

SHELDON

Town and School



2003 ANNUAL REPORT



For the Year Ended December 31, 2003



This year we are proud to dedicate the Town Report to Susan Burnor. She has worked very hard over the last twenty-five years to help the Town.

She worked with the E911 Board in Montpelier to bring the system to Sheldon, even helped put up the signs with the road men. Susan is best known for her land record keeping, she received much praise from the attorneys and searchers for her work. She enjoyed working on the old home day events.

She worked well with different boards, the Selectmen, Listers, Auditors, Fire Department and First Response, the School Board and all Town Officers.

When ever someone would call or come to the office, she was ready to help. We will miss Susan, and wish her and her husband the best on their retirement.

ANNUAL REPORT

Town and School of SHELDON

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

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Please bring this report to Town meeting
March 4, 2004

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TOWN OF SHELDON OFFICERS FOR 2003

Moderator----- George O. Stebbins, Jr.
Town Clerk & Treasurer----- Susan A. Burnor

SELECTMEN:

Maurice Parent----- Term Expires 2004
Richard Brouillette----- Term Expires 2005
Gregory Stebbins----- Term Expires 2006

SCHOOL BOARD:

Celeste Kane Stebbins----- Term Expires 2004
Paula Howrigan----- Term Expires 2005
Paul Madden----- Term Expires 2006

AUDITORS:

Alice Swainbank----- Term Expires 2004
Yvette Severance----- Term Expires 2005
Ann Pugsley----- Term Expires 2006

LISTERS:

George Marcotte, appointed----- Term Expires 2004
Norbert Larose----- Term Expires 2005
Susan Brooks----- Term Expires 2006

LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

Andrew Crane----- Term Expires 2004
Susan Palin----- Term Expires 2005
Jacqueline Russell----- Term Expires 2006
Reine Hemingway----- Term Expires 2007
Dianne Murphy, resigned----- 2004

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK:

Paulette A. Bocash

Librarian----- Yvette Severance
Civil Defense----- Diane Crane
Town Service Officer----- Thelma Stebbins
Dog Warden----- Alfred Reed
Tax Collector----- Paulette Bocash
Zoning Administrator----- Stephen Larned
Town Agent & Grand Juror----- George Stebbins

Town Health Officer-----	Patricia Ryan
Town Representatives-----	Kathy Lavoie
	John Winters

EQUIPMENT OPERATORS:

Andrew Reed, Road Supervisor-----802-933-4040
Wastewater Operator

Alfred Reed
Hubert Spaulding

JUSTICE OF PEACE:

Ruth Lantman	Richard Brouillette, Chairman
Sally Severy	Stephen Dodd, Asst. Chairman
Patricia Reed	Paul Madden
Diane Crane	

TOWN PLANNING BOARD:

Mary Lussier-----	Term Expires 2006
Clarence Bocash-----	Term Expires 2006
Reginald West, Chairman-----	Term Expires 2006
Pierre Parent-----	Term Expires 2005
Yvette Severance -----	Term Expires 2005
Vince Catlin-----	Term Expires 2004
Patrick Howrigan-----	Term Expires 2004

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

Albert Severy-----	Term Expires 2005
Raymond Severance-----	Term Expires 2005
Rodney Whiting-----	Term Expires 2004
Lynn Leipold-----	Term Expires 2004
Dianne Crane-----	Term Expires 2004



Town Clerk's Message

To The Citizens of Sheldon;

I would like to thank everyone for their support and encouragement over the past twenty five years.

Its has been a pleasure working for the Town of Sheldon. I would like to thank the people, past and present on the Select Board, Listers, Auditors, Planning and Zoning, BCA Members, and School Board. I would like to thank the Road Men for all their help. I would especially like to thank my assistant of the past eighteen year, Paulette, for her many years of dedicated service.

There have been many good times and some serious times and I have enjoyed them all.

Thank You Everyone

Susan

NOTES OF INTEREST

Town Clerk's Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Zoning Hours when called upon.

The Zoning Board and Planning Board meet when called upon, Zoning Administrator will set the meetings.

ALL DOGS HAVE TO BE REGISTERED BY APRIL 1, 2004, Anyone with a dog that is six months old must register it with the town by this date.

Dog fee's are as follows:

Spayed or neutered dogs are \$5.00

Female or Male dogs that are not fixed are \$9.00.

The Board of Selectmen and School Board meeting are posted in the office.

Town Clerks office phone number-----802-933-2524

Sheldon School-----802-933-4909

Wastewater plant-----802-933-8359

Sheldon Public Library-----802-933-7323

AUDITORS REPORT

To The Citizens Of The Town Of Sheldon:

In accordance with Section 1681 of Title 24, V.S.A., we the Auditors of the Town of Sheldon, have examined the following accounts and records of the Town Officers .

Selectmen Orders, Minutes, Accounts of Expenditures, Impact Fee Accounts, Treasurer's Reports of Receipts and Disbursements. Quarterly Reports, Withholdings, Dog Account, Notes Payable, Trust fund and Planning and Zoning, Grand List, Water and Sewer Accounts, E911 Account, All School Records and School Bond.

The Auditors find these Accounts and Records show the Financial Activity and Position of the Town for the year ending December 31, 2003 to be correct.

Dated:
Jan. 23, 2004

Alice Swainbank
Yvette Severance
Ann Pugsley

Annual Town & School Meeting
March 4, 2003 @ 10:00 a.m.
Sheldon Town School

Meeting called to order by moderator, George Stebbins at 10:05 a.m. There was a moment of silence for those that had passed on. The Sheldon Girl Scouts led the voters in the pledge to the flag.

1. a. To elect a Moderator for one year, motion by Patrick Howrigan to elect George Stebbins, no other nominations, motion carried.

At this time George asked John Winters and Kathy Lavoie our State representatives to speak. Kathy spoke about the education committee she was on and John spoke about the transportation committee he worked on.

- b. To elect a Selectman for a term of three years, motion by Reginald West to elect Gregory Stebbins, no other nominations, carried, Susan cast one ballot for Greg.
 - c. An Auditor for three years, motion by Raymond Severance to elect Ann Pugsley, no other nomination, clerk asked to cast one ballot for Ann, carried.
 - d. A Lister for a term of three years, Ruth Durkee nominated Susan Brooks, no other nominations, Susan cast one ballot for Susan Brooks, carried.
 - e. A Tax Collector for one year, Arnold Benjamin nominated Paulette Bocash, no other nominations, clerk cast one ballot for Paulette, carried.
 - f. A Grand Juror and Town Agent, Ruth Lantman moved to take both and nominate George Stebbins, no other nominations, carried.
 - g. A Library Trustee for five years, motion by Paula Howrigan to elect Ernie Hemingway, no other nominations, clerk cast one ballot for Ernie. Carried.
2. To act upon the reports of the Town Officers, motion by James Tomlinson/Ann Tomlinson to accept the reports as printed, motion carried.
 3. To see what amount the Town will vote to defray its expenses for the 2003 year, motion by Marie Brouillette/Clarence Bocash to accept the amount of \$434,383.62 as printed. Motion carried on a voice vote.
 4. Will the voters vote the amount of \$25,000.00 for Roads. Motion by Reggie West/Pat Reed to accept this article, motion carried. Pat Howrigan asked the Selectmen what roads they will work on, Richard said they had to put \$50.00 per mile for State match.
 5. To act upon the compensation of the part time help, motion by Ruth Lantman to vote the \$8.00 per hour, seconded by Bryan Derry, Andrew Crane moved a friendly motion to amend the motion to \$10.82, seconded by Reggie West. A vote was taken and defeated. The original motion was voted on and carried.

6. Will the voters vote to give the First Response the sum of \$7,000.00 to meet expenses. Motion by Clarence Bocash/Bryan Derry to accept this article, carried.
7. To authorize the selectmen to borrow such money as necessary. Motion by Ann Tomlinson to accept this article, seconded by Marie Brouillette, Bryan Derry asked if they would need to borrow and Greg stated that it depended on the Property taxes and how they came in. Motion voted on and accepted.
8. To see if the voters will vote to pay taxes to the Town Treasurer, motion by Marie Brouillette to accept this article, seconded by Sue Palin, carried.
9. Will the voters vote to give the Sheriff's Department the sum of \$13,378.00 for police protection. Motion by Clarence Bocash/Rodney Whiting to accept this article. Robert Norris explained the plan for Sheldon and Highgate to get together and save the town money and be protected. Motion voted on and carried.

RECESS THE TOWN MEETING AND ENTER SCHOOL MEETING

1. To elect a moderator for one year, motion by James Tomlinson to elect George Stebbins, no other nominations, carried, clerk cast one ballot for George.
2. To elect a School Director for three years, motion by Paula Howrigan to elect Paul Madden, no other nominations, motion carried, Susan cast one ballot for Paul.
3. To act upon the reports of the Town Officers & Treasurer, motion by James Tomlinson/Ann Tomlinson to accept the reports as printed, motion carried.
4. Will the voters approve a School Budget of \$4,338,960.00 for the 2003-2004 year. Marie Brouillette/Martha Gagne moved to accept this article. Paul Madden went over the budget with the voters, Raymond Severance asked what the \$65,000.00 was for in attorney fees. Paul explained that there was a family in town that brought a law suit against the school and that was for attorney fees. Raymond asked what amount they were paid and it was not disclosed. It was also asked what the total amount for last years attorney fees were and it was about \$80,000.00 and the board decided to settle instead of keep paying attorney fees.
A vote was taken on the budget. Votes cast 96, yes 53 and no 43 necessary for choice 49, budget passed.
5. To transact any other business, Paul Madden thanked the voters for their support in the school, no other business.

RECESS THE SCHOOL MEETING AND ENTER TOWN

11. Will the voters vote to give the Regional Planning Commission the sum of \$1,632.00, motion by Bryan Derry/Richard Brouillette to accept this article, motion carried.

12. Non-Profits, Ruth Lantman moved to take a thru q as a whole, seconded by Rodney Whiting. Lyn Liopold moved to amend the amount of p. to read \$700.00, seconded by Robert Norris they have lost their funding, motion defeated. Celeste Stebbins moved to amend the amount to read \$2500.00 and use the Public Transit money for them instead. Richard Brouillette spoke about the help Sheldon gets form the Public Transit. Robert Norris offered a motion with Celeste approval to read, Public Transit \$1,000.00 and Special Investigations \$1,500.00, Celeste approved the motion and Kathy Perry moved to vote on the amendment, seconded by Bryan Derry. Motion carried.
13. To transact any other business thought proper when met. Raymond Severance asked the voters to contact their representative and urge them to approve Wayne Laroche as Fish and Game Commissioner .
Dawn Piaseczny spoke about the Technical Center it will only support Chittenden County not Franklin County.
Bryan Derry moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. seconded by Clarence Bocash, motion carried.
At this time Susan gave the oath of officers to those elected. Richard Brouillette was elected Chairman of the Selectmen by the Selectboard.

Maurice Parent

Richard A. Brouillette

Gregory M. Stebbins
Sheldon Selectmen

Celeste Kane-Stebbins

Paul Madden

Paula Bourigan
Sheldon School Board

Susan A. Burnor
Susan A. Burnor, Town Clerk

WARNING
TOWN OF SHELDON AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Sheldon and the Town of Sheldon School District meeting are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Sheldon School in Sheldon Springs, Vermont, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of March 2004, at 10:00a.m. to act upon the following business:

1. To elect the following town officers as required by law;
 - a. A Moderator for a term of one year;
 - b. A Selectman for a three year term;
 - c. A Town Clerk for a three year term;
 - d. A Town Treasurer for a three year term;
 - e. An Auditor for three years;
 - f. A Lister for three years;
 - g. A Tax Collector for one year;
 - h. A Town Agent for one year;
 - i. A Grand Juror for one year;
 - j. A Library Trustee for five years
 - k. A Library Trustee for four years.
2. To act upon the Reports of the Town Officers.
3. To see what amount the Town will vote to defray its expenses for 2004 year.
4. To act upon the compensation of the Town Officers other than full time help (current rate of \$8.00 per hour).
5. To see if the voters will vote \$25,000.00 for Class 2 & 3 Roads.
6. To authorize the Selectmen to borrow such money as necessary in anticipation of taxes to meet current expenses.
7. To see if the voters will vote to accept the provision of the Vermont Statutes relative to the payment of its current taxes to the Town Treasurer.
8. To see if the voters will vote \$1,632.00 for Regional Planning Commission.

RECESS THE TOWN MEETING AND ENTER INTO SCHOOL MEETING

1. To elect a Moderator (George O. Stebbins' term expiring);
2. To elect a School Director to a term of three (3) years by ballot (Celeste Kane-Stebbins' term expiring);
3. To act upon the Reports of the School Directors and Treasurer;
4. Will the voters of the Sheldon School District approve the FY2005 School Budget, in the amount of \$4,721,224.00, for the operation and maintenance of the Sheldon Public School for the year July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, by ballot;
5. Will the voters of the Sheldon School District authorize the School Directors to borrow such money as may be necessary in anticipation of taxes to meet current expenses;
6. Shall the Sheldon Town School District adopt its budget beginning on March 1, 2005 by Australian ballot, by ballot.
7. To transact any other business thought proper when met.

RECESS SCHOOL MEETING TO ENTER BACK INTO TOWN MEETING

9. To see if the voters will vote \$3,000.00 for the Grist Mill Park for expenses;
10. Will the voters of Sheldon vote to appropriate the amounts to these non-profit organizations:
 - a. Franklin County Court Diversion, \$250.00;
 - b. Northwest Special Investigations, \$1,000.00;
 - c. Franklin County Senior Citizens, \$1,000.00;
 - d. Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, \$450.00;
 - e. Foster Grandparent Parents, \$315.00;
 - f. Vermont Green Up, \$100.00;
 - g. Home Health Agency, \$3,060.00;
 - h. Vermont Center for Independent Living, \$140.00;
 - i. Northern Vermont Resources, \$50.00;
 - j. Club Respite, \$1,000.00;
 - k. Vermont Cares, \$125.00;
 - l. Samaritan House, \$250.00;
 - m. The Family Center, \$550.00;
 - n. Champlain Valley on Aging, \$900.00;

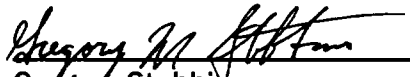
- o. Franklin County Humane Society, \$220.00;
- p. Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District, \$1,990.00;
- q. Voice Against Violence, Laurie's House, \$700.00;
- r. Franklin County Industrial Development, \$400.00

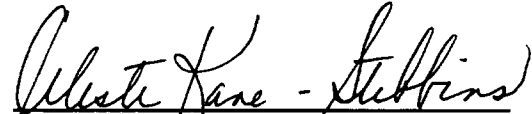
11. To transact any other business thought proper when met.


Dated January 26, 2004

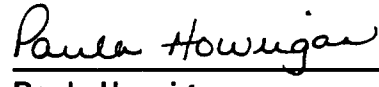

Maurice Parent


Richard Brouillette

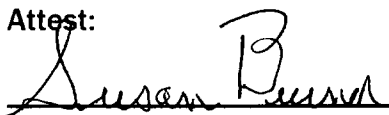

Gregory Stebbins
Sheldon Board of Selectmen


Celeste Kane-Stebbins


Paul Madden


Paula Howrigan
Sheldon Board of School Directors

Attest:


Susan Burnor, Town Clerk

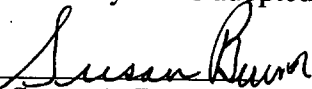
TOWN OF SHELDON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
WARNING

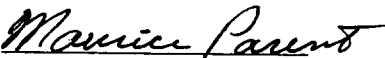
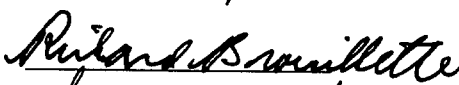
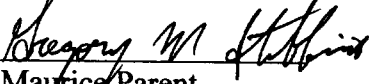
The legal voters of the Town of Sheldon, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the elementary school in the Town of Sheldon on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, between the hours of ten o'clock (10:00) in the forenoon at which time the polls will open and seven o'clock (7:00) in the afternoon at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian Ballot upon the following Article of business:

ARTICLE 1

Shall the voters of the Town of Sheldon vote to accept the new Sub-division By-Laws adopted by the Board of Selectmen.

Attest:


Susan A. Burnor
Town Clerk




Maurice Parent
Richard Brouillette
Gregory Stebbins

Dated: Jan. 26, 2004

Selectboard Report

We, your Selectboard, would like to thank the citizens of Sheldon for their cooperation and understanding throughout the year 2003.

The Sheldon Springs Washwater Treatment Plant refurbishing project was approximately 90% completed. Work on both aeration tanks was done and a new cement sludge tank was installed. A new sludge pump is scheduled to be installed in the spring, along with the finishing touches of walkways and landscaping.

The Town purchased a new truck this year which includes a plow and wing, dump, and slide-in-hopper sander. This new truck has a lower profile and a tighter turning radius, making it easier to work from the back of the truck and to maneuver it in, and around, the village streets.

Paving was done on the following roads: Machia Road, Sheldon Woods, and Crowe Hill.

The Selectboard held public hearings on subdivision by-laws and adopted interim by-laws pending voter approval. These by-laws will be voted on at Town Meeting by Australian ballot.

