

# Annual Report 2003-2004



*of the officers of the Town of*

**BENSON, VERMONT**

and

**BENSON**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*For*

**TOWN MEETING: *March 1, 2005***

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

FIRE ..... 911  
BENSON FIRST RESPONSE ..... 911  
STATE POLICE ..... 911

## Public Services Hours

### Transfer Station:

Wednesday ..... 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday ..... 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### Library:

Saturday ..... 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### Museum: (May thru October)

Wednesday ..... 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## Helpful Numbers

Benson School ..... 537-2491  
537-2492  
High School ..... 265-4966  
Town Garage ..... 537-2722  
Town Office ..... 537-2611  
Fax 2612



### DEDICATION

Recent events have made us starkly aware, again, that the world can be hostile and dangerous. We are therefore reminded of how grateful we can be for the men and women serving our country on the first and last line of defense as part of the U.S. military. We know that they are laying a lot on the line—both in risk to life and limb doing their duties away from home and in continuing their efforts to maintain and build a future for their loved ones here.

We are also keenly aware that those who remain behind carry a huge burden in maintaining a semblance of normal life while those who have shared this are absent.

We use this opportunity in our town report to pledge our support for all this unselfish sacrifice. We also want all involved to know that we will never forget what they are doing to make our lives safer and better by putting themselves on the front line in the Hell called War.

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# **WARNING**

## **FOR THE 219<sup>TH</sup> BENSON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Benson in the County of Rutland and the State of Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Community Hall in said town on the first Tuesday in March, being the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, 2005, at 10 AM to transact the following business, vis:

- Article 1: To elect all town officers and fill vacancies except those required by law to be appointed by the Selectboard.  
(Note: The vote under Article 1 will be by Australian ballot. Polls will open at 10 AM and close at 7 PM)
- Article 2: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town officials.
- Article 3: Shall the Town confirm and ratify the outstanding notes and orders that have been given by the Selectboard or its proper officials as may appear by the report of the Town officials?
- Article 4: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to spend unanticipated funds, such as grants and gifts, this authority to remain in effect until repealed by the voters?
- Article 5: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$705.00 for the support of Rutland Mental Health Services so that these services can be maintained?
- Article 6: Shall the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,400.00 to support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice in Fiscal Year 2004 (\$250.00 to support Rutland Area Hospice and \$1,150.00 to support RAVNAH Home and Community Services)?
- Article 7: Shall the town appropriate the sum of \$900.00 requested by the Southwestern Council on Aging to help support the Senior Meals Program, Meals on Wheels and other services provided by the agency to elder residents of Benson?
- Article 8: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to support the programs and services of BROCC (Bennington Rutland Opportunity Council) in 2004-2005?
- Article 9: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$500 for the Fair Haven Concerned to help support services supplied to the Town of Benson?

- Article 10: Shall the Town appropriate \$3,000 for the Benson First Response for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 to help defray the cost of major expenses?
- Article 11: Shall the Town appropriate \$5,000 for the Benson First Response for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 to be set aside in an interest bearing account for the future purchase of a four-wheel-drive emergency response vehicle, which will replace the current 1989 rig.
- Article 12: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$15,585.00 as its share of the FY2005-2006 Fair Haven Rescue Squad budget?
- Article 13: Will the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for the maintenance, care and increase of the Town Library?
- Article 14: Will the Town appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the maintenance and care of the Town Cemeteries, with a minimum of \$500.00 to be spent on each of the four Town cemeteries?
- Article 15: Will the Town appropriate \$10,000 to set aside for the construction of a sand or salted sand shed?
- Article 16: Will the Town appropriate the sum of \$19,500 to cover the cost of equipment, training, truck repairs, gas, etc. for fire protection?
- Article 17: Will the Town appropriate \$800.00 for the Benson Youth League for the support of their program?
- Article 18: Shall the Town create a municipal conservation commission pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Sections 4501 to 4506?
- Article 19: Shall the voters exempt from taxation the property used in whole or part as the United Church of Benson parsonage for an additional 5 years?
- Article 20: What sum shall the Town vote for layout, repair and maintenance of Town highways? (\$270,011 Requested)
- Article 21: What sum shall the Town vote for the Selectboard's Budget? (\$125,010 Requested)
- Article 22: Shall the Town of Benson appropriate an additional \$5000 for the fund for a stone monument to honor veterans to be placed at the Town Office?
- Article 23: What sum shall the Town vote to pay appropriations, its portion of county tax, state highway taxes, and to pay its indebtedness, current and incidental

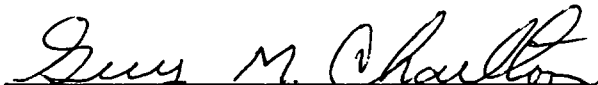
expenses, for the year ensuing and fix a time and how the same shall be collected?

Article 24: Shall the voters of the Town of Benson require that bylaws relating to land use regulations be adopted, amended or repealed by vote of the Town by Australian Ballot at a special or regular meeting duly warned on the issue?

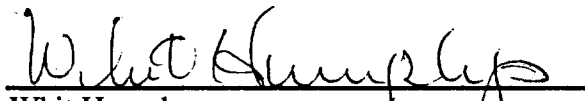
Article 25: To transact any other business proper to be done at the Annual Town Meeting.

Dated at Benson, Vermont, this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2005.

Benson Select Board

  
Guy Charlton

  
John Fedor

  
Whit Humphreys

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David Kidder

  
Norma Phillips

## SELECT BOARD REPORT

In addition to all the Town employees, the Select Board wishes to thank those residents who have volunteered their time and talent. Because of their support, the Town has an improved playground, greater access to grant money, better communication tools and improved accounting practices. Make this the year you become actively engaged in your local government.

Sunset Lake Road Project: The goal of this project is to eliminate erosion along the 1400 foot shoreline and the subsequent sedimentation in the Lake along the lake shore. 1,000 feet have already been completed, leaving 400 feet to be completed by November 2005. A grant to help complete this project was awarded fall 2004; and additional grant money will be applied for in spring 2005.

Hullett Hill Road Repair: In summer 2004, the Road Crew completed some long-needed reconstruction work to Hullett Hill Road. Heavy rains complicated the process, but final repair to the road included ditching both sides of the road, replacing a culvert, lining the ditches and culvert opening with stone, and resurfacing the road.

Ordinances/Policies: Constable policies and a traffic ordinance were adopted, copies of which are available at the Town Clerk's office.

Compliance: The Community Hall and Town Clerk's Office heating oil tanks were replaced. One last item needs to be completed at the garage to bring the Town in full compliance with the Spill Prevention Plan.

### Some Other Projects:

- Last year's \$1,000 grant from the State of Vermont was used to address playground safety issues, purchase new equipment and fix existing play structures. Otis Kellogg, Don Ladd and other interested parties volunteered their time to make this happen. Thank you!
- The Town was awarded a \$5,500 grant to help offset last year's construction of a retaining wall for the recycling dumpster and grading to the Transfer Station area. Plans are being made to run electrical cable to the Transfer Station in spring 2005.
- The Community Hall furnace was replaced.

GASB Compliance: In June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) introduced a revised financial reporting model for all Vermont towns to follow. As required, Benson began complying with these standards in fiscal year 2003-2004. Full implementation is expected by the 2006 annual Town report. Special thanks to those who have been working to implement this new accounting system, especially Jan Ladd and John Fedor.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SUE JANSSEN** for helping with grants and many, many other projects this year! Rumor has it that Sue is well on her way to becoming an honorary Select Board member. Thank you, Sue for your endless support and great energy.



Town Meeting for 2004 was held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ron Savageau called meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Town voted to have the select board spend unanticipated funds such as gifts or grants.

Town voted to appropriate \$705. for Rutland Mental Health.

Town voted to appropriate \$1400. for Visiting Nurses and Hospice.

Town voted to appropriate \$900. for Council on Aging.

Town voted to appropriate \$500. for BROCC.

Town voted to appropriate \$2,000. for Benson First Response.

Town voted to appropriate \$10,390. for Fair Haven Rescue Squad.

Town voted to appropriate \$3,500. for the Benson Library.

Town voted to appropriate \$4,000. for the cemeteries. Additional funding voted 72 yes, 37 no.

Town voted to set aside \$10,000. for construction of a salt/sand shed.

Town voted to appropriate \$19,500. for the Benson Fire Department.

Town voted to appropriate \$9,995. for the Benson Fire Department for air packs.

Town voted to appropriate \$600. for Benson Youth League.

Town voted to set aside another \$5,000. for veterans memorial.

Town voted to appropriate \$100,000. for Select Board budget.

Town voted to appropriate \$188,600. for the highway budget.

Town voted to purchase a one and a half ton pickup truck. Voted yes 67 and no 60.

Town voted to table purchasing land with Orwell until April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004 when town has more information.

Town vote to raise by taxes \$357,090. ½ due on Sept. 15, 2004 and second half due on March 15, 2005.

Town voted down article concerning all appropriation articles, all budget articles, and all other articles authorizing funds to be raised by taxes by Australian ballot.

Town voted down article concerning all appropriation articles over \$5,000. be voted by Australian ballot.

Tabled article concerning number of planning commissioners.

Special Town Meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Articles concerning purchasing land on Lake Sunrise both were defeated at this meeting.

Special Town Meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004. Articles that were petitioned for reconsideration.

Town voted again in the affirmative to purchase air tanks for fire department. Yes 74 and no 36.

Town voted down the purchase of a one and a half ton pickup truck, previously voted for on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004. Voted no 61 and yes 50.

## TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator	Ron Savageau	2005
Town Clerk/Treasurer	Janet Ladd	2007
Select Board	Guy Charlton (3 years)	2007
	Norma Phillips (3 years)	2006
	John Fedor (3 years)	2005
	Whit Humphreys (1 year)	2005
	David Kidder (1 year)	2005
Listers	Les Burleson	2007
	Susan Brown	2006
	Lois Trenn	2005
Auditors	Pat MacLaren	2007
	Bob Butman	2006
	Lynn Bernhardt	2005
First Constable	Daryl Burlett	2005
Delinquent Tax Collector	Lois Trenn	2005
Agent to Prosecute & Defend	Morris Silver	2005
Grand Juror	Daniel Britton	2005
Trustee of Public Funds	Wesley Bowen	2007
	Norma Phillips	2006
	Genevieve Trutor	2005
Library Commissioners	Jacqueline Lussier	2009
	Peggy Munger	2008
	Frances Bowen	2007
	Cherie Collett	2006
	Ethel McWayne	2005
Cemetery Commissioners	Ruth Bosworth	2009
	Leonard Lussier	2008
	Donald Ladd	2007
	Martha Savageau	2006
	Ed Peltier	2005
School District Moderator	Ron Savageau	2005
School District Clerk	Janet Ladd	2007
Town School Directors	Mike Ellis	2007
	Tobi Silver	2006
	Susan Brown	2005
	Deidre Denehy	2005
	John Hill	2005
Fair Haven High Directors	Theresa Lussier	2005
	Cheryl Schneider	2005
Justices of the Peace	Ron Savageau	2006
	Ed Peltier	2006
	Melvin Corey	2006
	John Hill	2006
	Susan Janssen	2006

## TOWN OFFICERS

The following officers are appointed by the Board of Select Board

Fence Viewers	Neal Bartholomew	2005
	Lester Burleson	2005
	H. Jack Munger	2005
Pound Keeper		
Health Officer	Daryl Kuehne	2005
Inspection of Wood & Lumber	Morris Silver	2005
Town Energy Coordinator	Jim Hall	2005
Town Planning Board	Jean Butman	2008
	Nancy Elkington	2008
	Matthew Currie	2007
	Tom Bartholomew	2007
	John Fedor	2006
	Neal Bartholomew	2006
	Jack Munger	2005
JMSC/SWAC	Priscilla Dufour/Norma Phillips	
Flood Plain Zoning	David Kidder	
Civil Defense	David White	
Community Hall Committee	Pam Lamoureux	2007
	Dawn Pedro	2006
	Howard Bowen	2005
Director of F.H. Rescue	Lynn Larock	
Service Coordinator	Lynn Bowen	
Rutland Regional Planning	Tom Bartholomew	
Rutland Regional	Dave Cunningham	
Transportation		
Fire Warden	Jacob Brown	

## 2004 PAYROLL

Ballard, Bob	Highway	\$27,790.48
Barrett, Brad	Cemetery	156.00
Bernhardt, Lynn	Auditor	125.00
Bowen, Frances	C.H. & Asst. Clerk/Treasurer	2,901.02
Bowen, Holly	Cemetery	144.20
Bowen, Randy	Highway	35,058.75
Bowen, Paul	Highway	5,140.00
Bowen, Shirley	Cemetery	880.00
Brown, Susan	Lister	133.44
Burleson, Les	Lister	8,561.63
Butman, Bob	Auditor	125.00
Charlton, Carrie	Sewer lab	2,668.80
Charlton, Guy	Sewer lab & Select Board	4,886.00
Charlton, Rita	Elections	48.00
Collett, Cherie	Library	126.00
Corey, Melvin	J.P. and Elections	48.00
Cunningham, David	Elections	240.00
Drake, Diane	Secretary to Board	168.00
Dufour, Priscilla	Transfer Station	1,030.00
Ellis, Holly	Cemetery	2,800.00
Elkington, Nancy	Select Board	600.00
Fedor, John	Select Board	624.00
Flynn, June	Transfer Station	135.96
Hall, Jim	Highway	1,630.00
Hill, John	Elections	48.00
Humphreys, Whit	Select Board	616.00
Janssen, Sue	Elections	40.00
Ladd, Don	Elections	16.00
Ladd, Janet	Clerk/Treasurer	22,860.43
Lussier, Jackie	Library	2,491.00
MacLaren, Pat	Auditor	125.00
Otey, Josh	Second Constable	304.00
Pedro, Dawn	Secretary to Select Board	915.00
Pedro, Reese	Highway	70.00
Peltier, Ed	Elections	48.00
Phillips, Norma	Select Board, Elections	904.96
Rivers, Donald	Transfer Station	328.64
Savageau, Ron	Elections	104.00
Smith, James	Transfer Station	3,919.48
Snyder, Claire	Elections	216.00
Trenn, Lois	Lister, Delinquent Taxes	12,849.71
		<b>\$141,876.50</b>

Town of Benson Budget and Income/Expense Report	Town of Benson	
	Budget and Income/Expense Report	
	05-06 BUDGET	04-05 YTD ACTUAL
	04-05 Budget	Jul '03 - Jun 04
Town of Benson Budget/Income/Expense Income		
Highway Income	\$180,297	\$86,758
(see separate Highway Budget)		
(This is separate, as required by state statutes)		
Sewer Income		
(see separate Sewer Report)		
(this is separate because the income is from sewer rents and the expenses are paid by the sewer users, not by taxes)		
		\$136,281
		\$19,475
Select Board Income		
Bank Interest		
Savings Interest		
Benson Scholarship Fund		
Community Hall	\$5	
Library		
Lyle Wilcox scholarship		\$3
Revenue Sharing		\$8
Veteran's Monument		\$34
Savings Interest - Other		\$19
Total Savings Interest		\$15
CD Interest		\$12
Money Market interest		\$40
Total Bank Interest	\$5	\$131
traffic tickets		\$455
dog tickets		\$25
recycle paper	\$1	\$611
transfer station permits & stickers	\$6	
Community Hall Rental	\$142	
Library Income	\$38	
miscellaneous	\$494	
other	\$18,164	\$26,827
library donations	\$390	\$1,480
Total Library Income	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$150
	\$0	\$150

Town of Benson Budget and Income/Expense Report			
	05-06 BUDGET	04-05 YTD ACTUAL	04-05 Budget
Miscellaneous Income	\$0	\$5	
Veteran's Monument Income	\$0	\$0	\$116
Playground Donations		\$246	\$6,463
Playground Grant			
Rent	\$1,800	\$900	\$1,000
liquor licenses	\$500	\$0	\$1,800
Grants			\$350
grand list maintenance	\$632		
current use	\$14,355	\$14,355	\$632
reappraisal	\$4,600	\$0	\$13,918
Total Grants	\$19,587	\$14,355	\$4,100
Fees	\$13,000	\$5,438	\$18,650
Dog Monies	\$2,400	\$299	\$15,000
Cemetery \$	\$0	\$100	\$2,000
FP & FW Pilot Program	\$6,280	\$6,280	\$0
Total Select Board Income	\$83,567	\$47,040	\$6,280
			\$84,418
Property Taxes			
Total 2004-2005 tax revenues		\$1,213,738	\$2,844
Total 2003-2004 tax revenues		\$0	\$1,063,460
Total Delinquent taxes		\$4,949	\$130,842
2002-2003 tax revenues		\$0	\$12,384
2001 - 2002 Tax revenues		\$0	\$4,857
2001 6 months tax revenues		\$0	\$113
2000 Tax revenues		\$0	\$1,109
1999 Tax revenues		\$0	\$362
Overpayment of taxes		\$0	\$7
Total Property Taxes	\$0	\$1,218,687	\$1,215,978
penalty			
current use			\$106
Total penalty	\$0	\$0	\$106
Benson Scholarship Income			\$2,177
H. Glenn Munger Scholarship Inc			\$600
Total Income	\$263,864	\$1,352,485	\$1,459,034

Town of Benson  
Budget and Income/Expense Report

Expense	05-06 BUDGET	04-05 YTD ACTUAL	04-05 Budget	Jul '03 - Jun 04
Highway Expense (see separate Highway Budget) (This is separate, as required by state statutes)	\$450,308	\$178,782	\$338,600	\$329,068
Sewer Expense (see separate Sewer Report) (this is separate because the income is from sewer rents and the expenses are paid by the sewer users, not by taxes)				\$12,563
Select Board Expenses				
Flag Pole Rent	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1
Humane Society	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$150
GreenUpVT	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$50
mileage for town officers	\$150	\$84		\$455
conferences & training	\$450	\$220		\$575
building maintenance	\$2,000	\$1,014	\$3,000	
miscellaneous expenses		\$105	\$5,500	
animal control	\$4,000	\$2,000		
Interest expense	\$1,200	\$533		\$0
grant writing		\$1,596		
dues				
VLCT	\$1,267	\$997	\$997	\$946
Rutland Regional Planning	\$750	\$500	\$500	\$500
Total dues	\$2,017	\$1,497	\$1,497	\$1,446
Playground Equipment	\$500	\$2,642		\$163
Insurance				
unemployment insurance	\$500	\$501	\$0	\$515
VLCT INSURANCE POLICY	\$27,000	\$24,000	\$23,000	\$20,446
Note: Includes Building, Auto, Liability & Worker's Comp. For Town, Highway, Sewer Fire Dept. & First Response				
Insurance - Other				\$459
Total Insurance	\$27,500	\$24,501	\$23,000	\$21,420

