

Annual Report for the
TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT

July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003



Prepared for the March 2, 2004 Town Meeting

URGENT TAX INFORMATION:



Vermont Homeowners Must File a New Form

All resident Vermont homeowners are required to file the new **DECLARATION OF VERMONT HOMESTEAD FORM HS-131**

Here's what you should know about the Homestead Declaration:

DO I REALLY NEED TO FILE?

You must file if you are a **Vermont resident** AND you **own and occupy a Vermont property as your principal home** as of April 1, 2004. You do NOT need to file if you own only commercial property, a vacation home, or second home in Vermont.

WHAT IS A HOMESTEAD?

Your homestead is your principal dwelling and contiguous land, plus additional buildings and improvements except parts used for business or rental purposes.

WHY DOES THE STATE NEED MY DECLARATION?

The declaration determines which school property tax rate is applied to your property. You must file the declaration in order to receive the correct rate.

WHAT ARE THE SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX RATES?

Homesteads are taxed at a base state rate of \$1.10 per \$100 of property value to fund Vermont's per-pupil grant. Your actual tax rate reflects proportional increases for local spending and local assessment levels.

Non-Residential Properties are taxed at a base state rate of \$1.59 per \$100 property value, adjusted for the local common level of appraisal.

WHEN SHOULD I FILE?

File the declaration **as soon as possible** but no later than **APRIL 15, 2004**. You can send the declaration separately from your income tax and other property tax returns.

Note: *If you are late, you must still file the declaration and you are subject to a penalty and interest.*

HOW CAN I GET THE FORM?

The form will be **mailed to you in December, 2003**. Additional ways to get the form:

- Call 1-866-828-2865 (toll-free in VT)
- Call 802-828-2515 (local or out-of-state)
- Email: taxforms@tax.state.vt.us
- Visit your Town Clerk
- Included in your Vermont income tax booklet

WHERE CAN I GET HELP?

For assistance:

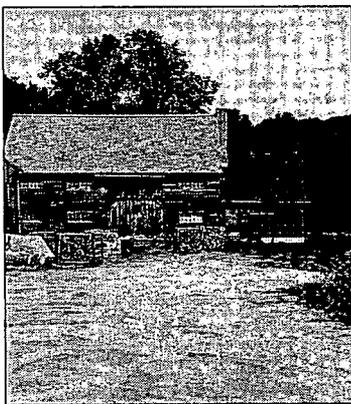
- Call 1-866-828-2865 (toll-free in VT)
- Call 802-828-2865 (local or out-of-state)
- Email: schooltax@tax.state.vt.us
- Web site: www.state.vt.us/tax

Dedication:

As was the custom, the Coleman Farm was passed down through the generations to the youngest son. Today brothers Ralph, Nelson, and Harold represent the fourth generation of Colemans to run this rambling hillside homestead. The farm, started by William Coleman in 1876, who lived until 1915 and had six sons, is a handsome parcel of land that truly epitomizes the beauty and variety of the Vermont countryside.

The Coleman brothers have witnessed much progress and significant changes in farm life over the years. They remember, for example, when hay was simply cut and stored "loose." Then their father, Lawrence, started buying baling equipment. Today, hay is square-baled as well as round-baled and wrapped in plastic for winter storage.

Harold recalled the days when milking was done by hand. Then, gasoline engines powered pulsator milking machines in 1943. In 1946 electrification of the farm provided a "new" source of power to run the milking and other equipment. In addition to hay and milk, the Coleman family diversifies its operations with lumbering and sugaring.



The Coleman Home

is no longer financially rewarding, there is a lot less incentive to continue.

For several years, Ralph, Nelson and Harold would talk about getting rid of the cows. With the price of milk on a roller coaster, and the price of grain high, what farmers call the grain/milk ratio has not fared well. The milk end of their business was not very lucrative.

So with the sugaring and haying, and a sawmill that really helped when the milk prices weren't there, after 30 years they decided to let the cows go in favor of other things that aren't so dependent on their attention 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Coleman brothers do a lot of the work together, splitting the tasks that go with each operation. They also divide up the business aspects of running the farm.

For example, Nelson does the bookkeeping. With the cows gone, the only thing that will change for him is that he won't be getting up at four o'clock in the morning to milk cows.



Ralph, Nelson, Harold

Harold and Ralph managed the breeding. Ralph did most of the record filing for dairy. All three work in the sawmill, where Harold is the sawer. They are hoping to increase the sawmill operations now that the cows are gone. Ralph is leaving partnership to mow roadsides and meadows, and do custom logging and landscaping.

There is more to the Coleman Farm story though, it being the last working farm in the Town of Jamaica selling its dairy cows. Through the generations, the Colemans have been community-minded, and contributed in many ways to the well being of this town.

Ralph is most well known as Town Moderator, a position he has held for many years. He also served a term on the Selectboard, and has been a member of the Jamaica Village School Board and Town Zoning Board.

Harold has been Chief of the Winhall Fire Department for eight years and a member for 20 years. True, this is Jamaica, not Winhall ... but the Winhall Department is less than three miles from the farm and, anyway, it's nice to know a man from Jamaica can be so highly thought of there. Harold has also served on the local Agrimart Cooperative Board of Directors for a few years.



The Coleman Home

Nelson gave up his seat on the Jamaica Selectboard and his involvement with the local Boy Scouts because of the need to be milking cows at four a.m. He served on the Jamaica Selectboard from 1991 to 1996. And due to his popularity, he is certain to continue

serving as the Rawsonville Cemetery Sexton until those cows come home.

Although the Coleman Farm will continue to operate, it is significant to note that the last working farm in the Town of Jamaica is undergoing such changes. In recognition of this and in appreciation of their generous spirit of "community," we dedicate this report to the Coleman family, and in particular the brothers Ralph, Nelson and Harold.

Acknowledgements

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Town Information

Elected Town Officers

Moderator: Ralph Coleman to March 2004

Town Clerk: Bonnie West to March 2005

Treasurer: Bonnie West to March 2005

Selectboard: Arnold Young to March 2004
 Joel Beckwith to March 2004
 David Hamilton to March 2004
 L.Bruce Chapin to March 2005
 Ben Williams to March 2006

Listers: T.Bruce Boardman to March 2004
 Peter Andrus, Resigned to March 2005
 Ralph Coleman, Appointed to March 2004
 Raymond Landman, Resigned .. to March 2006
 Robert Sager, Appointed to March 2004

Auditors: Jeffrey Dickson, Resigned to March 2004
 T.Bruce Boardman to March 2005
 Frances Sherwood to March 2006

Tax Collector: Irene Smith to March 2004

First Constable: Peter Andrus to March 2004

Second Constable: Kenneth Johnson to March 2004

Town Grand Juror: Stephen Clark to March 2004

Agent to Deed Land: Bonnie West to March 2004

Town Agent: Elaine Beckwith to March 2004

Trustee of Public Funds: Stephen Clark to March 2004

Library Trustees: Connie Jo King to March 2004
 Laura Hazard to March 2004
 Greg Joly to March 2005
 Charles Waugaman ... to March 2005
 Catherine Nemchek .. to March 2006
 Lisa Litchfield to March 2007
 Janet Hamilton to March 2008

School Directors: Jamaica Village School
 Chairperson Daniel Kilburn to March 2004
 Robin Ameden to March 2004
 John Aaron to March 2004
 Andrew Avery to March 2005
 Patricia Dickson to March 2006

School Directors: Leland & Gray Union HS:
 William Mowrey to March 2004
 Stewart Barker to March 2005

Cemetery Commissioners:
 Selectboard to March 2004

Appointed Town Officials

(One year terms unless otherwise noted)

Fence Viewers: Raymond Landman, John Hazard, Arnold Young

Animal Control Officer: Windham County Sheriff's Dept.

Surveyors of Wood & Lumber: Raymond Landman,
 Arthur Brooks, Jr.

Tree Warden: Ben Williams

Cemetery Sextons: East Jamaica L.Bruce Chapin
 Jamaica Village L.Bruce Chapin
 South Windham.. L.Bruce Chapin
 West Jamaica David Hamilton
 South Hill David Hamilton
 Pikes Falls David Hamilton
 Rawsonville Nelson Coleman

Town Service Officer: Sophia Sanderson

Health Officer: Kendall Query 2004

Deputy Health Officer: L.Bruce Chapin 2005

Civil Defence Officer: Joel Beckwith

Energy Coordinator: James Brooks

Flood Plain Zoning Administrator: Matthew Beck

Windham Regional Commission Rep.: Elaine Beckwith
 James Moulton, Resigned

Planning Commissioners:
 Moria Gehring, Resigned 2004
 Edward Flower, Resigned 2004
 Bruce Meachem, Resigned 2005
 James Moulton, Resigned 2005
 Elaine Beckwith, Resigned 2006
 Peter Andrus, Appointed
 John Noe, Appointed
 Oliver Olsen, Appointed

Zoning Board of Adjustments:
 William Uptegrove 2004
 John Beagan 2005
 Ralph Coleman 2005
 Stockton Woodruff 2005
 A.Alan Fisher 2006
 Peter Andrus 2006

Recreation Committee:
 Keith Abbott, James Carew, Marc Cartner, Mary Devens,
 Mark Miller, Harry Robinson, Ann Marie Scott

Economic Development Committee:
 Andrew Avery, Stephen Brown, L.Bruce Chapin,
 E.Allen Monroe, Charles Murray, Kendall Query

Village Beautification Committee:
 Karen Ameden, Jennifer Connor, Margaret Silvia,
 Kelly Murray

Pikes Falls Committee:
 Ralph Coleman, Moria Gehring, Glen Gibson, Clara
 Robinson, Toby Schwartz, William Uptegrove, Resigned

Justice of the Peace: until February 2, 2005: Peter Andrus,
 Laura Howe, Ralph Coleman, Jeffrey Dickson, Sophia Sanderson

Fire Warden: Stewart Barker 2006

Assistant Fire Warden: Joel Beckwith

911 Address Coordinator: Robert Sager

Council on Aging Rep.: Patricia O'Brien

Emergency Services

Emergency Numbers

Fire (Mutual Aid)	911
Rescue / Ambulance	911
Windham County Sheriff	911
Vermont State Police	911
Police (TTD)	911

Non-Emergency Numbers

Fire Warden	874-4515
Assistant Fire Warden	874-7234
Constable	874-4621
2nd Constable	297-1963
Windham County Sheriff	365-4942
Vermont State Police	874-4025

Town of Jamaica

Selectboard..... 874-4681
Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 PM at the Town Office Building.

Town Clerk and Treasure..... 874-4681
Town Offices open Tuesday through Friday
9:00 AM -12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

Listers 874-4908
By Appointment or Tuesday 8:00 AM -12:00 PM,
1:00 PM -3:00 PM.

Planning Commission:
Time to be set

Jamaica Free Library..... 874-4901
Wednesday and Friday..... 1-6 PM
Saturday 9 AM - 11 AM

Waste Disposal Transfer Station ... 874-7171

Monday	9:00-5:00
Tuesday	9:00-1:00
Wednesday	2:00-6:00
Thursday	Closed
Friday	Closed
Saturday	8:00-4:00
Sunday	9:00-5:00

Tokens (for large items) are available from the Town Clerk's office. Stickers are available from the Transfer Station Caretaker.

Jamaica Post Office..... 874-4242

Bondville Post Office..... 297-1671

School Meetings

Jamaica Village School 874-4822
School Board meets 1st Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Jamaica Village School.

Jamaica Village School Club 874-4822
2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM at the school.

Leland and Gray High School 365-7355
School Board meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:15 PM at the high school in Townshend.

Animal Licensing

Notice to Dog and Cat Owners

Vermont State Law requires all owners of cats to show proof of rabies vaccination upon demand. Owners not in compliance can be fined up to \$500.00

Vermont State Law requires all dogs to be licensed on or before April 1st of each year as follows:

- All dogs and wolf-hybrids 6 months old or older must be licensed.
- To be eligible for a license, dogs must be vaccinated against rabies.
- For dogs under 2 years, rabies certificate is good for 1 year.
- For dogs 2 years and older, rabies certificate is good for 2 years.
- Each rabies certificate must be signed by a licensed veterinarian.
- A copy of the rabies certificate must be filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Dog License Fees

	<u>January 1- April 1</u>	<u>After April 1</u>
Spayed or Neutered (Proof Required)	\$5.00	\$7.00
Other (Female or Male)	\$9.00	\$13.00

Rabies Clinics

Newbrook Fire Station (Newfane)	
March 13, 2004	10:00 - 1:00
Wardsboro Town Office	
March 27, 2004	10:00 - 1:00
Jamaica Town Office	
March 24, 2004	12:00 - 2:00

Animal Records

Call the Town Clerk's Office at 874-4681, or stop by Tuesday-Friday if:

- You're not sure whether your dog /dogs rabies certificate is current
- You no longer have a dog
- You're moving your dog/dogs out of town, so that we may check or update our dog records.