We would like to remind townspeople that you are always welcome to attend our Selectboard meetings. Dates and times are posted at the Town office.

We extend our thanks to all the dedicated Town Officers that served our town and community this past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory Stebbins
Richard Brouillette
Maurice Parent

STATEMENT OF REVENUE ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL AS OF
DECEMBER 31, 2003

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	OVER-UNDER
Fund Balance	\$ 30,836.33	\$ 1,757.12	\$ (29,079.21)
Equipment Fund	\$ 6,444.15	\$ 14,523.44	\$ 8,079.29
Planning, Zoning	\$ 822.16	\$ 822.16	\$.00
Zoning Permits	\$ 6,372.00	\$ 6,413.00	\$ 41.00
Dog Registration	\$ 1,645.00	\$ 1,389.00	\$ (256.00)
Delinquent Taxes	\$ 90,342.79	\$133,984.09	\$ 43,641.30
Misc.	\$ 8,091.68	\$ 6,013.75	\$ (2,077.93)
Interest	\$ 5,864.19	\$ 6,136.82	\$ 272.63
State Aid	\$100,005.19	\$101,738.80	\$ 1,733.61
Rec. Fund	\$ 4,023.34	\$ 1,068.11	\$ (2,955.23)
TOTALS	\$254,446.83	\$273,846.29	\$ 19,399.46

GENERAL FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS:	2002	2003
Cash on Hand & Checking Acct.	\$ 30,836.33	\$ 1,757.12
Equipment Fund	\$ 6,444.15	\$ 14,523.44
Planning & Zoning	\$ 822.16	\$ 822.16
Recreational Fund	\$ 4,023.34	\$ 1,068.11
Grist Mill Acct.	\$ 1,785.94	\$ 1,366.62
E911	\$ 2,614.46	\$ 2,628.82
Misc. Acct.	\$ 8,091.68	\$ 6,013.75
Taxes Receivable	\$ 90,342.79	\$ 89,874.15
TOTALS	\$144,960.85	\$118,054.17

TOWN OF SHELDON TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan. 1, 2003 thru Dec. 31, 2003

Susan A. Burnor, Treasurer

RECEIPTS:

Cash on Hand and In Peoples Tr. Co. 1-1-03	\$	30,836.33
State of Vt., Cl. 2 & 3 Road refund-----	\$	101,738.80
State of Vt., Current Use refund-----	\$	28,167.00
State of Vt., Judicial-----	\$	1,345.69
State of Vt., Grant-----	\$	1,720.00
	\$	132,971.49
Property Taxes Received for 2003	\$	2,467,846.26
Other Receipts:		
Sewer Department, Services-----	\$	32,420.50
Sewer Department, Bookkeeping-----	\$	350.00
Water Department, Services-----	\$	6,339.00
Water Department, Bookkeeping-----	\$	350.00
Peoples Tr. Co., Loan-----	\$	85,000.00
Peoples Tr. Co., Truck Loan-----	\$	28,300.00
Paulette Bocash, Del. Taxes-----	\$	133,984.09
Paulette Bocash, 8% fee-----	\$	10,718.73
Paulette Bocash, Interest-----	\$	6,136.82
Stephen Larned, Zoning Permit-----	\$	6,413.00
Sheldon School, Services-----	\$	9,324.42
Other Receipts-----	\$	6,013.75
	\$	325,350.31
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 2003 -----	\$	2,957,004.39

DISBURSEMENTS:

Selectmen Orders Drawn for 2003-----	\$	829,046.46
Peoples Tr. Co., Loan Payment-----	\$	50,000.00
New Checks & Service-----	\$	629.54
Transferred to Tax Collector-----	\$	4,178.60
Transferred to Sheldon School, Taxes-----	\$	2,071,392.67
Peoples Trust Co. Balance-----	\$	1,757.12
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR 2003	\$	2,957,004.39

Respectfully submitted,
Susan A. Burnor, Treasurer

IMPACT FEE ACCOUNTS

Administration Account:

Cash on hand and in Peoples Tr. Co. 1-1-03-----	\$ 8,140.74
Interest earned-----	\$ 40.94
Deposits-----	\$ 1,772.68
Orders drawn-----	\$-2,177.28

Total Account Balance for 2003	\$ 7,777.08
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Fire Department Account:

Cash on hand and in Peoples Tr. Co. 1-1-03-----	\$ 6,095.90
Interest earned-----	\$ 40.44
Deposits-----	\$ 3,250.00

Total Account Balance for 2003	\$ 9,386.34
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Library Account:

Cash on hand and in Peoples Tr. Co. 1-1-03-----	\$ 3,369.81
Interest earned-----	\$ 19.40
Deposits-----	\$ 421.98

Total Account Balance for 2003	\$ 3,811.19
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Road Account:

Cash on hand and in Peoples Tr. Co. 1-1-03-----	\$ 12,020.48
Interest earned-----	\$ 38.28
Deposits-----	\$ 1,580.28
Orders drawn-----	\$-11,000.00

Total Account Balance for 2003	\$ 2,639.04
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Education Account:

Cash on hand and in Peoples Tr. Co. 1-1-03-----	\$ 62,313.21
Interest earned-----	\$ 339.86
Deposits-----	\$ 12,475.06
Orders drawn-----	\$-10,000.00

Total Account Balance for 2003	\$ 65,128.13
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Equipment Fund:	
Cash on hand and in Peoples Tr. Co. 1-1-03 -----	\$ 6,444.15
Interest earned-----	\$ 71.92
Deposits-----	\$ 30,000.00
Orders drawn-----	\$-21,992.63

Total Account Balance for 2003	<u>\$ 14,523.44</u>
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Grist Mill Fund:	
Cash on hand and in Peoples Tr. Co. 1-1-03 -----	\$ 1,785.94
Deposits-----	\$ 1,724.00
Orders drawn-----	\$ -2,143.32

Total Account Balance for 2003	<u>\$ 1,366.62</u>
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Recreational Account:	
Cash on hand and in Peoples Tr. Co. 1-1-03-----	\$ 4,023.34
Interest earned-----	\$ 44.77
Orders drawn-----	\$ -3,000.00

Total Account Balance for 2003	<u>\$ 1,068.11</u>
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E 911 Account:	
Cash on hand and in Peoples Trust Co.1-1-03-----	\$ 2,614.46
Interest earned-----	\$ 14.36

Total Account Balance for 2003	<u>\$ 2,628.82</u>
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Appraisal Fund Account:	
Cash on hand and in Peoples Trust Co. 1-1-03-----	\$ 8,091.68
Interest earned-----	\$ 191.73
Deposits from State-----	\$ 5,873.00

Total Account Balance for 2003	<u>\$ 14,156.41</u>
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2003 TAXES RAISED

State Share of School Taxes to be raised-----	\$1,386,769.00
Town Share of School Taxes-----	\$ 677,298.00
 Total of State and Town Share property taxes-----	 \$2,064,067.00
State round off figures to nearest dollar.	
School Grand list for 2003 \$1,281,106.26 x \$1.612	.
 Town Grand list for 2003 \$1,424,719.16 x \$.3544-----	 \$ 504,849.32
 Total Taxes billed and assessed-----	 \$2,568,916.32
Property Taxes Collected-----	\$2,463,667.66
Delinquent-----	\$ 133,516.36
Adjustment & errors-----	\$ (28,267.70)
 Total Collected and Accounted for-----	 \$2,568,916.32

GRAND LIST

Year	Grand List	Total Tax Rate	Town	School
1990	\$ 565,627.29	\$1.90	\$.57	\$1.33
1991	\$ 581,697.36	\$2.15	\$.67	\$1.48
1992	\$ 858,337.18	\$1.59	\$.4175	\$1.175
1993	\$ 893,329.55	\$1.751	\$.433	\$1.038
1994	\$ 932,521.16	\$1.68	\$.4615	\$1.2185
1995	\$ 965,565.48	\$1.64	\$.4631	\$1.175
1996	\$ 960,478.33	\$1.659	\$.477	\$1.182
1997	\$1042,125.73	\$1.663	\$.439	\$1.224

	Town Grand List	Town Tax Rate
1998	\$1,071,804.76	\$.38
1999	\$1,100,453.00	\$.39
2000	\$1,156,530.22	\$.3622
2001	\$1,373,695.95	\$.3233
2002	\$1,260,333.75	\$.33176
2003	\$1,424,719.16	\$.3544

	School Grand List	School Tax Rate
1998	\$ 924,483.34	\$1.38
1999	\$ 965,919.00	\$1.46
2000	\$ 1,018,703.29	\$1.5801
2001	\$ 1,237,742.33	\$1.432
2002	\$ 1,260,333.75	\$1.585
2003	\$ 1,281,106.26	\$1.612

TOWN OFFICERS BOND

The following Surety Bonds required by law are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Susan A. Burnor, Clerk & Treasurer-----	\$ 10,000.00
Paulette A. Bocash, Tax Collector-----	\$ 10,000.00
Andrew Reed, Road Foreman-----	\$ 1,000.00
Alfred Reed, Dog Warden-----	\$ 1,000.00
Susan A. Burnor, School Treasurer-----	\$ 10,000.00

CHICOINE FUND

\$100.00 is deposited the the Peoples Trust Company of St. Albans, Vermont and interest paid to St. Anthony's Church. The interest to be used for the care of the Chicoine Cemetery lot.

NORTHROP FUND

At the turn of the century, Johnathan and Deborah Northrup paid up \$7,000.00 railroad bonds owned by the Town of Sheldon with the agreement that the Town in perpetuity, yearly, pay the sum of \$120.00 to the Sheldon Public Library and \$160.00 to the Sheldon Elementary School.

LONG TERM NOTES PAYABLE

Notes	Balance	Reduction	Balance
Sewer	\$16,126.11	\$5,869.81	\$10,256.30
Water	\$65,564.43	\$6,920.75	\$58,643.68

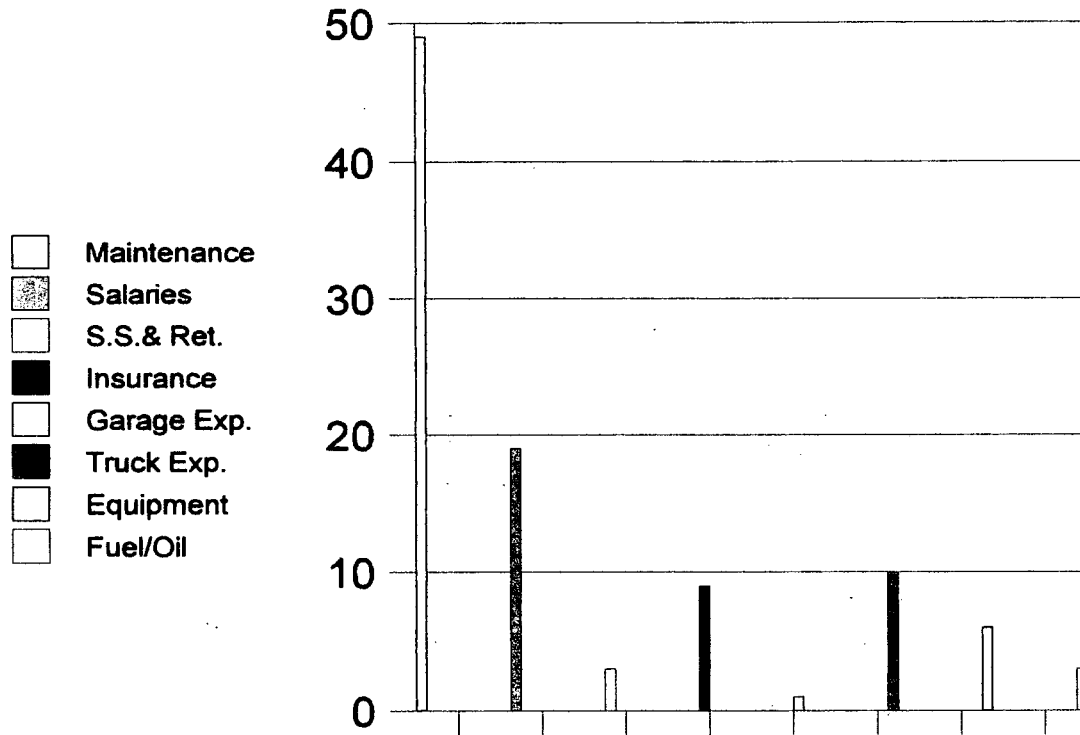
Sewer Note is with DRA at 5% interest, Due Jan. 2006

Water Note is with DRA at 5% interest, Due Jan. 2016

SHELDON TOWN ROAD MILAGE REPORT

	Road Length	Total Miles
Class No. 1	None	None
Class No. 2 Highways		
No. 1 Sheldon Spgs to Shawville---	1.580	
No. 2 Sheldon to Enosburgh-----	6.680	
No. 3 East Sheldon to Rte. 105-----	1.070	
No. 4 Rte. 105 to Fairfield-----	2.160	
No.31 Sheldon Woods Rd.-----	1.200	
No.27 Machia Road-----	1.650	
No. 5 Woods Hill Rd.-----	1.650	
		15.990
Class No. 3 Highways:		
Town Highway 8 thru 47-----	28.250	28.250
State Highways:		
Vt. No. 78-----	1.841	
Vt. 105-St.Albans, Enosburgh-----	11.030	
Vt. State Park Road-----	1.224	
Vt. State Rte. 120-----	15.811	
TOTAL MILES OF TOWN HIGHWAYS		60.051

ROAD FUND ACCOUNT



ROAD FUND ACCOUNT

SALARIES:

Andrew Reed-Foreman-----	\$ 40,308.87
Alfred Reed-----	\$ 32,928.88
Hubert Spaulding-----	\$ 27,751.75
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	\$ 100,989.50

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Vermont State Treasurer-S.S.-----	\$ 7,725.69
Vermont Employee Retirement-----	\$ 5,049.52
Blue Cross/Blue Shield-----	\$ 29,210.10
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	\$ 41,985.31

INSURANCE:

Hackett Valine & MacDonald-----	\$ 14,130.92
Vermont League of Cities & Towns-----	\$ 141.48
Acadia Insurance-----	\$ 1,969.00
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	\$ 16,241.40

GARAGE EXPENSES:

Town of Sheldon-Water-----	\$ 160.00
Verizon-----	\$ 430.93
A T & T-----	\$ 264.42
C V P S-----	\$ 1,284.87
R A K Industries-----	\$ 835.35
G & J Extinguishers-----	\$ 46.30
Vermont League of Cities & towns-----	\$ 225.00
Bowman Distributors-----	\$ 538.30
Sticks & Stuff-----	\$ 7.08
Texas Refinery Corp.-----	\$ 374.50
Sheldon Creek Market-----	\$ 21.00
Pauline's Quick Stop-----	\$ 8.00
Airgas Eastern-----	\$ 104.51
Reynolds & Son-----	\$ 187.25
Clark's Truck Center-----	\$ 178.24
Enosburg Carquest-----	\$ 7.59
Sheldon Mini-Mart-----	\$ 4.98
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	\$ 4,678.32

EQUIPMENT EXPENSES:

GRADER:

Clark's Truck Center-----	\$	19.72
Reynolds & Son-----	\$	463.80
	\$	483.52

BACKHOE:

Powerplan-----	\$	1,372.45
Andrew Reed-----	\$	13.49
Enosburg Carquest-----	\$	62.97
A C Vaillancourt-----	\$	111.50
Boucher Equipment-----	\$	88.94
	\$	1,649.35

TRUCK EXPENSES:

TRUCK NO. 9: Andrew Reed

Valley Auto Supply-----	\$	97.84
Bowman Distributors-----	\$	391.69
Clark's Truck Center-----	\$	10,313.71
Reynolds & Son-----	\$	494.92
Andy Bonneau Machinery-----	\$	81.13
R A K Industries-----	\$	86.29
Contact-----	\$	351.32
Eastern Airgas-----	\$	42.80
Enosburg Carquest-----	\$	6.89
Texas Refinery-----	\$	112.66
Clark Communication-----	\$	370.00
	\$	12,349.25

TRUCK NO. 10-Hubert Spaulding

Bowman Distributors-----	\$	391.67
Reynolds & Son-----	\$	494.92
G S Wood-----	\$	2,410.67
Clark's Truck Center-----	\$	860.73
R A K Industries-----	\$	86.30
Contact-----	\$	351.31
Eastern Airgas-----	\$	42.80
Enosburg Carquest-----	\$	25.25
Tenco New England Industries-----	\$	163.74
Texas Refinery-----	\$	112.67
	\$	4,940.06

TRUCK NO. 11-Alfred Reed

Bowman Distributors-----	\$	391.67
Clark's Truck Center-----	\$	2,313.37
Reynolds & Son-----	\$	494.92
B & N Sales-----	\$	17.00
Vermont Municipal Truck Center-----	\$	459.07
R A K Industries-----	\$	86.30
Contact-----	\$	450.31
Green Ace Hardware-----	\$	25.60
Eastern Airgas-----	\$	42.80
Enosburg Carquest-----	\$	45.22
McCuin Fuels-----	\$	2.49
Andy Bonneau Machinery-----	\$	71.44
Texas Refinery-----	\$	112.67