Town of Benson Budget and Income/Expense Report				
	05-06 BUDGET	04-05 YTD ACTUAL	04-05 Budget	Jul '03 - Jun 04
Professional Fees				
Accounting	\$1,500	\$4,028	\$0	\$1,238
Consulting	\$250	\$225	\$0	
Legal Fees	\$2,000	\$225	\$2,000	\$2,007
Total Professional Fees	\$3,750	\$4,478	\$2,000	\$3,245
Total Compliance	\$1,500	\$14,544	\$0	\$9,022
electricity				
street lights	\$1,848	\$924	\$2,000	\$1,844
town office	\$1,822	\$911	\$2,000	\$1,686
Total electricity	\$3,670	\$1,835	\$4,000	\$3,530
EMS Expense				\$600
county tax	\$6,689	\$6,659	\$6,400	\$6,391
Office Expenses				
copier	\$200	\$0	\$250	\$184
mapping	\$800	\$803	\$800	\$700
dog licenses	\$500	\$204	\$500	\$497
computers & repairs	\$0	\$1,260	\$0	
bank service charges	\$150	\$26	\$200	\$147
appraisal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$750
ads	\$500	\$174	\$500	\$1,496
fish and game licenses	\$750	\$127	\$700	\$757
Landscaping - Annuals	\$0	\$75	\$0	
heating fuel	\$2,500	\$940	\$2,500	\$2,585
record books & paper	\$3,100	\$779	\$3,000	\$3,126
marriage licenses	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$313
mowing	\$480	\$480	\$300	\$360
plowing	\$420	\$0	\$400	\$420
postage	\$1,934	\$967	\$2,000	\$1,645
printing	\$1,512	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,512
repairs	\$50	\$30	\$0	\$45
sewer	\$150	\$75	\$150	\$150
software	\$200	\$83	\$0	\$1,858
supplies	\$2,000	\$999	\$3,000	\$2,693
telephone	\$1,600	\$804	\$1,700	\$1,573
Total Office Expenses	\$17,046	\$7,826	\$17,500	\$20,811



Town of Benson  
Budget and Income/Expense Report

	05-06 BUDGET	04-05 YTD ACTUAL	04-05 Budget	Jul '03 - Jun 04
Cemetery Expenses				
Total cemeteries payroll	\$3,200	\$3,044	\$2,691	\$3,155
perpetual care	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200
repairs	\$300	\$189	\$309	\$306
supplies	\$500	\$221	\$1,000	\$554
Cemetery Expenses - Other	\$0	\$232	\$0	\$174
Total Cemetery Expenses	\$4,000	\$3,686	\$4,000	\$4,389
Community Hall Expenses				
Total ch payroll	\$1,939	\$970	\$1,500	\$1,819
electricity	\$827	\$345	\$700	\$827
furnace repairs	\$0	\$9,465	\$0	\$405
heat	\$2,000	\$685	\$2,600	\$1,940
mowing	\$180	\$180	\$0	\$135
plowing	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$300
repairs	\$8,000	\$179	\$5,050	\$477
sewer	\$150	\$75	\$150	\$150
supplies	\$500	\$242	\$0	\$515
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$65	\$0	
Total Community Hall Expenses	\$13,896	\$12,206	\$10,000	\$6,568
Transfer Station Expenses				
Total Transfer Station payroll	\$5,839	\$3,868	\$5,000	\$5,681
Batteries	\$0	\$18	\$0	\$122
garbage	\$39,220	\$19,610	\$35,000	\$40,329
dues	\$3,000	\$2,074	\$0	\$2,844
freon	\$1,000	\$420	\$500	
metal hauling	\$1,606	\$803	\$1,300	\$1,275
plowing	\$350	\$0	\$0	\$350
recyclables hauling	\$2,500	\$900	\$5,200	\$3,330
repairs and maintenance	\$1,500	\$1,330	\$1,000	
stickers	\$750	\$736	\$0	\$706
supplies	\$100	\$32	\$0	\$36
survey	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$975
tires	\$400	\$203	\$0	\$561
New Recycling Dumpster				\$4,850
Miscellaneous	\$100	\$15	\$0	\$182
Total Transfer Station Expenses	\$56,365	\$30,009	\$48,000	\$61,241

Town of Benson  
Budget and Income/Expense Report

	05-06 BUDGET	04-05 YTD ACTUAL	04-05 Budget	Jul '03 - Jun 04
<b>Town Officers</b>				
Total Select Board payroll	\$3,300	\$0	\$3,300	\$3,283
Total Town Clerk & Treasurer payroll	\$27,776	\$13,913	\$25,500	\$25,486
Total Assistant Town Clerk payroll	\$1,390	\$672	\$1,200	\$1,378
Total Assistant Treasurer Payroll	\$4,000			
Total Secretary to the Board Payroll	\$1,324	\$662	\$1,700	\$1,094
Total DelinqTax Collector commissio	\$8,484	\$1,135	\$0	\$5,770
Listers payroll				
Reevaluation wages	\$3,000	\$6,801	\$15,000	
listers wages	\$8,000	\$1,307	\$13,800	\$12,811
listers soc sec co	\$682	\$503	\$0	\$794
listers medicare co	\$160	\$118	\$0	\$186
supplies	\$300	\$99	\$0	
mileage	\$200	\$402	\$0	\$148
Total Listers payroll	\$12,341	\$9,230	\$28,800	\$13,939
Constable Expenses				
Total Constable payroll	\$2,000	\$455		\$202
supplies	\$200	\$1,549		
mileage	\$300	\$521		\$318
Total Constable Expenses	\$2,500	\$2,525	\$825	\$520
Total Auditors payroll	\$431	\$0	\$375	\$404
Total Election Officials payroll	\$867	\$774	\$1,300	\$1,119
Total Town Officers	\$55,913	\$26,386	\$63,000	\$52,473
<b>Library Expenses</b>				
library payroll				
library wages	\$2,000	\$1,372	\$2,000	\$5,310
library soc sec co	\$124	\$85	\$124	\$177
library medicare co	\$29	\$20	\$29	\$43
Total library payroll	\$2,153	\$1,477	\$2,153	\$5,530
books	\$1,000	\$51	\$1,000	\$537
books-grant	\$0	\$28	\$0	\$3,171
computer supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,073
postage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2
supplies	\$147	\$0	\$147	
telephone	\$200	\$173	\$200	\$388
Total Library Expenses	\$3,500	\$1,729	\$3,500	\$11,701

Town of Benson  
Budget and Income/Expense Report

	05-06 BUDGET	04-05 YTD ACTUAL	04-05 Budget	Jul '03 - Jun 04
Fire Department Expenses				
FD Operating Budget				
equipment	\$5,000	\$656	\$5,000	\$2,500
truck repair/maint	\$3,000	\$884	\$3,000	\$2,500
equipment repair	\$2,500	\$3,904	\$2,500	\$0
building maintenance		\$532		\$2,000
dues and training	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
electricity	\$1,000	\$367	\$1,000	\$1,500
fuel	\$1,500	\$663	\$1,500	\$2,000
heating fuel	\$1,000	\$214	\$1,000	\$0
parts	\$0	\$116	\$0	\$0
Comm. Repair/Replacement	\$2,500	\$80	\$2,500	\$0
repairs	\$0	\$632	\$0	\$0
sewer	\$0	\$75	\$0	\$150
supplies	\$0	\$489	\$0	\$0
telephone	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
Total FD Operating Budget	\$19,500	\$8,612	\$19,500	\$12,650
Fire Department Air Tanks		\$9,995	\$9,995	
Fire Truck Payment Interest	\$3,824	\$4,206	\$4,570	\$4,571
Fire Truck Payment Principal	\$8,105	\$7,723	\$7,358	\$7,358
Total Fire Department Expenses	\$31,429	\$30,536	\$41,423	\$24,579
Payroll Expenses				
Medicare Company	\$0	\$36	\$0	\$44
Retirement Match	\$0	-\$253	\$0	\$2
Social Security Company	\$0	\$193	\$0	\$211
Payroll Expenses - Other	\$0	\$986	\$0	-\$2,512
Total Payroll Expenses	\$0	\$962	\$0	-\$2,255
Scholarships Awarded				
H. Glenn Munger Scholarship	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$600
Lyle Wilcox Scholarship	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500
Total Scholarships Awarded	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,100
Total Select Board Expenses	\$235,577	\$174,087	\$232,820	\$228,610

Town of Benson  
Budget and Income/Expense Report

	05-06 BUDGET	04-05 YTD ACTUAL	04-05 Budget	Jul '03 - Jun 04
Appropriations				
Veteran's Memorial	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$6,000
Southwestern Council on Aging	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$900
Rutland Mental Health	\$705	\$705	\$705	\$705
RAVNA	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400
Fair Haven Rescue	\$15,585	\$5,195	\$10,390	\$12,390
BROC	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Benson First Response	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	
Benson First Response-Other	\$5,000			
Fair Haven Concerned	\$500			
Sand / Salted Sand Shed CD	\$10,000		\$10,000	
Little League Expenses				
insurance	\$150	\$0	\$150	\$137
equipment	\$350	\$20	\$350	\$474
repairs	\$300	\$0	\$100	\$560
Total Little League Expenses	\$800	\$20	\$600	\$1,171
Total Appropriations	\$43,390	\$10,720	\$31,495	\$23,066
School				
Benson School Tax Payments	\$0	\$855,005	\$0	\$862,901
Total School	\$0	\$855,005	\$0	\$862,901
Total Expense	\$729,275	\$1,218,594	\$602,915	\$1,456,208
Net Income	-\$465,411	\$133,891	-\$367,685	\$2,826

How is this amount going to be raised by taxes?

Net Income	\$465,411
(From Town of Benson Budget/Income/Expense)	
Requested for Highway	\$270,011
Requested for Veteran's Memorial	\$5,000
Requested for Southwestern Council on Aging	\$900
Requested for Rutland Mental Health	\$705
Requested for RAVNA	\$1,400
Requested for Fair Haven Rescue	\$15,585
Requested for BROCC	\$500
Requested for Benson First Response	\$3,000
Requested for Benson First Response - Other	\$5,000
Requested for Fair Haven Concerned	\$500
Requested for Salt / Salted Sand Shed CD	\$10,000
Requested for Little League	\$800
Requested for Library	\$3,500
Requested for Cemeteries	\$4,000
Requested for Benson Fire Department	\$19,500
Requested for Selectboard Budget	<u>\$125,010</u>
Total:	\$465,411

	05-06 BUDGET	04-05 YTD ACTUAL	04-05 Budget	Jul '03 - Jun 04
Highway Income				
Total Grants	\$66,000	\$29,600	\$40,000	\$26,900
State Aid Highway	\$114,296	\$57,148	\$110,000	\$109,256
Permits		\$10		\$125
Total Highway Income	<u>\$180,296</u>	<u>\$86,758</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$136,281</u>
Highway & Garage Expenses				
Total highway payroll	\$92,090	\$44,279	\$90,000	\$76,753
roads				
Sunset Lake Road	\$25,000	\$239	\$7,000	
cold patch	\$400	\$0	\$400	
signs	\$5,000	\$114	\$3,000	\$3,000
brush cutting	\$3,500	\$375	\$3,000	\$2,500
Mowing	\$5,000	\$3,500	\$3,200	\$14,954
calcium chloride	\$18,000	\$0	\$18,000	\$1,270
contract plowing	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$3,631
culverts	\$1,500	\$182	\$5,000	\$31,817
excavating	\$13,000	\$5,525	\$13,100	\$36,873
Gravel	\$70,000	\$28,738	\$43,000	\$1,593
hauling	\$1,500	\$663	\$2,500	\$6,164
insurance	\$5,914	\$2,957	\$0	\$1,902
mileage	\$500	\$306	\$0	\$4,370
miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$44,986
paving	\$80,000	\$37,927	\$37,000	\$200
training	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$614
use of equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,549
winter salt	\$25,000	\$3,893	\$20,000	\$12,727
winter sand	\$22,000	\$6,974	\$20,000	\$6,827
roads - Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total roads	<u>\$279,814</u>	<u>\$91,393</u>	<u>\$179,200</u>	<u>\$188,977</u>

loan Payments (Interest & Principal) + Reserve Fund			
Reserve Equipment Fund	\$10,000		
grader	\$11,600	\$12,220	\$12,220
truck	\$16,000	\$16,414	\$16,414
Total Payments	<u>\$37,600</u>	<u>\$28,634</u>	<u>\$28,634</u>
garage			
miscellaneous	\$0	\$2,000	
chains, etc.	\$4,000	\$223	\$1,273
tools and repairs	\$0	\$0	
Gas & Diesel	\$9,000	\$6,080	\$6,720
electricity	\$1,000	\$361	\$984
heating fuel	\$4,000	\$299	\$3,310
parts	\$6,000	\$2,327	\$5,760
repairs	\$7,500	\$3,829	\$9,070
sewer	\$150	\$75	\$150
supplies	\$4,000	\$125	\$4,105
telephone	\$700	\$300	\$632
tires	\$3,000	\$88	\$1,315
uniforms	\$1,453	\$727	\$1,323
garage - Other	\$0	\$43	\$63
Total garage	<u>\$40,803</u>	<u>\$14,477</u>	<u>\$34,705</u>
Total Highway & Garage Expenses	<u>\$450,307</u>	<u>\$178,783</u>	<u>\$329,069</u>
(including reserve fund and total loan payments)			
Total To Be Requested from Taxes	<u>\$270,011</u>	<u>\$92,025</u>	<u>\$192,788</u>
(expenses minus income)			
		<u>\$188,600</u>	

Total Sewer Fee Revenues  
 Sewer Expenses  
     Total sewer payroll  
         fencing  
         training  
         chemicals  
         contract plowing  
         electricity  
         parts  
         testing  
     Sewer Expenses - Other  
 Total Sewer Expenses

	<u>04-05 YTD ACTUAL</u>	<u>Jul '03 - Jun 04</u>
	\$7,908	\$19,475
	\$3,726	\$7,281
	\$3,480	
	\$242	\$190
	\$404	\$1,413
	\$0	\$65
	\$3,421	\$2,002
	\$0	\$0
	\$220	\$1,007
	\$0	\$605
	<u>\$11,493</u>	<u>\$12,563</u>
	-\$3,585	\$6,912

Total Income minus expenses:  
 NOTE: There are no budget figures nor taxes requested  
 because sewer expenses are paid by Sewer Revenues  
 not by taxes



**Town of Benson  
Balance Sheet  
As of June 30, 2004**

	Jun 30, 04
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
checking	20,289.42
payroll	562.67
Savings Accounts	
Trustee Public Funds - 5632	121.46
Bicenteninal Account	7,952.30
9959 Equipment Fund	5,050.48
6412 H.Glenn Munger Scholarship	37.60
7166 Lyle Wilcox Scholarship	3,462.38
7330 Community Hall	3,830.88
7521 Revenue Sharing	6,035.16
7662 Benson Public Library	6,649.71
9846 Veteran's Monument	6,491.28
9854 Veteran Scholarship Fund	1,475.32
Total Savings Accounts	41,106.57
Chittenden Money Market	554.59
Certificates of Deposit	
Trustee - Public Funds Cemetery	65,177.41
Bridge CD	17,329.47
Total Certificates of Deposit	82,506.88
Total Checking/Savings	145,020.13
Accounts Receivable	
Del. property taxes receivable	50,680.66
8% Prop Tax Penalty Receivable	4,060.77
Prop Tax Interest Receivable	7,882.22
Del. Sewer fees receivable	2,100.00
8% Sewer Fee Penalty Receivable	96.00
Sewer Fee Interest Receivable	361.26
Total Accounts Receivable	65,180.91
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	2,739.30
Total Other Current Assets	2,739.30
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>212,940.34</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Buildings	
Cemetery Storage Building	500.00
Community Hall	140,003.00
Fire Station	47,259.00
Highway Garage and Sheds	25,357.00
New Town Office	169,514.00
Old Cemetery Storage Building	500.00
Old Town Office	71,891.00
Recycle Bin 2003	12,454.03
Recycling Building	6,164.00
School	808,349.00
Sewer Plant	2,915.00
Total Buildings	1,284,906.03
Equipment	
1994 pickup truck	4,950.00
1979 pumper tanker	40,000.00
1984 backhoe	24,666.00
1992 payloader	44,990.00
1997 dump truck	52,000.00
2002 dump truck	77,041.00
2003 Pumper Tanker	142,336.00
Grader	124,800.00
mini pumper	20,000.00

**Town of Benson**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of June 30, 2004

	Jun 30, 04
Total Equipment	530,783.00
Total Fixed Assets	1,815,689.03
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,028,629.37</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Reappraisal Fund Payable	10,243.26
Sewer Fund Payable	39,019.80
FNB Orwell Line of Credit	45,000.00
Payroll Liabilities	
Social Security Company	11.65
Retirement Plan	0.70
Total Payroll Liabilities	12.35
Total Other Current Liabilities	94,275.41
Total Current Liabilities	94,275.41
Long Term Liabilities	
Loans Payable	
Federal Signal Corporation Loan	84,977.71
Chittenden Bank Grader Loan	83,200.00
Chittenden Bank Dump Truck Loan	46,200.00
Total Loans Payable	214,377.71
Total Long Term Liabilities	214,377.71
Total Liabilities	308,653.12
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	1,654,985.01
Retained Earnings	28,947.27
Net Income	36,043.97
Total Equity	1,719,976.25
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>2,028,629.37</b>

## ABSTRACT OF 2004 GRAND LIST

2004 Total Taxable Property \$53,005,439.00

This is the first year of having two tax rates.  
One for residents and one for non residents.

Homestead School Tax	1.4673	(was 1.63)
Municipal Tax Rate (357,090. divided by 530,054.39)	.6737	(was .55)
Local Agreement (contract for parsonage)	<u>.0024</u>	

Total Resident Tax Rate 2.1444 (was 2.18)

Non Resident Tax	1.7915
Municipal Tax Rate	.6737
Local Agreement (contract for parsonage)	<u>.0024</u>

Total Non Resident 2.4676

## REVENUE SHARING REPORT-2004

Balance 6/30/2003	\$6005.00
Interest for year 2003-2004	<u>45.39</u>

Balance 6/30/2004	\$6050.39
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## TOWN OF BENSON LOCAL INDEBTEDNESS 2004

	Original Amount	Payment	Maturity Date	Interest
Grader	\$124,000.	10,400. + interest	11/15/2011	2.2 %
International Truck	\$77,000.	15,400. + interest	12/11/2006	2.2%
Fire Truck	\$142,336.	11,928.92 10 payments	2012	4.95%
School	\$1,020,000.	50,000. + interest	12/2013	5.22%

**DELINQUENT TAXES REAL**

December 31, 2004

Delinquent on December 31, 2003 \$ 26,040.59

 Delinquent Warrant March 23, 2004 72,488.90  
 \$ 98,529.49
Collected as of December 31, 2003 \$ 59,169.02

Delinquent Taxes due December 31, 2004 \$ 39,360.47

Bartholomew Robert	2002-2003, 2003-2004	\$ 1,110.40
**Bedard Andrew	2002-2003	113.00
**Bedard Sharon	2002-2003	77.97
Belden Donald	2002-2003, 2003-2004	295.54
Belden Scott et al	2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004	1,239.92
Belden, Scott & Neil	2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004	1,370.09
Bowen, Ralph Sr.	2003-2003, 2003-2004	3,849.53
Bowen, Sandra	2003-2003	118.81
Britton Daniel	2003-2004	3,123.94
**Cioffi, Pascal III	1999 through 2003-2004	2,073.58
Collett Cherie	2002-2003, 2003-2004	1,907.89
Cooper, Wayne	2001-6 through 2003-3004	114.92
Delisle Timothy J	2003-2004	916.69
Dufour Priscilla	2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004	4,203.67
Duval Daryl	2002-2003, 2003-2004	1,754.74
Flynn June	2003-2004	524.29
Hanson Dean	2003-2004	933.04
Inabinett, Zetta	2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004	4,904.03
Lewis Tammie	2002-2003, 2003-2004	1,289.14
Lussier Leonard N	2000, 2002-2003, 2003-2004	1,998.74
Luther Heather Lyn	2003-2004	2,164.74
Mason, Donald	2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004	424.45
McNeill, Tracy	2003-2003, 2003-2004	830.81
Messer, Kevin	2003-2004	413.11
Moshimer, Robert	2003-2004	804.42
Munger James et al	2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004	1,730.45
Reed, Michael	2003-2004	568.98
Walker, Lynn	2003-2004	503.58

\*accounts subject to abatement

A total of \$10,800.21 is due in interest on these accounts.