Minutes of the 2003 Town Meeting

Minutes of Town Meeting March 4, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Ralph Coleman at 10:00 A.M. He first read the Town Warning and then the School Warning. The school meeting was conducted first. It adjourned at 12 P.M. Town meeting began after lunch at 1 P.M.

Article 1. Ralph Coleman was elected Moderator under the School warning to serve both Town and School for a term of one year.

Article 2. It was voted to accept the Auditors report.

Article 3. The following officers were elected as required by law:

Selectperson for three years..... Ben Williams
 Selectperson for one year Joel Beckwith
 Selectperson for one year David Hamilton
 Lister for three years.....Raymond Landman
 Auditor for three years..... Frances Sherwood
 Tax Collector for one year..... Irene Smith
 1st Constable for one year Peter Andrus
 2nd Constable for one year..... Kenneth Johnson
 Town Grand Juror for one year Stephen Clark
 Town Agent for one year..... Elaine Beckwith
 Trustee of Public Funds for one year... Stephen Clark
 Agent To Deed land for one year Bonnie West
 Library Trustee for five years Janet Hamilton
 Five Cemetery Commissioners for one year...Selectboard

Article 4. Voted to appropriate \$34,000 from Town Surplus Funds for State-mandated reappraisal which is to be done at some point in time yet to be set.

Article 5. Voted \$300 for Vermont Adult Learning of Windham County.

Article 6. Voted \$1,500 for Grace Cottage Foundation. This is in addition to what we give the ambulance service.

Article 7. Voted to pass over request for the West River Montessori School.

Article 8. Voted to raise the sum of \$597,010.00 by taxation for the running expenses of the Town and this, along with anticipated receipts of \$100,000.00 will bring the total Town Budget to be expended to \$697,010.00. Taxes will be due and payable to the Town Treasurer on or before Oct. 1st, 2003. All unpaid taxes as of Oct. 2nd, 2003 will be delinquent and payable to the Delinquent Tax Collector with an 8% penalty added by state law, plus interest at the rate of 1% will start on Dec. 1st, 2003 and each month thereafter until paid in full.

Article 9. Authorized the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 10. Voted to allow the Town Clerk to add names to Voter Checklist without calling a BCA meeting.

Article 11. Voted to start the next annual Town Meeting at 10:00 A.M. on the first Tuesday on March 2004.

Article 12. Voted to accept the resolution to bar the re-licensing of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station by the powers that be.

Article 13. Voted to accept the resolution to promote energy efficiency and the expansion of renewable energy industry by the powers that be.

Article 14. The resolution to ask Vermont's Congressional delegation to monitor the implementation of the USA Patriot Act, the Homeland Security Act and the associated orders and rules of the executive branch and actively work for the repeal of the parts of the Acts and Orders that violate civil rights and liberties. Voted by paper ballot. 51 in favor and 17 not in favor. Motion carried.

Article 15. Other business included complaint about businesses on Main Street putting signs in places where people have to park. It makes a traffic hazard. Stewart Barker and Bruce Chapin were thanked for the great job done on our new Town Office addition. Fran Sherwood gave thanks for cleaning the snow from the sidewalks. Dave Western gave recognition to Ralph Coleman for his many years of service as Moderator.

Town Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M. Minutes approved by Selectboard March 10, 2003.

Minutes of Town School District Meeting March 4, 2003

Moderator Ralph Coleman called meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Article 1. Ralph Coleman was elected moderator for a term of one year to serve both Town and school District.

Article 2. John Aaron and Robin Ameden were elected School Director for a term of one year.

Article 3. Patricia Dickson was elected School Director for a term of three years.

Article 4. Voted to authorize the School Directors to borrow on the notes of the Town School District in anticipation of taxes.

Article 5. Voted to expend a total budget of \$895,532.00, which is to be collected in the usual manner. This figure does not include the Leland and Gray Assessment. Budget is about a \$90,000.00 increase over last year.

Article 6. Voted to hold the School District Annual Meeting at 10 A.M. on the first Tuesday in March, 2004 immediately following the opening of Town Meeting.

Article 7. Other business: Out going Board members were thanked. Discussion about why Leland & Gray budget was defeated. It was decided to have a Meet the Candidates Night on Wednesday before Town Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

Minutes approved by Schoolboard March 13, 2003.

★ PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY POLLS WILL BE OPEN 10:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M. ON MARCH 2, 2004. YOU WILL NEED TO DECLARE WHICH PARTY YOU WANT A BALLOT FOR.

Town Warning

THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF JAMAICA, IN THE COUNTY OF WINDHAM AND STATE OF VERMONT, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED AND WARNED TO MEET AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE TOWN HALL IN SAID TOWN OF JAMAICA, ON THE FIRST TUESDAY IN MARCH, MARCH 2nd, 2004, TO TRANSACT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES: VIZ:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for a term of one year.

Article 2. To act on the report of the Auditors.

Article 3. To elect the following officers as required by law.

1. Selectperson for a term of three years (by ballot).
2. Selectperson for a term of one year (by ballot).
3. Selectperson for a term of one year (by ballot).
4. Lister for a term of three years (by ballot).
5. Lister for a term of two years (by ballot).
6. Lister for a term of one year (by ballot).
7. Auditor for a term of three years (by ballot).
8. Tax Collector for a term of one year.
9. 1st Constable for a term of one year.
10. 2nd Constable for a term of one year.
11. Town Grand Juror for a term of one year.
12. Town Agent for a term of one year.
13. Trustee of Public Funds for a term of one year.
14. Agent to Deed Land for a term of one year.
15. Library Trustee for a term of five years.
16. Library Trustee for a term of two years.
17. Five Cemetery Commissioners to include all Town Cemeteries for a term of one year.

Article 4. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 to be raised by taxation for Grace Cottage Foundation, which supports the services of the Otis Health Care Center, including Grace Cottage Hospital, Heins Home Community Care Home, Grace Cottage Family Health Services, Grace Cottage Adult Day Services and the Bock EMS Training Center?

Article 5. Shall the voters exempt the Masonic land and building from taxation for a period of five years as provided in Title 32 Section 3840 V.S.A.?

Article 6. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$56,000.00 from the Town's Surplus Funds for 2004-2005 FY property tax reduction?

Article 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to pay the Town's running expenses and how it will be collected.

Article 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 9. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to spend "unanticipated funds such as grants, gifts and/or interest"?

Article 10. To set the time for the opening of the next Annual Town Meeting, to be held on the first Tuesday in March 2005.

Article 11. Shall the voters of the Town of Jamaica advise the Selectboard, the Governor, and our State Legislators of the following: "Whereas the rising cost of health insurance is placing an increasingly unupportable burden on town and school budgets, the voters of the Town of Jamaica call upon the Selectboard, the Governor, and our State Legislators to support and actively work for the creation of a UNIVERSAL AND COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE SYSTEM which is publicly financed and accountable to the citizens of Vermont, and which will reduce costs by eliminating most current administrative expenses"?

Article 12. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. APPROVED AS THE LEGAL TOWN WARNING FOR THE TOWN OF JAMAICA FOR MARCH 2nd, 2004 ON THIS 26TH DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 2004

Selectboard, Town of Jamaica, Vermont

L. Bruce Chapin, Chairman

Benjamin Williams,

Joel Beckwith,

A true copy. Attest: Bonnie West, Town Clerk

David Hamilton

Arnold Young

School Warning

THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JAMAICA, VERMONT ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED AND WARNED TO MEET AT THE TOWN HALL IN JAMAICA ON TUESDAY, MARCH 2nd, 2004, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF TOWN MEETING AT 10:00 A.M. TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for a term of one year.

Article 2. To elect a School Director for a term of (3) three years.

Article 3. To elect a School Director for a term of (1) one year.

Article 4. To elect a School Director for a term of (1) one year.

Article 5. To elect a High School Director for a term of (3) three years.

Article 6. Shall the Town School District authorize the School Directors to borrow on the notes of the Town School District in anticipation of Taxes?

Article 7. Shall the Voters authorize the School Directors to spend "unanticipated funds such as grants and/or gifts"?

Article 8. To see what sum of money the Town School District will authorize as a total Budget expenditure, and how it will be collected.

Article 9. To set a time and date for the Annual School District Meeting for 2005.

Article 10. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Article 11. To adjourn.

APPROVED AS THE LEGAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING FOR THE TOWN OF JAMAICA FOR MARCH 2ND, 2004 ON THIS 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2004. SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Daniel Kilburn, Chairperson

John W.F. Aaron

Robin Ameden

A true copy. Attest: Bonnie West, Town Clerk

Patricia Dickson

Andrew Avery

Auditors' Report

In accordance with 25 V.S.A., Section 1638, we have examined the accompanying financial statements of the funds of the Town of Jamaica, Vermont for the year ended June 30, 2003. We verified the existence of stated cash balances and securities, examined supporting documentation relative to expenditures on a randomly selected test basis, and reviewed and evaluated internal control procedures.

Based upon our examination, it is our opinion that the accompanying Balance Sheets and Statements of Revenues and Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances, present fairly the financial position of the Town at June 30, 2003 and the results of its activities for the fiscal year then ended.

Jamaica, Vermont, February 16, 2004

T. Bruce Boardman, Chair; Frances Sherwood

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES

June 30, 2003

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund *	Capital Projects Fund	Trust and Agency Funds**	General Fixed Assets	
ASSETS						
Cash	\$171,238	\$2,693	\$700,595	\$67,030	\$-	\$941,556
Accounts Receivable	578					578
Property Taxes Receivable	56,469					56,469
General Fixed Assets	-				1,914,143	1,914,143
Total Assets	288,285	2,693	700,595	67,030	1,914,143	2,912,746
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
LIABILITIES:						
Accounts Payable	13,100	-	-	-	-	13,100
Total liabilities	13,100	-	-	-	-	13,100
FUND EQUITY						
Reserved for:						
Endowments	-	-	-	29,720	-	29,720
Special programs	-	2,693	-	-	-	2,693
Future expenditures	-	-	-	37,310	-	37,310
Future capital projects	-	-	700,595	-	-	700,595
Designated for:						
Future capital projects fund	2,585	-	-	-	-	2,585
Unreserved and undesignated	212,600	-	-	-	1,914,143	2,126,743
Total fund equity	215,185	2,693	700,595	67,030	1,914,143	2,899,646
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$228,285	\$2,693	\$700,595	\$67,030	\$1,914,143	\$2,912,746

* Special Revenue Fund is comprised of the Equipment (\$0) and Revenue Sharing (\$2,693) Funds

**Fiduciary Funds consist of the Scholarship, Muzzy and Cemetery Funds

Auditors' Report (continued)

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES For the Year Ended June 30, 2003

Governmental Fund Types

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)
REVENUES:				
Property taxes	\$2,643,501	\$-	\$-	\$2,643,501
Interest on property taxes	8,424			8,424
Permits, licenses, fines, and fees	39,209			39,209
Payment in lieu of taxes	14,763			14,763
State grants and aid	85,429		32,544	117,973
Interest on cash accounts	5,901	18	11,962	17,881
Other	36,819		36,000	72,819
Total revenues	2,834,046	18	80,506	2,914,570
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
General government	140,788		7,965	148,753
Building maintenance	12,232			12,232
Highway department	296,963		550	297,513
Public safety	65,217			65,217
Waste disposal	77,822			77,822
Culture and recreation	5,000			5,000
Cemetery maintenance	2,810			2,810
Help and health services	11,516			11,516
Windham County tax	14,203			14,203
Transfers to other funds	20,000			20,000
Other	6,012			6,012
Education - Local	1,489,119			1,489,119
Education - State	605,075			605,075
Town Vault	-		130,778	130,778
Total expenditures	2,746,757		139,293	2,886,050
EXCESS OF REVENUES	87,289	18	(58,787)	28,520
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Operating Transfers In	-	20,000	-	20,000
Operating Transfers (Out)	(34,000)	(90,885)	(30,572)	(155,457)
Conversion to Accrual for Tax Revenue	4,491			4,491
Total other financing sources	(29,509)	(70,885)	(30,572)	(130,966)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
	57,780	(70,867)	(89,359)	(102,446)
Change in amounts designated for future projects	(5,413)			(5,413)
FUND BALANCE, July 1, 2002	162,818	73,560	789,954	1,026,332
FUND BALANCE, June 30, 2003	\$215,185	\$2,693	\$700,595	\$918,473