\$ 4,512.86

NEW TRUCK:

Howard P. Fairfield-----	\$	28,300.00
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ALL FUEL EXPENSES:

H G Berger & Son-----	\$	15,347.69
Sheldon Mini-Mart-----	\$	54.15
Pauline's Quick Stop-----	\$	3.20

\$ 15,405.04

EQUIPMENT FUND:

Town of Sheldon-----	\$	30,000.00
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MATERIAL EXPENSES:**CLASS 2****CLASS 3**

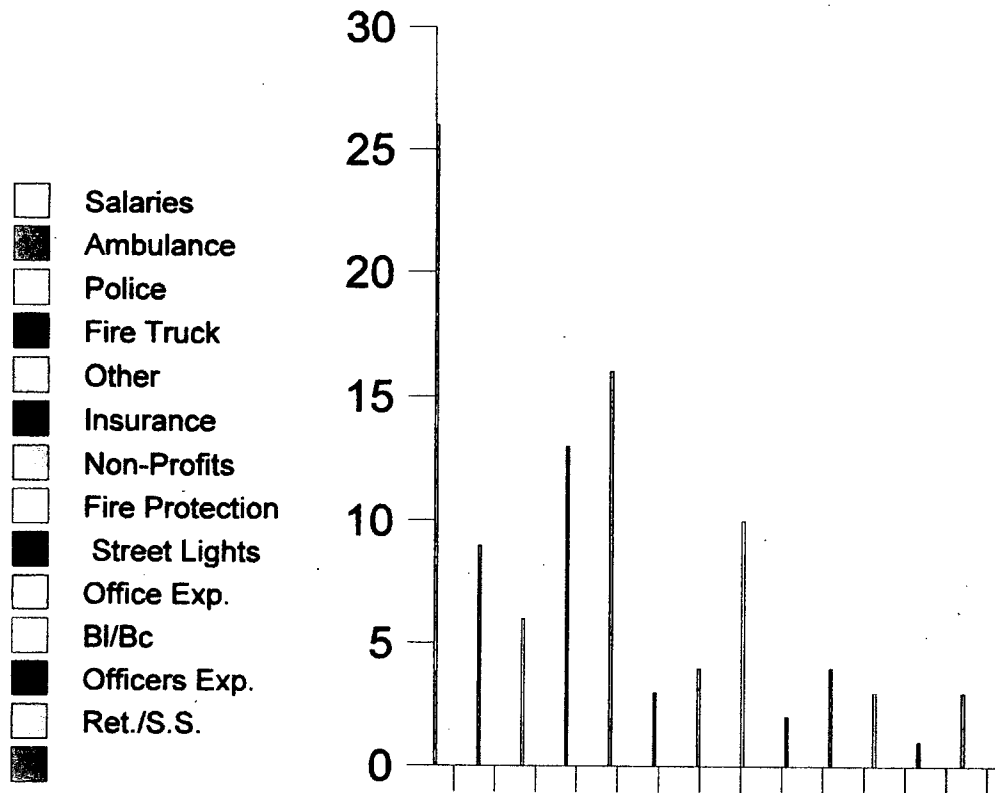
Shelburne Limestone-----	\$	948.80	\$	13,422.25
Cargill-Salt-----	\$	7,525.83	\$	7,536.81
R A K Industries-----	\$	709.40	\$	958.04
B & N Sales-----	\$	370.13	\$	438.76
Pike Industries-----	\$	81,786.69	\$	90,286.05
Bates Farm Home & Garden-----	\$	649.40	\$	1,195.96
Reynolds & Son-----	\$	15.68	\$	.00
Northeast Aggregate-----	\$	5,908.00	\$	6,811.00
Giddings M F G-----	\$	2,812.35	\$	6,796.43
Jeffery Kittell-----	\$	750.00	\$	750.00
McCuin Fuels-----	\$	459.95	\$	96.53
Leach Family, Inc.-----	\$	5,417.75	\$	10,150.25
Pauline's Quick Stop-----	\$	.00	\$	86.17
Thomas Drilling-----	\$	.00	\$	9,500.00
Sticks & Stuff-----	\$	.00	\$	27.17
Valley Auto-----	\$	.00	\$	5.96
Lawson Products-----	\$	.00	\$	51.08
Vermont Offender Workers-----	\$	.00	\$	108.06
Allstate Products-----	\$	.00	\$	6,430.72
Bonnett Supplies-----	\$	.00	\$	180.80

\$ 107,353.98

\$ 154,832.04

TOTAL ROAD EXPENSES:**\$523,720.63**

General Fund Account



GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT

SALARIES:	SALARY	EXPENSES
Susan A. Burnor-Town Clerk & Treasurer----	\$ 25,291.00	\$ 1,467.50
Paulette A. Bocash-Assistant Clerk-----	\$ 13,271.75	\$.00
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	\$ 38,562.75	\$ 1,467.50
 SELECTMEN:		
Richard Brouillette-----	\$ 400.00	\$.00
Gregory Stebbins-----	\$ 368.00	\$.00
Maurice Parent-----	\$ 320.00	\$.00
Paulette Bocash-Clerk-----	\$ 1,500.00	\$.00
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	\$ 2,588.00	\$.00
 AUDITORS:		
Yvette Severance-----	\$ 296.00	\$.00
Ann Pugsley-----	\$ 340.00	\$.00
Alice Swainbank-----	\$ 340.00	\$.00
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	\$ 976.00	\$.00
 LISTERS:		
Norbert Larose-----	\$ 1,464.00	\$ 91.52
Russell Dodd-----	\$ 216.00	\$.00
Susan Brooks-----	\$ 884.00	\$.00
George Marcotte-----	\$ 784.00	\$.00
Norbert Larose-Grand List Book-----	\$ 1,000.00	\$.00
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	\$ 4,348.00	\$ 91.52
 LIBRARY:		
Yvette Severance-----	\$ 5,620.00	\$.00
Alice Swainbank-----	\$ 16.00	\$.00
Ruth Lantman-----	\$ 476.00	\$.00
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	\$ 6,112.00	\$.00
 HEALTH OFFICER:		
Patricia Ryan-----	\$ 350.00	\$.00
 DOG CONTROL OFFICER:		
Alfred Reed-----	\$ 5,616.00	\$.00
 AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION:		
Maurice Parent-----	\$ 350.00	\$.00

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Richard Brouillette-----	\$ 350.00	\$.00
Patrick Howrigan-----	\$ 350.00	\$.00
	\$ 700.00	\$.00

B.C.A. Board:

Albert Severy-----	\$ 32.00	\$.00
Ruth Lantman-----	\$ 112.00	\$.00
Richard Brouillette-----	\$ 148.00	\$.00
Stephen Dodd-----	\$ 100.00	\$.00
Diane Crane-----	\$ 112.00	\$.00
George Stebbins-----	\$ 32.00	\$.00
Susan Burnor-----	\$ 105.00	\$.00
Patricia Reed-----	\$ 24.00	\$.00
Maurice Parent-----	\$ 12.00	\$.00
Sally Severy-----	\$ 12.00	\$.00
Paul Madden-----	\$ 12.00	\$.00
	\$ 701.00	\$.00

PLANNING COMMISSION & BOARD OF ADJ.:

Mary Lussier-----	\$ 250.00	\$.00
Patrick Howrigan-----	\$ 216.00	\$.00
Reginald West-----	\$ 276.00	\$.00
Pierre Parent-----	\$ 72.00	\$.00
Vincent Catlin-----	\$ 216.00	\$.00
Yvette Severance-----	\$ 232.00	\$.00
Clarence Bocash-----	\$ 180.00	\$.00
Stephen Larned-----	\$ 3,708.00	\$ 960.00
Rodney Whiting-----	\$ 90.00	\$.00
Richard Brouillette-----	\$ 12.00	\$.00
Marie Brouillette-----	\$ 60.00	\$.00
Albert Severy-----	\$ 72.00	\$.00
Maurice Parent-----	\$ 12.00	\$.00
Raymond Severance-----	\$ 84.00	\$.00
Lynne Leipold-----	\$ 38.00	\$.00
	\$ 5,518.00	\$ 960.00

TOTAL	\$ 65,821.75	\$ 2,519.02
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EXPENSES:

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Vermont State Treasurer-S.S.-----	\$ 6,685.01
Vermont Municipal Retirement-----	\$ 2,769.97
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	\$ 9,454.98

INSURANCES:

Hackett Valine & MacDonald-----	\$ 7,717.21
Acadia Insurance-----	\$ 627.00
Vermont League of Cities & Towns-----	\$ 1,780.20
Blue Cross/Blue Shield-----	\$ 9,736.56
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	\$ 19,860.97

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE EXPENSES:

U.S. Postal Service-----	\$ 698.00
Bruce Wetherby-Garbage-----	\$ 216.00
Viking Office Products-----	\$ 776.05
U.S. Bancorp.-----	\$ 1,760.74
Unifirst Corp.-----	\$ 578.57
Vermont Department of Health-----	\$ 16.00
G & J Extinguishers-----	\$ 4.00
St. Albans Messenger-----	\$ 357.05
Deluxe Business Forms-----	\$ 159.76
Verizon-----	\$ 997.66
A T & T-----	\$ 323.68
C.V.P.S.-----	\$ 778.51
H.G.Berger & Son-----	\$ 1,003.78
Trend Business Supplies-----	\$ 16.42
U.S.Postal -Envelopes-----	\$ 1,612.54
J.J. Marotti-----	\$ 1,591.19
Sticks & Stuff-----	\$ 18.99
Office Quarters Products-----	\$ 726.45
Schwaab Inc.-----	\$ 38.55
The National Survey-----	\$ 34.00
County Courier-----	\$ 135.20
New England Town Clerks Association-----	\$ 20.00
L & L Office Machines-----	\$ 110.00
Vermont Municipal Clerks-----	\$ 20.00
GTM Electric-----	\$ 48.75
Identification Source-----	\$ 149.85
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	\$ 12,191.74

STREET LIGHTS:

C.V.P.S.-----	\$ 5,402.58
Citizens Utilities-----	\$ 2,043.83

\$ 7,446.41

AMBULANCE SERVICE:

Enosburg Ambulance Service-----	\$ 19,900.00
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FIRST RESPONSE:

Sheldon First Response-----	\$ 7,000.00
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FIRE PROTECTION:

Hackett Valine & MacDonald-----	\$ 7,926.00
Town of Enosburg-----	\$ 1,745.86
St. Albans Police Department-----	\$ 1,100.00
One Beacon Insurance-----	\$ 1,709.00
Sheldon Mini-Mart-----	\$ 360.43
Sheldon Volunteer Fire Dept.-----	\$ 17,159.00

\$ 30,000.29

DUMP:

Northwest Solid Waste-----	\$ 1,990.00
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CEMETERY CARE:

Alfred Reed-----	\$ 1,300.00
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RECREATIONAL FUND:

Town of Sheldon-----	\$ 1,000.00
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FRANKLIN COUNTY TAX:

Treasurer of County of Franklin Tax-----	\$ 19,201.37
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LIBRARY EXPENSES:

Town of Sheldon Public Library-Northrup----	\$ 120.00
Hackett Valine & MacDonald-----	\$ 60.00
Sheldon Public Library-----	\$ 3,236.00

\$ 3,416.00

NEW FIRE TRUCK:

Federal Signal Corp.-----	\$ 38,305.00
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SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT:

Franklin County Sheriff Department-----	\$ 18,870.60
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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:

Franklin County Court Diversion-----	\$ 500.00
Citizens Advocacy-----	\$ 275.00
The Family Center-----	\$ 550.00
Champlain Valley Agency on Aging-----	\$ 800.00
Voices Against Violence, Laurie's House-----	\$ 600.00
Vermont Committee for Aids Resources-----	\$ 125.00
Club Respite-----	\$ 1,000.00
ARC of Northwestern Vermont-----	\$ 600.00
Home Health Agency-----	\$ 3,060.00
Vermont Association for the Blind-----	\$ 450.00
Northern Vermont Resources-----	\$ 50.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living-----	\$ 355.00
Vermont Public Transit Network-----	\$ 1,000.00
Northwestern Counseling-----	\$ 1,400.00
Franklin County Industrial Development-----	\$ 400.00
Northwest Unit for Special Investigations-----	\$ 1,500.00
Franklin County Humane Society-----	\$ 500.00
Foster Grandparents Program-----	\$ 315.00

\$13,480.00

OTHER EXPENSES:

Vermont Association of Chief of Police-----	\$ 12.00
Franklin County Humane Society-----	\$ 450.00
Peoples Trust Co.- Interest-----	\$ 5,623.99
North Country Press-----	\$ 2,321.55
Vermont Secretary of State-----	\$ 15.00
Sheldon Little League-----	\$ 1,500.00
Southworth CHT Milton-----	\$ 425.00
Apex IV-----	\$ 100.00
Staples-----	\$ 365.94
Gebo Electric-----	\$ 545.23
U.S. Envelopes-----	\$ 210.85
Micro Solve Corp.-----	\$ 150.00
Vermont State Treasurer-----	\$ 439.00
Andrew Brouillette-----	\$ 8.75
Vermont League of Cities & Towns-----	\$ 80.00
U V M Extension-----	\$ 35.00
David Bushey-----	\$ 1,400.00
Town of Sheldon-Sewer Department-----	\$ 4,200.00
Sheldon Elementary School-Northrup Fund-----	\$ 160.00
Northwest Regional Planning-----	\$ 1,632.00
Alfred Reed-----	\$ 350.00
Jerry Parent-Tax Refund-----	\$ 2,273.16
Ed Moore-----	\$ 500.00

\$ 22,797.47

TAX COLLECTOR:

Paulette Bocash-----

\$ 10,770.23

TOTAL OF GENERAL FUND EXPENSES:

\$ 305,325.83

TOTAL ROAD & GENERAL FUND EXPENSES: \$ 829,046.46

ROAD FUND BUDGET

	2003 Budget	Gross Cost	Credits	Net Cost	2004 Budget
Road Salaries	\$ 85,000.00	\$100,989.50	\$ 27,759.50	\$ 73,230.00	\$ 85,000.00
Social Security	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 7,725.69	\$ 1,002.00	\$ 6,723.69	\$ 6,900.00
Retirement	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 5,049.52	\$ 250.00	\$ 4,799.52	\$ 4,800.00
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	\$ 29,300.00	\$ 29,210.10	\$.00	\$ 29,210.10	\$ 30,000.00
Insurance	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 16,241.40	\$.00	\$ 16,241.40	\$ 17,000.00
Garage Expense	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,678.32	\$.00	\$ 4,678.32	\$ 4,000.00
Truck Expense	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 50,102.17	\$ 40,690.15	\$ 9,412.02	\$ 14,000.00
Grader/Backhoe	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,132.87	\$.00	\$ 2,132.87	\$ 2,100.00
Oil/Fuel	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 15,405.04	\$.00	\$ 15,405.04	\$ 16,000.00
Equipment Fund	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 44,000.00
Black Top	\$ 75,000.00	\$144,428.78	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 110,428.78	\$ 100,000.00
Road Maintenance	\$ 35,000.00	\$117,757.24	\$ 57,757.00	\$ 60,000.24	\$ 40,000.00
Class 2 & 3 Roads	\$(100,005.19)	\$.00	\$101,738.80	\$(101,738.80)	\$(101,738.80)
Totals	\$211,494.81	\$523,720.63	\$ 263,197.45	\$ 260,523.18	\$ 262,061.20

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

	2003 Budget	Gross Cost	Credits	Net Cost	2004 Budget
General Fund Salaries	\$ 55,960.00	\$ 76,591.98	\$ 12,970.23	\$ 63,621.75	\$ 55,960.00
Social Security	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 6,685.01	\$ 1,984.74	\$ 4,700.27	\$ 5,400.00
Retirement	\$ 3,260.00	\$ 2,769.97	\$.00	\$ 2,769.97	\$ 3,000.00
Officers Expense	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,519.02	\$.00	\$ 2,519.02	\$ 2,500.00
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 9,736.56	\$.00	\$ 9,736.56	\$ 9,000.00
Town Office Expense	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 12,191.74	\$ 1,947.09	\$ 10,244.74	\$ 10,500.00
Non-Profits	\$ 13,480.00	\$ 13,480.00	\$.00	\$ 13,480.00	\$.00
Fire Department	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.29	\$.00	\$ 30,000.29	\$ 30,000.00
Street Lights	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,446.41	\$.00	\$ 7,446.41	\$ 7,500.00
Public Library	\$ 3,416.00	\$ 3,416.00	\$.00	\$ 3,416.00	\$ 3,416.00
Cemetery Care	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,400.00
Insurance	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 10,124.41	\$.00	\$ 10,124.41	\$ 11,000.00
Police Protection	\$ 19,379.00	\$ 18,870.60	\$ 1,345.60	\$ 17,524.91	\$ 19,379.00
Other Expenses	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 22,797.47	\$ 9,127.00	\$ 13,670.47	\$ 16,000.00
Dump Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,990.00	\$.00	\$ 1,990.00	\$ 2,000.00
Ambulance	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 19,900.00	\$.00	\$ 19,900.00	\$ 21,500.00
Recreation	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Franklin County Tax	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 19,201.37	\$.00	\$ 19,201.37	\$ 18,500.00
First Response	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$.00
New Fire Truck	\$ 38,305.00	\$ 38,305.00	\$.00	\$ 38,305.00	\$ 38,305.00
Zoning Permits	\$(6,372.00)	\$.00	\$ 6,413.00	\$(6,413.00)	\$(6,413.00)
Interest	\$(5,864.19)	\$.00	\$ 6,136.82	\$(6,136.82)	\$(6,136.82)
School Services	\$(1,500.00)	\$.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$(1,500.00)	\$(1,500.00)
Totals	\$260,163.81	\$305,325.83	\$ 41,424.48	\$263,390.35	\$242,310.18