A copy of the Delinquent Tax Collector policy is available on request at the Town Clerk's office.  
 Appointments may be made by calling 537-2010 in the evenings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois P. Trenn  
 Delinquent Tax Collector

# **Delinquent Sewer Fees Report**

January 1, 2005

Delinquent Sewer Fees as of December 31, 2003	\$ 1,439.30
Delinquent Warrant January 5, 2004	900.00
Delinquent Warrant July 27, 2004	<u>750.00</u>
Total	\$ 3089.30

Collected as of December 31, 2004	\$ 1,132.49
Delinquent as of December 31, 2004	<u>1,956.81</u>
	\$ 3,089.30

Respectfully submitted,

Lois P. Trenn  
Delinquent Tax Collector

Apjohn Eric	07/03, 1/04, 07/04	\$ 225.00
Donald Belden	01/01, 07/01, 01/02, 07/02, 01/03, 07/03, 01/04, 07/04	600.00
Ann Bowen	07/04	75.00
Ralph Bowen Sr	07/04	75.00
Cherie Collett	07/01, 01/02, 07/02, 01/03, 07/03, 01/04, 07/04	525.00
June Flynn	07/04	75.00
Mr/Mrs. Burney	01/04	75.00
Ralph Bowen Jr.	07/04	75.00
Mr/Mrs. Jordan	01/04, 07/04	81.81
Mr/Mrs. Grenier	07/04	75.00
Jim McKearin	07/04	75.00

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS 2004

**Beginning Balance 6-30-03**

**For Savings and CD \$69,246.75**

Savings Account

Balance June 30, 2003:	4,067.	4,067.26	
Deposits		400.00	
Interest		11.08	
Withdrawals		-4,356.88	
Balance June 30, 2004			121.46

Certificate of Deposit

Balance June 30, 2003	65,179.49
Interest through September 26, 2003	373.57
Interest through June 30, 2004	502.80

Total CD Interest

Ending CD Balance June 30, 2004	66,055.86
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**Ending Balance June 30, 2004**

**For Savings and CD: \$66,177.32**

Respectfully submitted,

*Generiere Trutor*  


## **Benson Volunteer Fire Department**

*Serving the Town of Benson*

PO Box 294

Benson, VT 05731

## **Budget Request Fiscal YR 2005/2006**

The Officers and the members of the Benson Volunteer Fire Department request the sum of \$19,500 to help defray the costs of running the department.

## **Benson Volunteer Fire Department**

*Serving the Town of Benson*

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Benson VT 05731

537-3791

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## **Fiscal Year 2003/2004 Budget Report**

<b>State Programs-</b>	<b>\$1,320.00</b>
<b>Electricity-</b>	<b>\$ 730.43</b>
<b>Fuel-</b>	<b>\$ 839.19</b>
<b>Heating Fuel</b>	<b>\$ 1,519.94</b>
<b>Truck Repair</b>	<b>\$ 2,804.16</b>
<b>Communications</b>	<b>\$ 926.23</b>
<b>Equipment Repair/ Replace/ Upgrade</b>	<b>\$ 7,940.40</b>
<b>Supplies/ Usables</b>	<b>\$ 923.33</b>
<b>Sewer Bill</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<b>Services</b>	<b>\$ 983.50</b>
<b>Telephone</b>	<b>\$ 53.61</b>
<b>Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>\$18,190.79</b>
<b>Reimbursement Check from Insurance (Replacemnt Gear destroyed by fire)</b>	<b>\$ 1,651.80</b>
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>\$ 16,538.99</b>

# Benson Public Library

## Receipts:

Balance 6/30/03	\$ 111.79
Town of Benson	2,000.00
Donation	100.00
Book sale	50.20
Transfer from savings account	1,815.00
<u>Total Receipts:</u>	<u>\$ 4,076.99</u>

## Disbursements:

Jacqueline Lussier	\$ 1,807.00
Cherie Collett	21.00
FICA	113.88
M/C	28.51
Shoreham Telephone Co.	388.12
Literary Guild	57.89
Talking About Books	101.91
National Geographic	19.00
American Library Assoc.	110.00
Annie's Book Store	10.00
Demco	59.81
Live Oak Media	57.47
Jan Ladd (reimburse computer supplies)	64.90
Jacqueline Lussier (reimburse AOL)	54.84
Benson Village Store	2.26
<u>Total Disbursements:</u>	<u>\$ 2,896.59</u>
Balance 6/30/04	\$ 1,180.40

## Grant

Beginning balance	\$10,000.00
Salary	1,620.00
FICA & M/C	123.99
Gilmore Home Center	778.50
Books	4,066.00
Computers	1,953.00
Demco	851.49
<u>Total grant:</u>	<u>\$ 9,392.98</u>
Balance grant	\$ 607.02

## Savings account:

Balance 6/30/03	\$ 6,855.62
Interest	34.09
Withdrawals	1,815.00
Balance 6/30/04	<u>\$ 5,074.71</u>

## Request:

\$ 3,500.00

Respectfully submitted:  
Benson Library Commissioners,

Peggy Munger  
Peggy Munger, Chairman

Frances Bowen  
Frances Bowen, Treasurer

Jacqueline Lussier  
Jacqueline Lussier  
Cherie Collett  
Cherie Collett

Ethel McWayne



## BENSON CEMETERY REPORT 2003-2004

Receipts: Town \$2,000.00  
 Trustees of Public Funds \$1,980.14  
 Sale of Lot \$250.00

Expenditures:

Payroll	Zach Munger	\$848.00
	Ron Savageau	16.00
	Norma Phillips	24.00
	Lisa Waterhouse	84.00
	Shirley Bowen	592.00
	Holly Ellis	1188.00
	Brad Barrett	<u>48.00</u>
	Total	2800.00
	SS	169.68
	MC	39.72

Gas	BVS	75.27
	G & L	<u>72.90</u>
		148.17

Prepetual Care to Trustees	\$200.00
Repairs	\$305.52
Supplies	\$405.61
Other Cemetery Expenses	\$173.75
Error in General Journal	-12.31

Total Expenditures	\$4,230.14
Total Income	\$4,230.14

Restoration Donations	\$700.00
Last Year's Donations	\$1,794.37

Cemetery Commissioners

# Cemetery Commissioner's Report of Merchants Bank 2004

Date	Deposit	Withdrawals	Balance
12/31/2003			\$455.30
01/31/2004			455.30
02/29/2004			455.30
03/31/2004			455.30
04/30/2004			455.30
05/31/2004		** 7.40	447.90
06/30/2004	*110.00	***200.00	357.90
07/31/2004			357.90
08/31/2004			357.90
09/30/2004			357.90
10/31/2004			357.90
11/30/2004			357.90
12/31/2004		**100.00	257.90

## Explanation of Deposits and Withdrawals

- \* Payment for care of individual lots not covered by perpetual care
- \*\* Postage and envelopes
- \*\*\* Annual Fee for services rendered as voted by Cemetery Commissioners
- \*\*\*\* Transferred to Trustee of Public Funds

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Bosworth  
Secretary  
Benson Cemetery Commission



# THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ORWELL

Traditional Banking Since 1863 Phone (802) 948-2811 Fax (802) 948-2309

July 12, 2004

Board of Auditors  
Benson, Vermont 05731

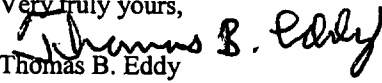
Dear Sir/Madame:

Our records reflect the following account balances as of the close of business on June 30, 2004:

<u>Checking Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
School	\$65,025.39
Town, Regular	11,698.63
Town, Payroll	2,907.04
School, Petty Cash	270.99
School, Student Projects	3,184.46
School, Student Activities	4,915.68
PTO	1,275.93
Nutritional Programs	6,805.48
Benson First Response Rescue	550.66
<u>Savings Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Trustees of Public Funds	121.46
Bicentennial Funds	8,066.81
H. Glenn Munger Scholarship Fund	37.60
Lyle Wilcox Scholarship Fund	3,462.38
Community Hall	3,830.88
Revenue Sharing	6,035.16
Benson Public Library	5,074.71
Benson First Response Rescue	3,168.66
Veteran's Monument	6,491.28
Equipment Fund	5,050.48
Scholarship Fund	1,475.32
<u>Certificates of Deposit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Town, Regular	17,416.54
Trustees of Public Funds	66,055.86
Benson First Response Rescue	10,128.29

<u>Loans</u>	
Town, Regular	\$45,000.00

Very truly yours,

  
Thomas B. Eddy  
Vice President

TBE/tad

January 18, 2005

TOWN OF BENSON  
ATTN: AUDITOR  
PO BOX 163  
BENSON, VT 05731

To Whom It May Concern:

The Town of Benson, checking account, for the Cemetery Commissioners, had a balance on June 30, 2004 of \$357.90.


The Town of Benson, checking account, for the Benson Volunteer Fire Department, had a balance on June 30, 2004 of \$5,226.60.

The Town of Benson, money market account, for the Benson Volunteer Fire Department, had a balance on June 30, 2004 of \$9,769.01.

If you require any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for banking with the Merchants Bank.

Very Truly Yours,  
Merchants Bank

  
Jill S. Miller  
Lender Customer Rep

**Town Of Benson  
Planning Commission**

January 18, 2005

During calendar year 2004, the Planning Commission completed work on a new Town Plan which was officially adopted by the Selectboard March 18, 2004. The new plan was approved by the Rutland Regional Planning Commission in September. Town Residents are encouraged to become familiar with the plan and its goals; a copy of the plan is available for review at the Town offices.

One goal of the Town Plan is "to consider the development of land use regulations for review and approval by the voters of Benson ...".

The Town applied for and received a \$13,000 grant from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development and contracted with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission to assist the Planning Commission with completing this objective.

Ten (10) meetings/training sessions/workshops will be held during January through May to provide information and training to the planning commission and other interested residents and to obtain public input concerning all aspects of land use regulations. An understanding of land use regulations, what they mean and how they work by Town officials and other Benson residents is essential to assure any draft regulations will reflect the thoughts, concerns and suggestions of the community and meet the needs of the Town.

**Please attend the appropriate meetings/workshops. Your participation is critical to the success of this effort and the future of the Town.**

**Commission Training Sessions – Public Invited**

**12<sup>th</sup> January – State Land Use Regulations**

**26<sup>th</sup> January – Map Review**

**9<sup>th</sup> February – Local Regulations**

**23<sup>rd</sup> February – Affordable Housing**

**9<sup>th</sup> March – Condition Map Determinations**

**23<sup>rd</sup> March – Maintaining the Working Landscape**

**Public Meeting Workshops**

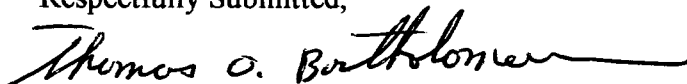
**13<sup>th</sup> April – Workshop 1 – Benson's Future in a Nutshell**

**27<sup>th</sup> April – Workshop 2 – Where is the Village Headed**

**11<sup>th</sup> May – Workshop 3 – What is the Future for Benson's Rural Areas**

**25<sup>th</sup> May – Workshop 4 – Bringing it together**

Respectfully Submitted,



Thomas A. Bartholomew, Chairperson

## Lister's Report

The big project for the listers this year is finishing the town-wide reappraisal begun in the summer of 2003. Data collected from property inspections has been entered into the computer, and the review process is well underway.

The next reappraisal step is the mailing of a list of all the new appraisals. This is expected to happen mid-May to mid June. During the two-week interval between the appraisal mailing and the beginning of the grievance process, the listers will hold at least one public meeting to address general reappraisal questions and concerns.

Grievance appointments will be scheduled this year. Appointments may be made by phone. As always, notice of grievance must be in writing and delivered to the listers by the date noted on the appraisal notice.

Some of the questions that have been asked of the listers this year:

*Why is it necessary to visit every property?*

It has been 15 years since the last reappraisal, and discovery is the only method to learn of changes in properties (because there is no zoning, and there are no building permits to go by).

*Why did only one lister visit my property? I thought there had to be at least two.*

For a town-wide reappraisal carried out by a professional firm, only one data collector would be sent to each property. That person may or may not be accompanied by a lister who would be there to help hold the tape measure, give directions to properties, and introduce the data collector. On all reappraisals, consistency in data collection is very important. Benson's size makes having one person do all the collection feasible, and should result in a more consistent result overall.

*If only one person is inspecting properties, what are the other listers doing?*

Data collected in the field and placed on data collection cards is entered into the computer along with pictures of the property. All data is carefully reviewed after collection by the listers, and a thorough check is made of each property card after it is printed out from the computer. Errors and omissions are often caught during these checks.

*What is going to happen to my taxes?*

Unfortunately, the listers have no input into this question. This is a matter decided by the total value of all the properties in town, the per-pupil cost for education last year, the tax rate set for education by the state, and the municipal budget voted on at Town Meeting. The only thing that the listers can note is that there are a number of new properties being added this year to the Grand List (new houses and camps), and these will add to the total Grand List.

Any questions about the reappraisal, Land Use (also called Current Use), or other assessment or listing questions, are welcomed by the Listers. Helping Benson citizens to understand what we do and how we do it is an important part of our job, and we are glad to talk to anyone about any facet of our work. The listers are available by appointment to discuss any of the lister records on file at the Town Offices, to explain what the records mean and what went in to the appraisal. All records are public information, and available during the office hours of the Town Clerk or by appointment with the listers.

Lois P. Trenn  
Les Burtleson  
Sue Brown

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

This Town Meeting Day, the Town will vote on whether or not to establish a conservation commission.

### What are Town Conservation Commissions?

In 1977, Vermont passed the enabling legislation (24 V.S.A. 4501) to establish town conservation commissions. **The major goal of a conservation commission is to establish community responsibility for its natural resources.** A commission is comprised of caring citizens who are organized to speak for the environment.

### How Are Conservation Commissions Established?

The enabling legislation states, "**A conservation commission may be created at any time when a municipality votes to create one**, or, if the charter of a municipality permits it, when the legislative body of the municipality votes to create on."

Once the commission is established, **Select Boards appoint conservation commissioners**, choosing people who represent diverse interests in town and different geographical sections of town.

### What Are the Powers and Duties of Conservation Commissions

The powers and duties of town conservation commissions include:

- **Making an inventory of the town's natural resources including lands that have agricultural, scientific, historic, educational, or cultural value**
- **Receiving gifts of land for conservation purposes**
- **Assisting the local planning commission on natural resource issues**
- **Encouraging the public's understanding of their local environment through educational activities**

### What Types of Projects Can Conservation Commissions Undertake?

**The projects that a town conservation commission can become involved with are almost endless. The focus of each conservation commission will vary depending on the needs of its community.** Some examples:

- Carry out a survey to assess public interest and conservation needs
- Carry out a natural resource inventory of the Town of Benson
- Identify and protect unique natural areas
- Inventory and work to preserve historic sites
- Organize education workshops for local citizens
- Carry out fundraising activities such as bulk bird food sales, bottle drives, or tree seedling sales
- And many more

### What Can a Conservation Commission Do First?

A town conservation commission

- **Should represent the conservation interests of its towns people**
- **Make an inventory of the town's natural resources**

### How Are Conservation Commissions Funded?

**Many commissions in Vermont operate successfully with no budget.** Other commissions have annual appropriations from their towns' budgets for operating; appropriations range from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per year.

*Note: Further information available at Town Clerk's Office.*

# **Benson Volunteer Fire Department**

*Serving the Town of Benson*

PO Box 294

Benson, VT 05731

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In 2004 the Benson Fire Department once again responded to over 40 calls. These calls range from fire related issues to motor vehicle accidents to EMS assist. The majority of these calls once again turned out to be motor vehicle accidents on RT 22A.

In October of 2004 the department received 8 MSA self contained breathing apparatus air packs. We also received 16 lightweight carbon fiber bottles for these packs. I am proud to point out that these air packs cost just over \$28,000 and was paid for 100% with federal Homeland Security Grant money.

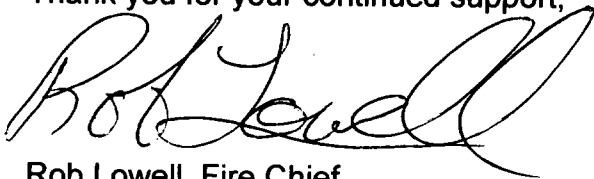
In October the department also took delivery of out new Air compressor and cascade system for filling SCBA bottles. The department would like to thank once again the taxpayers of Benson for purchasing the compressor for this system. The compressor did cost around \$900.00 more than expected due to the delay in ordering caused by the revote on the article authorizing the purchase. The department paid for the increase with fundraising money, we also paid for the cascade bottles, hoses and fill station that are needed for this system with fundraising money. Total fundraising money spent on this system was just over \$7,000 dollars.

The fire department continues to strengthen our training programs. We are actively involved in the Rutland County Fire Mutual Aid Association and work closely with surrounding towns to strengthen our ability to respond to the towns needs.

The Department continues to look for new members and have many roles that we are looking to fill, we are looking for people willing to learn how to drive the trucks and run the pumps, people that are willing to learn the skills needed to be interior firefighters, and also people just to help out around the scenes and fill support roles for the firefighters. I encourage anyone that has the desire to help the community to give us a call, we are more than happy to discuss how you can be part of our town's fire department.

The Benson Fire Department requests the same sum as last year (\$19,500) to be budgeted for the costs of running the department.

Thank you for your continued support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Lowell", written in a cursive style.

Rob Lowell, Fire Chief





## BENSON FIRST RESPONSE ANNUAL REPORT

### Town Funding Request:

1. The Benson first Response is requesting **\$3,000** for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 to help defray the cost of major expenses.
2. The Benson first Response is requesting **\$5,000** for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 to be set aside in an interest bearing account for the future purchase of a four-wheel-drive emergency response vehicle, which will replace the current 1989 rig.

**Calls:** We went on 88 medical and trauma calls last year. We continue to stand by at the scene when the Fire Department is at a fire, and they back us up when we need manpower.

**New Members Needed:** New members are desperately needed, as two more members anticipate retirement at the end of 2005. Please contact us to learn more about courses to become a certified First Responder-Emergency Care Attendant or Emergency Medical Technician.



**9-1-1 House Signs:** Help us to better help you by posting your 9-1-1 house number sign in an area that can be easily seen by EMS, Fire and Police – in all types of weather. In some cases, every second counts. You may purchase your 9-1-1 house sign at the Town Clerk's Office for \$2.50. This will be the best money you ever spent!!

### Fundraising:

- ❖ The **Rabies Clinic** for dog and cat vaccinations will be held on March 5, 2005, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Benson Firehouse. The Town Clerk will be available to sell dog licenses.
- ❖ The Benson First Response will sponsor their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual **Craft Sale** in November 2005 at the Benson Village School. This has become a very successful event for the First Response and vendors. If you would like to reserve a table, please contact Lynn LaRock at 537-4811. Keep that day open to get some of your holiday shopping done!!
- ❖ The **Memory Tree Lighting** will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2005, at 4:30 p.m. in front of the Town Office. There will be caroling, refreshments and a special visit from Santa. Bulbs will be available for purchase in November with forms available through the local stores and the town newsletter.

**BENSON'S HOMETOWN HERO**

**JAN LADD** retired from the Benson First Response in October 2004 after 15 years of dedicated service. Jan has volunteered countless hours in all types of weather during the days, nights, weekends, and holidays by providing emergency care to the residents of the Town of Benson. The First Response honored her at their annual holiday gathering in December. She was presented with an inscribed Simon Pearce vase recognizing her generous efforts from 1989 to 2004.

