$290,821.00	\$312,822.00	\$185,759.00	\$388,877.00
Special Education					
Bill Back	\$101,000.00	\$46,510.00	\$59,938.00	\$16,526.00	\$59,714.00
EEE	\$2,857.00	\$4,945.00	\$2,002.00		\$6,000.00
Total Special Education	\$103,857.00	\$51,455.00	\$61,940.00	\$16,526.00	\$65,714.00
Fiscal Services					
CPA Audit			\$2,000.00		
School Directors Pay	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00		\$300.00
Total Fiscal Service	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Postage					
Dues - VSBA	\$100.00	\$16.00	\$100.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Supplies - Checks		\$85.00		\$35.00	\$50.00
Total Expenditures	\$412,796.00	\$342,677.00	\$377,162.00	\$202,570.00	\$455,191.00

The Block Grant in 2003-2004 was \$5,810.00 per student. In 2004-05 per student is \$6,800.00.

AUDITOR'S REPORT OF SCHOOL FUND

Receipts:

Property taxes	\$149,866.05
State of Vermont - Dept. of Education	\$206,154.00
Refund - GMUHS	\$1,898.00
Interest	<u>\$1,810.60</u>

Total Receipts **\$359,728.65**

Expenditures:

Operating Expenses

Directors' Salaries	\$300.00
Checks	\$85.00
Advertising	\$35.00
Memberships	<u>\$250.00</u>

Subtotal **\$670.00**

Tuition

Springfield School District	\$272,023.00
GMUHS	\$18,604.99
Mt. Ascutney School	<u>\$17,430.00</u>

Subtotal **\$308,057.99**

Special Education Tuition & Services

WSWD	\$44,143.75
Springfield School District	\$5,600.00
GMUHS	<u>\$6,526.00</u>

Subtotal **\$56,269.75**

Assessments:

WSWD	\$14,246.23
Springfield Technical Center	<u>\$901.00</u>

Subtotal **\$15,147.23**

Total Expenditures **(\$380,144.97)**

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Voters of Baltimore:

ENROLLMENT:

Current 2003-2004 enrollment as of October 12, 2003:

GRADE	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
	3	4	4	3	2	5	6	4	3	1	2	6	3	46

SIZE OF THE WINDSOR SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION:

SCHOOL BOARD	DIRECTORS	VOTES
Andover	3	1
Baltimore	3	1
Cavendish	5	3
Chester	3	1
Landgrove	3	1
Londonderry	3	1
Peru	3	1
Weston	3	1
Chester-Andover Elementary School	5	3
Flood Brook Union School	8	3
Green Mountain Union High School	7	3
Totals	<hr/> 46	<hr/> 19

The Baltimore School Board has representation on the Supervisory Union Board in accordance with the Vermont Statutes.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CHILD FIND (SECTION 504) NOTICE WINDSOR SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION

The Windsor Southwest Supervisory Union is required by Federal laws 94-142 and Section 504 and State regulations to identify and locate all persons with disabilities between the ages of birth and 21 who may be in need of regular education, special education services or accommodations in accessing public education. If you know of any individual residing in the towns of Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru and Weston whom you suspect of having such needs but who is not currently receiving them, please contact the Director of Special Services/504 Coordinator, Madelyn Crudo Burke at 875-3365 x23 or Nancy Malette, Case Manager at 875-3365 x21 or the school principals at Cavendish, Chester-Andover, Flood Brook or Green Mountain.

NON-DISCRIMINATION DISCLAIMER

The School Board recognizes its obligation to respect the legal rights of all students, parents, employees, applicants for admission or employment and those conducting business with the district. The Board will comply with all applicable federal and state non-discrimination laws including Title VI, Title IX, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, and will not discriminate against any person or group on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, gender, age, handicapping condition and/or disability or sexual orientation. A process of referral, evaluation and placement of handicapped students exists in accordance with Section 504.