Auditors' Report (continued)

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET VS. ACTUAL GENERAL FUND - TOWN PORTION ONLY (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003**

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:			
Taxes	\$ 552,563	\$ 549,307	\$ (3,256)
Permits, licenses and fees	19,500	90,791	71,291
State grant and aid	70,000	85,429	15,429
Interest	10,500	14,325	3,825
Total revenues	652,563	739,852	87,289
EXPENDITURES:			
Selectmen	2,800	2,787	13
Service agencies	3,371	3,371	-
Elections	1,450	1,255	195
Auditing	4,985	3,366	1,619
Listing	22,450	18,279	4,171
Tax collection	400	423	(23)
Clerk & treasurer	45,992	45,938	54
Legal services	3,000	8,260	(5,260)
Planning	1,000	237	763
Building maintenance	17,700	12,232	5,468
Policing	16,000	15,717	283
Fire department	49,500	49,500	-
Highway department	310,400	296,963	13,437
Waste disposal	65,360	77,822	(12,462)
Cemetery maintenance	3,000	2,810	190
Recreation	1,000	1,000	-
Library	4,000	4,000	-
Voted appropriations	11,516	11,516	-
Windham county tax	12,300	14,203	(1,903)
Employee benefits	36,019	40,597	(4,578)
Economic development	300	-	300
Insurance	16,020	16,275	(255)
Transfers to other funds:			
Equipment	20,000	20,000	-
Old town barn	2,500	-	2,500
Miscellaneous	-	6,012	(6,012)
Emergency fund	1,500	-	1,500
Total expenditures	652,563	652,563	-
EXCESS OF REVENUES	\$	\$ 87,289	\$ 87,289

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

June 30, 2003

Fund	Receipts				Disbursements			Balance 6/30/03
	Balance: 7/1/02	Interest	Explanation	Amount	Total	Expenditures	Reimburse Gen. Fund	
Town Office & Vault	\$151,701.15	\$933.66		\$-	\$152,634.81	\$(130,777.78)	\$-	\$21,857.03
Sidewalk	4,703.02	119.62		-	4,822.64			4,822.64
Flood Damage	105,737.38	1,812.09		-	107,549.47			107,549.47
Planning Fund	6,344.44	129.52		-	6,473.96			6,473.96
Tree Removal	3,701.95	119.61		-	3,821.56	(550.00)		3,271.56
Emergency	20,447.15	377.89		-	20,825.04			20,825.04
Highway Construction	109,484.11	1,834.62		-	111,318.73		(9,607.16)	101,711.57
Highway Retreatment	55,901.45	944.26	State Aid 2001-2	23,880.00	80,725.71		(8,076.20)	72,649.51
Bridge Maintenance	228,997.56	3,870.57		-	232,868.13			232,868.13
Town Clerk & Listers (a)	67,246.18	1,210.51	See Detail in (a) Below	44,664.00	113,120.69	(7,964.86)		105,155.83
Old Town Barn	23,041.10	369.03		-	23,410.13			23,410.13
Waste Disposal	12,648.68	240.20		-	12,888.88		(12,888.88)	-
Total Capital Projects	\$789,954.17	\$11,961.58		\$68,544.00	\$870,459.75	\$(139,292.64)	\$(30,572.24)	\$700,594.87
(a) Breakdown of Town Clerk and Listers Segments								
Town Clerk	\$14,792.99	\$216.75		-	\$15,009.74	\$(7,964.86)		\$7,044.88
Listers:								
Reappraisal (b)	45,030.00	-	See Detail in (b) Below	44,664.00	89,694.00			89,694.00
Mapping	7,423.19	993.76		-	8,416.95			8,416.95
Listers' Total	52,453.19	993.76		44,664.00	98,110.95			98,110.95
Combined Total	\$67,246.18	\$1,210.51		\$44,664.00	\$113,120.69	\$(7,964.86)		\$105,155.83
(b) Breakdown of Reappraisal additions:								
			Voted Surplus	34,000.00				
			Act 60 Funds	8,664.00				
			From Listers' Budget	2,000.00				
				\$44,664.00				

Auditors' Report (continued)

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - NON EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2003

	<u>William W. Boynton Memorial Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Muzzy Legacy Funds</u>	<u>Cemetery Funds</u>	<u>Total Fiduciary Fund Type Non Expendable Trust</u>
OPERATING REVENUES:				
Sale of cemetery lots	\$-	\$-	\$150	\$150
OPERATING EXPENSES:				
Trust distributions - scholarships	1,000	-	-	1,000
Operating income (loss)	(1,000)	-	150	(850)
NON OPERATING REVENUES				
Interest on cash accounts and bonds	524	374	399	1,297
NET INCOME	(476)	374	549	447
FUND BALANCE, July 1, 2002	14,410	18,751	35,422	68,583
Transfer to General Fund	-	-	(2,000)	(2,000)
FUND BALANCE, June 30, 2003	\$13,934	\$ 19,125	\$ 33,971	\$67,030
Held in Trust - Use for Interest Only	\$1,000	\$ 5,000	\$-	\$6,000

Town Financial Statements

General Fund Budget Statement

	2002-2003			2003-2004	2004-2005
	Adopted BUDGET	ACTUAL	Favorable (Unfavorable) VARIANCE	Adopted BUDGET	Proposed BUDGET
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Managing Municipality					
Salaries - Selectboard	2,000	2,000.00	-	2,000	2,000
Salary - Clerk	650	380.00	270.00	650	650
Expenses	50	296.62	(246.62)	50	50
Training	100	110.00	(10.00)	100	100
	2,800	2,786.62	13.38	2,800	2,800
Conducting Elections					
Salaries - BCA & Clerks	1,325	1,174.63	150.37	500	1,920
Printing Ballots	75	53.25	21.75	-	80
Miscellaneous	50	27.30	22.70	-	-
	1,450	1,255.18	194.82	500	2,000
Town Clerk & Treasurer					
Salaries - Clerk & Assistant	38,792	38,424.43	367.57	39,550	41,120
Postage	1,600	1,397.67	202.33	1,600	1,600
Supplies	2,200	2,702.07	(502.07)	2,000	2,200
Telephone	600	544.67	55.33	800	800
Office Machines Upkeep	1,500	1,706.36	(206.36)	1,500	2,000
Mileage	550	503.75	46.25	550	550
Training	150	105.00	45.00	150	130
New Equipment	400	554.00	(154.00)	-	-
Micofilming Records	200	-	200.00	400	200
	45,992	45,937.95	54.05	46,550	48,600
Listing of Property					
Salaries	15,500	13,996.00	1,504.00	19,200	16,200
Sub-contracted Labor	-	-	-	-	3,000
Postage	200	108.20	91.80	400	400
Supplies	500	408.76	91.24	500	500
Telephone	600	510.89	89.11	750	600
Mileage	800	474.52	325.48	800	600
Training	1,000	205.00	795.00	500	1,000
Computer Support	800	576.00	224.00	1,100	800
Miscellaneous	50	-	50.00	50	100
Reserve for Re-evaluation	2,000	2,000.00	-	2,000	2,000
Furniture & Equipment	1,000	-	1,000.00	500	500
	22,450	18,279.37	4,170.63	25,800	25,700
Auditing					
Salaries	2,100	882.00	1,218.00	2,000	2,000
Sub-contract-Compiling Town Rpt	1,100	861.75	238.25	-	500
Postage	600	571.26	28.74	750	1,000
Printing Town Report	1,000	945.00	55.00	2,200	1,200
Mileage	60	36.40	23.60	100	50
Supplies	100	-	100.00	200	50

General Fund Budget Statement continued...

EXPENDITURES	2002-2003			2003-2004	2004-2005
	Adopted BUDGET	ACTUAL	Favorable (Unfavorable) VARIANCE	Adopted BUDGET	Proposed BUDGET
GENERAL GOVERNMENT/ Auditing (cont)					
Miscellaneous	25	70.00	(45.00)	50	50
	4,985	3,366.41	1,618.59	5,300	4,850
Tax Collection					
Postage	200	246.69	(46.69)	200	250
Supplies	50	38.76	11.24	50	50
Telephone	50	-	50.00	50	50
BCA Tax Appeals	100	137.51	(37.51)	100	100
	400	422.96	(22.96)	400	450
Service Agencies					
VLCT Dues	615	615.00	-	884	925
WRC Dues	1,287	1,287.00	-	1,315	1,315
Vermont Green-up	50	50.00	-	50	50
Vt. Municipal Coalition	1,419	1,419.00	-	1,188	250
	3,371	3,371.00	-	3,437	2,540
Legal Services					
Legal Advertising	500	252.25	247.75	500	500
Town Counsel - Tax Appeal	2,500	8,007.99	(5,507.99)	3,500	9,500
Encumbered for future Legal Svcs.	-	-	-	-	-
	3,000	8,260.24	(5,260.24)	4,000	10,000
Town Planning					
Postage	400	84.57	315.43	400	400
Supplies	600	32.82	567.18	600	600
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
Training	-	120.00	(120.00)	-	-
WRC Services	-	-	-	-	-
	1,000	237.39	762.61	1,000	1,000
Insurance & Bonding					
Bonding	143	143.00	-	143	143
Liability & Property Ins.	9,206	8,665.00	541.00	8,665	8,000
Worker's Compensation	6,213	6,940.00	(727.00)	6,940	8,300
Unemployment Insurance	458	527.12	(69.12)	596	400
	16,020	16,275.12	(255.12)	16,344	16,843
Employee Benefits					
Uniforms	1,694	1,771.16	(77.16)	1,872	2,000
Pension Plan	6,850	7,331.47	(481.47)	7,280	7,721
Cafeteria Plan Expenses	250	250.00	-	250	250
Health Insurance	13,000	16,833.60	(3,833.60)	17,983	24,000
FICA - Town Share	14,225	14,410.66	(185.66)	13,073	13,516
	36,019	40,596.89	(4,577.89)	40,458	47,487
Economic Development					
Miscellaneous	300	-	300.00	-	300
TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T	137,787	140,789.13	(3,002.13)	146,589	162,570

General Fund Budget Statement continued...

EXPENDITURES	2002-2003			2003-2004	2004-2005
	Adopted BUDGET	ACTUAL	Favorable (Unfavorable) VARIANCE	Adopted BUDGET	Proposed BUDGET
BUILDING MAINTENANCE					
Town Hall					
Supplies	100	155.84	(55.84)	100	100
Repairs & Maintenance	700	488.67	211.33	700	1,200
Heat	700	442.50	257.50	1,000	1,000
Electricity	1,000	832.68	167.32	700	700
	2,500	1,919.69	580.31	2,500	3,000
Town Office Building					
Janitor	1,110	989.77	120.23	1,110	1,110
Supplies	340	475.38	(135.38)	340	340
Repairs & Maintenance	1,000	1,477.91	(477.91)	1,300	1,300
Heat	3,000	1,608.44	1,391.56	3,000	3,000
Electricity	1,450	1,636.92	(186.92)	1,450	1,450
Miscellaneous	100	-	100.00	100	100
	7,000	6,188.42	811.58	7,300	7,300
Town Highway Garage					
Supplies	50	90.69	(40.69)	50	50
Repairs & Maintenance	1,000	256.40	743.60	500	500
Fuel & Service	2,700	1,735.53	964.47	3,200	3,200
Electric	1,750	1,874.06	(124.06)	1,750	1,750
	5,500	3,956.68	1,543.32	5,500	5,500
Rawsonville School House					
Electric	200	167.50	32.50	200	200
Village School					
Ground Maintenance				3,000	3,000
Construction Repairs - Misc.					
Miscellaneous	2,500	-	2,500.00	2,500	2,500
TOTAL BLDG. MAINTENANCE	17,700	12,232.29	5,467.71	21,000	21,500
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT					
General Maintenance (Apr-Oct)					
Contracted Labor	3,500	3,450.00	50.00	3,500	3,800
Town Labor	50,500	46,262.93	4,237.07	55,500	55,488
Outside Labor	4,000	1,695.00	2,305.00	4,000	4,000
Materials	37,000	55,659.79	(18,659.79)	37,000	50,000
Miscellaneous	1,000	150.00	850.00	1,000	500
	96,000	107,217.72	(11,217.72)	101,000	113,788
Winter Maintenance (Nov-Mar)					
Town Labor	33,500	48,495.48	(14,995.48)	35,627	42,200
Outside Labor	2,500	1,095.00	1,405.00	2,500	2,500