***A special thank you to everyone who has given their time and money to support this group. We could not exist without your continued help. Have a safe and happy 2005.***

Respectfully submitted by Thomas Neumann

**2004 Members:**

Tom Neumann, President  
Bea Laramie, Vice President  
Jan Ladd, Secretary  
Lynn LaRock, Treasurer

Deb Robbins, Training Officer  
Logan Audy  
Dave Bartholomew  
Rob Lowell  
Ed Peltier, Dispatcher

**Income (07/01/03-06/30/04)**

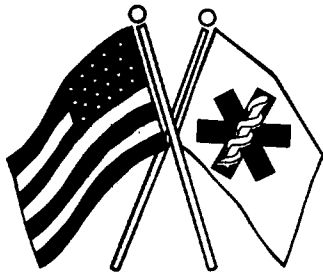
Fundraising	\$2,036.00
Donations	747.50
Town of Benson	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,783.50</b>

**Expenses (07/01/03-06/30/04)**

Vehicle Maintenance	\$1,175.27
Miscellaneous	1,024.22
Medical Equipment/ Supplies	644.99
Telephone-station	632.24
Radios/Pagers	516.35
Oxygen: Merriam-Graves	509.46
Dispatching Services	400.00
Cost of Fundraising	338.66
Cell Phone-rig	239.52
Dues: VT Ambulance Assoc.	75.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,555.71</b>

**Balances as of June 30, 2004:**

Checkbook	=	\$488.87
Savings account	=	\$3,163.99
Certificate of Deposit	=	\$10,029.77



## **FAIR HAVEN RESCUE SQUAD**

**17 Prospect Street, Fair Haven, VT 05743**

**Phone (802) 265-3620**

### **KEEPING OUR PROMISE**

**Celebrating 35 Years of Caring for our Communities**

Fair Haven Rescue Squad began operation in December 1970 as a volunteer ambulance service. This was a successful service throughout the next two decades that covered the towns of Benson, Castleton, Fair Haven, Hubbardton, West Haven and Low Hampton (NY). However, in the early 1990s it became more difficult to retain volunteers because of growing demands on the members' personal time with their families and increased cost of living.

Consequently, FHRS was unable to meet the needs of its communities and began missing calls. The Town of Castleton made the decision to switch to another ambulance service. The Vermont EMS Office had to place conditions on their license, which resulted in the membership having to take serious steps in improving their responses to calls by hiring a paid daytime EMT and hoping that a volunteer would respond as a second crew member. Nights and weekends would be staffed with volunteers. This setup worked only for a few years.

In 1999, the Board of Directors made the decision to hire an Administrator to begin the process of changing over to a full-time paid staff. Since July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000, Fair Haven Rescue Squad has had one full-time Administrator, one full-time Field Supervisor, three full-time EMTs, and 20 part-time EMTs with approval to practice at the Paramedic level. Since the transition to a full-time, Paramedic level service, Fair Haven Rescue Squad has received frequent compliments from residents and selectboards about the improvement in the ambulance service.

In 2004, Fair Haven Rescue Squad received two prestigious awards – the Judith L. Richards Memorial Award from CVRA Sports and the Vermont Ambulance Service of the Year Award.

FHRS also received a 2004 Homeland Security Grant Award of \$56,000 that is specifically earmarked for a 12-lead cardiac monitor/defibrillator with battery charger; a large, fixed, propane generator; two mobile radios and five hand-held radios; emergency evacuation chair; two microcap capnography units; one DC/AC ambulance inverter; and two portable suction units.

Although FHRS now has up-to-date equipment for the ambulances, it is essential that a vehicle replacement fund be started this year. Both ambulances were purchased at reduced rates because they were demonstration models. In the last two years, the 1998 ambulance has had repairs totaling \$3,994.59, and the 2000 ambulance has had repairs totaling \$4,159.46. Therefore, our request this year is increased to \$15.00 per capita for the purpose of replacing the 1998 ambulance.

<b>CALLS BY FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>98-99</b>	<b>99-00</b>	<b>00-01</b>	<b>01-02</b>	<b>02-03</b>	<b>03-04</b>
BENSON	41	41	57	56	61	76
FAIR HAVEN	237	313	299	332	310	359
LOW HAMPTON	19	18	20	22	14	33
HUBBARDTON	26	37	34	38	52	38
WEST HAVEN	12	9	24	22	32	25
MUTUAL AID RESPONSE PROVIDED TO GRANVILLE RESCUE, POULTNEY RESCUE, REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE, AND SKENESBOROUGH EMS	61	61	130	184	240	325

Fair Haven Rescue Squad is licensed at the highest level—Paramedic. Each level of certification (EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate and Paramedic) must obtain continuing education credits every year in order to maintain their levels of certification. The EMTs and Paramedics on FHRS are proud of their profession and proud to be on the staff of FHRS. They face new challenges everyday by learning about nuclear, biological and chemical terrorism and other timely continuing education topics that include updates about new infectious diseases.

Our EMS staff heroically responds to these types of calls every year:

- allergic reactions
- cardiac arrest
- chest pain
- congestive heart failure
- diabetic emergencies
- domestic incidents
- lacerations
- motor vehicle accidents
- pedestrian accidents
- psychological emergencies (depression and suicide)
- respiratory emergencies
- seizures
- unresponsive patients
- and non-emergency transports for area nursing home patients, as well as patients returning to their home from the hospital

Families of children with special health care needs in our towns rely on the staff knowing the special assistance that their children require. Our Field Supervisor discusses those needs with the patient's parents/guardians and nursing support staff and prepares the FHRS staff ahead of time in order to prevent additional injury to these children and assist their families in the event of an emergency.

To learn more about Fair Haven Rescue Squad or the Annual Membership (subscription) Drive, call Lori Darrah, Administrator, at 265-3620. The yearly *Independent Auditors' Report* from McCormack, Guyette & Associates is on file in your Town Office and available for your review.

To learn more about our ambulance service as compared to other ambulance services in Vermont, call the Director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention, Dan Manz (under the Vermont Department of Health) at 800-244-0911.

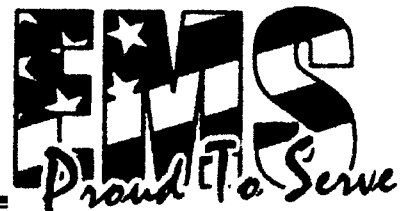
Please also call your town representative for more information about their goals and direction for FHRS and how it affects your town: Benson—Lynn LaRock (537-4811), Fair Haven—Judy Wiskoski (265-8617), Hampton—Len Reed (518-282-9816), Hubbardton—Grace Calvin (273-2242), West Haven—Willem Leenman (265-8389).

We've kept our promise of providing the best prehospital medical care to our towns. The Staff and Board of Directors appreciate the strong loyalty from the residents and selectboards in our coverage area.

Lori Darrah, Administrator

**FY05-06 REQUEST IS \$15.00 (PER CAPITA):**

Benson	=	\$15,585 (1039)
Fair Haven	=	\$43,920 (2928)
Hubbardton	=	\$11,280 (752)
West Haven	=	\$4,170 (278)



## BENSON YOUTH LEAGUE

This was one of the toughest years I have experienced in the 15 years that I have been involved with town baseball. But you know through it all the kids come out and had a good time. Now isn't that amazing. You know, if there is one thing I've noticed over the years, it's that if you give a kid an opportunity to be happy and have fun, they will.

Thanks for everyone's help, it doesn't happen without the support of the Parents.

We are requesting \$800. from the town.

### Town of Benson Account QuickReport July 2003 through June 2004

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Amount
<b>Appropriations</b>				
<b>Little League Expenses</b>				
<b>insurance</b>				
Bill	4/12/2004	Dewitt-Blake I...		136.61
Total insurance				136.61
<b>equipment</b>				
Bill	3/29/2004	Keith's II Sports		725.50
Check	3/30/2004	Keith's II Sports		292.75
Bill	4/13/2004	Keith's II Sports		60.00
Deposit	4/19/2004		donation	-577.90
Check	5/17/2004	David Kidder		808.91
Deposit	5/25/2004		donation	-835.00
Total equipment				474.26
<b>repairs</b>				
Bill	5/10/2004	Don Ladd		195.00
Bill	5/10/2004	Ferguson		255.87
Bill	6/7/2004	Brad B. Barrett		64.00
Bill	6/7/2004	Gilmore Hom...		101.95
Deposit	6/8/2004		Credit	-57.18
Total repairs				559.64
Total Little League Expenses				1,170.51
Total Appropriations				1,170.51
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>1,170.51</b>



## ANNUAL REPORT - 2004

### Rutland Regional Planning Commission

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#### THE COMMISSION'S MISSION:

Cooperative planning within the Region

[www.rutlandrpc.org](http://www.rutlandrpc.org)

#### 2004 ACTIVITIES:

- **Technical assistance** on community development issues - including assisting in the update and implementation of town plans, zoning & subdivision regulations, Village Center designations, and telecommunications ordinances.
- Regular **roundtables** of **local zoning administrators** and **local road commissioners** to share information and discuss common problems and solutions.
- **Municipal Planning Grants** application or implementation assistance to 18 communities.
- The **cooperative fuel-purchasing program**, saving towns, schools and non-profit organizations substantial amounts on fuel oil.
- **Emergency management planning** for each community to meet federal requirements and be eligible for disaster assistance, supporting the **Local Emergency Planning Committee**,
- Used **GIS (Geographic Information Systems)** tools to work on transportation, watershed planning, town planning and zoning, and commercial and industrial sites inventories.
- **Rutland Region Transportation Council** support for their planning for the future multi-modal transportation needs of the Rutland Region; completed additional **bridge, culvert and network inventories**, which help to reduce the local share of some highway projects.
- **Regional economic development strategy** to better coordinate community development, economic development and travel and tourism activities.
- **Brownfields Assessment** program to identify and assess potentially contaminated sites and make them useable for development.
- **Education, training, and information programs** for municipal officials and reimbursement for program fees as well as a bi-monthly Newsletter
- **Watershed plans** for the Poultney-Mettowee and Upper Otter Creek basins, in cooperation with other organizations.

#### In Benson the Regional Planning Commission:

- Helped town successfully apply for \$13,000 Municipal Planning Grant
- Prepared a town plan map series
- Completed traffic counts at 6 sites
- Assisted with the successful village designation application and maps
- Wrote regional Homeland Security Planning Grant to help update local emergency plans and acquire a laptop computer for the Benson Fire Department

## **RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL**

Formed in 1992, the Rutland Region Transportation Council (RRTC) provides a forum for the development of regional transportation planning and transportation projects that may have regional impacts. In addition, it coordinates policies and priorities with the Vermont Agency of Transportation and promotes cooperation on transportation issues in the Rutland region. The Council is the primary method for public involvement in transportation planning. State and federal funds are obtained by the Rutland Regional Planning Commission which provides support for the Council. The Planning Commission also provides planning, administrative, and geographic information system staff.

All municipalities in the Rutland Region are encouraged to participate in the Transportation Council and those with representatives named to the Council may vote on any issues.

Over the last fiscal year (October 2003-September 2004), the Rutland Region Transportation Council and its staff have been working for improved transportation planning in Rutland County in the following ways:

- Continued to assess the Rutland region's top transportation issues and work with VTrans and towns to solve transportation problems through study, project development and implementation. From a regional perspective, improvements to are always high priorities;
- Participated in discussions regarding transportation projects such as improvements to the Route 7 and 4 corridors, the intersection of Route 7 and VT 103, VT 73 and the Pittsford-Brandon US 7 Upgrade;
- Assisted with efforts to seek Vermont Scenic Byway designation for Route 30 through Rutland County;
- Provided input to VTrans on various studies and documents, for example the Elderly and Disabled Public Transit Program, Highway System Policy Plan and conformance of projects to the Rutland Regional Plan;
- Worked with a consultant to produce a report on corrective options for the US7/VT103 intersection in Clarendon;
- Assisted eight towns with culvert inventories to reduce their local match.
- Conducted traffic counts and speed study analysis in Benson and Danby;
- Worked with the Rutland Physical Activity Coalition to increase bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and programs in the area (including a map of trails in Rutland County);
- Assisted in coordinating the Region's application for the transit program for the elderly and disabled population;
- Distributed reports, bulletins, fliers, and newsletters, and maintained the Council's Web page.

In the current federal fiscal year (October 2003 – September 2004), the Rutland Region Transportation Council is continuing many of these efforts as well as initiating some new ones including outreach on access management.

Meetings of the Rutland Region Transportation Council are held once each month, normally on the fourth Thursday, in Rutland. All those with an interest in transportation and related issues are invited to attend. Questions about the Transportation Council may be directed to the following individuals: Susan Schreibmen, Senior Planner (775-0871) or Richard Baker, Chairman (247-6366).

# BROC

*Community Action in Southwestern Vermont*  
Since 1965

December 16, 2004

To the Citizens of the Town of Benson and Members of the Selectboard,

BROC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Benson who have supported our agency through the balloting process over the years. BROC continues to experience a large number of low-income individuals and families coming through our doors each day.

**Last year, BROC helped meet the basic needs of 18 families in the Town of Benson.** In addition, BROC weatherized 8 homes, comprised of 35 individuals through our Weatherization & Energy Conservation program, BROC's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) reimbursed 1 day care home provider in Benson for serving nutritious meals to about 10 children in their care, and BROC's Micro Business Development Program (MBDP) worked with 2 Benson residents interested in starting or expanding a small business. BROC also created several new partnerships and collaborations throughout the year with local organizations and businesses to help raise food for our emergency food shelf; as well as to help raise much needed funds through events and fund raising so that the needs of our neighbors continue to be met.

With your help, BROC is able to help many families facing the difficult decisions on how to make their budgets work with the rise in fuel and gasoline prices. Sometimes being able to access a few meals from BROC or having a dry, warm place to stay at night can make all the difference.

*Our appropriation request for the upcoming year is \$500.00.*

Sincerely,



Linda G. Rooker  
Executive Director

Home Office: 60 Center Street, Rutland, VT 05701 802-775-0878 Fax: 802-775-9949 800-717-BROC  
Satellite Office: 332 Orchard Road, Bennington, VT 05201 802-447-7515 Fax: 802-447-7516  
Linda G. Rooker, Executive Director lrooker175@aol.com \* www.broc.org







RONALD J. CIOFFI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
GLENN MORGAN, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **Town of Benson**

#### **TO THE TOWN MANAGER, OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF BENSON:**

For more than 58 years, the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice has brought high-quality, affordable, community-based home health and hospice services to people in the comfort of their homes.

In the face of rising healthcare costs, nursing shortages, shrinking reimbursement and regulatory changes to the health care system, RAVNAH has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective health care services to some of Rutland County's most vulnerable individuals. We are proud to report that we continue to be a community leader in guiding and shaping the future of home health, preventative and long-term care services, including home care, hospice, maternal-child health and community programs. Our services not only promote a healthy community, but also support individual dignity and independence in the home.

Last year we launched "The Caregiver Campaign" with a goal to raise \$1.15 million in support of RAVNAH's vital health care services and an expansion of our current headquarters. We began and completed construction on a 7,200 square foot (two-story) addition that allows us to meet the need of our growing staff, increasing patient load, and will leave RAVNAH exceptionally well prepared for future growth in home care services. The campaign also creates a lasting endowment that enables RAVNAH to continue to provide life-changing health care services to the greater Rutland community now and into the future.

In addition to the above, we are proud to report on a number of other successes we have achieved:

- Over 2,500 hours of volunteer services were provided to Hospice patients and families.
- A bereavement support group was initiated and offered to Rutland County residents.
- A series of caregiver workshops was held throughout the County in conjunction with Rutland Regional Medical Center and Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging.
- 4,504 people were immunized with the flu vaccine.
- We successfully implemented the McKesson Horizon Homecare System, a computer system which integrates all phases of our operations from patient scheduling to financial reporting.
- Standards of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliance was met.
- We achieved successful accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations.



- We were awarded a grant from the USDA Rural Development program which will provide RAVNAH clinicians with state-of-the-art equipment and software so we may better service Rutland County's rural residents.
- We increased our employee participation in the United Way by 50% over last year's total.
- We maintained one of the lowest costs in Vermont and the country for home health services.

We could not have been successful without our dedicated staff. RAVNAH's staff made over 79,500 visits to 2,331 different patients. In the town of Benson we provided 816 visits to 31 individuals.

In addition to our caring staff, many other people enable RAVNAH to "make a difference every day". We would like to express our deep appreciation to our Board of Directors who gives generously of their time, talents and financial support. We are grateful to our volunteers who provide comfort to terminally ill patients and clerical support in our office and at our clinics. We are also thankful to our generous donors whose gifts help us carry out our mission of service to the Rutland community.

To the individuals and organizations of the town of Benson that have supported us during 2004 we are truly thankful. With your support, RAVNAH will continue to meet our mission to *enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.*

Again, we say thank you for your support.

Ronald J. Cioffi, CEO



## **SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING**

### ***Report to the Citizens of Benson***

The Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging provided the following services in the town of Benson during the past year:

#### ***Senior Meals:***

Through contract, the Council, helped supply 2,303 meals that were prepared and delivered to the homes of 12 older persons in your community. This service is often referred to as "Meals on Wheels". We also provided "Blizzard Bags" containing "shelf-stable" meals to Meals on Wheels participants and other isolated elders, for use in a weather related or other emergency situation. In addition, 55 Benson elders participated at one or more of the luncheon sites available in our region, enjoying 533 meals.

#### ***Case Management Assistance:***

25 elders in your community received help from SVCOA Case Management staff. Case Managers provided help with applications and problem solving around programs such as Fuel Assistance, SSI, Medicaid, Food Stamps, etc. Case Managers also helped frail elders facing long term care placement, helping those who wanted to remain independent connect with available in home assistance, including Medicaid Waiver support for those who were eligible.

#### ***Other:***

In addition, the Council provided: 1) Telephone assistance through our "Senior HelpLine" (786-5991 or 1-800-642-5119). The HelpLine provided easy phone access to elders and others in need of information about programs and supports available to older persons; 2) Health benefit counseling information and form filing assistance through our SHIP Program; 3) Legal service assistance through a contract with the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Written information about elder issues via the weekly "Elder Connection" column appearing weekly in the Rutland Herald; 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by a Registered Dietician; 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders; 7) Elder Care Clinician outreach services to elders dealing with mental health issues. This service is provided through a contract with Rutland Mental Health; 8) Transportation assistance through Elders on the Go and the One-2-One Program; 9) Community Development assistance and 10) Caregiver information and support for family members and others who are providing help to elders in need of care.



In the year 2004, 26 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as Benson assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Town giving dollars support services which include:

- Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Emergency/Crisis Services

During fiscal year 2004, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 756 hours of services to 37 residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Benson in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

*Mark G. Monson*

President and Chief Executive Officer

Fair Haven Concerned, Inc.  
19 Washington Street  
Fair Haven, VT 05743

**For Benson, Vermont Town Report**

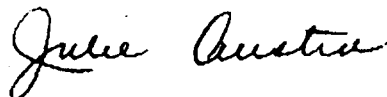
During the past year, Fair Haven Concerned provided the following assistance to Benson residents:

- We were able to financially help approximately 42 Benson residents gain access to shelter, emergency fuel and utilities in addition to helping them to connect with other agencies to meet additional needs and on-going support.
- Once again, our Summer Nutrition Program was a success. Sixteen Benson children received nutritious lunches during the month of July through this program.
- 80 Benson residents (including 35 children) obtained clean, usable clothing from our clothing drive.
- Our Christmas food baskets provided Christmas dinner for 24 Benson residents.
- The Christmas Giving Tree provided gifts for 20 Benson residents (including 12 children).
- 8 Benson residents were referred to the WSYB Christmas fund.
- Our food shelf, which is open daily, continues to serve our neighbors in need. Distribution of baked goods and produce is held weekly. Two mega food giveaways were held during the fiscal year. Over 100 Benson residents were assisted throughout the year with food from these programs.