TOTAL BUDGET FOR 2004 \$504,371.38

SEWER DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan. 1, 2003 thru Dec. 31, 2003

Susan A. Burnor

RECEIPTS:

Cash on hand and in Peoples Tr. Co. Jan. 1-03	\$ 12,111.03
Sewer Rents Received for 2003-----	\$ 44,412.41
Sewer Penalties -----	\$ 687.75
Sewer Project refund-----	\$ 63,313.69
Town of Sheldon, Voted-----	\$ 4,200.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 2003	<u>\$124,724.88</u>
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Selectmen orders for 2003-----	\$110,114.80
New Check-----	\$ 42.25
Peoples Tr. Co. Bank Balance 2003-----	\$ 14,567.83

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR 2003	<u>\$124,724.88</u>
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SEWER DEPARTMENT EXPENSES:

Town of Sheldon-Services-----	\$ 32,420.50
Town of Sheldon-Bookkeeping-----	\$ 350.00
Endyne Inc.-----	\$ 1,227.00
Verizon-----	\$ 549.40
A T & T-----	\$ 283.01
Drummac Septic Service-----	\$ 10,032.50
Q.C. Services-----	\$ 250.00
McCuin Fuels-----	\$ 96.10
G & J Extinguishers-----	\$ 8.00
U.S.D.A. Rural Development-----	\$ 6,180.00
State of Vermont-----	\$ 227.00
Severn Trent Services-----	\$ 1,852.50
Citizen Utilities-----	\$ 6,602.65
Village of Enosburg Falls, Inc.-----	\$ 690.00
Spectrum Environmental Research-----	\$ 529.50
U.S.A. Bluebook-----	\$ 2,854.13
Pauline's Quick Stop-----	\$ 82.66
Allen Engineering-----	\$ 572.10
McKee, Giuliani & Cleveland-----	\$ 550.00
Chevalier Drilling-----	\$ 343.90
Acadia Insurance-----	\$ 200.00
Sticks & Stuff-----	\$ 10.98
Andrew Reed-----	\$ 100.39
Alfred Reed-----	\$ 51.20
Hubert Spaulding-----	\$ 41.92
Forcier Aldrich & Associates-----	\$ 14,325.32
Red Hed Supply-----	\$ 405.56
Gervais & Son-----	\$ 2,046.72
Green Ace Hardware-----	\$ 45.61
B-2 Designs-----	\$ 2,950.45
M.E. Quilliam-----	\$ 14,648.59
Gold Star Products-----	\$ 411.75
Enosburg Carquest-----	\$ 72.12
Vermont Protective Coating-----	\$ 7,861.00
Hackett Valine & MacDonald-----	\$ 219.00
Jeffords Steel of Vermont-----	\$ 887.24
St. Albans Messenger-----	\$ 136.00

TOTAL	\$ 110,114.80
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WATER DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT

JAN.1, 2003 THRU DEC. 31, 2003

SUSAN A. BURNOR

RECEIPTS:

Cash on hand and in Peoples Trust Co. Jan. 1, 2003	\$ 7,131.96
Water Rents Received for 2003-----	\$35,933.42
Water Penalties for 2003-----	\$ 638.19
Water Hook Ups for 2003-----	\$ 350.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 2003	\$44,053.57
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Selectmen orders drawn for 2003-----	\$ 29,854.48
Peoples Trust Co. Bank Bal. 2003-----	\$ 14,199.09

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR 2003	\$44,053.57
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WATER DEPARTMENT EXPENSES:

Town of Sheldon-Services-----	\$ 6,339.00
Town of Sheldon-Bookkeeping-----	\$ 350.00
Treasurer, State of Vermont-----	\$ 531.74
C.V.P.S.-----	\$ 7,915.41
Citizens Utilities-----	\$ 3,688.62
G & J Extinguishers -----	\$ 4.00
Alfred Reed-----	\$ 51.20
Vermont Department of Health-----	\$ 889.00
Red Hed Supply-----	\$ 1,670.72
Andrew Reed-----	\$ 25.60
Chevallier /Drilling-----	\$ 164.23
Franklin Rental-----	\$ 59.42
McCuin Fuels-----	\$ 143.54
Hackett Valine & MacDonald-----	\$ 537.00
Acadia Insurance-----	\$ 200.00
U.S.D.A. Rural Development-Loan-----	\$ 7,285.00

TOTAL	\$ 29,854.48
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DOG FUND ACCOUNT

5 Kennel Dogs-----	\$ 30.00
177 Dogs @ \$5.00-----	\$ 885.00
40 Dogs @ \$7.00-----	\$ 280.00
66 Dogs @ \$9.00-----	\$ 594.00
16 Dogs @ \$12.00-----	\$ 208.00
304 Dogs at @ \$2.00-----	\$ -608.00

Turned over to the Town----- \$1,389.00

DOG WARDEN PHONE NUMBER 933-6544

TOWN OF SHELDON ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A building permit is needed before a building or other structure is constructed, erected, moved, rebuilt or enlarged.

Sewer Disposal permit are needed and a design in place by a engineer before a new system is built. A permit is required before replacing an existing system.

Copies of the Zoning By-Laws and Flood amendments are available at the Town Clerk's Office for a fee.

FEE'S:

Building permits	\$ 56.00 for new house
	\$ 26.00 for other structures
Septic permits	\$ 31.00
Occupancy permit	\$ 31.00
Planning & Zoning	\$200.00

For the year 2003 87 permits were issued:

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Larned
Zoning Administrator

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

YEAR	TAX ABATEMENTS ERROR			COLLECTED	BALANCE
1997-2000	\$ 5,358.72	\$.00	\$.00	\$ 5,358.72	\$.00
2001	\$ 8,234.34	\$.00	\$.00	\$ 4,637.09	\$ 3,597.25
2002	\$ 76,749.73	\$.00	\$.00	\$ 62,112.25	\$ 14,637.48
2003	\$ 133,516.36	\$.00	\$.91	\$ 61,876.03	\$ 71,639.42
	<u>\$ 223,859.15</u>	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$.91</u>	<u>\$ 133,984.09</u>	<u>\$ 89,874.15</u>

2001

Benjamin, Amy-----	\$ 514.57
Booth Brothers-----	\$ 3.23
Gagne, Randy-----	\$ 188.30
Gonyeau, Patsy-----	\$ 567.64
Greenwood, Mark & Pamela-----	\$ 749.51
Villeneuve, Ardelle Est.-----	\$ 482.71
West, Paula-----	\$ 213.64
Williams, John -----	\$ 877.65
	<u>\$ 3,597.25</u>

2002

Bartemy, Herbert & Lynn-----	\$ 2,291.53
Benjamin, Amy-----	\$ 763.20
Berry, Rocky & Julie-----	\$ 1,542.55
Booth Brothers-----	\$ 3.32
City Capital-----	\$ 78.97
City Corp. Vender Finance-----	\$ 60.33
Domina, Grace Est.-----	\$ 1,436.28
Gagne, Randy-----	\$ 1,246.44
Gonyeau, Patsy-----	\$ 1,332.73
Greenwood, Mark & Pamela-----	\$ 818.82
LaCoste, Duane & Bovat, Phyllis-----	\$ 508.16
Nolan, Amelia-----	\$ 881.91
Peno, Roy & Betty-----	\$ 763.18
Reed, David & Hazel-----	\$ 496.66
Suprenant, Andre' & Doiron, Irene-----	\$ 24.93
Swann, Richard & Shirley-----	\$ 175.56
Villeneuve, Ardelle Est.-----	\$ 527.34
West, Paula-----	\$ 726.77
Williams, John-----	\$ 958.80
	<u>\$ 14,637.48</u>

2003

Abbate, David-----	\$ 2,237.76 *
Adams, Timothy & Sandi-----	\$ 104.22
Anna's Family Restaurant-----	\$ 7.09
Bartemy, Herbert & Lynn-----	\$ 2,349.85
Benjamin, Amy-----	\$ 782.63
Bergeron, Sherri & Poissant, Danny-----	\$ 127.60

Berry, Rocky & Julie-----	\$	1,942.80
Booth Brothers-----	\$	3.54
C I T Technology Finance-----	\$	16.92
Chadwick, Daniel-----	\$	2,737.23
City Capital-----	\$	84.35
Compass Group USA Inc.-----	\$	62.15
Crawford, Patrick-----	\$	144.64 *
Demar, Debra-----	\$	1,799.26
Demar, Larry & Marsha-----	\$	2,540.59
Dibler, Alan & Mary-----	\$	1,240.80
Domina, Grace Est.-----	\$	1,472.83
Emerson, Charles & Lisa-----	\$	188.77
Feeley, Michael-----	\$	2,041.12
Gadouas, Jeffery-----	\$	1,999.83
Gadouas, Jeffery-----	\$	3,447.10 *
Gagne, Randy-----	\$	1,299.79
Gilman, Tammy-----	\$	2,235.80
Gonyeau, Patsy-----	\$	1,366.65
Greenwood, Mark & Pamela-----	\$	839.65
Greenwood, Michael-----	\$	1,905.44
Gumpert, Richard & Joanne-----	\$	452.27
Hutchins, John & Vickie-----	\$	2,654.64
Ives, Steven & Tina-----	\$	541.12 *
Kittell, Dean & Florence-----	\$	1,636.04
LaCoste, Duane & Bovat, Phyllis-----	\$	521.10
Latour, Andre & Monique-----	\$	80.62
Lebire, Geniette & Payant, Gilles-----	\$	98.32
Leveille, Florence & Barrette, Michael-----	\$	458.12
Lumbra, Lynn & Maria-----	\$	1,730.43
Machia, William-----	\$	2,047.02 *
Machia, William-----	\$	538.79 *
Nolan, Amelia-----	\$	1,244.73
Paquette, Carol-----	\$	503.76
Parent, Dean-----	\$	857.35
Peno, Roy & Betty-----	\$	865.22
Perry, Donald-----	\$	867.18
Prive, Norma-----	\$	489.39
Prue, Patrick-----	\$	1,480.80
Reed, David & Hazel-----	\$	509.30
Reynolds, Dennis & Sandra-----	\$	314.62
Rheaume, Mitchell-----	\$	485.70
Rich, Gary-----	\$	652.84 *
Roberts, James & Norma-----	\$	2,497.33
Rosseau, Gilles & Theresa-----	\$	267.43
Ryan, Wendy-----	\$	471.40
Smith, Harold & Billi Jean-----	\$	146.10 *
Snider, Mark & Viola-----	\$	1,710.77
Sparrow Associates-Crowe, Robert-----	\$	1,681.27
Spaulding, Robert R.-----	\$	4,178.60
Stockman, Davida-----	\$	670.54
Suprenant, Andre' & Dorion, Irene-----	\$	25.56
Swann, Richard & Shirley-----	\$	206.47
Sweet, Chester & Sharlene-----	\$	625.32
Sweet, Chester & Sharlene-----	\$	900.61

Sweet, Chester & Sharlene-----	\$	8.86
The Bank of New York-----	\$	1,203.44
Villeneuve, Ardelle Est.-----	\$	540.76
West, Paula-----	\$	745.27
West, Thomas-----	\$	556.49
Whiting, Elizabeth & Mary-----	\$	849.52
Whiting, Rodney & Crystal-----	\$	1,128.71
Williams, John-----	\$	983.20
Wright, Lorraine-----	\$	234.00
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	\$	71,639.42
 TOTAL BALANCE DUE TO THE TOWN	\$	89,874.15

* Paid to the Town after December 31, 2003

2003 HEALTH OFFICERS REPORT

I, would like to thank the Townspeople for the continuing support in health issues, registering their dogs and burning permits. We have had a productive year. There have been a few problems with dog bites, you must be sure your dogs have rabies shots and are REGISTERED. There is no burning in the town at all. Also if you are a landlord please try to comply with the State Codes.

Thanks to all for their support.

Patricia Ryan
Sheldon Health Officer

SHELDON TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Town Planning Commission have been working very hard this year with the Regional Planning of St. Albans, We have new Interim Zoning By-Laws that will be voted on in March Town Meeting, please take a few minutes and go vote.

We have also been working on many new developments in Town. There have been many meeting and a very good turn out of townspeople. Meeting are open to the public and posted in the office and newspaper. Thanks to all the townspeople for their corporation.

Respectfully submitted
Sheldon Planning Board

Sheldon First Response

We start again by thanking the Town of Sheldon for their continued support, without your assistance we would not be the award winning team that we are today.

We would like to also thank our fire department for being at our side whenever needed.

Sheldon First Response has become an Advanced Life Support team with our new I Tech personnel.

At this time we are at nine members, with an average of a 5 minutes response time. We have been on 110 calls just in the town limits of Sheldon, with 143 total calls counting our surrounding area.

We have upgraded our radio system, because of our location we needed to do this. We have a lot of dead spots in our area. We hope to have better communication now. We received a grant from Home Land Security for this upgrade.

We continue to ask for your financial support to keep our team going. This support goes into our insurance, education and equipment. Without your support we couldn't be there for you.

Again we ask people to join our organization. The more members the better the team and the more support for you.

We have lost two of our founding members. We would like to thank them for their dedication though out the years. We wish them well as they will be missed. Thank You.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trudy Patterson
Secretary

Barb Jettie
President
802-827-3201

Sheldon Fire Department

This year has been a exciting year for the Fire Department. We were selected by the Vermont Homeland Security Unit to receive funding to purchase radio communication equipment that allows our department to communicate with Federal, State and other Local agencies. Portions of this grant also contain education material, AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) for cardiac arrests and specialized radio receivers.

Call volume within the town continues to be increasing with the addition of new homes from year to year. This increase in volume plus the recent cold snap have cost our department greatly. We are looking into ways to consolidate our equipment and facilities to make us efficient.

In closing, I want to thank our community for their continued support and to thank our dedicated members for the countless hours they have provided the department and community throughout the year.

Secretary

Richard Piaseczny

Sheldon Fire Department Financial Report

Checking Account Beginning Balance	\$16824.24
Account Deposits	\$ 704.00
Interest Earned	\$ 42.33
Debits	(\$17085.40)
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Balance.....	\$ 485.17

Treasurer

Richard Piaseczny

Sheldon Public Library, Inc.

The Sheldon Public Library has actively pursued a number of grants this past year and successfully received a \$10,000 grant from the Vt. Public Library Foundation (Freeman). This grant is to be used to increase the visibility of the Library in the community through the addition of hours that the Library is open and programming for both children and adults. Ms. Ernie Hemmingway, also known as the Traveling Storyteller, conducted a highly successful summer program for children of many ages. Activities, including stories, arts & crafts, and "wiggles" to music, were conducted under a tent on the lawn of the Library/Town Clerk's Office building. A similar program was held monthly in the evenings at the Sheldon Elementary School. Ms. Hemmingway is interested in starting adult groups to discuss books and/or topics of interest. If you are interested in being included or getting information regarding these groups, please call the Library (933-READ). Some interesting books have been proposed! The Library has increased the time it is open by eight hours each week. Ms. Deborah Lindley has been hired as the Assistant Librarian for the additional hours and is funded through this grant.

The Franklin County Early Childhood Advisory Council also awarded the Library a grant this year to purchase and maintain books to support parents and childcare providers. Some of the materials purchased address the areas of child development, special needs children and supporting their needs, behavior and discipline, and activities to support child development. These materials are currently being prepared for public use and will be available from three locations: the Public Library, the Sheldon School Library and the Early Childhood Classroom at the Sheldon Elementary School. Please stop by any of these sites and view these new books.

Thanks to Darcy Murphy for her service as Trustee, and for many years, Treasurer. Darcy steps down due to increased work responsibilities.

Library Hours: Tuesday 8 a.m.-12 noon, 1-8 p.m.
Thursday 1-8 p.m.
Saturday 10a.m.- 2 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Palin
Andrew Crane
Ernie Hemmingway
Jackie Russell
Darcy Murphy (Ret.)

SHELDON PUBLIC LIBRARY, INC.