General Fund Budget Statement continued...**EXPENDITURES**

	2002-2003			2003-2004	2004-2005
	Adopted BUDGET	ACTUAL	Favorable (Unfavorable) VARIANCE	Adopted BUDGET	Proposed BUDGET
Contracted Services-Townshend	1,000	1,680.00	(680.00)	1,000	1,500
Contracted Services-Windham	4,000	4,955.13	(955.13)	4,000	5,000
Contracted Services - Other	2,200	2,500.00	(300.00)	3,500	3,000
Materials	30,000	45,250.36	(15,250.36)	30,000	45,000
	73,200	103,975.97	(30,775.97)	76,627	99,200
Highway Construction					
Contracted Labor	15,000	1,498.75	13,501.25	15,000	15,000
Materials	6,000		6,000.00	6,000	6,000
	21,000	1,498.75	19,501.25	21,000	21,000
Street Lighting					
Village	6,200	6,346.48	(146.48)	6,400	6,400
Rawsonville	1,000	933.75	66.25	1,000	1,000
	7,200	7,280.23	(80.23)	7,400	7,400
Highway Retreatment					
Contracted Services	35,000	35,000.00	-	35,000	35,000
	35,000	35,000.00		35,000	35,000
Sidewalks					
Labor and Materials	3,000		3,000.00	3,000	3,000
	3,000		3,000.00	3,000	3,000
Flood Damage					
Transfer to Capital Projects fund	5,000		5,000.00	5,000	5,000
	5,000		5,000.00	5,000	5,000
Bridge Maintenance					
Transfer to Capital Projects fund	19,760		19,760.00	19,640	19,640
State of Vermont	240	290.00	(50.00)	360	360
	20,000	290.00	19,710.00	20,000	20,000
Highway Equip./Parts/Supplies					
Telephone	500	471.68	28.32	500	500
Equipment Parts & Supplies	34,000	24,008.05	9,991.95	29,000	29,000
Equipment Repairs	5,000	6,965.00	(1,965.00)	5,000	5,000
Gas	1,500	145.54	1,354.46	1,500	1,500
Diesel Fuel	9,000	10,109.66	(1,109.66)	9,000	9,000
	50,000	41,699.93	8,300.07	45,000	45,000
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPT.	310,400	296,962.60	13,437.40	314,027	349,388
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Fire Fighting					
Transfer to Volunteer Fire Dept	49,500	49,500.00	-	57,000	57,000
	49,500	49,500.00		57,000	57,000
Police Support					
Salaries; Constables	300		300.00	250	250
Windham County Sheriff's Dept.	15,550	15,548.70	1.30	15,550	15,550

General Fund Budget Statement continued...

EXPENDITURES	2002-2003			2003-2004	2004-2005
	Adopted BUDGET	ACTUAL	Favorable (Unfavorable) VARIANCE	Adopted BUDGET	Proposed BUDGET
PUBLIC SAFETY (continued)					
Miscellaneous	150	167.96	(17.96)	200	200
	16,000	15,716.66	283.34	16,000	16,000
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	65,500	65,216.66	283.34	73,000	73,000
MISCELLANEOUS					
Waste Disposal					
Salaries	14,200	14,586.30	(386.30)	14,891	15,604
Supplies	200	136.37	63.63	200	200
Windham Solid Waste District	5,160	5,159.32	0.68	7,097	7,153
Triple T Trucking	7,400	9,360.00	(1,960.00)	8,500	10,000
Brattleboro Salvage	36,000	45,954.90	(9,954.90)	42,000	48,000
Metal & Tire Removal	-	-	-	1,500	-
Utilities & Telephone	900	822.65	77.35	500	900
Repairs	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	1,500	1,801.97	(301.97)	500	500
Recycling Costs	-	-	-	-	1,000
	65,360	77,821.51	(12,461.51)	75,188	83,357
Cemetery Maintenance					
Rawsonville	625	410.00	215.00	625	625
East Jamaica	625	460.00	165.00	625	625
South Hill	625	335.00	290.00	625	625
Windham	625	807.50	(182.50)	625	625
West Jamaica	150	165.00	(15.00)	150	150
Pikes Falls	150	205.00	(55.00)	150	150
Miscellaneous & Flags	200	427.11	(227.11)	200	200
	3,000	2,809.61	190.39	3,000	3,000
Recreation					
Skating & Recreation Club	1,000	1,000.00	-	1,000	1,000
Jamaica Memorial Public Library					
Voted Budget Appropriation	4,000	4,000.00	-	8,000	10,000
All Expenses	4,000	4,000.00	-	8,000	10,000
Help & Health Services					
Women's Crisis Center	750	750.00	-	800	800
Helpline	495	495.00	-	495	495
Mental Health Svcs. S.E. Vt	1,200	1,200.00	-	1,200	1,200
Valley Health Council	1,466	1,466.00	-	1,466	1,466
Grace Cottage Ambulance	-	-	-	1,500	1,500
Londonderry Rescue Squad	600	600.00	-	600	600
Visiting Nurse Alliance-VT & NH	2,420	2,420.00	-	2,660	2,660
Windham County Youth Services	395	395.00	-	395	395
VT Center for Independent Living	165	165.00	-	165	165
Council on Aging	475	475.00	-	475	475
Mountain Valley Health Clinic	200	200.00	-	300	300
Hospice	100	100.00	-	100	100

General Fund Budget Statement continued...

EXPENDITURES	2002-2003			2003-2004	2004-2005
	Adopted BUDGET	ACTUAL	Favorable (Unfavorable) VARIANCE	Adopted BUDGET	Proposed BUDGET
Help & Health Services (continued)					
Community Food Pantry	200	200.00	-	200	200
S.E. Vt Community Action	250	250.00	-	250	250
Early Education Services	850	850.00	-	850	850
Windham County Historical Soc.	250	250.00	-	250	
Windham County Humane Soc.	200	200.00	-	200	200
Geo. Aicken Resources	-	-	-	-	50
VT Adult Learning	-	-	-	300	-
Grace Cottage Foundation	1,500	1,500.00	-	1,500	-
	11,516	11,516.00		13,706	11,706
Other					
*Act 60 Funds to State	602,050	602,049.62	0.38	583,834	*
*Act 60 Funds Retained	3,025	3,025.38	(0.38)	2,934	*
Windham County Tax	12,300	14,203.32	(1,903.32)	14,000	16,000
Equipment Fund	20,000	20,000.00	-	25,000	25,000
New Vault Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Old Town Barn Fund	2,500		2,500.00	2,500	2,500
Emergency Fund	1,500		1,500.00	-	1,500
Other	-	6,011.88	(6,011.88)		
	641,375	645,290.20	(3,915.20)	628,268	45,000
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	726,251	742,437.32	(16,186.32)	729,162	154,063
GRAND TOTALS	1,257,638	1,257,638.00	-	1,283,778	760,521
* Act 60 Funds expenditures are set by State					
REVENUE					
Tax Revenue					
Act 60 State Funds	602,050	602,049.62	(0.38)	583,834	*
Act 60 Funds Retained	3,025	3,025.38	0.38	2,934	*
Taxes	552,563	295,132.59	(257,430.41)	597,010	329,521
Taxes - Delinquent	-	254,174.65	254,174.65	-	250,000
Total Tax Revenue	1,157,638	1,154,382.24	(3,255.76)	1,183,778	579,521
Other Receipts (fees, licenses, etc.)	20,000	90,791.11	70,791.11	20,000	41,500
Highway State Aid	70,000	85,428.75	15,428.75	70,000	79,000
Interest	10,000	14,325.13	4,325.13	10,000	4,500
Surplus	-	-	-	-	56,000
TOTAL REVENUE	1,257,638	1,344,927.23	87,289.23	1,283,778	760,521
* Act 60 Funds expenditures are set by State					

Treasurer's Cash Account 2002-2003 Receipts

Cash on hand July 1, 2002	109,962.94
Current Taxes	2,389,326.59
Current Tax Overpayments	4,904.13
Delinquent Taxes	254,174.65
Delinquent Tax Interest	8,424.41
Delinquent Tax Overpayments	6,105.95
Delinquent Tax Penalties	20,198.16
Delinquent Tax Levy Fees	32.00
Delinquent Tax Sale Costs, Attorney Fees	3,458.21
Highway State Aid, Regular	85,428.75
Highway Retreatment State Aid	23,880.00
PILOT, Current Use & Flood Control	14,763.00
Marriage & Civil Union Fees, Town Share	104.00
Marriage & Civil Union Fees, State Share	195.00
Dog License Fees, Town Share	1,535.00
Dog License Fees, State Share	255.00
Dog License Fines	350.00
Checking Account Interest	5,900.72
Town Clerk's Office Fees	23,533.57
Waste Disposal Fees	6,975.50
Town Clerk's Office Fees Overpayments	12.00
Septic Permit Fees	275.00
Flood Plain Zoning Permit Fees	300.00
Photo Copy fees	100.25
Payroll Withholdings	54,492.32
Fire & Rescue Dept. Telephone reimbursement	531.10
Library Telephone reimbursement	417.61
School Telephone reimbursement	1,469.04
School Gas & Diesel Fuel & Oil reimbursement	4,318.53
School Postage & Supplies reimbursement	327.07
Linda Sheehan Telephone reimbursement	459.64
Sale of Grandlist, Mailing Labels, Voter Checklists	103.75
Green Mountain Pass	2.00
State of VT, Local fines	977.55
1st. Class Liquor Licenses	300.00
2nd. Class Liquor Licenses	200.00
Cabaret License	100.00
Tobacco License	10.00
Town Hall Rent	500.00
State Land Use Program Withdrawal Penalty	34,309.00
State of VT Forest Fire Reimbursement	2,155.94
Act 60 Reappraisal Funds	8,664.00
Act 60 Retained Town Funds	4,469.38
Land Posting Fees	10.00
Return Check Fees	40.00
Worker Comp Insurance Refund	276.66
Town Official Workshop Refund	25.00
Cemetery Fund Reimbursement for Maintenance	2,000.00
William Boynton Scholarship Reimbursement	1,000.00
Reimbursement from Capital Fund, Compactor	12,888.88
Retreatment	8,076.20
Town Office Equipment	1,000.00
Highway Construction	9,607.16
Total Receipts	\$2,998,962.72
Total Receipts Plus July 1, 2002 Cash on Hand	\$3,108,925.66

Selectboard's Orders, Disbursements 2002-2003

Summer Roads	\$116,824.88
Highway Retreatment	43,076.20
Winter Roads	103,975.97
Highway Construction	1,498.75
State Aid transfer to Retreatment Fund	23,880.00
Bridge Maintenance	290.00
Highway Equipment Maintenance & Supplies	41,699.93
Street Lighting	7,280.23
Budget Transfer to Equipment Fund	20,000.00
Federal Withholding Taxes	19,591.55
VT Withholding Taxes	5,145.88
Social Security & Medicare Taxes	28,819.27
BC/BS Health Insurance	20,733.60
VT Municipal Employees Retirement Fund	13,929.79
Highway Crew Uniforms	1,771.16
Cafeteria Plan Expense	250.00
Child Support Payroll Withholdings	4,847.96
Jamaica School District Tax Assessment	1,489,119.00
Town's Education Taxes Paid to State	602,049.62
Education Taxes Retained by Town	3,025.38
School Gas, Telephone, Postage & Supplies Reimbursement	5,794.13
Windham County Tax	14,203.32
Cemetery Maintenance	4,809.61
Waste Disposal	90,710.39
Building Maintenance	15,147.29
Insurance, All Categories except Health	16,275.12
Help & Health Services	11,516.00
Library Appropriation & Telephone	4,435.28
Funds Transferred for Future Reappraisal	42,664.00
Policing & Dogs	15,716.66
Fire/Rescue Appropriation & Telephone	50,003.51
Skating/Recreation Club Appropriation	1,000.00
Balance of Selectboard Orders	130,702.80

Total Disbursements	\$2,950,787.28
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Total Receipts Plus Cash on Hand	\$3,108,925.66
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Less Total Disbursements	-2,950,787.28
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Total Actual Cash on Hand June 30, 2003	\$158,138.38
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Checkbook Balance June 30, 2003	\$157,986.03
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Petty Cash Balance June 30, 2003	152.35
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Total Actual Cash on Hand June 30, 2003	\$158,138.38
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Statement on the Surplus

Actual Cash on Hand June 20, 2003	\$158,138.38
Plus Prepaid Health Insurance	300
Plus Phone Bills owed Town by others	277.92
Less Encumbrance for Rawsonville School House	-2,585.00

Total Actual Cash on Hand Surplus June 30, 2003	\$156,131.30
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Surplus July 1, 2002 without Uncollected Del-Taxes	\$102,842.07
Plus excess revenues received 2002-2003 FY	87,289.23
Less Voted Funds for Reappraisal	-34,000.00
 Total Unallocated Surplus June 30, 2003	 \$156,131.30
If you add Uncollected Delinquent Taxes Due as of June 30, 2003	56,469.37

Total Surplus as of June 30, 2003	\$212,600.67
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THE TOWN HAS NO OUTSTANDING DEBT.