The support of every voter of Benson is greatly appreciated. With your help, Fair Haven Concerned will be able to accomplish our goal – to serve the needs of the community.

Our office is open Monday through Friday except for occasional meetings. Anyone who is interested in the work of Fair Haven Concerned is welcome to stop in the office at St. Mary's School, 19 Washington Street, Fair Haven, VT.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie Austin

# Rutland County Humane Society



P.O. Box 558 765 Stevens Road Pittsford, VT 05763  
Administration: (802) 483-9171 Shelter: (802) 483-6700  
www.rchsvt.org Fax: (802) 483-6342

January 6, 2005

Selectmen  
Town Of Benson  
Benson, VT 05731

Dear Select Board Members:

Rutland County Humane Society (RCHS) serves the citizens of Benson by providing a shelter for stray dogs and cats and a facility where residents can place their owned pets should they no longer be able to care for them. RCHS also takes in animals from the Rutland County Sheriff's Department Animal Services Officer who serves as the Animal Control Officer for Benson.

In addition, RCHS provides humane education opportunities, financial assistance for spay/neuter surgery and will offer assistance to individuals and groups in the control of feral cats. RCHS is also a source for people who wish to adopt a new pet.

In 2004, RCHS took in 20 animals from Benson. Overall, RCHS provided care for 1,227 in the past year.

Rutland County Humane Society thanks the Town of Benson for its past support and looks forward to working with you in 2005.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gretchen Goodman".

Gretchen Goodman  
Executive Director

# **WARNING**

## **Benson School District Budget Informational Meeting**

**February 28, 2005**

The legal voters of the Town of Benson School District in the County of Rutland and State of Vermont are hereby duly warned and notified that an informational meeting regarding the 2005-2006 budget will be held at the Community Hall in said Town of Benson on February 28, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. to have presented by the Board of Directors their estimates of the expenses for the ensuing year.

## **Benson Town School District Meeting**

**March 1, 2005**

The legal voters of the Town of Benson School District in the County of Rutland and State of Vermont are hereby duly warned and notified to meet at the Community Hall in said Town of Benson on March 1, 2005 at the conclusion of the Town Meeting to transact the following business:

- Article 1. To act on the report of the Town School District Officers.
- Article 2. To see if the Town School District will authorize the Board of Directors to borrow money to meet the current expenses of the District until funds can be realized from the State of Vermont.
- Article 3. To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

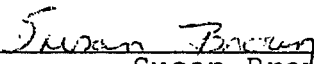
The following articles (4 through 6) will be voted by Australian ballot at the Benson Community Hall on March 1, 2005 from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

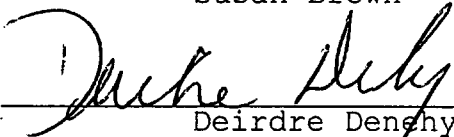
- Article 4. To elect a Moderator for a term of one year, one School Director to the Benson Town School Board for a term of three years, and two School Directors to the Benson Town School Board for terms of one year each.

- Article 5. To elect two School Directors to the Fair Haven Union High School Board for a term of three years each.
- Article 6. Shall the voters of the Benson Town School District appropriate the sum of \$1,611,310 . necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2005?


Dated at Benson, Vermont this 14th day of December, 2004 .

  
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Torrin Silver

  
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Susan Brown

  
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Deirdre Dench

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Ellis

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John Hill

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

NOTE: Ballot boxes will be open for voting on Articles 4 and 5 from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on March 1, 2005 at the Community Hall in the Town of Benson.



# **BENSON TOWN SCHOOL BOARD**

## **Informational Meeting**

**March 1, 2004**

**Present:** Cheryl Schneider, Chair; Lee Scott, Clerk; Tobi Silver, Susan Brown

**Adm. present:** Ron Ryan, Superintendent; Linda Peltier, Principal

**School Moderator:** Ron Savageau

**Guest:** Jan Ladd, Town Clerk; Donald Ladd, Deirdre Denehy, Brad Barrett, Mike Ellis, Rob Lowell, Guy Charlton, Norma Phillips, Tom Bartholomew, Marilyn Langer, John Hill, Jim Smith, Judy D'Amico, Neal Bartholomew, Ron Stewart, Dan and Gail Ryan, Mike and Debbie Bezio, Jacalyn Ambrozaitis, Nancy Elkington, Tracy Howard, Whit Humphreys

Ron Savageau called the informational meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Cheryl Schneider explained the handout about Benson's budget to budget FY04 vs. FY05 which summarizes the significant changes in the proposed budget:

- There is a new line item this year because the State requires a change in reporting the funds from the State to the Technical Center for our high school students.
- FHUHS Assessment Increase is due to the increased in the number of students from Benson, and decrease from other schools in the district, going to the high school.
- Salary & Benefits - estimated costs for increases in wages and health care benefits.
- Add'l part time employees in the areas of custodian, food services, and technology.
- Special Education Tuition to the Vermont Achievement Center - Additional student.
- Debt Service Principal and Interest - The Bond Company that holds the debt on the school chose us to be reevaluated and we will receive a savings allocation in the amount of \$17,538.52 for two years, FY05 is the second year of savings.

Cheryl then explained how Act 68 will affect Benson's tax rate.

No questions

### **Budget**

Cheryl reminded everyone that they would be voting on the expenditures not the revenues.

#### **Revenue Line Items:**

- 3110 - Education Spending Owed to District is an estimated and consolidated amount from the state based on the student enrollment.
- 3110 - New line item with the same number represents State money going to the Technical Center for our 11th & 12th grade students, based on the attendance of Benson students over a 6 semester average. This money used to flow directly to the Technical Center and still does, but now we have a "paper trail" in our budget so taxpayers can see how much the state gave on behalf of our students enrolled there.

#### **Expenditure Line Items:**

- 2620 - Building services - Add'l part time custodian position to help do the routine cleaning. This person will only work during the school year not in the summer.
- 430 - Increased amount in repairs/maintenance - Many of the ballasts need replacing by a licensed electrician. Some interior painting will also be needed as the school building is now 10 years old.
- 5100 - Debt - previously explained.
- 1100 - Instruction, 560 - FHUHS assessment - previously explained.
- 640 - Books and Periodicals - Decreased this year. Purchased 7th and 8th grade Math books last year.

- 2225 - Computer Expenses - Add'l part time position for technical support, for teachers as well as students, 2 days a week.
- 1200 - Special Education, 565 - Tuition increase for additional child served by VAC.
- 1219 - Resource Room, 210 - Health Insurance decreased due to change in personnel.
- 3110 - Food Service, 118 - Add'l part time position for 2 hours a day to help prepare lunch. The Hot Lunch Program is self-sufficient, but Benson does pay for a portion of an insurance plan for Colleen Howard. To help maintain it self-sufficiency there was an increase in food prices. Benson has a 95% participation rate in lunch and 45% in breakfast, and has been used as a model for other schools across the State.

Update on the feasibility study: A little over \$6000 was spent to acquire documentation of the projected enrollment until the year 2009, current condition of the school, needs and requirements to improve the school, and a basic cost projection for an addition to the school. Cheryl suggested that the future Board may want to form an architectural committee to continue researching possible solutions. Cheryl also mentioned that the remaining money (\$4000) would have to be spent for the feasibility study as it was voted for, and if not spent would have to be returned to the town. A new ballot item would have to be warned in order to spend the money for any other reason than the feasibility study.

Judy D'Amico asked about the small schools grant. Ron Ryan replied that those monies were based on a State formula which included teacher to student ratio. As our school grows we will be less likely to be considered a small school. Cheryl stated she thought the cut off point was around 180 students. We have 167.

Marilyn Langer asked Cheryl, what if the Budget doesn't pass? Cheryl challenged anyone to find some "fat" and said the Board would be looking for suggestions in that case because this budget is very lean. She also pointed out that if it wasn't for the increase in our FHUHS assessment, Benson would have seen a significant drop in our tax rate due to Act 68.

Jan Ladd asked Ron when we would know tax figures? Laura Jakubowski, ARSU business manager, might know in May. Jan also pointed out that the wording on the Australian ballots for the two school budgets should be corrected somehow. She doesn't believe that the majority of the voters realize that the ballot for the Benson School District proposed budget includes the elementary and high school totals. The FHUHS ballot reflects the amount asked for from the individual towns for the high school budget.

Marilyn asked if the district purchased items together would we save money? Ron replied that the District Board has been purchasing fuel this way for a few years. Also we share a Speech Language Pathologist, Librarian, Nurse and other specialists with Orwell.

Marilyn asked how much of the 12.4% increase was health insurance? Tobi Silver guessed between 2 or 4%.

Jan moved to adjourn. Brad Barrett seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lee Scott, clerk

**BENSON SCHOOL MEETING MARCH 2, 2004**

Ron Savageau called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

Article 1: Melvin Corey made the motion to accept Article 1, seconded by Lee Jean Scott and so voted.

Article 2: Martha Savageau made the motion in the affirmative, seconded by Vanessa Perkins and so voted.

Article 3: Any other business

Martha Savageau made the motion to adjourn at 3:10 p.m. seconded by Lee Jean Scott and so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Ladd, Clerk

Results of Australian balloting on March 2, 2004

School Moderator Ron Savageau

School Directors (one year) Deidre Denehy and John Hill

School Director (3 years) Mike Ellis

School District Clerk Janet Ladd

School budget passed yes 197 no 82

High School budget passed (commingled with all towns) yes 1361 no 602

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Ladd, Clerk

**BENSON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
JULY 1, 2003 TO JUNE 30, 2004**

Balance as of June 30, 2003 \$5,576.83

Receipts:

ARSU	13,348.78
State	38,331.29
Taxes	857,901.00
Loans	65,000.00
State Aid	854,022.00
Bank Interest	1,585.65
B.N. P.	22,355.43
Insurance	6,166.32
FHUHS Transportation	14,976.00
EEE	36,250.00
Miscellaneous	<u>21,856.21</u>

Total 1,931,792.68 1,931,792.68

Total Balance and Receipts 1,937,369.51

Disbursements:

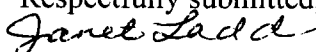
Payroll	639,739.09
Bills	1,128,610.26
Loans	98,765.68
BC/BS	20,121.55
Bank Fees	<u>52.25</u>

Total 1,887,288.83 -1,887,288.83

Balance as of June 30, 2004 \$50,080.68

Feasability Study	\$10,000.00
Expenses	-7,364.51
Bank fees	-10.00
Interest	<u>7.21</u>

Balance as June 30, 2004 \$2,632.70

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Janet Ladd, School Treasurer

# **BENSON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

2004-2005

## School Directors

Torrin Silver, Chair

Susan Brown

Deirdre Denehy

Michael Ellis

John Hill

Superintendent of Schools - Ronald C. Ryan

Assistant Superintendent - Wendy M. Savery

Director of Special Education - Kristin H. Benway

Business Manager - Laura Z. Jakubowski

District Technology Coordinator - Katie Duggan

District Psychologist - John Fitzpatrick

District Speech/Language Pathologist - Nicole Johnson

District School Counselor - Robert Smolinski

Principal - Linda Peltier

## Teachers

Susan Fletcher  
Michelle Miles  
Lynne Komraus  
Jacquelyn Nichols  
Susan Corey  
Wendy Paterson  
Linda Heitkamp  
Ronald Savageau  
Desna Jenkins  
Francine Broughton  
Susan Strosnider  
Arlene Disorda  
Mary Gunn  
Gail Hunt  
Deborah Reed  
Ann Vale  
Arnolda Michel  
Kerry LeClair  
Stella Tupper  
Misty Bolster  
Greta Doran  
Cathleen Gearwar  
Cathy Healy  
Mary Lussier  
Kathryn Moriarity  
Debra Robbins  
Alison Shipps  
Lacey Smith  
Mark Tomsuden  
Carrieann Wolcott  
Jane Weinhagen  
Colleen Howard  
Lisa Gates  
Leslie Phillips  
D. Thomas Neumann

## Assignment

Primary Unit - Kindergarten  
Multi-age Primary Grades 1 & 2  
Multi-age Primary Grades 1 & 2  
Intermediate Unit Grades 3 & 4  
Intermediate Unit Grades 3 & 4  
Grade 5  
Grade 6  
Social Studies, Science, Grades 7-8  
Language Arts, Math, Grades 7-8  
Music  
School Nurse  
Remedial Reading/Math  
Remedial Reading/Librarian  
Resource Room  
Essential Early Educator  
Art  
French  
Physical Education  
Secretary  
Special Education Aide  
EEE Aide  
Special Education Aide  
Special Education Aide  
Special Education Aide  
Special Education Aide  
Special Education Aide  
Special Education Aide  
Special Education Aide  
Title I District Paraprofessional  
Special Education Aide  
Special Education Aide  
District Speech Assistant  
Hot Lunch Manager  
Hot Lunch Assistant  
Hot Lunch Assistant  
Custodian

## SCHOOL DIRECTORS REPORT

This year continues to pose challenges with regard to both space and resources for our growing student population. We continue to work towards our goal of providing a safe and nurturing environment in which our students can learn and grow. Again we find ourselves with new students and a variety of educational needs. The Benson Village School is listed with the Vermont Education Department as being suitable for up to 125 students. In December when this report was written, our enrollment was 152 students. Enrollment studies predict 199 students in pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade by 2007-2008 and 205 students by 2010-2011.

To address the continuing growth and resultant space needs, the School Directors requested that the Town approve a bond for purposes of increasing our current square footage and renovating existing space for more efficient use. Also included in the bond were funds to grade for drainage and pave the school access road and parking areas. The bond did not pass at the November election, and we are working hard to arrive at a plan that will satisfy the needs of our students and staff as well as our community.

There are several areas that will need to be addressed in the regular school budget for the coming year that otherwise could have been included in the bond had it been approved. These include solving problems with our current water system and our kitchen facilities. If we do pass a bond before these problems are solved, we may still be able to include these costs in the bond, and as such, receive 30% reimbursement from the State to offset the cost to the taxpayers. In the meantime, we are exploring the possibility of receiving Grant funds wherever possible to help contain costs.

Our 2005-2006 budget (to be presented in March) is not final as of this writing, but we do know that our high school assessment numbers will increase again this year. While Benson's enrollment figures continue to climb, the overall District enrollment is falling. That means that Benson represents a bigger percentage of the F.H.U.H.S. budget. Finally, the 2005-2006 budget will reflect the impact of a new transportation contract along with the increased fuel costs we have all been experiencing.

We will defer information regarding new faculty and faculty awards to the principal's report. However, we would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to the many volunteers and local business owners who continue to support our school through donations of time, money and services. Special thanks also to our athletic coaches and to

our dedicated faculty members for continuing to give 110% to our students and community.

There are three (3) town school district positions open for election this year. The informational meeting on the 2005-2006 school budget will be held on Monday night, February 28, 2005 at 7:30 in the Community Hall. Articles 1, 2, and 3 will be conducted on Town Meeting Day, Tuesday, March 1, 2005 in the Community Hall, as well as Australian ballot voting on the election of school officers and the 2005-2006 school budget. Please be sure to attend both meetings, as the budget cannot be discussed on Town Meeting Day while Australian ballot voting is underway.

Respectfully submitted,

Torrin Silver  
Susan Brown  
Dierdre Denehy  
Mike Ellis  
John Hill

Benson Village School Directors

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**2004 – 2005**

Addison-Rutland Supervisory Union continues its efforts to support the District's Mission and Vision.

### **District Mission Statement**

The Addison-Rutland Supervisory Union, in partnership with the wider community, exists to provide a supportive educational community that is physically, emotionally, and intellectually safe for all learners and staff members. The ARSU community exists to foster high standards, diversity, individual and collaborative accomplishment, meaningful inquiry, life-long learning, citizenship and self-sufficiency. ARSU is committed to creating a learning community that has high expectations for every student and supports all students as they master more challenging curricula.

### **District Vision**

1. School and Community Partnerships – In order to strengthen and to nurture an even closer relationship with its community, the Addison-Rutland Supervisory Union seeks to develop:
  - Adult literacy programs that foster adult access to knowledge and fiction
  - Close relationships with ARSU families
  - Support services for parents, families and students
  - Students who become productive and prideful citizens in their community
  - A public preschool
2. School Culture – ARSU strives to be a district composed of schools whose culture supports students in making healthy choices about their lives as human beings and learners. As a result, ARSU supports programs that:
  - Encourage students to have fun and be passionate about life without abusing substances or making unhealthy choices
  - Respect the role of a highly informed disciplined citizen in a democratic society
  - Celebrate active learning and holds students and staff accountable via exhibitions of student achievement
  - Focus on initiatives that are consistent with the district mission and vision
3. Technology – ARSU is committed to being up-to-date with contemporary educational technology. Specifically, ARSU seeks to develop or integrate:
  - Technology into district curriculum
  - Congruency among its administrative software
  - Continued technology training to the district
  - Assistive technologies throughout the district
4. Curriculum – A model school district must provide challenging, state-of-the-art curricular, evaluative, and instructional practices. A model school must create a set of learning goals and objectives that is supportive and embraced by faculty, staff, students and community. These learning goals must include:
  - Teaching students to respect and understand others around the world



- Providing career opportunities/paths for every student
  - Strong reading and communication programs and diverse learning opportunities
  - A variety of assessment tools that are matched to the assessment need and that will inform instructional practice
  - Service learning and citizenship opportunities for students
  - Ample opportunities for remediation for all students
  - The skills and dispositions necessary for success
  - A continuum of services for students and their families
5. Professional Development – To become a learning community, ARSU faculty must:
- Be given the opportunity to develop professionally as a group
  - Become informed about the best practices and recent research results
  - Become informed about student needs and accommodations
  - Be consistently evaluated in an informative and supportive fashion
  - Be involved in all aspects of a student's academic life

### **No Child Left Behind**

No Child Left behind is Federal legislation signed into law on 1/8/02. It has very specific requirements for our schools and consists of four major tenets.

***Accountability:*** NCLB is designed to change the culture of America's schools by closing the achievement gap, offering more flexibility, giving parents more options, and teaching students based on what works. Under the act's accountability provisions, states must describe how they will close the achievement gap and make sure all students, including those who are disadvantaged, achieve academic proficiency. They must produce annual state and school district report cards that inform parents and communities about state and school progress. Schools that do not make progress must provide supplemental services, such as tutoring or after-school assistance; take corrective actions; and, if still not making adequate yearly progress after five years, make dramatic changes to the way the school is run.

***More Local Flexibility:*** Through program consolidation and new flexibility, NCLB allows communities and school districts greater discretion in using federal funds while demanding accountability for how taxpayer money is spent.

***Focusing Resources on Proven Educational Methods:*** NCLB focuses educational dollars on proven, research-based approaches that will most help children to learn particularly in the areas of reading, mathematics, science, English fluency, and on teacher qualifications.

***Expanded Choices for Parents:*** NCLB enhances options for parents with children in schools identified as needing improvement.

The NCLB Act is designed to help all students meet high academic standards by requiring that states create annual assessments that measure what children know and can do in reading and math. These tests, based on challenging state standards, will allow parents, educators, administrators, policymakers, and the general public to track the performance of every school in the nation. Data will be disaggregated for students by poverty levels, race, ethnicities,

disabilities, and limited English proficiencies to ensure that no child – regardless of his or her background – is left behind.

The Addison-Rutland Supervisory Union is committed to helping all children achieve state standards and to using different types of data to help make decisions that improve student and school performance. Through the use of data-driven decision-making, the Supervisory Union will be able to make comparisons and to develop goals that more clearly identify our strengths and weaknesses, a vital ingredient in efforts to improve teaching and learning. In addition, the decision-making process will allow us to focus on the following important components of effective school improvement:

- Changing Beliefs and Attitudes That All Children Can Learn
- Professional Opportunities
- Interventions and Curricular Decisions
- Using Data to Create School Improvement Plans and to Assess Programs
- Allocating District Resources

We continue to focus our efforts on assessment as part of the Federal No Child Left Behind Act. The Act requires public schools to test students in grades 3 through 8. The State of Vermont is piloting a new test this year called NECAP, which was given in the fall to all Vermont students in grades 3 through 8. This test will become the State's new assessment beginning in school year 2005-2006.