STATE SCHOOL BUDGET ESTIMATED COMPARISONS

ESTIMATES
ONLY

Three Prior Years Comparisons

PRELIMINARY

District: **Baltimore**
County: **Windsor**

LEA: **008 Windsor Southwest**
S.U.:

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	
Expenditures					
Budget (local budget approved in prior years)	348,062	412,985	377,162	455,191	1.
82% of base payment per FTE paid to town centers by the State on behalf of the district in FY2005	10,642	11,987	14,152	3,959	2.
S.U. assessment included in local budget	35,685	11,987	14,152	11,987	3.
Deficit (if included in local budget)	3,051	1,317	1,917	4,051	4.
Block grant paid by State to town center in prior years	-	-	-	-	5.
1. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	6.
2. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	7.
3. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	8.
Act 144 Expenditures (included from "Education Spending")	-	-	-	-	9.
Act 68 local adopted budget	352,103	414,633	379,079	455,191	10.
Union school or joint school district assessment	-	-	-	-	11.
Deficit if not included in budget or revenues	-	-	-	-	12.
Special programs expenditures (if not included in local budget)	-	-	-	-	13.
Gross Act 68 Budget	352,103	414,633	379,079	455,191	14.
Act 144 expenditures (if any - excluded from "Education Spending")	-	-	-	-	15.
Revenues					
Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuition, etc., including Act 144 revenues)	15,480	65,327	34,934	32,703	16.
Capital debt aid	-	-	-	-	17.
Special program revenues (if not included in local budget)	-	-	-	-	18.
Deficit if not included in budget or expenditures	-	-	-	-	19.
Act 144 revenues	15,480	65,327	34,934	32,703	20.
Total revenues	-	-	-	-	21.
Fund raising (if any)	-	-	-	-	22.
Adjusted local revenues	15,480	65,327	34,934	32,703	23.
Education Spending (Act 68 definition)	336,623	348,306	344,145	422,488	24.
Equalized Pupils	39,56	43,98	44,07	44,11	25.
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	8,509	7,942	7,809	9,578	26.
Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil (if any)	-	-	-	-	27.
Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	-	-	-	-	28.
District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	-	-	-	-	29.
Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized	-	-	-	-	30.
(140.853% x \$1.10)	-	-	-	-	31.
Household Income Percentage for income sensitivity	-	-	-	-	
(140.853% x 2.0%)	-	-	-	-	

Prior Years Comparison

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VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES

Richard H. Cloud to Brenda Lee Jarvi
Roanald A. Walker to Elizabeth Gibbs

June 28, 2003
August 12, 2003

BIRTHS

DEATHS

Homer Henry Hammond
Willie A. Thomas
Ann Wilson (Kelly Bundy's mother)

February 22, 2003
March 30, 2003
August 1, 2003

BALTIMORE CEMETERY REPORT

In a review of my Baltimore Cemetery file, I found that I was the Commissioner from 1984, that's going on 20 years! Imagine !!!!!!! The same questions then were asked as now, "When are all the gravestones going to be straightened up right?" Well some of them were put up and reviewed in 1999. AND this coming spring 2004, a few good souls and maybe others, will finish the job. It can be a learning experience.

Donations	\$20.00 (Christmas Wreaths)
Expenses	\$50.00 (Maintenance Annually)

DOG LICENSES

SPAYED & NEUTERED

40 @ \$5.00	\$200.00
3 @ \$7.50	\$22.50
2 @ \$2.50	\$5.00
Subtotal	\$227.50

MALES

15 @ \$9.00	\$135.00
1 @ \$13.50	\$13.50
Subtotal	\$148.50

FEMALES

22 @ \$9.00	\$198.00
1 @ \$13.50	\$13.50
Subtotal	\$211.50

SPECIAL LICENSES

2 @ \$30.00	\$60.00
Subtotal	\$60.00

KENNEL PERMITS

2 @ \$10.00	\$20.00
Subtotal	\$20.00

EXTRA DOGS IN KENNELS

83 @ \$4.00	\$332.00
20 @ \$1.00	\$20.00 (VT Surcharge)
Subtotal	\$352.00

Total	\$1,019.50
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VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.

Home Care, Hospice and Family Health Services – Report to the Town of Baltimore

The Visiting Nurse Alliance is like the local police and fire departments - a strategic part of the community's safety net - with services that must be continuously available to anyone in need. The need varies dramatically from month to month and year to year. The VNA provides a comprehensive range of care, requisitioned by hospital staff and physicians, for everyone, regardless of ability to pay.