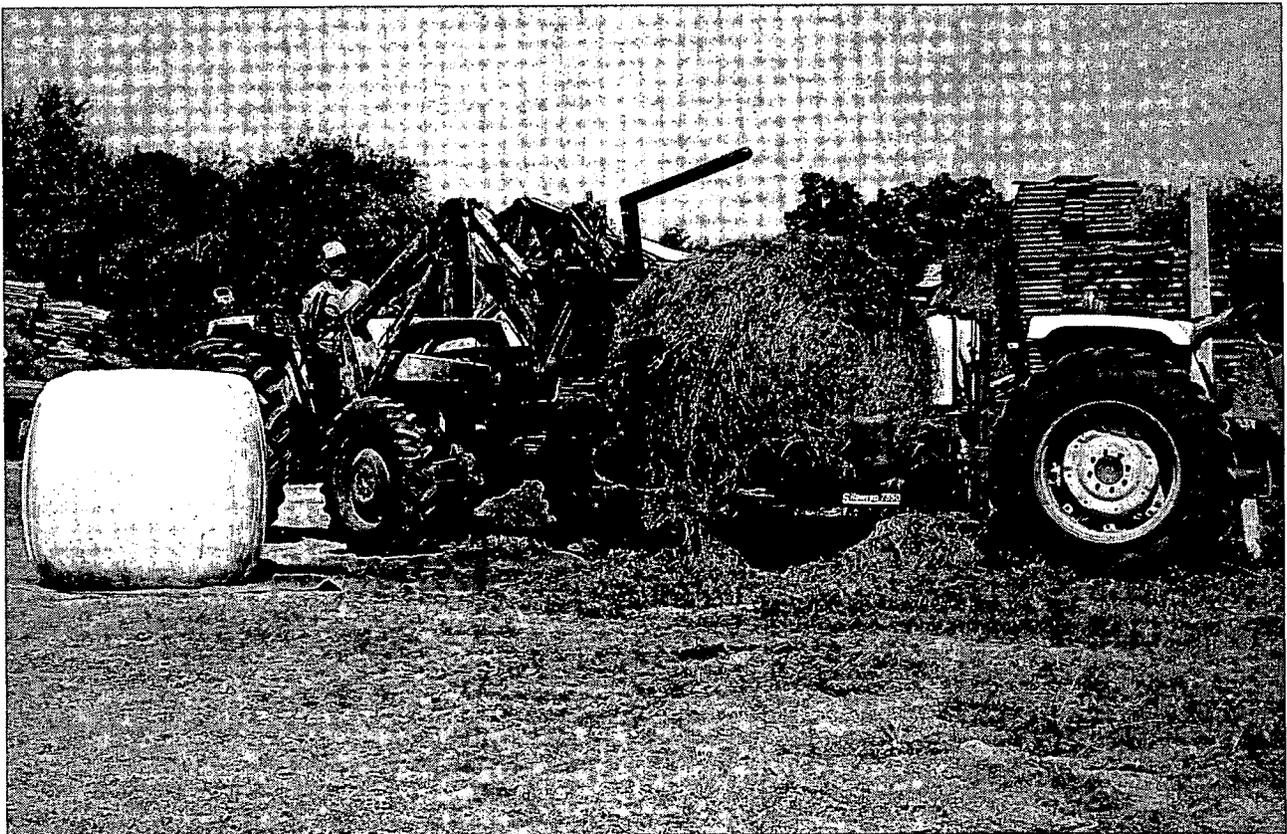
Delinquent Taxes Due June 30, 2003

YEAR	TAX	PENALTY	TOTAL
2001	3,407.64	316.15	3,723.79
2002	53,061.73	4,268.94	57,330.67
TOTALS	56,469.37	4,585.09	61,054.46

2003 Dog Account

January 1 through December 31, 2003

Rate	X	Number	=	Total
\$5.00		130		\$650.00
\$9.00		36		\$324.00
\$7.00		54		\$378.00
\$13.00		33		\$429.00
Totals		253		\$1,781.00
Delinquent fines (6@ \$50.00)				300
Grand Total				\$2,081.00



Bailing at The Coleman Farm

Statement of Taxes Raised Fiscal Year 2002-2003

Taxes Assessed and Billed

Taxes Assessed:

Appraised value of real estate		
Educational Grand List		116,614,932.00
Municipal Grand List		116,483,432.00
Grand List: (equal to 1% of value of real estate)		1,164,834.32
2002 Tax Rate		2.2723
Comprised of:		
State Education	\$1.2302	
Local Share Education	\$0.5656	
Local Adjustment	\$0.0021	
Municipal	\$0.4744	
	\$2.2723	

Taxes Billed:

Total Taxes	2,647,994.15
Less: Lease land rent	

Anticipated Revenue

2,647,994.15

Taxes Accounted for as Follows:

Abated by B.C.A.	-
Paid to Treasurer:	
School	1,489,119.00
State Education	602,049.62
Municipal	298,157.97
Taxes collected by due date - October 1, 2002	2,389,326.59
Delinquent taxes to Tax Collector - October 2, 2002	258,667.56
Total Accounted For	2,647,994.15

Statement of Delinquent Taxes

Delinquencies at July 1, 2002

Taxes	51,976.46
Penalties	4,091.09
Total	56,067.55

Taxes that became delinquent on October 2, 2002

Taxes	258,667.56
Penalties	20,692.16
Total	279,359.72
Total delinquent tax and penalties at October 2, 2002	335,427.27

Less: Delinquent taxes paid	254,174.65
Delinquent penalties paid	20,198.16
Delinquent penalty abated	-
Total payments and reductions	274,372.81
Delinquent taxes and penalties due June 30, 2002	61,054.46

General Fund Expenditures

Selectboard:

Salary, 5 members @ 400.00	\$2,000.00
Salary, Board minutes taker	380.00
Training expenses	110.00
Supplies & Miscellaneous expenses	296.62
Sub Total	\$2,786.62

Service Agencies:

VLCT, Dues	\$615.00
WRC, Dues	1,287.00
VT Green-Up	50.00
VT Municipal Coalition	1,419.00
Sub Total	\$3,371.00

Elections:

Salaries, Town Meeting Moderator & BCA	\$68.77
Salaries, Primary Election	175.50
Salaries, Primary BCA	\$281.25
Salaries, General Election	\$302.25
Salaries, General BCA	346.86
Printing JP Ballots	53.25
Miscellaneous	27.30
Sub Total	\$1,255.18

Auditing:

Salary, Robert Sager	\$166.50
Salary, Bruce Boardman	715.50
Postage	571.26
Compiling Town Report, Robert Sager	861.75
Printing 450 Town Reports	945.00
Mileage	36.40
Training	70.00
Sub Total	\$3,366.41

Listing:

Salary, Raymond Landman	\$4,617.00
Salary, Peter Andrus	6,007.50
Salary, Bruce Boardman	3,181.50
Salary for Clerk, Robert Brown	190.00
Postage	108.20
Supplies	408.76
Telephone	510.89
Mileage	474.52
Training	205.00
Computer Support Maintenance Agreement	576.00
Budget Reappraisal Funds transferred to Capital Fund	2,000.00

Sub Total **\$18,279.37**

*Transfer Voted Funds to Reappraisal Reserve Fund \$34,000.00

*Transfer Act 60 Funds to Reappraisal Reserve Fund \$8,664.00

*Not Budget items.

Tax Collector:

BCA Tax Appeals/Abatement	\$137.51
Postage	204.08
Supplies	38.76
*Delinquent Tax Penalties & Levy Fees	20,230.16
*Delinquent Tax Sale Attorney Costs	3,458.21
Miscellaneous Tax Appeal Postage	42.61
Sub Total	\$24,111.33

*Penalties & Costs always paid by Delinquent Taxpayer.

Town Clerk & Treasurer:

Salary, Bonnie West	\$25,600.00
Salary, Sophia Sanderson, Assistant	12,824.43
Postage	1,397.67
Supplies	2,702.07
Telephone	544.67
Office Machines Maintenance	2,706.36
Mileage	503.75
Training	105.00
New Computer	554.00
*Sub Total	\$46,937.95

*\$1,000.00 Reimbursed by Town Office Capital Projects Fund.

Legal Services:

Legal Notices published	\$252.25
Town Counsel, Tax Appeal	8,007.99
*Town Counsel, Tax appeal	2,500.00
*Sub Total	\$10,760.24

*Tax Appeal Expense Paid From Encumbered Funds.

Planning Commission:

Postage	\$84.57
Supplies	32.82
Training	120.00
Sub Total	\$237.39

General Fund Expenditures continued...

Town Buildings Maintenance:

Town Office Building:

Janitor, Sophia Sanderson	\$989.77
Supplies	475.38
Repairs/Maintenance	1,477.91
Kearley Fuel & Service	1,608.44
CVPS, Electric Service	1,636.92
Sub Total for town Office	\$6,188.42

Town Hall:

Supplies	\$155.84
Repairs/Maintenance	488.67
Kearley Fuel & Service	442.50
CVPS, Electric Service	832.68
Sub Total for Town Hall	\$1,919.69

Town Garage:

Supplies	\$90.69
Repairs/Maintenance	256.40
Kearley Fuel & Service	1,735.53
CVPS, Electric Service	1,874.06
*Al Jeffers & Sons, New Furnace	2,915.00
*Sub Total for Town Garage	\$6,871.68

*New Furnace Paid from Encumbered Funds.

Rawsonville School House:

CVPS, Electric Service	\$167.50
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Total Building Maintenance \$15,147.29

Policing:

Windham County Sheriff's Dept.	15,548.70
Certified Mailing of Dog Notices	167.96
Sub Total	\$15,716.66

Jamaica Fire & Rescue Dept.

Voted Budget Appropriation	49,500.00
Telephone, Reimbursed to Town	503.51
Sub Total	\$50,003.51

Skating & Recreation Club:

Voted Budget Appropriation	\$1,000.00
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Street Lighting:

Village Street lights	6,346.48
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Rawsonville Street lights	933.75
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Sub Total \$7,280.23

Jamaica Memorial Library:

Voted Budget Appropriation	4,000.00
Telephone, Reimbursed to Town	389.82
Telephone, To be reimbursed to Town	45.46

Sub Total \$4,435.28

Waste Disposal:

Windham Solid Waste Assessment	5,159.32
Triple T Trucking	9,360.00
Brattleboro Salvage	45,954.90
Caretaker, Linda Sheehan	14,586.30
Supplies	136.37
Telephone	312.22
CVPS, Electric Service	510.43
*New Compactor	12,950.00

Metal & Tire Removal	1,005.85
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Cement Blocks & Installation	735
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***Sub Total \$90,710.39**

*\$12,888.88 Paid from Capital Projects
Waste Disposal Fund

Cemetery Maintenance:

Rawsonville	1,160.00
East Jamaica	960
South Hill	1,085.00
Windham	807.5
West Jamaica	165
Pikes Falls	205
Flags	427.11

***Sub Total \$4,809.61**

*General Fund Reimbursed \$2,000.00 from
Cemetery Funds

Help & Health Services Voted Budget Appropriations:

Women's Crisis Center	750.00
Helpline n/k/a United Way Get Info	495.00
Mental Health Services n/k/a HCRS of So.VT	1,200.00
Valley Health Council	1,466.00
Londonderry Rescue Squad	600.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT/NH	2,420.00
Windham County Youth Services	395.00
VT Center for Independent Living	165.00

General Fund Expenditures continued...