### **Grade Level Expectations**

In the spring of 2004, the State of Vermont formally revised the state standards to what is referred to as Grade Level Expectations (or GLEs). These are standards in reading, mathematics, writing, non-native language, health, physical education, information technology, history, science, arts, and social sciences, for grades Kindergarten through 8 and one grade in high school. These were developed by the State of Vermont to meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA) for test development. The GLE's provide guidance for local curriculum, instruction, and assessment towards the goal of improving instruction and learning.

### **Mentoring**

Forty-nine educators are participating in a new formal mentoring program this year. The goals of the program are to:

1. Create a structured mentoring system for professional staff in their first two years of employment;
2. Reduce new teachers' feelings of isolation, improve teacher performance, increase new-teacher retention and satisfaction, and encourage openness and dialogue between teachers of all levels;
3. Create an "integrated professional culture" with characteristics such as frequent and meaningful interactions, higher expectations for increased teacher contribution to their school's learning community, curriculum guidance, collaborative lesson planning, and peer observation;
4. Continue to increase educator quality which is essential for achieving desired learning outcomes, as required by Vermont and Federal law and regulations.

This structured program trains, orients, assists, and supports a teacher who is new to the profession, the school, or to their teaching assignment. The focus is on the one-to-one mentoring relationships that pair a new teacher with a more experienced colleague. A vision of good teaching is the key element which promotes continuous self-assessment, reflection, and professional growth in relation to standards for what educators and their students should know and be able to do.

### **Literacy Project**

The Addison-Rutland Supervisory Union has thirty EEE – 4<sup>th</sup> grade educators participating in the Literacy Showcase Schools Project for the 2004-2005 school year. The project is an initiative between the Stern Center for Language and Learning, the Vermont Department of Education, the Freeman Foundation, and Vermont schools. It is a comprehensive professional development program using research-based best reading practice and extensive coaching to allow schools to strengthen their reading programs to assure literacy for all.

### **Supervision and Evaluation**

The Addison-Rutland Supervisory Union is piloting a new teacher supervision and evaluation system this year. The purpose of the new process is to improve instruction and professional development so that teachers can demonstrate improved student performance. The process enables teachers to connect their work directly to the five Standards for Vermont Educators: Learning, Professional Knowledge, Collegueship, Advocacy, and Accountability.

The intent of the supervision and evaluation process is to go beyond traditional formal observations, in order to have a clear picture of what goes on in classrooms on a regular basis. Through the use of multiple forms of data, trends and patterns over time should be identified. The strength of this new system lies in its ability to focus attention on the importance of teaching and learning for students and teachers; to provide the means and incentive for quality assurance, based on legitimate teaching standards; and to serve as a catalyst for encouraging, supporting, and emphasizing professional knowledge and student outcomes through focused, collaborative activities.

### **Harassment and Bullying**

In response to new legislation in regards to harassment and bullying, the Supervisory Union has been working on policies and procedures for each school and has developed a handbook for administrators on “Guidelines for Investigation of Complaints of Harassment, Bullying, and/or Hazing”. The handbook offers a formal and consistent approach to all investigations, while each school continues to work on promoting a positive school environment where all students and employees feel safe and welcome.

### **Improving Student Achievement**

The Addison-Rutland Supervisory Union tries to ensure student success in a variety of ways. Across the Supervisory Union, we are working on:

- \*Assessing all students in a variety of ways

- \*Sustained and early reading success for all students
- \*Aligning instruction with the way questions are asked, as students continue to improve their comprehension, writing, and problem-solving skills.
- \*Providing professional opportunities based on student needs at system and building levels
- \*Incorporating Grade Expectations
- \*Conducting testing data review/analysis of state, local and national assessments
- \*The use of scientifically-based research assessments to give the most accurate picture of each student
- \*Providing intensive mentoring for new faculty
- \*Incorporating embedded professional development to include modeling in classrooms and extensive training throughout the year
- \*Expanding parental involvement opportunities to support student achievement
- \*Writing strategic school-wide plans focusing on standards-based instruction and assessment to increase academic performance

For detailed information regarding assessments administered in the Addison-Rutland Supervisory Union, please refer to the *State of the District Report - 2004*. This report is currently available from the Superintendent's Office located at:

49 Main Street  
Fair Haven, Vermont 05743  
Telephone: 1-802-265-4905

### **Awards**

We commend and congratulate the following recipients of this year's special awards. Linda Heitkamp and Susan Cornell each received the UVM Outstanding Teacher Award. Ann Ellis, Lori Kramer, Roxanne Steves, Mary Gunn, and Kyle Ruby each received the ARSU Outstanding Teacher Award. The Castleton Sense of Place Team and the Orwell VMI Teachers each received the ARSU Executive Award. Colleen Hutchins, Cathy Alger, Tom Neumann, Suzanne Jakab, and Mary Sanderson, each received the ARSU Instructional Assistant Award. Fair Haven Grade School's Student Support Team, Dave Abbott, Randy Bowen, Tia Poalino, and Sheri Nichols, all received the ARSU Special Service Award. Pam Lamoureux, Jane Kupferer, Linda Genier, and Judy Edelstein, each received the ARSU Substitute of the Year Award. Frances LaPlaca was nominated for Vermont Teacher of the Year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald C. Ryan  
Superintendent of Schools

## Principal's Report

Benson Village School continues to move forward in meeting the diverse needs of the students of our town. There have been new programs added, curriculums revised and lots of energy poured into our school. The entire community has been involved in the process of moving Benson Village School ahead.

Our school continues to be a very active member of *Foundation for Excellent Schools*. This organization has provided many opportunities for professional development to better help our students succeed. One of our goals has been to develop our Action Plan. The three major areas are:

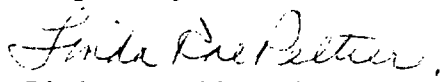
- Communication-to strengthen communication between school, community, and parents
- Climate-to increase positive relationships through connections across age levels
- Curriculum-to align state standards (Grade Level Expectations) to core content curriculum to increase student performance

To date we have started an in-house student newspaper, *The Bear Facts*. The student written paper is published monthly. Our school sponsors quarterly *Literacy Nights* for everyone to share in the joy of reading. Please consider joining us for the next one. Our efforts to address school climate continue. This enables us to address the needs of our students concerning social isolation and social aggression. This work is supported through grant funds. Mentoring, across age groups from EEE to college students, continues to increase positive relationships throughout our building. The faculty is currently working to integrate the Grade Level Expectations with our current curriculum.

Our school is blessed with a caring and professional staff. New to our staff this year is Kerry LeClair, our physical education teacher. Cathy Healy, Greta Doran, Misty Bolster, Alison Shipps and Lacey Smith were hired this year as Instructional Assistants. Our staff has been honored with awards. Linda Heitkamp was the teacher in our district selected as the UVM Outstanding Teacher. Mary Gunn was chosen as the BVS outstanding teacher. The Instructional Assistant award was given to Tom Neumann. Pam Lamoureux was honored for her wonderful commitment as a substitute teacher and Randy Bowen, Road Commissioner, for his commitment to our student's safety. The PTO continues to raise money for our trips to the paramount Theater in Rutland for all students. The Annual Ziti Dinner provides funds to support the arts in our school. Our volunteer readers, local emergency response teams, coaches, and all our volunteers are such a vital part of our school. We are all thankful for the dedication of these people.

We all want to say thank you for the wonderful support you the town of Benson have shown our school. Please continue to support our school programs, school concerts, athletics, and assemblies. Durant once said, "Education is the transmission of civilization".

Respectfully submitted,

  
Linda Rae Peltier, Principal

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## Independent Auditors' Report

To The School Board  
Benson School District

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

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

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

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 5, 2004 on our consideration of Benson School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on page 5 and 28 through 34 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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

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Shelburne, Vermont

Firm Registration Number 92-0000141

August 5, 2004

Benson School District  
Combined Balance Sheet  
All Fund Types - Fund Base  
June 30, 2004

EXHIBIT III

	Governmental Fund Type		Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Types		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Capital Project Fund	Enterprise Fund	Agency Fund	Expendable Trust Funds	
<b>ASSETS:</b>						
Current Assets:						
Cash	\$ 50,349	\$ 2,631	\$ 154	\$ 7,246	\$ 3,500	\$ 63,880
Accounts Receivable - State	17,043		2,142			19,185
Due From Other Funds	2,142	-	-	-	-	2,142
Total Current Assets	<u>69,534</u>	<u>2,631</u>	<u>2,296</u>	<u>7,246</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>85,207</u>
Other Assets:						
Fixed Assets	-	-	951	-	-	951
Total Other Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>951</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>951</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 69,534</b>	<b>\$ 2,631</b>	<b>\$ 3,247</b>	<b>\$ 7,246</b>	<b>\$ 3,500</b>	<b>\$ 86,158</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:</b>						
Liabilities:						
Accounts Payable	\$ 19,732					\$ 19,732
Due To Other Funds			2,142			2,142
Amount Held for Agency Funds	-	-	-	\$ 7,246	-	7,246
Total Liabilities	<u>19,732</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>2,142</u>	<u>7,246</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>29,120</u>
Fund Equity:						
Fund Balances:						
Unreserved	24,802					24,802
Reserved	25,000	2,631			3,500	31,131
Retained Earnings	-	-	1,105	-	-	1,105
Total Fund Equity	<u>49,802</u>	<u>2,631</u>	<u>1,105</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>57,038</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 69,534</b>	<b>\$ 2,631</b>	<b>\$ 3,247</b>	<b>\$ 7,246</b>	<b>\$ 3,500</b>	<b>\$ 86,158</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements



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

EXHIBIT IV

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Capital Project Fund	Debt Service Fund	Expendable Trust Fund	
REVENUES:					
Local Taxes	\$ 249,692				\$ 249,692
Tuition	34,405				34,405
Transportation	14,976				14,976
Investment Income	1,640	\$ 6		\$ 25	1,671
Donations				600	600
Private	3,010				3,010
State	1,442,766				1,442,766
Federal	14,849	-	-	-	14,849
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,761,338</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>1,761,969</b>
EXPENDITURES:					
Direct Services	1,247,808				1,247,808
Support Services:					
Students	85,274				85,274
Instructional Staff	33,017				33,017
General Administration	60,868			2,100	62,968
Area Administration	72,653				72,653
Fiscal Services	2,450	10			2,460
Operation & Maintenance of Building	86,456				86,456
Transportation	67,961				67,961
Construction Services		7,365			7,365
Debt Service:					
Interest Charges			28,728		28,728
Principal Retirement	-	-	32,461	-	32,461
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,656,487</b>	<b>7,375</b>	<b>61,189</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>1,727,151</b>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	104,851	(7,369)	(61,189)	(1,475)	34,818
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Transfers In (Out)	(80,124)	10,000	61,189	-	(8,935)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	24,727	2,631	-	(1,475)	25,883
FUND BALANCES, JULY 1, 2003	25,075	-	-	4,975	30,050
FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30, 2004	\$ 49,802	\$ 2,631	\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$ 55,933

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Benson School District  
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2004

**NOTE 4 - LONG-TERM DEBT**

The School District issues general obligation bonds and notes to finance the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities, renovations, and equipment purchases. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the issuing entity. These bonds are generally issued as 5 to 20-year serial bonds with equal amounts of principal maturing each year.

The following is a summary of general obligation bonds & notes:

Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, bond payable,  
interest at 5.22% paid semi-annually, principal  
of \$50,000 due December 1<sup>st</sup> each year until  
2013, originally borrowed \$1,020,000 on  
July 1, 1993

\$500,000

The annual debt service requirement to maturity for general obligation bonds and notes including interest are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
During the year ended June 30, 2005	\$ 50,000	\$ 8,669	\$ 58,669
2006	50,000	23,637	73,637
2007	50,000	21,016	71,016
2008	50,000	18,346	68,346
2009	50,000	15,582	65,582
Thereafter	<u>250,000</u>	<u>35,412</u>	<u>285,412</u>
Totals	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$122,662</u>	<u>\$622,662</u>

The following is a summary of changes in Long-term Debt:

	Balance July 1, 2003	Increase	Decrease	Balance June 30, 2004	Amount Due Within One Year
Vermont Mun. Bond Bank	<u>\$550,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$58,669</u>

**BENSON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**FISCAL YEAR ENDING**  
**June 30, 2004**

<b>TEACHER SALARIES (CONTRACT)</b>		
BECKER, ERIC (40%)	8,420.00	
BROUGHTON, FRANCINE (30%)	10,774.92	
COREY, SUSAN	36,401.04	
FLETCHER, SUSAN	42,377.92	
HEITKAMP, LINDA	28,631.98	
KOMRAUS, GENEVIEVE	37,896.04	
MICHEL, ARNOLDA (20%)	6,042.08	
MILES, MICHELLE	28,666.04	
NICHOLS, JACQUELYN	43,074.98	
PATERSON, WENDY	43,157.92	
RICHARDSON, DESNA	24,275.94	
SAVAGEAU, RONALD	32,080.88	
VALE, ANN	12,772.10	
ACCRUED PAYROLL	10,640.00	
<b>TOTAL TEACHER SALARIES</b>		<b>365,211.84</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>		
TUPPER, STELLA	16,157.98	
ACCRUED PAYROLL	485.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16,642.98</b>
<b>AIDES</b>		
CHAPIN, LOGAN	1,198.75	
LUSSIER, MARY	2,436.83	
WOLCOTT, CARRIEANN	6,142.50	
ACCURED PAYROLL	75.00	
<b>TOTAL AIDE SALARIES</b>		<b>9,853.08</b>
<b>SUBSTITUTE SALARIES</b>		<b>12,122.73</b>
<b>SUBSTITUTE AIDES/SECRETARY</b>		<b>485.14</b>
<b>HEALTH INSURANCE</b>		<b>80,610.21</b>
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b>		<b>31,113.46</b>
<b>UNION HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT</b>		<b>397,981.00</b>
<b>WORKER'S COMPENSATION</b>		<b>4,123.66</b>
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION</b>		<b>2,242.69</b>
<b>BUYOUT INSURANCE</b>		<b>2,285.00</b>
<b>ACHIEVMENT TESTS/CONTRACTED SERVICES</b>		<b>756.44</b>
<b>AUDIO VISUAL SUPPLIES</b>		<b>644.91</b>
<b>SOFTWARE</b>		<b>454.26</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>		<b>269.82</b>
<b>ART SUPPLIES</b>		<b>572.76</b>
<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION SUPPLIES</b>		<b>574.74</b>
<b>MUSIC SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT</b>		<b>462.83</b>

**INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES**

A TEACHER'S CLOSET	74.51
BADGE A MINT	52.90
BENSON SCHOOL PETTY CASH	90.53
BUCKLE DOWN PUBLISHING	61.97
BUDGETTEXT	191.51
CALLOWAY HOUSE	65.99
CARSON DELLROSA	24.07
CLARUS MUSIC	131.47
CLASSROOM DIRECT	719.62
COREY, SUSAN	29.99
HANDWRITING WITHOUT TEARS	75.25
HOUGHTON MIFFLIN	454.82
IBF SOLUTIONS	264.00
INNOVATIVE LEARNING CONNECTIONS	16.50
KOMRAUS, LYNN	56.83
LABOR LAW POSTERS	5.75
LAKE SHORE LEARNING MATERIALS	44.90
MAP OF THE MONTH	78.00
MARI, INC.	192.09
MOLLY HAWKINS HOUSE	188.72
MCGRAW HILL COMPANIES	834.91
NASCO	166.59
NATIONAL SCHOOL PUBLISHING	74.81
ORIENTAL TRADING	65.89
PEARSON EDUCATIONAL	715.97
PRESTWICK HOUSE	168.80
REALLY GOOD STUFF	66.95
RUTLAND HERALD	158.00
SCHOLASTIC, INC.	584.02
SCIENCE KIT BOREAL	707.77
SCHOOLMATE	140.00
SCHOOL SPECIALTY	1,793.83
STAPLES	447.86
SUMMIT LEARNING	23.80
SUNDANCE PUBLISHERS	94.97
TEACHER CREATED MATERIALS	14.91
TEACHER'S DISCOVERY	19.83
TEACHING RESOURCE CENTER	119.57
UNIVERSAL PUBLISHING	66.08

**TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES**9,083.98**BOOKS & PERIODICALS**

A TEACHERS CLOSET	81.71
MCGRAW HILL COMPANIES	124.09
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY	55.00
NATIONAL SCHOOL PRODUCTS	155.40
NEWBRIDGE	78.27
SCHOLASTIC, INC.	262.13
TEACHER'S DISCOVERY	319.95
VERMONT PRINCIPALS ASSOC.	8.02
WRITING COMPANY	24.95

**TOTAL BOOKS & PERIODICALS**1,109.52**COACHING**1,583.33**OFFICIALS**220.00**SUPPLIES/UNIFORMS**243.53**SPORTS BUS**924.88**FIELD TRIP BUS**2,134.90

**COMPUTERS**

SOVERN/SHOREHAM TELE(internet service)	2,055.02
TECH.AIDE THOMAS DUKESHIRE	1,432.50
TECH.AIDE JOHN WARD	175.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	123.01
CONTRACTED SERVICE	3,425.00
REPAIRS	315.00
PHONE	521.51
SUPPLIES	301.86
SOFTWARE	2,187.00
EQUIPMENT	3,107.43

**TOTAL COMPUTERS**

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**13,643.33****SPECIAL ED AIDES**

CHAPIN, LOGAN	1,484.45
GEARWAR, CATHLEEN M.	8,253.19
LUSSIER, MARY J.	10,386.37
NEUMANN, THOMAS	7,120.75
PHILLIPS, LESLIE	7,296.52
ROBBINS, DEBRA	9,386.44
SWEATT, DANIELLE M.	7,360.57
TOMSUDEN, MARK H.	6,325.10
ACCURED PAYROLL	1,685.00

SPECIAL ED AIDES SUBSTITUTES	3,124.06
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HEALTH INSURANCE	14,511.76
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SOCIAL SECURITY	4,888.45
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OTHER BENEFITS (INS.BUY OUT)	1,450.00
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TUITION	85,334.50
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SUPPLIES	427.62
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TRAVEL	2,993.64
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**TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

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**172,028.42****RESOURCE ROOM**

HUNT, GAIL	21,695.96
SOCIAL SECURITY	1,709.84
HEALTH INSURANCE	3,176.98
SUPPLIES	334.00
BOOKS	132.14
ACCURED PAYROLL	650.00

**TOTAL RESOURCE ROOM**

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**27,698.92****ESSENTIAL EARLY ED**

REED, DEBORAH	38,953.98
SUBSTITUTES	375.66
HEALTH INSURANCE	4,279.12
SOCIAL SECURITY	3,098.62
ADVERTISING	97.20
SUPPLIES	434.82
BOOKS	464.21
EQUIPMENT	310.54
SPEECH CONTRACTED SERVICES	13,122.50
ACCURED PAYROLL	1,170.00

**TOTAL ESSENTIAL EARLY ED SERVICES**

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**62,306.65**

**CONTRACTED GUIDANCE SERVICES**11,807.00**NURSE**

STROSNIDER, SUSAN	12,201.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	400.00
HEALTH INSURANCE	936.00
HEP B SHOTS	468.00
SUPPLIES	365.85
BOOKS	56.50
EQUIPMENET	274.95