GENERAL CHECKING

Beginning Balance 1/1/03	\$ 3028.11
Balance 12/31/03	67.63
Deposit Town Appropriation 12/31/03	3236.00
Ending Balance	\$ 3303.63

VT. PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION GRANT (FREEMAN)

Restricted funds

Beginning Balance 3/03	\$ 10000.00
Ending Balance 12/31/03	9067.76

FRANKLIN COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL GRANT

Beginning Balance 6/03	\$ 4550.00
Ending Balance 12/31/03	105.58

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNTS

CD #1 as of 11/03	\$ 6805.28
CD #2 as of 12/03	8356.38
CD #3 as of 11/03	7882.93
Building Fund- Checking	3903.33

FORBES MEMORIAL FUND (bequest)

Interest toward purchase of books as of 5/16/03	\$ 5683.26
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PROPOSED BUDGET 2004

Books	\$ 2500.00
Postage/Supplies	150.00
Magazines	300.00
Video/Audio	450.00
Phone	720.00
Program/Activities	250.00
1/3 Utilities, Librarian Salary	6554.00
Insurance	<u>50.00</u>
	\$ 10,974.00

DEATHS:

Name	Sex	Age	Date of Death		
Jerry, Roseanna		F	86	Feb. 12	2003
Major, Jr., Graydon		M	60	April 11	2003
Bessette, James		M	72	May 17	2003
Coburn, Raymond A		M	17	Sept. 9	2003
Corwell, Laura E		F	87	Dec. 24	2003

MARRIAGES:

Name of Groom	Name of Bride	Date	Place
Gilbeau, Bradford	Austin, Barbara	04-27-03	St. Albans
Judd, Jeremiah	Carlson-Shea, Rachel	05-24-03	Fairfield
Reed, Mark R.	Sheridan, Gail	06-28-03	Fairfax
Williams, John	Ladd, Sandra	08-09-03	Franklin
Ploof, Richard	Gardner, Lisa	08-16-03	Milton
Timmerman, Todd	Parent, Sara	08-23-03	St. Albans
Smith, Travis	Domina, Tina	09-06-03	Sheldon
Kane, Jacob	Wirght, Douglass	09-06-03	Enosburgh
Cameron, Joseph	Ferland, Michelle	10-04-03	Highgate
Kane, Aaron	Gale Morgan	10-04-03	Brandon
Masseth, Christopher	Jette, Kim	10-04-03	St. Albans
Carey, Christopher	Read, Jennifer	12-20-03	St. Albans

BIRTHS:

Name	Date	Parents
Mohr, Samuel	Jan. 13, 2003	Erin & David Mohr
Parent, Brianna	Mar. 03, 2003	Amy & Mark Parent
Benoit, Logan	Mar. 06, 2003	Kathy & Jody Benoit
Machia, Marisa	Mar. 10, 2003	Angela & Shaun Machia
Pattullo, Nicholas	Apr. 13, 2003	Nathanha & Daniel Pattullo
Kickert, Kara	May 21, 2003	Tonia & David Kickert
Burnor, Stephen	Jun. 04, 2003	Mary & Wayne Burnor
Hayden, Faith	Jun. 06, 2003	Anna & Patrick Hayden
Hotham, Elizabeth	Jun. 10, 2003	Stacie & James Hotham11
Reed, Jarrett	Jun. 14, 2003	Jolea Aamodt & Randy Reed
Noyes, Olivia	Jul. 11, 2003	Heidi & Kenneth Noyes
Mason, Hunter	Aug. 12, 2003	Roberta & Roger Mason
Robtoy, Makenna	Aug. 23, 2003	Terri & Bradley Robtoy
Booker, Cole	Aug. 23, 2003	Melissa & Scott Booker

Gonyea, Alexis	Sept.10, 2003	Nicole Jaycox,Andrew Gonyea
Oliver, Maegan	Oct. 05, 2003	Laurie & Thomas Oliver
Sears, Cassidy	Nov. 03, 2003	Trina Allen,Ronald Sears
Harness, Lawrence	Nov. 13, 2003	Mary Kinney, Larry Harness
Morris, Nathan	Nov. 21, 2003	Stacey Willette, James Morris
Peno, Shawna	Nov. 28, 2003	Danielle Peno
Paquette, Nicolas	Dec. 01, 2003	Karen Paquette



NORTHWEST VERMONT RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

c/o Northwest Regional Planning Commission • 7 Lake Street, Suite 201 • St. Albans, VT 05478
Phone: 802-524-5958 • Fax: 802-527-2948

APPOINTED MEMBERS

St. Albans City
Jim Smith

St. Albans Town
Dorothy & Roy Baker

Swanton
Carl Whitehouse

Fairfield
Jane Williams

Sheldon
John Gale

Enosburg Town
Richard Roberge

Enosburg Falls
Raymond Larose

Berkshire
Ferdinand Lauffer

Richford
Phyllis Tiffany

VAST
Dan Favreau

At Large
Richard Archambault
Marie Brouillette
Bill Brunelle
Kathleen Brunelle
Eleanor Dodd
Mike Loner
Cindy Rutkowski
David Stanley

Ex-Officio

VT Agency of
Transportation

Northwest Regional
Planning Commission

VT Dept. of Forests,
Parks, & Recreation

2003 TOWN REPORT

The Northwest Vermont Rail Trail Council was established in 1991 to advise the State of Vermont on management and use issues for the Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail. In addition to advising the State on trail issues, the Council also assists trail users, helps make trail improvements, and raises funds for small maintenance projects and amenities, like benches and picnic tables. The Council, which is a non-profit organization, is made up of nine appointed representatives from the communities along the trail, eight elected members-at-large who represent trail users, one representative from the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST), and three ex-officio members who act as advisors. Appointed Council members and members-at-large have equal voting representation. **Sheldon is currently represented on the Council by John Gale.**

This year, the Council completed the following projects:

- Installed benches, tables, and bicycle racks at 12 sites along the Trail
- Conducted a Trail user survey among 1,700 persons to determine user satisfaction with the trail and economic benefits to businesses
- Developed a Trail crossing policy to guide it in evaluating requests for new crossings
- Organized a Trail clean-up on Green Up Day
- Distributed 2,500 Rail Trail Guides to local residents and visitors to the trail

Other activities undertaken by the Council were:

- Hosting an annual public meeting in Richford
- Hosting a celebration of National Trails Day at The Abbey Restaurant
- Publishing two trail newsletters

Council's plans for the year 2004 include:

- Constructing parking areas in Green's Corner (Swanton), East Berkshire, and Richford
- Distributing copies of our free Rail Trail Guide to local businesses, municipalities, and Trail users
- Seek funding to plan for restrooms along the Trail.

Funding for the Council's activities is provided through the Council's Friend of the Trail program, the Northwest Regional Planning Commission, the Vermont Agency of Transportation, and project-specific grants. The Council invites local input on ways in which the Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail can better serve the community. For more information on the Council or its activities, please contact your municipal representative, or call the Council's coordinator, Cynthia Scott, at (802) 933-8851.

Vermont Department of Health Annual Report – for Sheldon

The Vermont Department of Health works to protect and improve the health of all citizens. The following are some of the essential services available to residents of Sheldon.

Reportable Disease Case Investigations: Infectious diseases continue to be a major source of illness, disability and death in the U.S. and Vermont, accounting for 25% of all doctor visits each year. The Health Department investigates all cases of disease such as meningitis, hepatitis, pertussis (whooping cough), and infectious diarrhea to determine their source, to recommend control measures (including current treatment standards) and to prevent further spread of disease. In 2002, the department investigated 82 cases of disease in Franklin County.

Vaccine-Preventable Diseases: Proper vaccination protects children and adults against many diseases, saves health care dollars, 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 charges from vaccine-preventable disease in Vermont is \$2.6 Million, and each year 150 – 200 Vermonters die of pneumonia or influenza. During 2002, the Health Department distributed 11,754 doses of vaccine to health care providers in Franklin County. This represents a value of \$159,845.43 to these communities, especially children living in Sheldon.

West Nile Virus (WNV) Surveillance: WNV first appeared in the U.S. in New York City in 1999 and has become well established in the United States. Birds, mammals and 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 the fall. In 2003, 5 Town Health Officers in different parts of the state also participated in the program, assisting primarily with mosquito trapping. As of September 19, 2003: 450 mosquito pools were tested, with nine positive for WNV, and three horses have tested positive (one each from Addison, Orleans and Franklin Counties). In Franklin County from June-September 19th 2003, 162 dead birds were reported, 46 were tested, and 3 were found to be infected with West Nile Virus. There were no reported human or equine cases reported during this same time period.

New public health issues emerge every year. Some challenges being addressed by the Health Department include emergency preparedness and response to disease threats like SARS or potential acts of bio-terrorism; 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 more information about these efforts, or if you have a public health concern, please call the St. Albans District Office at 802-524-7970. Please visit our web site at www.HealthyVermonters.info for information on health topics, public health emergency preparedness and response, news releases, publications, reports and general public health information.



2003 TOWN REPORT

The Regional Commission is an organization formed by and serving the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. The Commission has been providing planning and development assistance to communities for over twenty-five years. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by two locally appointed members to the governing Board of Commissioners. **Sheldon is currently represented on the Board of Commissioners by: Richard Brouillette and Patrick Howrigan, and on the Transportation Advisory Committee by: Maurice Parent.**

This year the Commission provided municipal assistance in the following areas:

- ❖ data collection and analysis
- ❖ municipal plan and bylaw review, development, update, and adoption
- ❖ geographic information services, including mapping
- ❖ grant applications, grant administration
- ❖ site plan and subdivision reviews and state permits, including Act 250 proceedings
- ❖ emergency response planning and disaster mitigation planning

The Commission assisted and supported the efforts of Sheldon this year by working with the Planning Commission to finalize new bylaws and subdivision regulations and to develop a permit checklist, providing ongoing support and education regarding the implementation of the new bylaws, completing Road Surface Management inventories and creating maps for Sheldon Elementary.

The Commission also sponsors regional planning programs, provides a forum for inter-municipal cooperation, and participates in state regulatory proceedings for projects that have impact across municipal boundaries. Regional planning projects this year included:

- ◆ Mitigation planning for natural and man-made hazards in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties
- ◆ Development of a Regional Road Map for Franklin and Grand Isle Counties
- ◆ Lake Champlain Byways planning in Grand Isle and Franklin Counties
- ◆ Development of telecommunications bylaw language
- ◆ Assistance with the Missisquoi Bay Bridge replacement project
- ◆ Public involvement for recreation path planning in Grand Isle County
- ◆ Education forums and workshops for local officials
- ◆ Completion of a regional long-range transportation plan

This coming year, the Commission will complete an update of the region's transportation plan, continue work with a volunteer committee and the State to push for timely replacement of the Missisquoi Bay Bridge, complete a Regional Emergency Services Communication Plan and a Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and continue our efforts to provide increased services to our member municipalities.

The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; however each year we do request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional planning activities and to help offset costs and provide local matching funds needed for other sources of state and federal funding. For the coming year the Board voted to maintain the municipal assessment rate of \$0.82 per capita, based on the 2000 US Census population.

Your continued support for local and regional planning is greatly appreciated. Remember, we are your resource -- please call on us for assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, recreation, mapping or data needs. For more information, please visit our office at 7 Lake Street in St. Albans, contact your municipal representatives, or give us a call at 1-800-564-5958.

SHELDON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003

Dear Mrs. Quebec,

We all remember you as a teacher and a friend, with a kind, caring, loving, dedicated heart. You could be as gentle as a kitten or as harsh as a wild cat. You had good techniques and had fun activities. You taught interesting activities about herbs or other things that everybody participated in. Many of us remember the times Dr. John Wrazen came with animals to Ms. Larsen's class; you came to help with a smile. The class enjoyed the time when we used light bulbs in the electricity unit. Some students remembered the time you had gone in for surgery and you had come back to visit. The whole class was glad to see you smile. Then a student took a picture of you on a beanbag chair, they called the picture "The Blob". Then you took a picture of the cameraman when he broke his leg ("Blob II"). You were a very cool teacher. You taught us so much. We will never forget you!

From your loving students and friends

P.S. We will miss you!



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NOTES OF INTEREST

Sheldon Elementary School
78 Poor Farm Road
Sheldon, VT 05483
Telephone Number [802] 933-4909

School Board Meets: second Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm at the
School [unless otherwise warned].

School Hours:

Kindergarten

8:00am - 10:45am

12:15pm - 3:00pm

Grades 1-8

8:00am - 2:30pm

Supervision of children is provided starting at 7:45am.

Transportation:

Bus transportation is provided to all Sheldon students who live outside walking distance, as specified in the school's transportation policy. All students who live within one-half mile of the school are expected to walk. If this is impossible, please contact the Principal.

Admissions:

Vermont Education Law states that a "legal pupil" is a child who will become five (5) years of age on or before January 1 following the beginning of the school year. A person who has become 18 years of age shall not be deprived of public school advantages on account of age.

Administration:

Dr. John McCarthy, Superintendent of Schools	868-4967
Ms. Becky Hart, Business Manager	868-4967
Ms. Linda Chaim, Special Education Coordinator	868-4967
Ms. Melissa Bedell, Curriculum Coordinator	868-4967
Ms. Sharron DeRosia, Principal	933-4909
Dr. Jeffrey Benay, Director of Indian Education Programs	868-4033

Sheldon School Directors:

Mrs. Celeste Kane-Stebbins, Chair	933-4975
Mr. Paul Madden, Clerk	933-6677
Mrs. Paula Howrigan, Board Member	933-4785

FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD:

This last year has brought about an exciting new project at our school. Mrs. Cote's and Mrs. Quebec's classes have been busy working on the "Forest Project" and with the assistance of the Vermont Institute of Natural Sciences, have mapped the school forest. Maps of the trails are now available for public use and townspeople are encouraged to pick one up to explore our forest. A Forest Stewardship Committee was formed to plan the long-term management of the forest. The Committee is comprised of townspeople, Board members, and teachers.

We have been working to keep our school in good physical repair. Maintenance and improvements completed this past year include replacement of one of the original boilers, installation of two streetlights in the lower parking lot, and repainting the gym. The upper parking lot and tennis court were re-paved through cost-sharing with the Town.

The Sheldon Cares group is very active and is working hard at securing a large 21 Century grant to fund future projects. Through their efforts, much of the younger children's playground equipment has been replaced.

Exciting things are going on inside the school as well. We are pleased to have hosted a teacher from Thailand again this year. This was made possible through the Asian Studies program at UVM. Participation in the music program continues to increase and now includes second and third graders. We have added a Literacy Specialist to work with our teachers to improve the reading skills of our students. The school's annual reading event in February was a huge success with one hundred-fifty people participating.

Sheldon School is very fortunate to have many long-term employees. This year we are bidding farewell to veteran teacher, Dianne Quebec who has been teaching Sheldon children for almost forty years! We also say goodbye to head custodian Frank Burnor. On behalf of the citizens of Sheldon, the Board extends our gratitude to both of these dedicated employees.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Howrigan
Paul Madden
Celeste Kane-Stebbins

**SHELDON SCHOOL DISTRICT
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

The children of our community and your school represent our greatest investment. Under the leadership of Sharron DeRosia, the Sheldon School Board of Directors, staff, students, and parents are working collaboratively to make our school the best it can be and to create a positive and effective culture for learning and teaching.

The Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union Central Office continues to work closely with the Sheldon School especially in the area of curriculum. Melissa Stavola, the Director of Curriculum and Instruction, has worked with the instructional staff and administration in the area of action planning, grant applications, teaching strategies, and a variety of staff development activities. Faith Johnson, Content Specialist, continues to support the implementation of the new math curriculum. George Raynak, Technology Coordinator, spends many hours supporting technology, providing staff training, and advising the staff and administration. Dr. Jeff Benay, Director of Indian Education, has provided facilitation supporting teachers, parents, and the administration on establishing positive educational opportunities for a large number of students. Rebecca Hart, the Business Manager, administers many supervisory union fiscal services, which involves federal, state, and local funding sources. Linda Chaim oversees the special education programs in all the elementary schools. The oversight of the Medicaid Reimbursement Program is another service the central office provides each school. Additionally, the central office staff handles many personnel items including certification, credentials, finger printing, and benefit information.

The FNWSU Central Office administers federal and state grants that support programs such as supplemental reading, student and program assessment, and curriculum development in science, language arts, foreign language, and math. Federal grants for Safe and Drug Free Schools supported many after school programs. Other federal and state funds are used to support library resources, mini-grants, and staff development. The Indian Education Program, through Dr. Jeff Benay, has assisted in funding cultural programs, curriculum development, mentoring, the learning center and programs in collaboration with institutions of higher education.

The total enrollment as of October 1, 2003 was 308 and can be broken down by grade as follows: Kindergarten, 35; Grade 1, 32; Grade 2, 27; Grade 3, 32; Grade 4, 29; Grade 5, 29; Grade 6, 45; Grade 7, 40; and Grade 8, 39.

The announced tuition rates for the 2004-2005 school year are \$5,942 for Grades 1-6, \$6,866 for Grades 7-8, and \$2,971 for Kindergarten.

The Sheldon Board of Directors and the Administration have developed a budget for the 2004-2005 school year that will provide an effective and challenging education for your students. The budget is fiscally responsible with most of the increase in the budget coming in increased costs for health benefits, contractual obligations, and special education costs. I urge you to support this budget on Town Meeting Day.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. John J. McCarthy
Superintendent of Schools

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Sheldon School is a busy place! Thanks to Dianne Crane, our Nature Center has been revitalized. Mrs. Crane and several other community members have reorganized the center and we are now able to use it as an outdoor classroom.