Council on Aging	475.00
Mountain Valley Medical Clinic	200.00
Hospice	100.00
Windham County Historical Society	250.00
Community Food Pantry	200.00
Southeast VT Community Action	250.00
Early Education Services	850.00
Windham County Humane Society	200.00
Grace Cottage Foundation	1,500.00

Sub Total **\$11,516.00**

Windham County Tax **\$14,203.32**

Employer's Payroll Contributions & Benefits:

Social Security, FICA	11,679.45
Social Security, Medicare	2,731.21
VT Municipal Retirement System	7,331.47
UniFirst Corp., Highway Crew Uniforms	1,771.16
BC/BS Health Insurance	15,310.05
Pre-Paid Health Insurance 2003-2004	1,523.55
Cafeteria Plan Expenses	250.00

Sub Total **40,596.89**

Employee's Payroll Contributions:

Social Security, FICA	11,677.38
Social Security, Medicare	2,731.23
VT Municipal Retirement System	6,598.32
VT State Tax Withholdings	5,145.88
Federal Tax Withholdings	19,591.55
BC/BS Health Insurance	3,600.00
Pre-Paid Health Insurance	300.00
Employee's Child support Contributions	4,847.96

Sub Total **\$54,492.32**

Equipment Fund:

2002-2003 Budget Appropriation **\$20,000.00**

Insurance:

Western Surety Bonding	143.00
VLCT Liab. & Property Insurance	8,665.00
VLCT Workers Comp. Insurance	6,940.00
VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust	527.12

Sub Total **\$16,275.12**

Jamaica School District:

Tax Appropriation	1,489,119.00
State Education Tax appropriation	602,049.62
Act 60 .05% Retained by Town	3,025.38
School Bus Fuel & Oil Reimbursed to Town	4,108.53
School Postage Reimbursed to Town	180.39
School Telephone Paid to Town	1,344.44
School Telephone Due Town	160.77

Sub Total **\$2,099,988.13**

Miscellaneous:

Current Tax Overpayments Refunded	4,903.63
Delinquent Tax Overpayments Refunded	6,105.94
Marriage/Civil Union Fees to State	195.00
Dog License Fees to State	255.00
Telephone Charges Paid by Linda Sheehan	417.17
Telephone Charges Due from Linda Sheehan	71.69
Refund of Town Hall Rental Fee	50.00
Refund of Recording Fee Overpayments	12.00
Septic Permit Fees Paid Deputy Health Officer	275.00
Flood Hazard Area Permit Fees Paid to Admin.	300.00
Boynton Scholarships Reimbursed to Town General Fund	1,000.00
Matthew Beck, Extra time for flood Zoning Violation Issue	1,500.00
Southern VT Wilderness Search & Rescue, Donation	200.00
*Forest Fire Payroll	4,311.88
*One Half Paid by State of Vermont	

Highway General Maintenance:

Town Labor:

Jerald Young	16,663.15
Toby Hart	14,736.82
Dennis Cobb	14,862.96

Sub Total **\$46,262.93**

Labor Contracted:

Don Elliott, Roadside Mowing	2,350.00
RC Pratt, Street Sweeping	1,100.00

Sub Total **3,450.00**

Outside Labor:

David Hamilton	1,695.00
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General Fund Expenditures continued...**Materials:**

All-State Asphalt, Dust Control	15,701.36
VT Offenders Work Program, Street Signs	245.94
Green Mtn.Gravel & Land Development, Gravel	1,273.00
Giddings MFG Co., Road Signs	98.65
*Cersosimo Industries, Crushed Gravel	47,948.00
*Sub Total	65,266.95

*\$9,607.16 Paid out of Capital Projects Construction Fund.

Highway Crew Mining Class	150.00
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Total Highway General Fund	\$116,824.88
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Highway Construction:

Beck Engineering, Pikes Falls Clayslide	\$1,498.75
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Retreatment:

*Pike Industries, Contracted Services	\$43,076.20
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*\$8,076.20 Reimbursed to General Fund by Capital Projects Retreatment Fund.

State Retreatment Monies Transferred to Capital Projects Retreatment Fund	\$23,880.00
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Highway Winter Maintenance:**Town Labor:**

Jerald Young	18,076.21
Toby Hart	14,537.06
Dennis Cobb	14,742.21
John Hazard	1,140.00
Sub Total	\$48,495.48

Outside Labor:

Thomas Daigneault, Sage Hill Road	400.00
Larry Brown	495.00
David Chaves Excavating	200.00
Sub Total	\$1,095.00

Contracted Labor:

Town of Townshend	1,680.00
Town of Windham	4,955.13
Adams/Old Cheney Road, C. Woodruff	2,500.00
Sub Total	\$9,135.13

Materials:

Cersosimo Industries, Sand	41,764.25
Cargill Inc., Salt	3,486.11
Sub Total	\$45,250.36

Total Winter Highway Maintenance	\$103,975.97
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Highway Bridge Maintenance:

Bailey Bridge Rental, State of VT	\$290.00
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Highway Equipment Maintenance:

Telephone	471.68
Barrows, Regular Gas @ 1.335 Avg. price per-gallon	145.54
Kearley Fuel, Diesel @ 1.207 Avg. price per-gallon	10,109.66
Halbert Coleman, Repairs	6,965.00
Northeast Mountain Radio	528.00
A-1 Auto Glass	449.25
Cheever Tire Service	2,177.10
Delurey Sales & Service	5,384.48
Dorr Oil Co., Lubes	625.00
Franklin Auto, LLC	898.2
J.A. Muzzy Co.	369.77
Northeast Fasteners	1,140.95
Sanel Auto Parts	2,342.52
Southworth-Milton	305.24
Michael Staats	155.00
Howard P. Fairfield, Inc.	583.17
B-B Chain Co.	2,984.45
Brown Enterprises	208.28
Coleman's Inc.	48.00
Townline Equipment	249.84
Giddings MFG Co.	748.00
Merriam-Graves	783.09
John C. Stewart & Son	11.29
Auto Parts of Londonderry	155.33
Hill-Martin Corp.	552.3
Central Petroleum	116.4
Janet Hamilton, GreenUp expenses	48.11
Tri-Mountain Communication, New Radio	635.00
Kelly's Northeast	239.53
Reynolds & Son, Inc..	1,432.51
Mac Equipment	626.36
Sidga Lumber	24.99
TST Equipment	31.24
VT Municipal Truck & Equipment	134.65
VT Dept. of Motor Vehicles	\$20.00
Total Equipment Maintenance	\$41,699.93
Total Disbursements	\$2,950,787.28

Unpaid Taxes as of 12/31/03

(Taxes listed includes 8% penalty but no interest)	2001	2002	2003	Total
Austin, Vernon J.D.		3,185.41	3,556.75	6,742.16
Austin Jr., Vincent P		527.62	589.14	1,116.76
Biele, Richard & Lucille			1,731.79	1,731.79
Brown, Edward John			687.79	687.79
Brown, Timothy & Smith, Victoria			1,827.69	1,827.69
Cartner, Marc & Hope		2,419.73	2,701.81	5,121.54
Chila, Peter & Cormier, Katherine			726.15	726.15
Coleman Co-Trustees		4,054.29	11,221.02	15,275.31
Coleman Co-Trustees		645.42	720.66	1,366.08
Coleman Land Company		1,055.26	1,178.28	2,233.54
Coleman Land Company			1,142.65	1,142.65
Collins, Chuck & Sally			1,644.11	1,644.11
Crowninshield, Carl		230.69	257.58	488.27
Daigneault, Joseph & Annie			2,567.55	2,567.55
Daigneault, Joseph & Annie			490.49	490.49
Daigneault, Thomas			2,496.30	2,496.30
Donna, Greg			520.64	520.64
Dunleavy, Charles & Reynolds, Darlene	285.68	728.86	813.83	1,828.37
Fortin, Andre		768.13	857.67	1,625.80
Galicki, Sandra	270.57	341.12	380.88	992.57
Genatossio, Julia		2,059.48	4,184.24	6,243.72
Harris, Ronald & Mabel		277.31	309.64	586.95
Harris, Ronald & Mabel			290.23	290.23
Hughes, George F.			3,959.72	3,959.72
Jones, Barbara L.			103.72	103.72
Knight, Alexander R.			2,049.68	2,049.68
Knight, Ronald			972.77	972.77
Kramer, Otto			197.29	197.29
McCaffrey, Hugh			120.57	120.57
Miramontes, Crystal			912.48	912.48
Mountain View Holdings, Inc.		4,748.50	5,302.24	10,050.74
Nichols, Jr. Thomas S.			7,919.11	7,919.11
Nuzzoilillo, Luigi			161.57	161.57
O'Keefe, Richard & Cathy Ann			1,714.39	1,714.39
Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer		14,722.05	15,594.35	30,316.40
Price, Jr. William A. & Patricia A.			350.74	350.74
Rak, Charles H. & Kim-Elizabeth		928.32	2,427.80	3,356.12
Roberts, Warren			315.12	315.12
Robderick, Jr. James & Esther B.			3,260.81	3,260.81
Smith, Robert H. et al			400.06	400.06
Smith, Tami	669.09	942.36	1,052.22	2,663.67
Strecker, Jen & Hodges, Reg & Porteur, Adreana			3,055.30	3,055.30
Swingen, Jr, John L. & Willard, Anne G.			175.37	175.37
Timney, Matthew R.			394.59	394.59
Timney, Matthew R.			350.74	350.74
Timney, Matthew R.			583.65	583.65
VT Sustainable Resources			10.00	10.00
Vibert, Kevin Hall			1,041.27	1,041.27
Vibert, Kevin Hall			490.49	490.49
Winter, Neal & Kelly			959.06	959.06
Zemko, Andrea			891.00	891.00
Totals	1,225.34	37,634.55	95,663.00	134,522.89

Town Boards and Organizations

Selectboard Report

The Transfer Station has been re-certified and approved by the State. We replaced the old compactor with a new one and installed a roll-off construction box. Using the roll-off for bulkier debris will save wear and tear on our new compactor. Jamaica generated 518.31 tons of trash last year. This does not include what we recycled. At \$90.00 per ton plus shipping it pays us to recycle as much as possible. Please do your part. RECYCLE.

Bridge #22, the first one on Pikes Falls Road had its decking replaced and new guardrails installed. The State paid about two-thirds of the cost. Chris Lowe did our road-side mowing last summer. Bob Sager assisted the town with mapping the placement of our culverts. About 3500 yards of gravel was added to town highways. Plans for the Pikes Falls Erosion Control project have been approved and the Town will receive \$38,000 for the project. Hopefully it will be completed this coming summer. The Town now has the means to have traffic tickets issued and will receive the fines for violations on town highways. Ben Hauber wants Town Highway #37 thru #39, now a town trail to be discontinued for motorized vehicles, bikes, snowmobiles etc. The Selectboard is giving this issue careful review. No decision has been made at this time. Janet and David Hamilton again served as Green-Up Co/Chairs. The Town paid for refreshments for the 24 adults and 44 kids who helped with this annual cleanup. The Selectboard increased the Town Highway employees' paid holidays from 4 to 6.

Boynton Scholarships were awarded to Danielle Ameden, Autumn Bailey, Rebecca Coleman and Aaron Stomski. We wish them every success.

Peter Andrus and Raymond Landman resigned from the Board of Listers. Bob Sager and Ralph Coleman were appointed. Several Planning Commission members resigned and the Board has made three appointments and is still looking for new members. If interested please submit a letter to the Board letting them know.

The new town office addition project was completed this fall with the paving of the office parking lot. The Board hired O'Brien Paving, a local business, for this job.

Dogs continue to be a problem by running at large in violation of our updated Dog Ordinance.

Town Clerk's and Treasurer's Report

In 2003 we licensed 253 dogs. We will have a Rabies Clinic outside the Town Office again this year on Wednesday, March 24th from 12 Noon to 2 P.M. This seems to be helpful for pets that don't like traveling very well. If you don't know for sure if your dog's rabies certificate is up to date please call and ask. If you no longer have your pet please call and let us know.

I recorded 686 legal documents last year. This is an increase of 26 percent over the previous year. Low interest rates have lead to a lot of refinancing. We sent out 1472 tax bills for a total of \$3,015,205.34.

We will have held our first Ballot voting in the new Town Office Meeting room on February 4th for the Leland & Gray Budget vote. We will have to have the Presidential Primary

voting at the Town Hall on Town Meeting day because I can't be two places at once and I have to take the minutes of the Town and School meetings and run the Primary election as Presiding Officer at the same time. People voting in the Primary on March 2nd need to understand that you have to declare which party ballot you want to vote on. We have to mark our Checklist accordingly and keep it as a public record. You can ask for an absentee ballot up until Noon, Monday March 1st. If you plan to vote absentee by mail please allow enough time so the ballot will be back by the close of the polls. You also have the option of voting absentee in the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours.