**TOTAL NURSE SERVICES**14,702.30**OT/PT SERVICES**

AIDE - TIMMERMAN, CINDY	1,632.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	129.84
OT/PT PROF.SERVICES	10,189.36
ACCRUED PAYROLL	50.00

**TOTAL OT/PT SERVICES**12,001.20**PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES**3,745.00**SPEECH**

CONTRACTED SERVICES	29,084.50
SUPPLIES	129.10
TESTING	239.00
TRAVEL	443.88

**TOTAL SPEECH SERVICES**29,896.48**SPECIAL ED STUDENT TRANSPORTATION**12,058.74**SECONDARY EXCESS COST TEACHER**47,952.00**LIBRARY**

SALARY-MARY GUNN 40% TIME	10,483.98
HEALTH INSURANCE	3,572.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	827.10
SUPPLIES	91.71
BOOKS	1,346.76
ACCRUED PAYROLL	315.00

**TOTAL LIBRARY**16,636.55**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

PETERSON, MARGARET	450.00
UNIV.OF VERMONT	800.00

**WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES**

FLETCHER, SUSAN	165.00
GUNN, MARY	159.00
HUNT, GAIL	67.60
KOMRAUS, LYNN	320.00
MILES, MICHELLE	120.00
PATERSON, WENDY	275.00
STROSNIDER, SUSAN	22.00
VALE, ANN	228.00
VITA LEARN	130.00

**TOTAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**2,736.60

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

BOARD STIPENDS	2,010.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	153.77
UMBRELLA/LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,368.36
MISC. BOARD EXPENSES	1,734.21
ADVERTISING/ELECTIONS	2,525.74
DUES	885.00

**TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION**9,677.08**ARSU ASSESSMENT**50,863.00**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

PRINCIPAL SALARY	52,999.96
HEALTH INSURANCE	11,160.24
SOCIAL SECURITY	4,054.44
PROF. DEVELOPMENT	175.00
TELEPHONE/POSTAGE	3,121.74
PRINTING/AWARDS	241.00
SUPPLIES	127.62
OTHER BENEFITS	247.99
DUES & FEES	525.00

**TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**72,652.99**LEGAL SERVICES**328.00**AUDIT SERVICES**1,500.00**CURRENT INTEREST**765.68**BANK SERVICE CHARGES**184.09**BUILDING SERVICES**

CUSTODIAL SALARY GLEN WOODS	13,820.04
CUSTODIAL SALARY TOM NEUMANN	2,039.75
CUSTODIAL SALARY DAWN BARTLETT	480.00
CUSTODIAL SALARY DEBRA ROBBINS	380.00
CUSTODIAL SALARY VERONICA ST.ARMOUR	158.88
SUBSTITUTES	491.38
HEALTH INSURANCE	2,712.96
SOCIAL SECURITY	1,368.83
SEWER CHARGE	3,517.10
WELL & WATER	63.00
SNOW/LAWN	2,040.00
GARBAGE REMOVAL	2,926.86
ELECTRIC	24,168.60
PROPERTY INSURANCE	3,036.01
OIL	4,519.70
EQUIPMENT	2,359.43
ACCRUED PAYROLL	510.00

**REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE**

A-1 SEWER & DRAIN SERVICE	325.00
ADVANCED ANSWERING CENTER	480.00
BOUCHER TEMP. CONTROL CO.	1,572.98
HOWARD'S FIRE CONTROL	560.00
CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES	617.00
DECKER EQUIPMENT	169.54
DIGGER EXCAVATING	300.00
DUNDON PLUMBING & HEATING	165.00
HCI CRAFTSMAN	10.16
LANNON ELECTRIC	261.55
MCCLURE CONSTRUCTION	167.00
NORTHEAST MTN RADIO	13.74
SAM'S U-SAVE FUELS	126.00
SWISH MAINTENANCE	102.80
TERMINIX	346.00

**SUPPLIES**

GRAYBAR ELECTRIC	224.06
HOME DEPOT	134.70
KENCO, INC.	872.30
PELLA PRODUCTS	267.16
SWISH MAINTENANCE	3,493.29
TUPPER, STELLA (reim)	13.49
TWIN STATE ELECTRIC	116.85
WE AUBUCHON HARDWARE	42.96

PAINTING - JIM ROOKER	3,000.00
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<b>TOTAL BUILDING SERVICES</b>	<b><u>77,974.12</u></b>
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<b>GROUNDS SERVICE</b>	<b><u>1,948.40</u></b>
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<b>COPIER EXPENSE</b>	<b><u>6,534.28</u></b>
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<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION EXPENSE</b>	<b><u>53,767.33</u></b>
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<b>VOCATIONAL TUITION</b>	<b><u>11,369.53</u></b>
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<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b><u>61,189.23</u></b>
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<b>TRANSFER TO FEASIBILITY ACCOUNT</b>	<b><u>10,000.00</u></b>
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<b>FOOD SERVICE</b>	<b><u>8,935.19</u></b>
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<b>TOTAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,736,609.80</u></b>
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# Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by DOE

ESTIMATES  
ONLY

PRELIMINARY

District: **Benson**  
County: **Rutland**

LEA: **017**  
S.U.: **Addison - Rutland**

		Act 60		Act 68	
		FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
<b>Expenditures</b>					
1.	Budget (local budget, excluding special programs reported in line 3, full tech expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,236,481	\$1,351,177	\$1,423,395	\$1,611,310
2.	Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years under Act 60	\$17,143	\$19,347	not applicable	not applicable
3.	Special revenue program expenditures (federal dollars, restricted grants, etc.)				
4.		\$1,263,624	\$1,370,524	\$1,423,395	\$1,611,310
<b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>					
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.	4. Separately warned article passed at town meeting				
9.		\$1,263,624	\$1,370,524	\$1,423,395	\$1,611,310
<b>Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget</b>					
10.	Union school or joint school district assessment	\$477,948	\$397,981	\$537,703	\$641,435
11.	1. Separately warned article passed at union school district meeting				\$2,953
12.	2. Separately warned article passed at union school district meeting				\$8,503
13.	Prior deficit reduction if not included in budgets				
14.		\$1,731,572	\$1,768,505	\$1,961,098	\$2,264,201
<b>Gross Act 68 Budget</b>					
15.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$45,216	\$52,127	\$55,515	\$59,730
16.	Prior deficit reduction (if included in local budget) - informational data				
<b>Revenues</b>					
17.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$342,260	\$356,992	\$396,190	\$454,955
18.	Capital debt aid				
19.	Special program revenues (if not included in local budget; included in FY2006)				
20.	Prior deficit reduction if included in revenues				
21.	Total revenues	\$342,260	\$356,992	\$396,190	\$454,955
22.	Fund raising (if any)				
<b>Adjusted local revenues</b>					
23.	Education Spending (Act 68 definition)	\$1,389,312	\$1,411,513	\$1,564,908	\$1,809,246
24.	Equalized Pupils	179.80	184.50	191.58	199.55
<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>					
25.		\$7,727	\$7,650	\$8,168	\$9,067
26.	Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	not applicable	not applicable	threshold = \$10,889	threshold = \$11,347
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	not applicable	not applicable	\$8,168	\$9,067
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$9,067 / \$6,975)	not applicable	not applicable	120.124% based on \$6,900	129.993% based on \$6,975
29.	Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized (129.993% x \$1.02)	\$1,666	\$1,548	\$1,261	\$1,326
30.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	92.84%	92.46%	85.96%	83.24%
31.	Estimated homestead tax rate, actual (\$1,326 / 83.24%)	\$1,740	\$1,630	\$1,467	\$1,593
32.	Household Income Percentage for income sensitivity (129.99% x 1.86%)	3.03%	2.81%	2.28%	2.40%

The projected base education spending amount of \$6,975 is subject to Legislative approval.

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

**BENSON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2005-2006**

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	2005-2006 Budget	2004-2005 Estimated	2004-2005 Budget	2003-2004 ACTUAL
Balance, July 1	\$20,000.00	\$49,555.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
Add: Revenue	2,232,745.00	1,939,939.00	1,936,098.00	1,761,338.45
Total Balance+Revenue	\$2,252,745.00	\$1,989,494.00	\$1,961,098.00	\$1,761,338.45
Less: Expenditures	2,252,745.00	1,954,229.00	1,961,098.00	1,736,609.80
Balance, June 30	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$35,265.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$24,728.65</u>

**ACCOUNT Revenues Estimates Only**

**R E V E N U E**

1110 Local Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	249,692.00
1311 EEE Tuition	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1360 EEE Tuition Orwell	40,000.00	39,000.00	39,000.00	34,405.00
1420 Transportation Receipts	14,975.00	14,975.00	14,975.00	14,976.00
1500 Earnings on Investments	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,640.45
1600 Food Service Reimbursement	21,545.00	19,235.00	19,235.00	0.00
1920 Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1920 Speech EEE Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1980 Prior Year	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,010.00
3110 Ed Spending Owed to District	1,790,205.00	1,551,597.00	1,552,362.00	1,052,598.00
3110 Base ED Amt Tech FTE	7,585.00	13,311.00	12,546.00	0.00
3125 Revenue from Ed. Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	89,876.00
3145 Small Schools Grant	51,000.00	36,443.00	34,345.00	46,335.00
3150 Transportation Aid	25,000.00	26,183.00	25,000.00	26,319.00
3160 Debt Service Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3201 Block Grant	60,535.00	54,880.00	54,880.00	49,954.00
3202 Intensive Reimb	206,000.00	165,560.00	165,000.00	154,110.00
3204 EEE Block Grant	8,400.00	11,255.00	11,255.00	9,808.00
3205 State Placed Students	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,766.00
3790 Restricted Grant EEE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3456 Food Serv Equip Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4226 Federal Funds Speech	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
4228 Preschool IDEA B Grant	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
4343 EEE School Renovation	0.00	0.00	0.00	649.00
4250 Title I	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,200.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u>2,232,745.00</u>	<u>1,939,939.00</u>	<u>1,936,098.00</u>	<u>1,761,338.45</u>

	2005-2006 Budget	2004-2005 Estimated	2004-2005 Budget	2003-2004 Actual
2213 PROF.STUDY/CONFERENCE	10,000.00	8,000.00	6,000.00	2,736.60
2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION				
119 Board Salaries	2,010.00	2,010.00	2,010.00	2,010.00
220 Social Security	155.00	155.00	155.00	153.77
320 Printing	1,400.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,382.21
522 Liability Insurance	1,650.00	1,470.00	1,560.00	1,354.28
522 Umbrella Insurance	700.00	605.00	1,170.00	1,014.08
529 Miscellaneous Expense	250.00	250.00	250.00	352.00
540 Advertising/Elections	3,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,525.74
810 Dues and Fees	900.00	850.00	850.00	885.00
2311 TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION	10,065.00	8,840.00	9,495.00	9,677.08
2315 LEGAL FEES	2,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	328.00
2321 ARSU ASSESSMENT	59,730.00	55,515.00	55,515.00	50,863.00
2410 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION				
112 Principal Salary	56,775.00	54,590.00	54,590.00	52,999.96
110 Assistant Principal	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
210 Health Insurance	13,720.00	12,250.00	12,555.00	11,160.24
220 Social Security	4,420.00	4,175.00	4,175.00	4,054.44
270 Prof Development	800.00	800.00	800.00	175.00
290 Other Benefits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
330 Rediker Support & Upgrade	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
529 Admin Misc Exp.	200.00	200.00	200.00	247.99
530 Telephone/Postage	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,121.74
550 Printing/Awards	450.00	300.00	300.00	241.00
580 Travel	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
610 Supplies	500.00	600.00	600.00	127.62
640 Books	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
810 Dues and Fees	655.00	650.00	655.00	525.00
2410 TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	83,720.00	77,765.00	78,075.00	72,652.99
2520 FISCAL SERVICES				
310 Audit	2,300.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,500.00
550 Service Charges	250.00	250.00	250.00	184.09
830 Interest Current Loan	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	765.68
2520 TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	4,550.00	4,050.00	4,050.00	2,449.77
2620 BUILDING SERVICES				
116 Custodial Salary	31,200.00	22,880.00	26,440.00	17,388.67
120 Substitutes	500.00	150.00	150.00	491.38
210 Health Insurance	4,685.00	4,185.00	4,290.00	2,712.96
220 Social Security	2,425.00	1,760.00	2,035.00	1,368.83

	2005-2006 Budget	2004-2005 Estimated	2004-2005 Budget	2003-2004 Actual
2620 BUILD. SERVICES (CONT.)				
411 Sewer	3,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,517.10
411 Well Water	10,000.00	500.00	500.00	63.00
421 Garbage Removal	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00	2,926.86
422 Snow/Lawn	3,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,040.00
430 Repair/Maintenance	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	5,216.77
430 Repair/Painting	4,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
521 Property Insurance	5,050.00	4,575.00	3,500.00	3,036.01
610 Janitorial Supplies	6,500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	5,164.81
622 Electricity	25,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00	24,168.60
624 Oil	8,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	4,519.70
730 Equipment/Furniture	6,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,359.43
2620 TOTAL BUILDING SERVICES	121,560.00	90,750.00	93,615.00	77,974.12
2630 GROUNDS SERVICE	2,000.00	1,500.00	1,000.00	1,948.40
2640 COPIER EXPENSES	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	6,534.28
2711 TRANSPORTATION				
511 Pupil Transportation	62,550.00	54,000.00	54,000.00	53,767.33
580 Field Trips	4,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,134.90
2711 TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	66,550.00	57,000.00	57,000.00	55,902.23
4000 FACILITIES CONTRACT SERV	0.00	6,600.00	0.00	0.00
5100 DEBT	73,640.00	58,670.00	58,670.00	61,189.23
5200 TRANSPORTATION ADJUSTMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5300 FUND TRANSFER	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
1100 INSTRUCTION				
113 Teacher Salary	408,000.00	\$383,200.00	377,160.00	\$365,211.84
114 Secretary Salary	18,900.00	17,220.00	16,890.00	16,642.98
115 Aide Salary	3,200.00	3,000.00	3,160.00	9,853.08
123 Substitute Salary	10,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	12,122.73
120 Substitute Aide/Sec	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	485.14
210 Health Insurance	86,030.00	80,610.00	93,750.00	80,610.21
220 Social Security	34,050.00	31,700.00	31,070.00	31,113.46
250 Workers Compensation	4,800.00	4,340.00	5,000.00	4,123.66
260 Unemployment Compensation	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,100.00	2,242.69
290 Buyout Insurance	4,250.00	3,000.00	900.00	2,285.00
390 Achievement Tests	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	756.44
330 Contracted Service	0.00	350.00	350.00	0.00
430 Repair Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
560 FHUHS Assessment	641,435.00	537,703.00	537,703.00	397,981.00
580 Travel	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00

	2005-2006 Budget	2004-2005 Estimated	2004-2005 Budget	2003-2004 Actual
1100 Instruction (Cont)				
610 Supplies	9,100.00	10,100.00	9,100.00	9,083.98
640 Books and Periodicals	6,200.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	1,109.52
650 Audio Visual	200.00	400.00	400.00	644.91
670 Software	250.00	250.00	250.00	454.26
730 Equipment	950.00	1,065.00	1,065.00	269.82
810 Dues & Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1100 TOTAL INSTRUCTION	<u>\$1,232,865.00</u>	<u>\$1,090,438.00</u>	<u>\$1,093,898.00</u>	<u>\$934,990.72</u>
1102 ART	<u>600.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>	<u>572.76</u>
1106 Foreign Lang. Supplies	<u>400.00</u>	<u>375.00</u>	<u>375.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
1108 PHYSICAL EDUCATION	<u>1,400.00</u>	<u>765.00</u>	<u>765.00</u>	<u>574.74</u>
1112 MUSIC (BAND)	<u>1,100.00</u>	<u>1,100.00</u>	<u>1,100.00</u>	<u>462.83</u>
2120 GUIDANCE	<u>13,700.00</u>	<u>12,945.00</u>	<u>12,500.00</u>	<u>11,807.00</u>
2130 SCHOOL NURSE				
113 Nurse Salary	14,490.00	13,580.00	11,180.00	12,201.00
210 Health Insurance	800.00	600.00	400.00	400.00
220 Social Security	1,170.00	1,040.00	890.00	936.00
290 Physicals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
330 Prof Serv SNAP& Vaccinations	650.00	400.00	400.00	468.00
430 Repairs	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00
610 Supplies	600.00	600.00	600.00	365.85
640 Books/Periodicals	50.00	50.00	50.00	56.50
730 Equipment	150.00	0.00	0.00	274.95
2130 TOTAL SCHOOL NURSE	<u>17,910.00</u>	<u>16,420.00</u>	<u>13,670.00</u>	<u>14,702.30</u>
2222 LIBRARY SERVICES				
113 Teacher Salary	13,565.00	12,845.00	11,015.00	10,798.98
210 Health Insurance	4,940.00	4,410.00	4,980.00	3,572.00
220 Social Security	1,040.00	980.00	855.00	827.10
610 Supplies	530.00	500.00	500.00	91.71
640 Books/Periodicals	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,346.76
650 A-V Supplies	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
2222 TOTAL LIBRARY SERVICES	<u>22,175.00</u>	<u>20,835.00</u>	<u>19,450.00</u>	<u>16,636.55</u>

	2005-2006 Budget	2004-2005 Estimated	2004-2005 Budget	2003-2004 Actual
2225 COMPUTER EXPENSES	18,150.00	16,495.00	14,340.00	13,643.33
1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION				
115 Aide Salaries	84,000.00	63,000.00	77,440.00	59,298.39
120 Substitutes	4,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,124.06
210 Health Insurance	13,165.00	7,920.00	18,340.00	14,511.76
220 Social Security	7,035.00	5,500.00	6,500.00	4,888.45
290 Insurance Buy-Outs	3,960.00	3,825.00	2,930.00	1,450.00
565 Tuition SPED	82,000.00	71,800.00	60,000.00	85,334.50
580 Travel	3,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,993.64
610 Supplies	500.00	600.00	500.00	427.62
1200 TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	197,660.00	159,645.00	172,710.00	172,028.42
1219 RESOURCE ROOM				
113 Teacher Salary	44,545.00	26,980.00	22,800.00	22,345.96
120 Sub Salaries	250.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
210 Health Insurance	10,860.00	4,185.00	4,620.00	3,176.98
220 Social Security	3,410.00	2,065.00	1,770.00	1,709.84
610 Supplies	400.00	400.00	400.00	334.00
640 Books/Periodicals	400.00	400.00	400.00	132.14
733 Equipment	150.00	150.00	150.00	0.00
1219 TOTAL RESOURCE ROOM	60,015.00	34,430.00	30,390.00	27,698.92
2136 OT/PT SERVICES	11,000.00	10,500.00	10,150.00	12,001.20
2140 PSYCH. SERVICE	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	3,745.00
2150 SPEECH SERVICES				
320 Testing	375.00	250.00	250.00	239.00
330 Contracted Services	37,710.00	36,315.00	31,000.00	29,084.50
580 Travel	200.00	250.00	250.00	443.88
610 Supplies	250.00	300.00	300.00	129.10
640 Books & Periodicals	75.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
733 Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2150 Total Speech Services	38,610.00	37,215.00	31,900.00	29,896.48
2711 SPED Transportation	30,000.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	12,058.74