Sheldon School, in partnership with Fairfield School, is also a participant in the Environmental Learning for the Future (ELF) Program. The theme this year is Adaptations. Mrs. Crane, Coordinator for the ELF Program, and a volunteer force attend monthly training sessions that explore how individual organisms change throughout their life cycle, and why species change over time through the process of natural selection. These lessons are then taught by ELF volunteers to individual classes in the Nature Center or in the classrooms.

Mrs. Cote and Mrs. Quebec's classes are participating in a Community Mapping Project. The Sheldon School Board and the school community are concerned about the social and ecological uses of our school-owned 88-acre forest. Throughout the Sheldon Community Mapping Project, students, teachers and community members will work to develop a Stewardship for the school forest and the trail system. A Stewardship Committee has been formed to create a management plan for this land that promotes ongoing forest sustainability and maintenance of the trails. Sheldon School feels strongly that the forest will provide ecological experiences and stewardship education for our school community of learners and other community members for years to come.

A celebration of our Nature Center and Sheldon Forest Project was held on October 1st at the Nature Center. The evening consisted of food, music, a bon fire and student-led tours of the forest. Sheldon's volunteer fire department helped us to enjoy the evening with the bon fire, and music entertainment was provided by Ronnie Longe and The Country Ramblers. Thanks to the generosity of the Dunsmore Fund, over 500 people enjoyed an Abby barbeque!

Mrs. Lyn Dodd has done an exceptional job as the Sheldon School Athletic Director. Thanks to fundraising events, perseverance, and the help of dedicated coaches and community, glass backboards and mats have been purchased and installed in the gym. A new time clock for the gym has been purchased, uniforms have been updated, baseball equipment has been purchased, and two new softball dugouts were built! Future endeavors include purchasing mats for the gym walls and the repair of the existing baseball dugouts.

Staff members of Sheldon School continue their commitment to your children's education. Ongoing professional development includes a Writing Strategies course for K-5 teachers, and Reading and Writing in content areas for grades 6-8 teachers. In addition, upper level teachers are working on a middle school initiative to explore a Middle School Model. Paraprofessionals attend weekly classes that focus on Student Management, Writing, Math, Reading, and Technology. In-service topics include Writing and Reading Strategies, Scoring Math and Writing Portfolios, Grade 6-8 Reading Comprehension, as well as Technology and Science initiatives.

The Sheldon School is sad to say that several well-loved and respected staff members will retire this year. After nearly forty years of teaching, Mrs. Quebec has decided to retire at the end of the school year. Her care and instructional expertise, and above all, her love for her students will be missed by all of us. Mr. Burnor, with eight years of service to the Sheldon School, will retire as head custodian as of April 1st. His sense of humor and invaluable skills will be missed

greatly. Grandma and Grandpa Dandurand retired this year. Grandma has been with us for thirteen years and Grandpa for four years. Grandma and Grandpa's wise offerings and calm influence are missed each and every day. We wish you the best during your well-earned retirement, but we will miss you dearly.

Once again, many thanks to a dedicated staff, involved parents, regular volunteers and all the community members for your continued support of the Sheldon School. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Sheldon School Board for their tireless dedication and commitment to the children, community, and Sheldon School staff. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Sharron DeRosia
Principal



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To The School Board – Sheldon School District:

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of Sheldon School District, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003, as listed in the Table of Contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of Sheldon School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion of these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

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

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amount that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group is not known.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the fixed assets in its Proprietary Fund which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. Purchases of fixed assets are charged to current operations and are not depreciated over their estimated useful lives as required by generally accepted accounting principles. The amounts that should be recorded as fixed assets and charged as depreciation expense in the Proprietary Fund is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effects on the general purpose financial statements of the omissions described in the preceding paragraphs, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Sheldon School District, Vermont, as of June 30, 2003, and the results of its operations and the cash flow of its proprietary fund type for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated September 2, 2003 on our consideration of Sheldon School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit is performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of Sheldon School District, Vermont taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund and account group financial statements and schedules listed in the Table of Contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of Sheldon School District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, except for the effects on the general, special revenue, and capital projects funds of the omissions described in the preceding paragraphs, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Angolano & Company
Shelburne, Vermont
Firm Registration #92-0000141
September 2, 2003

SHELDON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003

RECEIPTS:

Cash on Hand & in Peoples Trust Co., 7/1/02		\$119,608.70
Balance on Hand in Money Market Acct., 7/1/02		\$19,784.14
State of Vermont, All Aid to Education	\$2,025,806.21	
State of Vermont, Hot Lunch reimbursements	\$63,059.90	\$2,088,866.11
Property Taxes Received		\$1,997,629.00

Other Receipts:

Peoples Trust Co., Interest	\$16,188.09	
MVU Tuition Refund	\$2,513.12	
EFHS Tuition Refund	\$13,997.02	
BFA-St. Albans Tuition Refund	\$2,212.59	
Northrup Fund	\$160.00	
FNWSU Refunds [Medicaid & EPSDT]	\$49,805.67	
Insurance Refund - Workers Comp (overpymt)	\$6,318.00	
Other Misc. Receipts	\$4,476.62	
Town of Sheldon, Impact Fees	\$10,000.00	\$105,671.11

TOTAL RECEIPTS for 2002-2003 YEAR

\$4,331,559.06

DISBURSEMENTS:

SchoolBoard Orders drawn for Year 2002-2003	\$4,087,894.43
Bank Service Charge	\$10.00
Peoples Trust Co., Checking Acct Balance 6/30/03	\$67,953.65
Peoples Trust Co., Money Market Balance 6/30/03	\$175,700.98

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS for 2002-2003 YEAR

\$4,331,559.06

Respectfully submitted,
Susan A. Burnor, Treasurer

DUNSMORE ACCOUNT:

Balance on hand, Peoples Trust Co., July 1, 2002	\$7,080.51
Interest Earnings	\$2,069.31
Orders Drawn	\$0.00
Balance, June 30, 2003	\$9,149.82

MILLER ACCOUNT:

Balance on hand, Peoples Trust Co., July 1, 2002	\$1,890.40
Interest Earnings	\$111.39
Deposits	\$8,693.73
Balance, June 30, 2003	\$10,695.52



SHELDON SCHOOL DISTRICT General Ledger
Expenditure Report - GENERAL
June 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003

Acct	2002-03 Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance fm Budget
1100 INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS:			
110 Teachers' Salaries	\$846,100	\$851,935	(\$5,835)
118 Planning Room Supervision	\$0	\$14,803	(\$14,803)
119 Aides' Salaries	\$37,922	\$25,848	\$12,074
120 Subs/Tutors' Salaries	\$15,000	\$29,105	(\$14,105)
210 Blue Cross/Blue Shield	\$99,611	\$108,381	(\$8,770)
210B Dental Insurance	\$12,806	\$12,273	\$533
210C Disability Insurance	\$4,546	\$4,601	(\$55)
220 Social Security	\$55,739	\$56,421	(\$682)
221 Medicare	\$13,036	\$13,327	(\$291)
240 Municipal Retirement	\$1,593	\$820	\$773
250 Workers Compensation	\$5,844	\$12,994	(\$7,150)
260 Unemployment Compensation	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
300 Contracted Service	\$1,000	\$1,015	(\$15)
430 Repair & Maintenance	\$9,000	\$8,480	\$520
560 Tuition - Home School programs	\$800	\$0	\$800
561 Tuition - MVUHS	\$127,500	\$111,190	\$16,310
562 Tuition - EFHS	\$529,200	\$463,992	\$65,208
563 Tuition - BFA-Fairfax	\$0	\$7,350	(\$7,350)
566 Tuition - BFA-St.Albans	\$789,600	\$741,393	\$48,207
567 Tuition - Proctor Academy	\$0	\$0	\$0
569 Vocational Tuition	\$46,650	\$68,110	(\$21,460)
580 Travel/Mileage	\$850	\$917	(\$67)
610 Supplies	\$15,950	\$16,108	(\$158)
611 Enrichment	\$1,000	\$1,049	(\$49)
612 Curriculum Development	\$5,000	\$2,483	\$2,517
640 Instructional Books	\$6,700	\$6,853	(\$153)
650 Audiovisual Materials	\$200	\$939	(\$739)
660 Manipulatives	\$2,750	\$2,663	\$87
730 Equipment	\$2,285	\$2,335	(\$50)
731 Technology	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal - Instructional Prog.	\$2,632,182	\$2,565,385	\$66,797
1210 SPECIAL EDUCATION:			
110 Teachers' Salaries	\$87,300	\$85,728	\$1,572
115 Paraprofessionals' Salaries	\$95,799	\$80,078	\$15,721
116 Special Educ. Clerical	\$0	\$7,149	(\$7,149)
119 Tutors (summer tutors)	\$10,820	\$2,218	\$8,602
120 Substitutes' Salaries	\$5,000	\$9,508	(\$4,508)
122 Communication Facilitator	\$20,489	\$27,319	(\$6,830)

Acct	2002-03 Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance fm Budget
1210 SPECIAL EDUCATION:			
210 Health Insurance	\$18,791	\$22,083	(\$3,292)
210B Dental Insurance	\$1,921	\$1,921	\$0
220 Social Security	\$13,603	\$13,132	\$471
221 Medicare	\$3,181	\$2,760	\$421
240 Municipal Retirement	\$3,832	\$4,844	(\$1,012)
250 Workers Compensation	\$1,426	\$3,085	(\$1,659)
270 Course Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0
300 Purchased Prof. Services	\$1,000	\$1,640	(\$640)
301 Purch. Prof. Services - Out of Dist. Placements	\$21,000	\$15,201	\$5,799
330 Legal Services	\$5,000	\$1,261	\$3,739
561 Tuition to Other VT LEAs	\$130,000	\$142,973	(\$12,973)
566 Tuition to Private Schools	\$110,000	\$93,214	\$16,786
580 Travel	\$500	\$0	\$500
610 Supplies	\$7,400	\$3,518	\$3,882
730 Equipment	\$1,500	\$3,708	(\$2,208)
Subtotal - Spec. Education	\$538,562	\$521,338	\$17,224
1214 EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM:			
331 Assessment	\$25,806	\$25,806	\$0
Subtotal - Early Childhood Prog.	\$25,806	\$25,806	\$0
1300 TECHNICAL EDUC / INDUSTRIAL ARTA			
300 Contracted Services	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
610 Supplies	\$2,500	\$2,635	(\$135)
730 Equipment	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Subtotal - Tech.Educ. / Industrial Arts	\$4,500	\$3,635	\$865
1410 Co-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES			
110 Advisory Salaries	\$5,650	\$8,482	(\$2,832)
220 Social Security	\$350	\$590	(\$240)
221 Medicare	\$82	\$138	(\$56)
300 Officials	\$1,500	\$2,098	(\$598)
301 Professional Serv. - Dance	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
730 Equipment	\$150	\$286	(\$136)
810 Headmasters' Assessment	\$350	\$531	(\$181)
Subtotal - Co-Curricular Activities	\$9,082	\$13,125	(\$4,043)
2120 COUNSELING SERVICES:			
110 Salary, Counselor	\$32,250	\$32,525	(\$275)
210 Blue Cross/Blue Shield	\$3,026	\$1,000	\$2,026
210B Dental Insurance	\$640	\$640	(\$0)
220 Social Security	\$2,000	\$2,093	(\$93)
221 Medicare	\$468	\$471	(\$3)
250 Workman's Compensation	\$210	\$460	(\$250)

Acct	2002-03 Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance fm Budget
2120 COUNSELING SERVICES:			
330 Mental Health	\$500	\$0	\$500
610 Instructional Supplies	\$500	\$234	\$266
640 Instructional Books	\$500	\$562	(\$62)
650 Audiovisual Materials	\$100	\$0	\$100
730 Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal - Counseling	\$40,194	\$37,985	\$2,209
2130 HEALTH SERVICES:			
110 Salary, Nurse	\$31,444	\$33,725	(\$2,281)
210 Blue Cross/Blue Shield	\$7,174	\$8,612	(\$1,438)
210B Dental Insurance	\$576	\$640	(\$64)
220 Social Security	\$1,950	\$1,908	\$42
221 Medicare	\$456	\$446	\$10
250 Workman's Compensation	\$204	\$437	(\$233)
300 Professional Services	\$140	\$101	\$39
430 Repair & Maintenance	\$200	\$0	\$200
610 Health Supplies	\$750	\$837	(\$87)
730 Equipment	\$0	\$79	(\$79)
Subtotal - Health Serv.	\$42,894	\$46,785	(\$3,891)
2150 SPEECH PATH. & AUDIOLOGY:			
110 Speech Pathologist Salary	\$36,143	\$30,824	\$5,319
115 Aide Salary	\$14,688	\$5,104	\$9,584
210 Health Insurance	\$5,946	\$7,164	(\$1,218)
210B Dental Insurance	\$640	\$587	\$53
220 Social Security	\$3,152	\$2,195	\$957
221 Medicare	\$737	\$513	\$224
240 Municipal Retirement	\$588	\$0	\$588
250 Workers Compensation	\$330	\$653	(\$323)
320 Contracted Services	\$0	\$0	\$0
610 Supplies	\$500	\$451	\$49
Subtotal - Speech Pathology	\$62,724	\$47,492	\$15,232
2213 INSTR. STAFF TRAINING:			
270 Inservice Training	\$3,000	\$926	\$2,074
271 Staff Development	\$7,500	\$8,780	(\$1,280)
Subtotal - Staff Training	\$10,500	\$9,706	\$794
2222 LIBRARY SERVICES:			
390 Purchased Prof. Services	\$600	\$600	\$0
430 Repair & Maintenance	\$400	\$119	\$281
449 Other Rentals	\$100	\$0	\$100
580 Conference/Travel	\$300	\$266	\$34
610 Supplies	\$200	\$152	\$48

Acct		2002-03 Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance fm Budget
2222	LIBRARY SERVICES:			
640	Books & Periodicals	\$8,000	\$7,950	\$50
650	Audiovisuals	\$800	\$208	\$592
660	Manipulatives	\$100	\$0	\$100
730	Equipment	\$1,000	\$895	\$105
	Subtotal - Library	\$11,500	\$10,190	\$1,310
2225	SCHOOL-WIDE TECHNOLOGY			
110	Coordinator Salary	\$15,986	\$16,186	(\$200)
220	Social Security	\$991	\$1,004	(\$13)
221	Medicare	\$232	\$235	(\$3)
249	Municipal Retirement	\$639	\$618	\$21
300	Contracted Services	\$1,100	\$480	\$620
430	Repair & Maintenance	\$1,000	\$1,024	(\$24)
530	Telephone	\$700	\$657	\$43
531	GovNet Internet Connection	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$0
610	Supplies	\$2,550	\$1,603	\$947
670	Computer Software	\$2,500	\$1,884	\$616
730	Technology	\$9,950	\$10,568	(\$618)
	Subtotal - Speech Pathology	\$39,948	\$38,557	\$1,391
2310	BOARD OF EDUCATION:			
110	Board Salaries	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$0
119	Salary, Board Secretary	\$600	\$633	(\$33)
220	Social Security	\$124	\$117	\$7
221	Medicare	\$29	\$27	\$2
300	Legal Services	\$1,000	\$646	\$354
331	Purchased Prof. Tech. Services	\$3,000	\$2,053	\$947
370	Audit	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0
430	Repair & Maintenance	\$0	\$664	(\$664)
522	Liability Insurance	\$0	(\$1,000)	\$1,000
540	Advertising/Printing	\$2,000	\$4,589	(\$2,589)
580	Travel/Conference	\$300	\$0	\$300
610	Supplies/School Report	\$750	\$0	\$750
810	Dues (VSBA)	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$0
890	Miscellaneous	\$100	\$315	(\$215)
	Subtotal - Board of Educ.	\$12,403	\$12,544	(\$141)
2321	OFFICE OF THE SUPT:			
331	S. U. Assessment (Central Office)	\$41,549	\$41,549	\$0
333	S. U. Assessment (Special Ed.)	\$33,661	\$33,661	\$0
	Subtotal - Supt's Office	\$75,210	\$75,210	\$0

Acct	2002-03 Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance fm Budget
2410 PRINCIPAL's OFFICE:			
110 Salary, Principal	\$57,650	\$57,650	\$0
111 Salary, Office Assistant	\$6,794	\$7,925	(\$1,131)
111 Salary, Secretary	\$18,388	\$17,907	\$481
210 Blue Cross/Blue Shield	\$15,943	\$16,468	(\$525)
211 Dental Insurance	\$640	\$640	(\$0)
212 LTD Insurance	\$200	\$139	\$61
220 Social Security	\$5,136	\$4,891	\$245
221 Medicare	\$1,201	\$1,144	\$57
240 Municipal Retirement	\$1,007	\$870	\$137
250 Workman's Compensation	\$538	\$1,053	\$870
430 Repair & Maintenance	\$1,300	\$1,141	\$159
530 Telephone	\$5,500	\$4,406	\$1,094
531 Postage	\$1,500	\$1,695	(\$195)
580 Conference/Travel	\$750	\$972	(\$222)
610 Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,020	(\$20)
730 Equipment	\$500	\$537	(\$37)
810 Dues (VT Headmasters)	\$450	\$1,029	(\$579)
Subtotal - Principal's Office	\$118,497	\$119,487	(\$990)