Listers Report

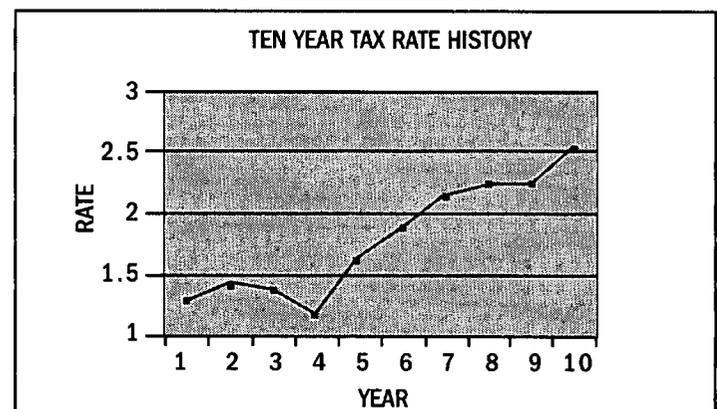
During the year we processed 111 property transfers. The Grand List, effective April 1, 2003, filed with the Town Clerk, reflected a total of 1,434 properties having a total assessed value of \$118,836,503, an increase of \$2,171,371 over the previous year.

The Land Use Value program had 34 parcels enrolled with a total of 6,462 acres, or 20% of total town acreage.

Again during this year, buyers of properties, particularly near Stratton, continued to pay prices far in excess of our listed values. This has caused our ratios to exceed Act 60 state mandated standards and the state department of Property Valuation and Review has now ordered us to re-appraise the entire town. Once the Grand List, effective April 1, 2004 is compiled and lodged with the Town Clerk we will finalize a town-wide re-appraisal plan and begin its implementation. It would appear the property inspections will take place sometime during 2005.

Newly enacted Act 68 separates in-town property owners' with homesteads from other property taxpayers and assigns different tax rates to each. One provision of this Act requires the Listers to lump all commonly owned properties that are contiguous into one parcel. Because the homestead owners fixed rate can escalate based on spending levels it is important to attend town and school (in town and at Leland and Gray) budget meetings and that we get out and vote.

The Listers' office hours are listed in the front of this Annual Report. We encourage all property owners to call or come in with questions or information relative to your property. The more accurate the information, the better our analyses can be, which makes for accurate valuations.



Grand List Summary

Summary of the Jamaica Grand List - April 1, 2003

	# of Parcels	All Corporations	Town Residents	Other VT Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Totals	% of Total
Real Estate							
Residential - w/6 acres or less	199	0	18,942,300	648,200	411,000	20,001,500	16.83%
Residential - w/over 6 acres	110	0	13,793,944	436,300	308,900	14,539,144	12.23%
Mobile Homes - Unlanded	43	0	514,600	17,200	447,250	979,050	0.82%
Mobile Homes - Landed	30	0	569,100	24,900	578,700	1,172,700	0.99%
Vacation - w/6 acres or less	382	123,900	1,149,100	1,712,600	32,818,200	35,803,800	30.13%
Vacation - w/over 6 acres	125	0	505,300	1,291,449	17,414,923	19,211,672	16.17%
Commercial	41	223,400	3,839,500	2,410,500	539,600	7,013,000	5.90%
Commercial Apartments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Industrial Plants	1	49,700	0	0	0	49,700	0.04%
Utilities - Electric	2	3,048,200	0	0	0	3,048,200	2.57%
Utilities - Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Farm	7	0	427,200	50,400	206,100	683,700	0.58%
Woodland	185	478,846	1,231,500	1,414,348	3,037,243	6,161,937	5.19%
Other	71	20,000	250,800	233,800	6,269,400	6,774,000	5.70%
Miscellaneous	228	153,400	502,900	429,500	2,312,300	3,398,100	2.86%
Totals	1,424	4,097,446	41,726,244	8,669,197	64,343,616		
% of Total		3.45%	35.11%	7.30%	54.14%		
TOTAL LISTED VALUE OF REAL ESTATE						118,836,503	100%

Grand List Comparison

	Year	Listed Value	Increase	% INCREASE		Tax Rate	% INCR. (DECR.)		
				Year	From '93		Year	From '93	
	1993	104,444,583				\$1.1416			
1	1994	106,178,559	1,733,976	1.66%	1.66%	\$1.2963	13.55%	13.55%	
2	1995	108,068,457	1,889,898	1.78%	3.47%	\$1.4283	10.18%	25.11%	
3	1996	108,370,511	302,054	0.28%	3.76%	\$1.3992	-2.04%	22.56%	
4	1997	109,103,744	733,233	0.68%	4.46%	\$1.1907	-14.90%	4.30%	
5	1998	110,164,383	1,060,639	0.97%	5.48%	\$1.6486	38.46%	44.41%	
6	1999	110,954,767	790,384	0.72%	6.23%	\$1.9026	15.41%	66.66%	
7	2000	113,249,073	2,294,306	2.07%	8.43%	\$2.1648	13.78%	89.63%	* Act 60 In Effect *
8	2001	115,235,791	1,986,718	1.75%	10.33%	\$2.2428	3.60%	96.46%	
9	2002	116,520,132	1,284,341	1.11%	11.56%	\$2.2723	1.32%	99.05%	
10	2003	118,836,503	2,316,371	1.99%	13.78%	\$2.5372	11.66%	122.25%	

Jamaica Volunteer Fire & Rescue Inc..

In 2003, our Fire and Rescue volunteers worked 675 hours responding to the following calls:

Structure fires	4
Motor vehicle accidents	15
Faulty power lines.....	6
Emergency Medical Services ..	40
Mutual Aid.....	10
Brush.....	1
Chimney / Stove.....	4
Public Asst./Other	5
False alarm/Investigations	11

Board of Directors:

Robert Litchfield II.....	President
Jeff Dickson.....	Vice President
Lexa Clark.....	Secretary
Bonnie West	Treasurer
Steve Clark	Auditor
Raymond Ballantine	Auditor
Jim Brooks.....	Auditor

Officers:

Robert Stomski	Fire Chief
Joel Beckwith.....	1st Assist. Fire Chief
Dale West	2nd Assist. Fire Chief
Lexa Clark	Rescue Captain
Dana West.....	Rescue Lieutenant
Stewart Barker	Fire Warden
Kenneth Johnson.....	Fire Training Officer
Greg Gould	Rescue Training Officer

We have had three noteworthy officer changes this past year. After 27 years of serving as President, Jeff Dickson has stepped down and will serve as Vice President in order to focus on his career pursuits. His commitment and leadership have been invaluable through the highs and lows of the department over the years. He will be relied on greatly for his experience and wisdom. Dana West, a 21-year member, is now serving as our Rescue Lt. and Greg Gould as the Rescue Training Officer.

In making some tough financial cuts within our budget, our request this year will be to level-fund at \$57,000. Our most significantly increased line item is our Association Assessment & Dues to Southwestern New Hampshire District Fire Mutual Aid Dispatch, an increase of \$3,000 to improve and upgrade our communication system. This forced us to make cuts in others areas to remain fiscally responsible in easing the burden to the taxpayers.

In light of the creation of "Homeland Security" and 9-11, we have benefited greatly this past year with grant awards and public support. Both of which are greatly appreciated. Our hardworking and dedicated volunteers have allowed

us to update some of our obsolete and no longer safe equipment. The most significant, a 90% matching grant from FEMA of \$27,000 to purchase updated turnout gear for all our members. For rescue members, the extrication gear will be a first time purchase and allow us to expand our services.



Bob Litchfield

We have continued to reach our goals on the operations side of the Department. This past summer the addition of a dry hydrant, funded through a state grant, was installed in the brook next to our firehouse. For the first time in our history, we will have access to a reliable water supply 12 months out of the year. This will significantly increase our ability to provide fire suppression in conjunction with our recently updated apparatus and equipment.

Our fund drive letter this past year was a huge success and allowed our volunteers to realize how much you, the community, support what we do. The words of encouragement were greatly appreciated! The funds raised were used to purchase extrication equipment, highlighted by the recent purchase of stabilization bars. The most common example of usage would be in stabilizing a rolled-over vehicle. This would make it safer for patient(s) and rescue personnel alike. We would like to thank the Staff of the Jamaica State Park for a third straight year in raising money through their "coffee project" in purchasing rope rescue equipment. We also thank the West River Riders 4H Club for their donation toward the purchase of a pediatric backboard. Stratton Mountain Resort again donated ski privileges to our active personnel, which is greatly appreciated. This past September, the Masons again put on a spectacular picnic and expressed well-deserving recognition of local Fire and Rescue personnel. The event was hosted at the Jamaica Firehouse.

It cannot be expressed enough the great character and qualities that each one of our members possesses. Beyond fire suppression and providing medical treatment, our volunteers are genuinely great neighbors who know the meaning of being part of a community and strive to make Jamaica a better town to live in. Our membership although dedicated, is small in numbers and we are always looking for new members to help with spreading out some of the duties which would make our services stronger. The commitment would simply be to give what you can, (i.e. providing refreshments at a structure fire, help with grant writing, or building/fire truck maintenance). Any contribution would be greatly appreciated and the rewards would be the great feeling of helping others in need, being part of a community, and surrounding yourself with great individuals. Please contact Bob Stomski –Fire Chief or Rob Litchfield – President for more information.

The firehouse meeting room continues to be available for use by community groups. Among those who use it are the children's playgroup, West River 4H club, Jamaica Village Business Association, the Jamaica Historical Foundation, and the Jamaica Television Club.

Robert Litchfield II, President

Statement of Cash on Hand 2002-2003 FY

Cash on Hand July 1, 2002:

Charter One Bank, MM Account, General Fund	\$ 7,697.12
Chittenden Bank, Checkbook Balance	3,980.92
Petty Cash	61.15
Total Cash on Hand July 1, 2002	\$ 11,739.19

Total Cash on Hand July 1, 2002	\$ 11,739.19
Plus Receipts	64,610.36
Less Disbursements including Encumbrances	(65,667.32)
Less Funds from Donation Letter after Expenses	(6,657.00)
2002-2003 Budget Surplus	\$ 4,025.23

Cash on Hand June 30, 2003:

Charter One Bank, MM Account, General Fund	\$ 4,990.76
Chittenden Bank, Checkbook Balance	6,932.50
Petty Cash	8.97
Total Actual Cash	\$ 11,932.23
Less Dry Hydrant Grant Match	(1,250.00)
Less Rescue Letter Donations after Expenses	(6,657.00)
Total unallocated Funds June 30, 2003	\$ 4,025.23

Statement of Individual Accounts:

Chittenden Bank, Checking Account:

Balance on Hand July 1, 2002	\$ 3,980.92
Deposits	45,341.76
Withdrawals	(42,390.18)
Checkbook Balance June 30, 2003	\$ 6,932.50

Petty Cash:

Balance on Hand July 1, 2002	\$ 61.15
Deposits	21.00
Withdrawals	(73.18)
Petty Cash Balance June 30, 2003	\$ 8.97

Charter One Bank, Money Market Account:

Balance on Hand July 1, 2002	\$ 32,451.07
General Fund Interest	247.60
Truck Fund Interest	204.18
Transfer In	49,500.00
Transfers Out	(68,954.97)
Balance on Hand June 30, 2003	\$ 13,447.88

Allocation:

General Fund Share	\$ 4,990.76
Truck Fund Share	8,457.12
Total	\$ 13,447.88

Charter One Bank, Truck Fund:

Balance on Hand July 1, 2002	\$ 24,753.95
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Plus 2001-2002 Budget Surplus	7,847.49
Plus Interest Earned	204.18
Less Expenditures Paid Out	(24,348.50)
Balance in Truck Fund June 30, 2003	\$ 8,457.12

Charter One Bank, Emergency Fund:

Balance on Hand July 1, 2002	\$ 8,682.51
Interest Earned	68.52
Less Cost of Screens from Dry Hydrant Grant	(2,020.00)
Balance in Emergency Fund June 30, 2003	\$ 6,731.03