We value the continued partnership with the Town of Baltimore to help us meet your residents' home care, hospice and family health needs. Town funding accomplishes the following:

- Enables your family, friends and neighbors to remain independent and at home as they receive skilled clinical care during times of injury, recovery from surgery or accidents, disability, whether for short-term and chronic illness. For many such patients, many are addressing multiple medical, emotional and social issues at the same time.
- Provides emotional support plus pain and symptom management during terminal illness. Hospice care extends to family members as well. More and more patients want to be at home during their end of life, and through hospice they have that control.
- Provides community-wellness programs and assistance to young families at risk. Clients range from fathers and/or mothers who want to be more effective parents through learning parenting skills or providing a balanced diet; infants who require hi-tech health care; and children who grow and learn through play groups that offer interaction with other children.

The VNA provided the following services this past year: **(July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003)**

Skilled Nursing	51
Physical Therapy	9
Occupational Therapy	4
Home Health Aide	4
Total Visits	68

Clinic attendance

Flu	11
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On behalf of the people we serve in your community, thank you for your continued confidence.

Respectfully submitted,

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President and Chief Executive Officer

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SOUTHERN WINDSOR COUNTY

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission is an organization that serves the ten towns in the southern Windsor County Region. Member towns are comprised of Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Ludlow, Reading, Springfield, Weathersfield, West Windsor, and Windsor. SWCRPC's mission includes two major activities: assisting member towns with their planning and other community related activities, and promoting cooperation and coordination among towns.

During FY 2003, member towns contributed 4% to the Regional Planning Commission's annual budget of \$555,565.00. Town dues assessment was based on \$1.00 per person using 2000 census data, which for the Town of Baltimore was \$250.00. The remaining revenues were derived from federal and state funding sources: Federal funding supported transportation planning activities and the administration of Community Development Block Grants; State funds were derived from the Agency of Natural Resources for environmental planning, and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for land use planning and other related activities.

The Southern Windsor County Transportation Advisory Committee (SWCTAC) is an advisory committee of the Regional Planning Commission. The SWCTAC's primary responsibilities are to make recommendations on regional transportation policies, review and provide comment on VT Agency of Transportation projects, identify and rank town/regional transportation improvements for submission to VAOT, and provide input on regional transportation studies.

In addition to providing ongoing technical assistance to member towns, in the last year, the Regional Planning Commission provided technical assistance to the Baltimore Planning Commission, performed traffic counts along Harrison and Baltimore roads, and assisted the Board of Selectmen on grant opportunities for capital equipment.

Annually, the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Baltimore appoints a representative and an alternate to the Regional Planning Commission. The RPC board is responsible for developing regional policies, providing Act 200 review of town plans, and facilitating cooperation amongst member towns. In FY 2003, Steve Waldo represented the Town to the Regional Planning Commission and the town's representative to the Transportation Advisory Committee was left vacant.

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COUNCIL ON AGING 2003 ANNUAL REPORT

The Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. (COASEV), fosters and supports successful aging for seniors in the Baltimore community and throughout Windham and Windsor Counties. COASEV staff, along with seniors and other community members, develop, advocate, coordinate and assure access to services which enhance the quality of their lives in Baltimore. To accomplish this mission in Baltimore we provide direct services as those listed below, as well as work collaboratively with other organizations in Baltimore.

- **Information and Assistance** - Through the Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 - Providing resources, tips, applications for benefits, and assistance with health insurance information.

- **Senior Nutrition** - Home delivered meals are arranged and congregate meals are available in Chester, Springfield and Ascutney.

- **Transportation** - Special arrangements are made for non-Medicaid seniors requiring medical transportation.

- **Case Management** - Providing one on one case management to those wishing to stay in their community and by managing the Medicaid Waiver program which provides nursing home like care. With self-neglect referrals we assist the individual to become aware of and access services thus regaining control of their lives. Two clients are currently receiving these services at an annual cost of \$1,562.

- **Advocacy** - Assisting with accessing a wide array of benefits such as VHAP pharmacy, fuel assistance, food stamps, telephone lifeline, tax rebates, and Supplemental Security Income. These services are provided through home visits.

- **Care Giver Respite** - Through grants we are able to provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia and other chronic diseases.

Senior Companion Program - Providing friendly visiting as well as a stipend employment opportunity for older, limited income workers.

Planning - for seniors is accomplished by working with legislators, other agencies, and the communities we serve.

Successful Aging Initiatives - Providing a series of small community grants for groups and organizations to create and expand their programs.