2520 FISCAL SERVICES:			
110 Salary, Bookkeeper	\$6,258	\$6,243	\$15
220 Social Security	\$388	\$387	\$1
221 Medicare	\$91	\$90	\$1
240 Municipal Retirement	\$250	\$225	\$25
250 Workman's Compensation	\$41	\$84	(\$43)
300 Contracted Services	\$0	\$45	(\$45)
340 Town Clerk Expenses	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
530 Telephone	\$500	\$103	\$397
580 Travel	\$200	\$0	\$200
610 Supplies	\$750	\$733	\$17
730 Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
830 Interest on Current Loan	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
Subtotal - Fiscal Services	\$12,978	\$9,410	\$3,568

2540 PLANT OPERATIONS:			
110 Custodians' Salaries	\$45,760	\$46,317	(\$557)
210 Health Insurance	\$11,893	\$13,979	(\$2,086)
220 Social Security	\$2,837	\$2,916	(\$79)
221 Medicare	\$664	\$650	\$14
240 Municipal Retirement	\$1,830	\$1,591	\$239
250 Workman's Compensation	\$2,059	\$4,065	(\$2,006)
300 Contracted Services	\$0	\$0	\$0
411 Water & Sewer	\$8,400	\$10,800	(\$2,400)
430 Contracted Repair/Maintenance	\$23,500	\$56,344	(\$32,844)

Acct	2002-03 Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance fm Budget
2540 PLANT OPERATIONS:			
521 Property & Liability Insurance	\$4,602	\$4,578	\$24
580 Travel/Conference	\$250	\$0	\$250
610 Supplies	\$10,000	\$4,992	\$5,008
622 Electricity	\$20,000	\$28,178	(\$8,178)
624 Heat/Fuel	\$12,000	\$18,388	(\$6,388)
730 Equipment	\$500	\$5,409	(\$4,909)
732 School Furnishings	\$4,000	\$1,339	\$2,661
Subtotal - Plant Operation	\$148,295	\$199,546	(\$51,251)
2546 SECURITY SERVICES			
300 Sheriff's Patrol	\$5,500	\$5,430	\$70
Subtotal - Security Services	\$5,500	\$5,430	\$70
2550 PUPIL TRANSPORTATION			
513 Contracted Service	\$191,434	\$191,434	\$0
514 Extracurricular Trans.	\$600	\$735	(\$135)
514B Co-Curricular Trans.	\$500	\$990	(\$490)
515 Special Education Trans.	\$7,500	\$14,534	(\$7,034)
Subtotal - Pupil Transportation	\$200,034	\$207,693	(\$7,659)
5100 DEBT SERVICE			
830 Interest	\$2,231	\$2,231	\$0
910 Principal	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
Subtotal - Debt Service	\$32,231	\$32,231	\$0
5100 DEBT SERVICE - New Addition/Renovation			
830 Interest	\$10,199	\$10,199	(\$0)
910 Principal	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
Subtotal - Debt Service	\$40,199	\$40,199	(\$0)
CONTINGENCY			
Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal - Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$4,063,239	\$4,021,753	\$41,486
FOOD PROGRAM			
State Match	\$0	\$0	\$0
Hot Lunch Reimbursements	\$0	\$63,060	(\$63,060)
Subtotal - Debt Service	\$0	\$63,060	(\$63,060)
GRAND TOTAL plus FOOD PROGRAM		\$4,084,813	

SHELDON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Revenue Report
July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003

Acct	2002-03 Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance fm Budget
Peoples Trust Bank Balance	\$0.00	<i>\$119,608.70</i>	\$119,608.70
Peoples Trust Money Market Balance	\$76,351.00	<i>\$19,784.14</i>	(\$56,566.86)
Local Share Property Taxes	\$664,792.00	<i>\$664,792.00</i>	\$0.00
State Share Property Taxes	\$1,332,837.00	<i>\$1,332,837.00</i>	\$0.00
General State Support Grant	\$1,539,261.00	<i>\$1,539,261.00</i>	\$0.00
Special Education State Aid	\$330,774.00	<i>\$353,063.00</i>	\$22,289.00
Spec.Educ. Care & Custody reimb.	\$0.00	<i>\$12,865.21</i>	\$12,865.21
Transportation Reimbursement	\$94,388.00	<i>\$94,388.00</i>	\$0.00
Capital Debt State Aid	\$2,179.00	<i>\$2,179.00</i>	\$0.00
Impact Fees	\$10,000.00	<i>\$10,000.00</i>	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$12,500.00	<i>\$16,188.09</i>	\$3,688.09
Miscellaneous Reimb./Refunds:	\$0.00	<i>\$2,236.65</i>	\$2,236.65
Construction Acct Balance	\$0.00	<i>\$195.87</i>	\$195.87
IDEA-B Reimb. - paras & other staffing	\$0.00	<i>\$14,500.00</i>	\$14,500.00
Medicaid Reimb. - Planning room	\$0.00	<i>\$16,790.00</i>	\$16,790.00
FNW Medicaid reimb - tutors	\$0.00	<i>\$12,195.67</i>	\$12,195.67
EPSDT Reimbursement - nursing services	\$0.00	<i>\$4,500.00</i>	\$4,500.00
State Dated Checks	\$0.00	<i>\$44.61</i>	\$44.61
Tuition Reimbursement:			
State Ward tuition reimbursement	\$0.00	<i>\$24,050.00</i>	\$24,050.00
EFHS Tuition reimbursement	\$0.00	<i>\$13,997.02</i>	\$13,997.02
MVUHS tuition reimbursement	\$0.00	<i>\$2,481.12</i>	\$2,481.12
BFA-St. Albans tuition reimbursement	\$0.00	<i>\$2,212.59</i>	\$2,212.59
Northrup Group	\$160.00	<i>\$160.00</i>	\$0.00
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>	\$4,063,242.00	<i>\$4,258,329.67</i>	\$195,087.67
State of VT Hot Lunch Reimbursements		<i>\$63,059.90</i>	
Total FY2002 Revenues & Cash Balances:		\$4,321,389.57	

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Included here is information from the Sheldon School Board about the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2005, school year 2004-2005.

Salaries:

We have budgeted for a 1.5% increase in the total cost of teachers' salaries. This is a result of a combination of factors. We are just beginning negotiations for the coming year. One teacher is retiring, and will not be replaced. And we have budgeted to increase our Language Arts teacher from a half-time position to full time. She will provide instruction in reading and writing for children in grades 3 through 8. Many children are having difficulty with reading and writing, and we are required to offer them more help. The federal education law known as No Child Left Behind mandates that these children improve their reading/writing skills.

High School Tuition:

We have budgeted for 175 high school students, an increase of 7 from this year's budget. We project that there will be 14 students at MVU High School at a tuition rate of \$7,500, and 2 more in the MVU NOVA program at a rate of \$9,000; 54 students at Enosburg High School at a tuition rate of \$9,750; and 105 students at BFA in St. Albans at a tuition rate of \$8,750.

Due to the increase in the number of students attending high school and the changes in the tuition rates, our expense for high school tuition will be \$1,568,250, an increase of \$71,750, or 5% above the current budget. This does not include vocational education, which is treated separately below.

Vocational Education Tuition:

The State of Vermont is requiring that school districts show the full vocational education tuition expense beginning with this Fiscal Year 2005 budget. Previous budgets showed the net tuition expense, after State support grant funds were deducted. Therefore, we show an expense in the budget of \$204,630, which is an increase of \$147,130 from last year's budget. The offsetting grant funds appear on the revenues page, and will offset most of the increase. The actual net expenditure increase will be \$26,441. Confusing? Sure is. This accounting change by the State increases the Sheldon expenditure budget by 3.4%, even though the State will provide the funding to offset the apparent increase.

Special Education:

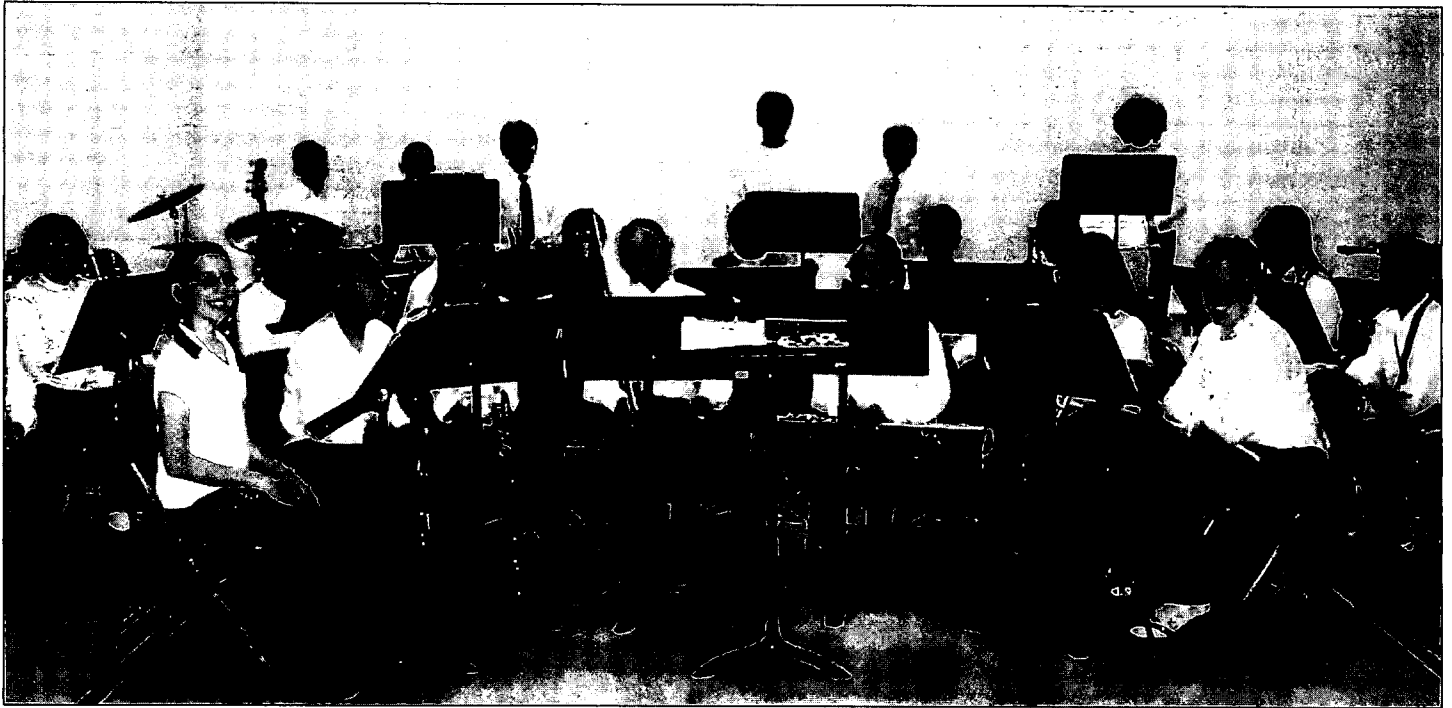
We have budgeted for an increase in the Special Education budget of \$129,110, which is an 18% increase. The expenses in this portion of the school budget are determined by totaling the instructional plans for each child receiving services, as guided by federal and state laws. Included in the total number are the related areas of the budget, such as the early childhood programs, the speech/language budget, the special education assessment of the supervisory union, and special education transportation.

Debt service:

This current year (FY 2004) is the last year that there are payments on the interest and principal for the renovations to the school that were made in 1993. Next year there will be no expense for this item, a decrease in the budget of \$30,749.

The Total Budget:

The total budget as proposed is up by \$382,264, to the amount of \$4,721,224. This is an increase of 8.8%. As described above, the main reasons for the increase are high school tuition, special education, and changes in accounting for vocational education tuition. These three items have a total increase of \$347,990. The Sheldon School Board has no control over the spending on these three items. For all of the remaining items in this budget, the items that affect the education of students right here in Sheldon, we propose an increase of \$34,275.



SHELDON SCHOOL DISTRICT
2004 - 2005 Budget Proposal

Funct/ Object	Description	FY2004 Budget	FY2005 Proposed	Variance
1100	Instructional Programs:			
110	Teachers' Salaries	\$894,453	\$907,681	\$13,228
119	Aides' Salaries	\$22,203	\$35,949	\$13,746
120	Subs/Tutors' Salaries	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
210	Health Insurance	\$126,335	\$134,408	\$8,073
210B	Dental Insurance	\$14,111	\$15,415	\$1,304
220	Social Security	\$57,763	\$59,435	\$1,672
221	Medicare	\$13,509	\$13,900	\$391
222	Long Term Disability	\$5,469	\$5,917	\$448
240	Municipal Retirement	\$888	\$1,438	\$550
250	Workers Compensation	\$10,248	\$8,589	(\$1,659)
260	Unemployment Compensation	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
300	Purchased Services - After School Art Program	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
330	Contracted Service - Testing	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
430	Repair & Maintenance	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0
560	Tuition [home-schooling]	\$0	\$0	\$0
561	Tuition - MVUHS [14 students projected @ \$7,500]	\$108,500	\$105,000	(\$3,500)
561.1	Tuition - MVUHS [NOVA Alter. Educ Prog (2students)]	\$0	\$18,000	\$18,000
562	Tuition - EFHS [54 students projected @ \$9,750]	\$530,000	\$526,500	(\$3,500)
563	Tuition - BFA-Fairfax [no students projected in FY05]	\$8,000	\$0	(\$8,000)
566	Tuition - BFA-St.Albans [105 students projected @ \$8,750]	\$850,000	\$918,750	\$68,750
569	Vocational Tuition	\$57,500	\$204,630	\$147,130
580	Travel/Mileage	\$850	\$850	\$0
610	Supplies	\$16,800	\$18,745	\$1,945
611	Enrichment	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
612	Curriculum Development	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
640	Instructional Books	\$5,950	\$8,000	\$2,050
650	Audiovisual Materials	\$200	\$200	\$0
660	Manipulatives	\$2,650	\$2,575	(\$75)
730	Equipment	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$0
	Subtotal - Instructional Prog.	\$2,766,729	\$3,027,282	\$260,553

* Vocational Tuition - Districts are required to show full vocational tuition expense beginning in FY2005 budget. Previous budget reflected the net tuition expense after State support grant funds were deducted. If the FY2004 budget were restated to reflect the full tuition costs to vocational centers, it would show the \$57,500 plus \$119,454 for a total of \$176,954 and the variance into FY2005 would be only \$27,676 and the bottom line increase to the overall budget for FY2005 would be 5.89% from FY2004.

Funct/ Object	Description	FY2004 Budget	FY2005 Proposed	Variance
1210	SPECIAL EDUCATION:			
110	Teachers' Salaries	\$90,775	\$94,760	\$3,985
115	Paraprofessionals' Salaries	\$84,191	\$111,699	\$27,508
115.1	Special Educ. Clerical	\$7,360	\$7,728	\$368
119	Tutors (summer tutors)	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
120	Substitutes' Salaries	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
122	Communication Facilitator	\$28,412	\$22,660	(\$5,752)
210	Health Insurance	\$23,477	\$29,040	\$5,563
210B	Dental Insurance	\$2,065	\$2,312	\$247
220	Social Security	\$12,110	\$15,490	\$3,380
221	Medicare	\$2,832	\$3,623	\$791
240	Municipal Retirement	\$3,662	\$4,777	\$1,115
250	Workers Compensation	\$2,149	\$2,239	\$90
270	Course Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0
300	Purchased Prof. Services	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$500
301	Contracted Services - Out-of-District LEA	\$17,500	\$19,000	\$1,500
330	Legal Fees	\$5,000	\$1,500	(\$3,500)
561	Tuition to Other VT LEAs	\$158,368	\$139,600	(\$18,768)
566	Tuition to Private Schools	\$97,000	\$126,000	\$29,000
566.1	Tuition - Out-of-District Placements	\$23,000	\$43,000	\$20,000
566.2	NCSS's CAT Program	\$0	\$57,225	\$57,225
580	Travel	\$500	\$100	(\$400)
610	Supplies	\$4,700	\$6,600	\$1,900
730	Equipment	\$8,000	\$3,400	(\$4,600)
	<i>Subtotal - Spec. Education</i>	<i>\$585,100</i>	<i>\$705,254</i>	<i>\$120,154</i>
1214	EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM:			
331	Assessment	\$33,613	\$39,906	\$6,293
	<i>Subtotal - Early Childhood Prog.</i>	<i>\$33,613</i>	<i>\$39,906</i>	<i>\$6,293</i>
1300	TECHNICAL EDUC / INDUSTRIAL ARTS			
300	Contracted Services	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
610	Supplies	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
730	Equipment	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
	<i>Subtotal - Tech. Educ. / Industrial Arts</i>	<i>\$4,500</i>	<i>\$4,500</i>	<i>\$0</i>
1410	Co-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES			
110	Advisory Salaries	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0
220	Social Security	\$558	\$558	\$0
221	Medicare	\$131	\$131	\$0
300	Officials	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$0
301	Professional Serv. - Dance	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
730	Equipment	\$150	\$150	\$0
810	Headmasters' Assessment	\$350	\$350	\$0
	<i>Subtotal - Co-Curricular Activities</i>	<i>\$12,939</i>	<i>\$12,939</i>	<i>\$0</i>