	2005-2006 Budget	2004-2005 Estimated	2004-2005 Budget	2003-2004 Actual
1200 SPED SECONDARY				
594 Excess Costs Teach FHUHS	41,205.00	39,010.00	49,580.00	47,952.00
1214 ESSENTIAL EARLY EDUCATION				
113 Teacher Salary	44,740.00	41,510.00	40,925.00	40,123.98
115 Aide Salary	3,365.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
120 Sub Teacher& Aide	700.00	700.00	700.00	375.66
210 Health Insurance	4,685.00	4,415.00	5,415.00	4,279.12
220 Social Security	3,745.00	3,175.00	3,175.00	3,098.62
540 Advertising	200.00	600.00	600.00	97.20
565 EEE Tuition	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
580 Travel	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
610 Supplies/Other	150.00	150.00	150.00	434.82
640 Books/Periodicals	100.00	100.00	100.00	464.21
733 Equipment	150.00	150.00	150.00	310.54
330 OT & PT Services	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
330 Psychological Serv	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
113 Speech Teacher	10,000.00	9,000.00	11,000.00	0.00
220 Social Security	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
290 Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
330 Speech Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,122.50
270 Prof Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
519 Transportation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
890 Prior Year Adj	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1214 TOTAL ESSENTIAL EARLY ED	72,335.00	64,600.00	67,015.00	62,306.65
1300 Baes ED Amt Tech FTE	7,585.00	13,311.00	12,546.00	0.00
1300 Vocational Tuition	4,860.00	9,020.00	9,019.00	11,369.53
1300 TOTAL VOCATIONAL TUITION	12,445.00	22,331.00	21,565.00	11,369.53
1410 ATHLETICS	5,950.00	4,870.00	4,870.00	2,971.74
3110 FOOD SERVICE				
118 Hot Lunch Salary	21,545.00	19,730.00	19,235.00	3,605.77
120 Substitute Salary	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
210 Health Insurance	4,685.00	4,185.00	4,570.00	3,812.19
220 FICA	1,680.00	1,550.00	1,495.00	1,517.23
580 Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
670 Software	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
733 Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3110 TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	28,410.00	25,965.00	25,800.00	8,935.19
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,252,745.00</b>	<b>1,954,229.00</b>	<b>1,961,098.00</b>	<b>1,736,609.80</b>

Benson Village School Enrollments as of December 1, 2004:

EEE	19		
Kindergarten	17	Grade 5	22
Grade 1	15	Grade 6	15
Grade 2	10	Grade 7	21
Grade 3	09	Grade 8	10
Grade 4	14		
		Total	152

Benson Students at Fair Haven Union High School as of  
October 15, 2004:

Grade 9	19
Grade 10	17
Grade 11	11
Grade 12	16
Total	63



**STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDS  
BLOCK GRANTS**

	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>Estimated 2005-2006</u>
Benson	49,954	54,883	60,535
Castleton	171,072	168,669	169,306
Fair Haven	151,492	165,514	163,895
Hubbardton	35,602	35,350	37,451
Orwell	65,110	66,949	69,827
West Haven	<u>12,152</u>	<u>12,079</u>	<u>10,495</u>
Totals	485,382	503,444	511,509

**STATE ESSENTIAL EARLY EDUCATION FUNDS  
BLOCK GRANTS**

	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>Estimated 2005-2006</u>
Benson	9,808	11,257	8,398
Castleton	23,375	22,093	24,849
Fair Haven	20,220	22,569	25,512
Hubbardton	6,405	5,218	5,525
Orwell	10,610	11,648	10,387
West Haven	<u>1,200</u>	<u>631</u>	<u>663</u>
Totals	71,475	73,416	75,334

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## Independent Auditors' Report

To The School Board  
Addison Rutland Supervisory Union

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

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

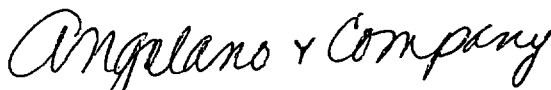
In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Addison Rutland Supervisory Union, Vermont, as of June 30, 2004, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each nonmajor governmental and fiduciary fund of Addison Rutland Supervisory Union, as of June 30, 2004, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 6, 2004 on our consideration of Addison Rutland Supervisory Union's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on page 5 and 27 through 30 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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



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August 6, 2004

**ADDISON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION  
2005-2006 BUDGET**

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	<u>2005-2006</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2004-2005</u> <u>Anticipated</u>	<u>2004-2005</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2003-2004</u> <u>Actual</u>
Balance, July 1	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Add: Revenue	<u>765,590.00</u>	<u>720,270.00</u>	<u>720,270.00</u>	<u>711,921.49</u>
Total Balance+Revenue	\$765,590.00	\$720,270.00	\$720,270.00	\$711,921.49
Less: Expenditures	<u>765,590.00</u>	<u>718,210.00</u>	<u>720,270.00</u>	<u>711,921.49</u>
Balance, June 30	<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,060.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>

**ACCOUNT**

**R E V E N U E**

1500 Interest	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,204.05
1931 Benson Assessment	55,908.00	51,469.00	51,469.00	47,334.00
1931 Cast/Hubb Assessment	177,485.00	165,370.00	165,370.00	177,767.45
1931 Fair Haven Assessment	160,238.00	154,546.00	154,546.00	149,957.00
1931 FHUHS Assessment	201,510.00	194,887.00	194,887.00	192,195.00
1931 Orwell Assessment	54,086.00	50,784.00	50,784.00	49,333.00
1931 West Haven Assessment	5,970.00	5,970.00	5,970.00	5,795.99
1932 Sp. Ed. Assmt. Benson	3,820.00	4,044.00	4,044.00	3,529.00
1932 Sp. Ed. Assmt. C/H	12,127.00	12,950.00	12,950.00	13,269.00
1941 Sp. Ed. Assmt. F.H.	10,949.00	12,116.00	12,116.00	11,197.00
1932 Sp. Ed. Assm't FHUHS	13,880.00	15,403.00	15,403.00	14,463.00
1932 Sp. Ed. Assmt. Orwell	3,695.00	3,971.00	3,971.00	3,677.00
1932 Sp. Ed. Assmt. W.H.	740.00	740.00	740.00	740.00
1960 Sale of Asset	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1980 Prior Year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4226 Leap (IDEA B)	65,182.00	46,020.00	46,020.00	41,460.00
5900 Insurance Claim Reimb	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u><u>765,590.00</u></u>	<u><u>720,270.00</u></u>	<u><u>720,270.00</u></u>	<u><u>711,921.49</u></u>

# EXPENDITURES

	2005-2006 Budget	2004-2005 Anticipated	2004-2005 Budget	2003-2004 Actual
2213 Professional Development	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>230.00</u>
2225 COMPUTER SERVICES				
330 Contract Service/Training	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,500.00	847.65
430 Service Contract	1,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,158.00
580 Travel	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
610 Supplies	4,500.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,613.15
650 Software	500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
730 Equipment	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>3,663.39</u>
2225 TOTAL COMPUTER SERVICES	<u>11,000.00</u>	<u>11,000.00</u>	<u>13,250.00</u>	<u>10,282.19</u>
2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION				
522 Liability Insurance	750.00	655.00	2,350.00	2,046.30
522 Umbrella Insurance	410.00	350.00	1,080.00	940.76
540 Advertising	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,824.40
580 Travel	1,200.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	990.00
590 Other	<u>200.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
2311 TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION	<u>5,560.00</u>	<u>5,705.00</u>	<u>8,130.00</u>	<u>7,951.46</u>
2312 BOARD SECRETARY				
114 Salary	800.00	800.00	800.00	675.00
220 Social Security	<u>60.00</u>	<u>60.00</u>	<u>60.00</u>	<u>51.67</u>
2312 TOTAL BOARD SECRETARY	<u>860.00</u>	<u>860.00</u>	<u>860.00</u>	<u>726.67</u>
2315 LEGAL FEES	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>672.75</u>
2321 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION				
110 Superintendent	95,400.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	86,999.90
110 Assistant Superintendent	80,290.00	75,745.00	75,745.00	72,140.12
110 Business Manager	58,430.00	55,125.00	55,125.00	52,499.98
110 Staff Salaries	132,140.00	123,850.00	124,800.00	116,734.28
120 Sub Salary	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
210 Health Insurance	80,885.00	73,150.00	74,695.00	64,429.14
220 Social Security	<u>28,300.00</u>	<u>26,715.00</u>	<u>26,755.00</u>	<u>25,226.71</u>

# EXPENDITURES

	2005-2006 Budget	2004-2005 Anticipated	2004-2005 Budget	2003-2004 Actual
2321 GENERAL ADMIN. (cont.)				
240 Retirement	9,530.00	8,950.00	8,995.00	8,462.02
250 Workers Compensation	5,800.00	5,400.00	4,500.00	3,929.15
260 Unemployment Comp.	2,000.00	1,800.00	2,100.00	2,025.00
290 Other Benefits	2,695.00	2,450.00	2,570.00	2,232.00
290 Awards	1,500.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	996.74
290 Section 125 Plan	400.00	400.00	250.00	385.00
290 District Bus Physicals	300.00	200.00	200.00	271.66
441 Rent	18,600.00	18,600.00	18,600.00	19,800.00
530 Postage	9,000.00	8,500.00	8,000.00	8,363.79
530 Telephone	5,300.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,165.21
580 Travel	4,000.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,829.09
610 Supplies	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,583.82
640 Books & Periodicals	550.00	500.00	500.00	549.50
733 Equipment	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	7,073.45
810 Dues & Fees	4,000.00	4,180.00	4,000.00	4,014.00
2321 TOTAL GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	<u>551,120.00</u>	<u>518,765.00</u>	<u>519,035.00</u>	<u>493,710.56</u>
2574 Printing	<u>900.00</u>	<u>900.00</u>	<u>900.00</u>	<u>551.83</u>
2520 FISCAL SERVICES				
310 Audit	3,000.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	2,300.00
320 Fixed Assets	550.00	525.00	525.00	525.00
2520 TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	<u>3,550.00</u>	<u>3,375.00</u>	<u>3,375.00</u>	<u>2,825.00</u>
2542 BUILDING SERVICES				
116 Custodial Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	265.14
220 Social Security	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.28
240 Retirement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
330 Contract Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,289.16
330 Cleaning Services	5,500.00	5,200.00	5,200.00	3,840.00
411 Water/Sewage	250.00	500.00	500.00	209.63
421 Rubbish Removal	300.00	500.00	1,200.00	275.00
450 Construction Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,486.64
521 Property Insurance	230.00	200.00	350.00	443.92
610 Supplies	500.00	500.00	500.00	516.72
622 Electricity	3,500.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,995.23
624 Oil	2,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,505.68
730 Equipment	500.00	500.00	500.00	151.46
2542 TOTAL BUILDING SERVICES	<u>13,280.00</u>	<u>14,400.00</u>	<u>15,250.00</u>	<u>48,998.86</u>

# EXPENDITURES

	2005-2006 Budget	2004-2005 Anticipated	2004-2005 Budget	2003-2004 Actual
2640 UPKEEP OF EQUIPMENT				
430 Equipment Repair	2,700.00	2,500.00	3,000.00	2,691.81
430 Copier/Maintenance	4,800.00	4,500.00	4,000.00	4,688.15
2640 TOTAL UPKEEP OF EQUIPMENT	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>7,379.96</u>
1100 STUDENT SUPPLIES	400.00	400.00	400.00	432.23
2225 DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY COORD.				
110 Salary	49,735.00	45,215.00	45,215.00	43,059.90
110 Sub	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00
210 Health Insurance	15,220.00	12,450.00	13,050.00	11,345.28
220 Social Security	3,805.00	3,460.00	3,460.00	3,206.92
240 Retirement	2,490.00	2,260.00	2,260.00	2,153.04
530 Cell Phone	700.00	550.00	550.00	691.04
580 Travel	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,706.55
610 Supplies	300.00	300.00	300.00	309.76
640 Books	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
670 Software	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
733 Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2225 TOTAL TECHNOLOGY COORD	<u>74,250.00</u>	<u>66,735.00</u>	<u>67,335.00</u>	<u>62,592.49</u>
2390 SCHOLARSHIP	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
2420 SPECIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR				
110 Salary	69,560.00	65,625.00	65,625.00	62,500.10
210 Health Insurance	15,220.00	10,300.00	5,465.00	4,441.88
220 Social Security	5,320.00	5,020.00	5,020.00	4,726.80
610 Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2420 TOTAL SPEC. SERVICES DIR.	<u>90,100.00</u>	<u>80,945.00</u>	<u>76,110.00</u>	<u>71,668.78</u>
1420 DISTRICT 7th & 8th FOOTBALL				
119 Coaches Salaries	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1500.00
119 Officials	360.00	360.00	360.00	240.00
220 Social Security	160.00	160.00	160.00	114.75
430 Repairs	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
610 Supplies	350.00	345.00	345.00	330.70
1420 TOTAL FOOTBALL PROG	<u>2,770</u>	<u>2,765.00</u>	<u>2765.00</u>	<u>2185.45</u>
2720 FOOTBALL TRANSPORTATION				
127 Drivers Salaries	800.00	800.00	800.00	713.26
220 Social Security	0.00	60.00	60.00	0.00
2720 TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	<u>800</u>	<u>860.00</u>	<u>860.00</u>	<u>713.26</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>765,590.00</u>	<u>718,210.00</u>	<u>720,270.00</u>	<u>711,921.49</u>

# **Benson Transfer Station**

## **Hours:**

**Wednesday 12:00 - 4:00pm**  
**Saturday 8:00am - 4:00pm**

## **Permits:**

**New permits will be available March 1, 2005.**  
**Permits are available at the Town Clerk's Office only:**  
**Town Clerk's Office (Mon.-Thurs. 9am-4:30pm)**  
**Or by mail to the Town Clerk's Office: PO Box 163, Benson, VT 05731**  
**Permits are valid April 1, 2005 - March 31, 2006**  
**One per household .....\$10.00**  
**Place on rear bumper, or make easily visible for attendant.**

## **Garbage Stickers:**

**Stickers are sold in sheets of 6 for \$9 and 12 for \$18**  
**Are available for purchase at:**  
**The Benson Village Store**  
**G & L General**  
**Town Clerk's Office (Mon.-Thurs. 9am-4:30pm)**  
**Or by mail to the Town Clerk's Office: PO Box 163, Benson, VT 05731**

## **Please make note of these changes:**

**Permits and stickers are no longer sold at the Transfer Station.**  
**We are no longer taking tires at the Transfer Station.**  
**Date for tire day to be posted at later date.**


## **Recycling Center:**

**Benson residents are encouraged to recycle. Recycling acceptable items please see list on next page. Conserve our natural resources and save you and the town money by recycling and reducing disposal cost.**

**Free Recycling Stations:**     **Single stream roll-off for paper, plastic, glass and tin.**  
   **Metal roll-off**  
   **Cardboard dumpster**  
   **Household batteries (in shed)**

**Charged Recycling:**             **Computer/computer parts dumpster**  
   **Car battery (in shed)**



<b><u>RECYCLABLES:</u></b>	<b><u>NOT RECYCLABLE:</u></b>
<b><u>PAPERS:</u></b> ALL NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, OFFICE, SCHOOL, SOFT COVERED BOOKS, BOXBOARD (CEREAL BOXES...) AND JUNK MAIL	<b><u>NO: FEED BAGS (THEY ARE PLASTIC LINED)</u></b> CARBON PAPER WAXED, PLASTIC LINE OR COATED PAPER (FROZEN FOOD BOXES)
<b><u>PLASTIC:</u></b> #1-7 (NUMBER WILL BE IN A RECYCLING SYMBOL LIKE THIS ONE  )	<b><u>NO: SODA OR BEER BOXES (THEY HAVE LEAD IN THEM)</u></b>  <b><u>NO: PLASTIC WITH OUT A NUMBER ON IT.</u></b> <b><u>NO: BUCKETS WITH METAL HANDLES, LIDS WITH GASKETS</u></b> <b><u>NO: STYROFOAM, STYROFOAM PEANUTS AND STYROFOAM CUPS</u></b>
<b><u>GLASS:</u></b> ALL GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS (ALL COLORS)	<b><u>NO: WINDOW GLASS, MIRRORS, HOUSEHOLD GLASS AND CERAMIC ITEMS</u></b>
<b><u>CARDBOARD:</u></b> CLEAN & DRY(CORRUGATED)	<b><u>NO: WAXED, PLASTIC, DIRTY OR PACKING MATERIAL</u></b>
<b><u>METAL DUMPSTER:</u></b> TIN, ROOFING, CAR PARTS, CABLES, WIRE, BED FRAMS(METAL), PIPES, METAL CABINETS & RACKS, ETC. ....	<b><u>NO: TV's</u></b>
<b><u>BATTERIES:</u></b> ALL HOUSEHOLD 6 & 9 VOLT  CAR 6 & 12VOLT	<b><u>FEE: 2 STICKERS</u></b>
<b><u>COMPUTERS: ALL</u></b>	<b><u>FEE: 5 STICKERS</u></b>

<b><u>Cost for Non-Recycling Items:</u></b>	<b><u># Of Stickers</u></b>
30 Gallon bag of trash	1
31+ Gallon bag of trash	2+ as determined
Refrigerators	8
Sofa	5
Chair	3
Mattress Twin, Full, Queen, King	2, 3, 4, 5
Hide-A-Bed	10
Small TV	3
Large TV	5
Small Size Pickup	9
Full Size Pickup- Short box 6'	13
Full Size Pickup- Long box 8'	18

## **TOWN OF BENSON SCHOLARSHIPS 2004**

Lyle Wilcox Scholarship \$500.00 for four years

Year 2004 went to Ashley Hewes

Awards also given to Tamsen Owens and April White

H. Glenn Munger Scholarship

Two \$100.00 to Eighth Graders with highest marks Ann Bezio and Garret Hewes

Two \$200.00 to Seniors with highest marks Sarah Fearon and Matthew Krans

## **DOG REGISTRATIONS FOR 2004**

The Town of Benson registered 345 dogs in 2004.

Dog registration prices have increased. As of July 1, 2004 \$2.00 needs to be sent to the state for a spaying and neutering program. Already \$1.00 is sent to the state for rabies control.

Fixed dogs now will be \$7.00 and not fixed or intact will be \$11.00.

## VITAL RECORDS FOR 2004

### BIRTHS:

Mercedes Rhiannon Tredwell	January 5, 2004
Tegal Alta Hoard	March 5, 2004
Jon Thomas Drake	April 8, 2004
Michael Patrick Lannon	April 30, 2004
Tyler Cole Mason	April 20, 2004
Rowan Bennett Turner	May 4, 2004
Elizabeth Marie Flynn	May 28, 2004
Nickolas Dylan Beane	July 26, 2004
Dominic Athur Morin	August 4, 2004
Ellyzabeth Mae Austin	October 12, 2004
Nadine Lee Charron	December 8, 2004

### DEATHS:

John J. Desabrais	January 8, 2004
Harold George Rogers	January 6, 2004
Dorothy Mildred Vladyka	March 19, 2004
Susan Partridge Dugan	April 23, 2004
Nora Cecelia Grimes	August 17, 2004
Helen Irene Potter	September 30, 2004
Rolland Ellsworth Hutchins	October 17, 2004
Dorothy Louise Bartholomew	November 18, 2004
Edwin Loren Little	November 27, 2004
Ann Marie Bezio	November 25, 2004

### MARRIAGES:

Sarah Mae Dubois and Gerald Allen Hathaway	March 27, 2004
Donna Marie Longo and Steve John Kelly, Jr.	April 24, 2004
Barbara S. Bowen and Daryl Burlett	June 19, 2004
Kathryn Mary Barsalow and Francis James Moriarity, Jr.	July 24, 2004
Jill Ann Swanburg and John Michael Schoendorf	July 23, 2004
Natasha Lee Bohannon and Scott Timothy Charron	August 7, 2004
Michelle Jenett Moller and Jesse Douglas New	September 25, 2004
Michelle Ada Bisette and Bret Daron Brown	October 16, 2004
Amy Jessica Keyes and Shawn Anthony Briere	October 30, 2004
Stacey Lynn Lussier and Benjamin Peter Bartholomew	December 30, 2004