Your town contributions of \$200 generates \$1,133 in Federal matching funds to support all of these activities. Services are provided at no cost but participants are encouraged to make anonymous, voluntary contributions. The support of Baltimore citizens as well as that of the hundreds of volunteers and dedicated staff make these services possible.

Submitted by Marie Saunders, Executive Director

Vermont Department of Health

Annual Report — Town of Baltimore, 2003

- **Bioterrorism and Emergency Preparedness:** The Vermont Department of Health is actively working with local, state and federal agencies to assure a rapid and effective response to bioterrorism and other public health threats or emergencies. Local health department response may include finding and identifying disease, investigating the source of the disease, providing accurate and timely information to the public and health professionals, and collaborating with other agencies during biological, environmental or weather events. Recent local efforts have included participation in hospital committees, smallpox vaccination clinics, and membership on the District 3 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC #3).
- **Special Supplemental Food & Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC):** WIC improves the health of eligible pregnant and postpartum women, infants and young children through access to health care, nutrition education and individually designed nutritious food packages. In 2002, 11 women, infants and young children living in Baltimore received health and nutrition screening, education and nutritious foods through this program. Participation in this program has been steadily increasing in this area. The average value of foods provided is \$35.00 per person each month.
- **Reportable Disease Investigations:** Infectious diseases continue to be a major source of illness, disability and death in the U.S., accounting for 25% of all doctor visits each year. The Department of Health investigates all reportable diseases, such as hepatitis, meningitis, measles or foodborne illness. When these illnesses occur, we strive to determine their source and recommend measures to control and prevent further spread of disease. In 2002, Windsor County had 219 cases of disease investigated.
- **Vaccine-Preventable Diseases:** Proper vaccination protects children and adults against many diseases, saves health care costs, and minimizes sick leave from school or work. Immunization has reduced reportable cases of preventable diseases in Vermont to record low levels. Still, total annual hospital costs from vaccine-preventable disease in Vermont are \$2.6 million, and each year up to 200 Vermonters die of pneumonia or influenza. In 2002, the Department of Health distributed 12,054 doses of vaccine to health care providers in Windsor County, at a value of \$153,342 to these communities.
- **Food Establishment Inspections:** Public health sanitarians inspect eating establishments (restaurants, schools and fairs) to decrease the risk of foodborne disease outbreak. The five greatest risks for foodborne outbreaks are storing food at improper temperatures, inadequate cooking, contaminated equipment, unsafe food sources, and poor personal hygiene among food handlers. Inspections include a 44-item review to evaluate food storage, preparation and handling, as well as to identify potential risks. Of the 14 establishments in your area, there were 13 inspections in 2002. For the most recent inspection scores and results in your area, please go to www.healthyvermonters.info and select "Program List" then scroll down to "Division of Health Protection" and select "Restaurant Inspection Scores."

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Annual Report (cont'd.)

- **Town Health Officer (THO) Program:** Every town in Vermont has a THO who is nominated by the Select Board and appointed by the Commissioner of Health. THOs work on a variety of environmental and health issues, and respond to calls on public health concerns as varied as animal bites, West Nile Virus, rental code complaints and septic systems. The Department of Health supports THOs with training, information and technical assistance. Your THO's report describes the calls received for Baltimore.
- **West Nile Virus (WNV) Surveillance:** WNV first appeared in the U.S. in 1999. Birds and mammals (including people) can get WNV from the bite of an infected mosquito. The Vermont Departments of Health and Agriculture conduct surveillance for WNV each year from June until cold weather limits mosquito activity. In 2003, five THOs throughout the state also participated in this program by assisting with mosquito trapping. As of September 19, 2003, there have been 450 mosquito samples tested, with nine positive for WNV. In Windsor County from June — September 19, 2003, 110 dead birds were reported, 56 were tested, and 5 were found to be infected with WNV.

The Vermont Department of Health works to protect and promote the public's health. Current challenges include emergency preparedness and response to disease threats such as SARS or potential acts of bioterrorism; expansion of substance abuse prevention and treatment; and improving health care for people with chronic conditions like diabetes, asthma and cardiovascular disease. If you would like to learn more about these or other efforts, or if you have a public health concern, please call the Health Department's Springfield District Office at (802) 885-5778. Please visit our website at www.healthyvermonters.info for recent publications, news updates and other current information about public health.

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