Funct/ Object	Description	FY2004 Budget	FY2005 Proposed	Variance
2120	COUNSELING SERVICES:			
110	Salary, Counselor	\$34,975	\$37,286	\$2,311
210	Health Insurance	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
210B	Dental Insurance	\$688	\$771	\$83
220	Social Security	\$2,168	\$2,312	\$144
221	Medicare	\$507	\$541	\$34
250	Workman's Compensation	\$385	\$334	(\$51)
330	Mental Health	\$250	\$250	\$0
610	Instructional Supplies	\$500	\$500	\$0
640	Instructional Books	\$500	\$500	\$0
650	Audiovisual Materials	\$100	\$100	\$0
731	Computer Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<i>Subtotal - Counseling</i>	<i>\$41,073</i>	<i>\$43,591</i>	<i>\$2,518</i>
2130	HEALTH SERVICES:			
110	Salary, Nurse	\$34,975	\$36,024	\$1,049
210	Health Insurance	\$10,044	\$10,411	\$367
210B	Dental Insurance	\$688	\$771	\$83
220	Social Security	\$2,168	\$2,234	\$66
221	Medicare	\$507	\$522	\$15
250	Workman's Compensation	\$385	\$323	(\$62)
300	Professional Services	\$150	\$150	\$0
430	Repair & Maintenance	\$200	\$200	\$0
610	Health Supplies	\$750	\$750	\$0
	<i>Subtotal - Health Serv.</i>	<i>\$49,868</i>	<i>\$51,385</i>	<i>\$1,517</i>
2150	SPEECH PATH. & AUDIOLOGY:			
110	SLP Salary	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$0
115	SLP Paraprofessional Salary	\$7,360	\$7,728	\$368
210	Blue Cross/Blue Shield	\$7,492	\$7,765	\$273
211	Dental Insurance	\$688	\$771	\$83
220	Social Security	\$2,853	\$2,875	\$22
221	Medicare	\$667	\$672	\$5
240	Municipal Retirement	\$294	\$309	\$15
250	Workers Compensation	\$506	\$416	(\$90)
320	Contracted Services	\$0	\$0	\$0
610	Supplies	\$500	\$500	\$0
	<i>Subtotal - Speech Pathology</i>	<i>\$59,011</i>	<i>\$59,687</i>	<i>\$676</i>
2213	INSTR. STAFF TRAINING:			
270	Inservice Training	\$3,000	\$1,500	(\$1,500)
271	Staff Development	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0
271.1	Staff Development - paraprofessionals	\$3,500	\$1,000	(\$2,500)
	<i>Subtotal - Staff Training</i>	<i>\$14,000</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>	<i>(\$4,000)</i>

Funct/ Object	Description	FY2004 Budget	FY2005 Proposed	Variance
2222	LIBRARY SERVICES:			
390	Purchased Prof. Services	\$600	\$600	\$0
430	Repair & Maintenance	\$400	\$400	\$0
449	Other Rentals	\$100	\$100	\$0
580	Conference/Travel	\$300	\$300	\$0
610	Supplies	\$200	\$200	\$0
640	Books & Periodicals	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0
650	Audiovisuals	\$800	\$800	\$0
660	Manipulatives	\$100	\$100	\$0
670	Computer Software	\$830	\$0	(\$830)
730	Equipment	\$800	\$800	\$0
	Subtotal - Library	\$11,630	\$10,800	(\$830)
2225	SCHOOL-WIDE TECHNOLOGY			
110	Technology Coordinator Salary	\$16,625	\$18,540	\$1,915
220	Social Security	\$1,031	\$1,149	\$118
221	Medicare	\$241	\$269	\$28
240	Municipal Retirement	\$665	\$742	\$77
250	Workers Compensation	\$183	\$166	(\$17)
300	Contracted Services	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
430	Repair & Maintenance	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
530	Telephone	\$700	\$700	\$0
531	GovNet - Internet Connection	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$0
610	Supplies	\$2,550	\$2,550	\$0
670	Computer Software	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
760	Equipment	\$8,700	\$8,700	\$0
	Subtotal - Technology	\$39,495	\$41,616	\$2,121
2310	BOARD OF EDUCATION:			
110	Board Salaries	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$0
119	Salary, Board Secretary	\$750	\$750	\$0
220	Social Security	\$133	\$133	\$0
221	Medicare	\$31	\$31	\$0
300	Legal Services	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
331	Purchased Prof. Tech. Services	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
370	Audit	\$1,800	\$2,000	\$200
540	Advertising/Printing	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
580	Travel/Conference	\$300	\$0	(\$300)
610	Supplies/School Report	\$750	\$750	\$0
810	Dues (VSBA)	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$0
890	Miscellaneous	\$100	\$100	\$0
	Subtotal - Board of Educ.	\$12,564	\$12,464	(\$100)

Funct/ Object	Description	FY2004 Budget	FY2005 Proposed	Variance
2321	OFFICE OF THE SUPT:			
331	S. U. Assessment (Central Office)	\$42,224	\$47,510	\$5,286
333	S. U. Assessment (Special Ed.)	\$31,889	\$27,876	(\$4,013)
	<i>Subtotal - Supt's Office</i>	<i>\$74,113</i>	<i>\$75,386</i>	<i>\$1,273</i>
2410	PRINCIPAL's OFFICE:			
110	Salary, Principal	\$60,533	\$62,652	\$2,119
115	Salary, Clerical Support	\$13,968	\$14,387	\$419
119	Salary, Secretary	\$19,282	\$19,860	\$578
210	Health Insurance	\$17,536	\$21,572	\$4,036
211	Dental Insurance	\$688	\$771	\$83
212	LTD Insurance	\$250	\$250	\$0
220	Social Security	\$5,815	\$6,008	\$193
221	Medicare	\$1,360	\$1,405	\$45
240	Municipal Retirement	\$1,330	\$1,370	\$40
250	Workman's Compensation	\$1,032	\$868	(\$164)
430	Repair & Maintenance	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
530	Telephone	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$0
531	Postage	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
580	Conference/Travel	\$750	\$750	\$0
610	Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
730	Equipment	\$500	\$500	\$0
810	Dues (VT Headmasters)	\$450	\$450	\$0
	<i>Subtotal - Principal's Office</i>	<i>\$133,994</i>	<i>\$141,342</i>	<i>\$7,348</i>
2520	FISCAL SERVICES:			
110	Salary, Bookkeeper	\$5,500	\$5,665	\$165
220	Social Security	\$341	\$351	\$10
221	Medicare	\$80	\$82	\$2
240	Municipal Retirement	\$220	\$227	\$7
250	Workman's Compensation	\$61	\$51	(\$10)
340	Town Clerk Expenses	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
530	Telephone	\$400	\$400	\$0
580	Travel	\$200	\$200	\$0
610	Supplies	\$750	\$750	\$0
730	Equipment	\$250	\$250	\$0
830	Interest on Current Loan	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
	<i>Subtotal - Fiscal Services</i>	<i>\$12,302</i>	<i>\$12,476</i>	<i>\$174</i>

Funct/ Object	Description	FY2004 Budget	FY2005 Proposed	Variance
2540	PLANT OPERATION & MAINTENANCE			
110	Custodians' Salaries	\$49,234	\$49,904	\$670
210	Health Insurance	\$14,984	\$15,531	\$547
220	Social Security	\$3,052	\$3,094	\$42
221	Medicare	\$714	\$724	\$10
240	Municipal Retirement	\$1,969	\$1,996	\$27
250	Workman's Compensation	\$2,954	\$4,441	\$1,487
300	Contracted Services	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0
411	Water & Sewage	\$8,400	\$8,400	\$0
430	Contracted Repair/Maintenance	\$24,175	\$24,175	\$0
521	Property & Liability Insurance	\$6,000	\$6,453	\$453
580	Travel/Conference	\$250	\$250	\$0
610	Supplies	\$10,000	\$7,500	(\$2,500)
622	Electricity	\$23,000	\$27,500	\$4,500
624	Heat/Fuel	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
730	Equipment	\$500	\$500	\$0
731	School Furnishings	\$4,000	\$2,000	(\$2,000)
	<i>Subtotal - Plant Operation</i>	<i>\$173,732</i>	<i>\$176,968</i>	<i>\$3,236</i>
2546	SECURITY SERVICES			
300	Sheriff's Patrol	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
	<i>Subtotal - Security Services</i>	<i>\$6,000</i>	<i>\$6,000</i>	<i>\$0</i>
2550	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION			
513	Contracted Service	\$228,500	\$234,214	\$5,714
514	Extracurricular Transportation	\$600	\$600	\$0
514.1	Co-Curricular Transportation	\$500	\$2,150	\$1,650
515	Special Education Transportation	\$9,000	\$15,000	\$6,000
	<i>Subtotal - Pupil Transportation</i>	<i>\$238,600</i>	<i>\$251,964</i>	<i>\$13,364</i>
5100	DEBT SERVICE			
830	Interest	\$749	\$0	(\$749)
910	Principal	\$30,000	\$0	(\$30,000)
	<i>Subtotal - Debt Service</i>	<i>\$30,749</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>(\$30,749)</i>
5100	ADDITION / RENOVATION DEBT SERVICE			
830	Interest	\$8,947	\$7,663	(\$1,284)
910	Principal	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
	<i>Subtotal - Library Bond Debt Serv</i>	<i>\$38,947</i>	<i>\$37,663</i>	<i>(\$1,284)</i>

Func/ Object	Description	FY2004 Budget	FY2005 Proposed	Variance
9999	CONTINGENCY			
	Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Subtotal - Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0

GRAND TOTAL	\$4,338,960	\$4,721,224	\$382,264
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SHELDON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXPENSES:

Sheldon Town School District Budget [as proposed]	\$4,721,224	
Total Expenses - K-12		<u>\$4,721,224</u>

REVENUES:

Interest Earnings	\$7,500	
Sheldon Impact Fees	\$15,000	
Northrop Group	\$160	
FY2003 Carryover	\$74,039	
Adjustment to FY03 Carryover	-\$53,097	
Projected FY2004 Carryover	-\$20,000	
Projected Special Education Aid:		
Mainstream Block Grant	\$133,844	
Intensive Reimbursement	\$227,619	
EEE Grant	\$18,893	
Projected Transportation Reimbursement	\$88,059	
Vocational Tuition	<u>\$120,107</u>	
Subtotal - K-12 Revenues		<u>-\$612,124</u>
 LOCAL EDUCATION REVENUE from State and Local sources		 \$4,109,100

Equalized Pupils K-12	496.50	
Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$8,518	
District Spending Adjustment [spending divided by \$6800 block]	125.27%	
Equalized Tax Rate [\$1.10 base x Spending Adjustment]		\$1.378

	<u>Total</u>
Estimated Equalized Tax Rate	\$1.378
Estimated Homestead Tax Rate based on current Common Level of Appraisal **	\$1.445
[decreased to 95.34% of State Appraisal, from 99.32% of State Appraisal in FY04]	

** Current Act 68 legislation is presently under revision - actual tax rate may vary, depending on the action taken by the legislature during the current session. We will provide any available updates on Act 68 on or before Town Meeting.

Three Prior Years Comparisons

District: **Sheldon**
County: **Franklin**LEA: **187**
S.U.: **Franklin Northwest**

Expenditures

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	
Budget (local budget approved in prior years)	3,788,902	4,063,242	4,338,960	4,721,224	1.
82% of base payment per FTE paid to tech centers by the State on behalf of the district in FY2005	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	120,107	2.
S.U. assessment (included in local budget)	107,645	101,016	107,726	115,292	3.
Deficit (if included in local budget)	-	-	-	-	4.
+ Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years	86,187	102,025	119,454	not applicable	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, (excluded from "Education Spending")	-	-	-	-	9.
Act 68 local adopted budget	3,875,089	4,165,267	4,458,414	4,721,224	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)	3,500	21,290	17,827	18,602	13.
Gross Act 68 Budget	3,878,589	4,186,557	4,476,241	4,739,826	14.
Act 144 expenditures (if any - excluded from "Education Spending")	-	-	-	-	15.

Revenues

+ Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including Act 144 revenues)	593,973	524,173	604,438	492,017	16.
+ Capital debt aid	4,315	2,179	-	-	17.
+ Special program revenues (if not included in local budget)	3,500	21,290	17,827	18,602	18.
- Deficit if not included in budget or expenditures	-	-	-	-	19.
- Act 144 revenues	-	-	-	-	20.
Total revenues	601,788	547,642	622,265	510,619	21.
- Fund raising (if any)	-	-	-	-	22.
Adjusted local revenues	601,788	547,642	622,265	510,619	23.

Education Spending (Act 68 definition)	3,276,801	3,638,915	3,853,976	4,229,207	24.
Equalized Pupils	463.80	475.00	480.69	496.50	25.

Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	7,065	7,661	8,018	8,518	26.
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Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil (if any)	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	27.
Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	8,518	28.

District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) ($\$8,518 / \$6,800$)	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	125.265%	29.
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Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized ($125.265\% \times \$1.10$)	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	\$1.378	30.
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Household Income Percentage for income sensitivity ($125.265\% \times 2.0\%$)	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	2.51%	31.
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SHELDON SCHOOL DISTRICT - Bond Bank Schedule

<u>1999 Project:</u>		[4.52%]	TOTAL DEBT
	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	SERVICE
FY2000	\$0.00	\$11,380.86	\$11,380.86
FY2001	\$35,000.00	\$12,642.38	\$47,642.38
FY2002	\$30,000.00	\$11,421.75	\$41,421.75
FY2003	\$30,000.00	\$10,199.25	\$40,199.25
FY2004	\$30,000.00	\$8,946.75	\$38,946.75
FY2005	\$30,000.00	\$7,662.75	\$37,662.75
FY2006	\$30,000.00	\$6,341.25	\$36,341.25
FY2007	\$30,000.00	\$4,983.75	\$34,983.75
FY2008	\$30,000.00	\$3,596.25	\$33,596.25
FY2009	\$30,000.00	\$2,178.75	\$32,178.75
FY2010	\$30,000.00	\$731.25	\$30,731.25
TOTAL	\$305,000.00	\$80,084.99	\$385,084.99



<p align="center">TEACHERS' SALARIES</p> <p align="center">Contract 2003-04 School Year</p>
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Level of Education</u>	<u>Salary</u>
S. Derosia, Principal	MA	\$60,533
M. Bicknell, Grade 3/4	MA+30	\$50,900
D. Bradford, Grade 7/8	MA+30	\$50,900
L. Chagnon, Grade 1/2	BA+15	\$43,550
C. Conti, Physical Education	BA+15	\$43,550
N. Cote, Grade 5/6	MA+30	\$50,900
J. Dean, Grade 7/8	MA	\$47,225
A. Garceau, Instrumental Music	BS	\$32,525
M. Goulet, Kindergarten	BA+30	\$44,775
E. Larsen, Grade 1/2	MA+15	\$49,675
W. Larsen, Grade 3/4	MA	\$47,225
L. Lauffer, Librarian	MA+15	\$36,200
K. Liskowsky, Grade 1/2	MA+30	\$50,900
J. Macutchan, Grade 7/8	BS+45	\$47,225
S. Martin, Grade 5/6	BA+15	\$38,650
K. Messier, Grade 1/2	BA	\$34,975
K. Patel, Language Arts [50%]	MA+30	\$18,713
S. Phillips, Grade 5/6	MA	\$38,650
D. Quebec, Grade 3/4	MA+30	\$50,900
P. Reaves, Vocal Music [40%]	BS+45	\$18,890
S. Ruprecht, Grade 3/4	MA	\$47,225
D. Tessin, Grade 5/6	MA+30	\$50,900
P. Erena, Special Education	MA+15	\$39,875
A. Fisher, Special Education	MA+30	\$50,900
H. Haddick, Guidance	MA	\$34,975
K. Gorton, School Nurse	BS/RN	\$34,975

Support Staff

D. Kittell - School Secretary	\$19,282
D. Chaffee - Clerical Support	\$13,968
D. Kittell - Bookkeeper	\$5,500
L. Cole - Instructional Assistant	\$10,994
B. Cook - Instructional Assistant - Special Education	\$10,339
R. Fortin - Instructional Assistant - Special Education	\$10,994
M. Fournier - Instructional Assistant - Special Education	\$10,339
K. Grimes - Instructional Assistant	\$10,339
P. Hendrickson - Instructional Assistant - Special Education	\$14,132
D. Lamoureux - Instructional Assistant	\$10,339
L. Mayhew - Instructional Assistant - Special Education	\$10,994
J. Osgood - Instructional Asst - Speech & Spec.Educ. Clerical Support	\$13,547
S. Parent - Instructional Assistant - Special Education (.8FTE)	\$8,271
A. Poquette - Instructional Assistant - Special Education	\$10,339
D. Stockman - Instructional Assistant - Special Education	\$10,695
W. Twombly - Instructional Assistant - Special Education	\$10,339
J. Martin - Technology Coordinator	\$18,000
L. Dodd - Planning Room Supervisor [Medicaid funded]	\$16,560

Custodial Staff

F. Burnor	\$25,106
J. Robideau	\$21,070

School Directors

C. Kane-Stebbins, Chair	\$600
P. Madden, Clerk	\$400
P. Howrigan	\$400

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