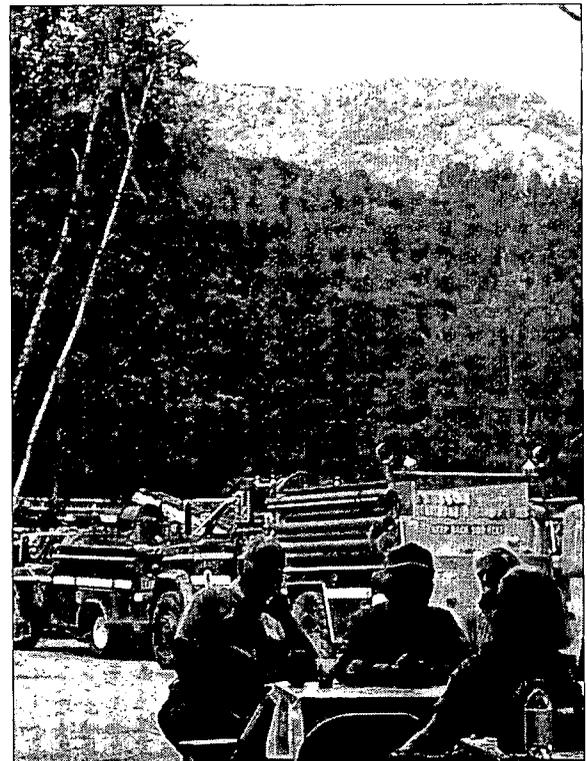
Allocation:

Emergency Fund Share	\$ 6,251.03
Holding as Dry Hydrant Grant Monies	480.00
Total	\$ 6,731.03

Chittenden Bank, Junior Firefighters Fund:

Balance on Hand July 1, 2002	\$ 960.07
Interest Earned	7.66
Less Bank Service Charge	(5.00)

Balance on Hand June 30, 2003	\$ 962.73
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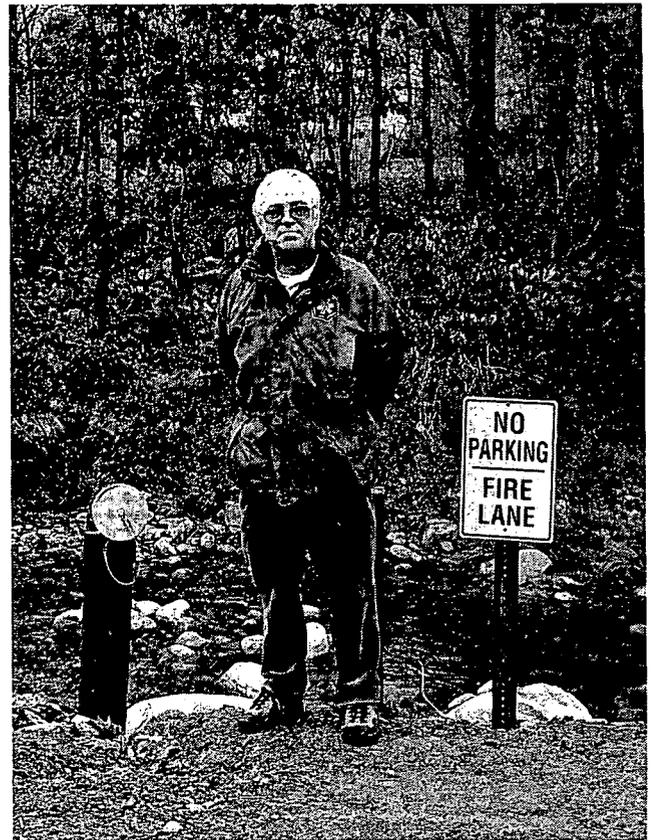
Hosted at the Jamaica Fire House, The Masons' 2nd Annual Picnic, recognizing local fire and rescue personnel

Jamaica Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association General Fund budget Statement

	2002-2003			2003-4	2004-5
	Adopted BUDGET	ACTUAL	Favorable (Unfavorable) VARIANCE	Adopted BUDGET	Proposed BUDGET
REVENUE					
Jamaica - Tax Appropriation	49,500	49,500.00	-	57,000	57,000
Fire Donations	-	870.00	870.00	-	-
Rescue Donations	-	200.00	200.00	-	-
Sales & Refunds	-	28.00	28.00	-	-
Other Fundraising	5,500	596.00	(4,904.00)	-	-
Rents	-	485.00	485.00	-	-
In Memory of People	-	210.00	210.00	-	-
Geo. D. Aiken RC&D Jeffords Grant	-	276.12	-	-	-
Insurance Claims	-	3,473.00	3,473.00	-	-
State Park for a Rescue Stokes	-	958.00	958.00	-	-
Annual Letter, Rescue Jaws	-	7,217.00	7,217.00	-	-
River Riders 4H Club for Fire Prevent.	-	549.64	549.64	-	-
Interest Income	-	247.60	247.60	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	55,000	64,610.36	9,334.24	57,000	57,000
EXPENDITURES					
Administration					
Association Assessments & Dues	6,000	5,288.20	711.80	6,000	8,500
Insurance	2,200	2,164.00	36.00	2,200	2,200
Postage	150	148.10	1.90	100	150
Fundraising Supplies	500	909.91	(409.91)	800	800
Clerical Supplies	200	145.41	54.59	250	250
Telephone	500	741.98	(241.98)	800	800
Safety Deposit Box Rental	-	60.00	(60.00)	-	-
Fire Warden Expenses	-	74.24	(74.24)	-	75
Badges & Patches	-	356.35	(356.35)	-	-
Awards	300	135.04	164.96	100	100
Legal Services & Notices	300	-	300.00	-	-
Sub-Total	10,150	10,023.23	126.77	10,250	12,875
Fire Station Maintenance					
Electricity	1,500	1,155.00	345.00	1,500	1,300
Propane & Service	2,000	2,851.60	(851.60)	1,800	2,500
Insurance	3,200	3,916.00	(716.00)	4,000	4,000
Supplies	350	85.19	264.81	350	300
Maintenance & Repairs	1,500	2,065.50	(565.50)	2,000	2,100
Miscellaneous	100	-	100.00	100	-
Sub-Total	8,650	10,073.29	(1,423.29)	9,750	10,200



Fire Chief Bob Stomski receiving award from Barbara Coleman, 2nd Annual Appreciation Day, held by The Masons.



Joel Beckwith standing beside the newly installed dry hydrant

Jamaica Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association General Fund budget Statement (continued)

EXPENDITURES (continued)	2002-2003			2003-4	2004-5
	Adopted BUDGET	ACTUAL	Favorable (Unfavorable) VARIANCE	Adopted BUDGET	Proposed BUDGET
Vehicle Maintenance					
Repairs, Parts & Supplies	2,000	7,390.62	(5,390.62)	2,000	2,000
Insurance	4,000	5,024.00	(1,024.00)	4,200	5,000
Other	-	78.15	(78.15)	-	-
Sub-Total	6,000	12,492.77	(6,492.77)	6,200	7,000
Fire Equipment					
New Equipment	3,000	3,134.60	(134.60)	3,000	3,000
Supplies & Miscellaneous	1,000	225.55	774.45	1,000	500
Repairs	700	659.03	40.97	1,000	500
Sub-Total	4,700	4,019.18	680.82	5,000	4,000
Rescue Equipment					
Repairs	-	-	-	200	-
New Equipment	2,700	2,022.68	677.32	2,700	2,000
Supplies	700	533.73	166.27	700	1,000
Sub-Total	3,400	2,556.41	843.59	3,600	3,000

Jamaica Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association General Fund Budget Statement (continued)

	2002-2003			2003-4	2004-5
	Adopted BUDGET	ACTUAL	Favorable (Unfavorable) VARIANCE	Adopted BUDGET	Proposed BUDGET
EXPENDITURES (continued)					
Incident Expenses					
Regular	150	21.21	128.79	-	100
Training					
Fire	1,000	70.05	929.95	1,000	1,000
Rescue	500	274.96	225.04	500	500
Miscellaneous	250	37.50	212.50	200	200
Sub-Total	1,750	382.51	1,367.49	1,700	1,700
Transfers					
Budget Surplus to Truck Fund	-	7,847.49	-	-	-
Encumbrance for Computer Purchase	-	1,985.00	-	-	-
	-	9,832.49	-	-	-
Capital Expenditures					
Fire Vehicle Loan Payment	15,000	15,016.23	(16.23)	15,500	15,100
Miscellaneous	5,000	1,250.00	3,750.00	5,000	3,025
Sub-Total	20,000	16,266.23	3,733.77	20,500	18,125
Total Expenditures	54,800	65,667.32	(10,867.32)	57,000	57,000
CASH RECONCILIATION					
Cash on Hand - July 1, 2002		11,739.19			
Revenue		64,610.36			
Dry Hydrant Grant Match		1,250.00			
Expenditures		(65,667.32)			
Cash on Hand - June 30, 2003		11,932.23			
ENCUMBRANCES					
Cash on Hand - June 30, 2003		11,932.23			
Encumbrances:					
Dry Hydrant Grant Match		(1,250.00)			
Rescue Letter Donations - net		(6,657.00)			
Total		(7,907.00)			
Unencumbered Balance - June 30, 2003		4,025.23			



Jamaica Address Coordinator

The Town of Jamaica Address Coordinator (town contact person for the E-911 System) processed 43 site changes in 2003. These included updating the E-911 database for new occupants or owners; corrections of errors; and measurement, calculation, mapping and notifications sent to both the owners and the state of each of this year's seven new addresses in town.

Winter weather often interferes with the measurements necessary to create new addresses. Distance measurements using a wheeled device, suffer in accuracy when made on snow or mud-covered surfaces. Try to plan ahead to avoid seasonal delays.

We continue to hear from local emergency responders and delivery services that many homeowners and occupants have not yet posted their E-911 addresses on their businesses or homes. If you're one of those, please post your address where it can be seen by responders, especially at night. Some sites still have a confusing mix of old and new address numbers. Please correct those. Remember that the town can not be held responsible for errors due to lack of or incorrect signage. Your life or the lives of those you love may depend on correct posting of addresses.

Bob Sager, Jamaica Address Coordinator

Jamaica Beautification Committee

On May 20, 2003, the Jamaica Planning Commission sponsored a potluck supper and discussion about how we can slow traffic through Jamaica Village.

An ad hoc committee spontaneously sprouted out of this discussion, and the Jamaica Beautification Committee was formed. Several interested people decided to make an effort to beautify our Main Street, and began generating ideas. We went to our selectboard and asked for some financial support (basically for the cost of flowers and maintaining them in the village). We submitted an application to the state for permission to hang planters on the bridge and it was approved.

We received \$400. from the town and it was used to pay Martin Bemis to plant and maintain the planters on the bridge and in front of Muzzy's.

Plantings were also done on the small common in front of the church.

With spring of 2004 and more ideas for plantings approaching, there are some grants for which we will apply. Among several beautification ideas are plantings of hydrangeas, daylillies, hollyhocks and lilacs, and other plants through the village. More benches placed along Main Street, work will be done on the small common in front of the church and Allen Monroe has agreed to have his patch of lawn used as a common park with a picnic bench (garbage removal remains an issue).

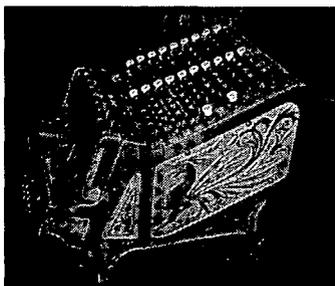
Money from the town and individual establishments, as well as grant monies, are to fund these ongoing projects in an effort to enhance our town's attractiveness. We would love to have more volunteers to help plan, plant, water, etc. Please contact any of the following members:

Karen Ameden Jennifer Conner
Kelly Murray Margaret Silvia

Jamaica Historical Foundation

Last summer Charter One Bank's Cheryl Petruzzi-Adams donated three antique coin machines to The Foundation. Two of the machines are Brandt Automatic Cashiers made in 1926, in Watertown, Wisc. The third is a Staats Money Changer patented on Feb. 25, 1890, and manufactured in Chicago. These machines had been used in the bank by tellers during its many years as a Vermont National Bank branch office and taken out of service just a few years ago.

We hope to have one or two of these machines on view at the Town Offices sometime soon for all townspeople to enjoy, and we are looking to acquiring a display case for this purpose as well as to exhibiting other items. The Foundation is actively seeking pieces of history that relate to Jamaica and it is hoped that this wonderful find will prompt other people who may have relics, to contact us.



The arduous process of digitizing photographs is moving along slowly. More effort this year has been devoted to "living history" projects. We have recorded some digital video tape footage at the Coleman Farm and hope to return with the Jamaica School children's visit there to explore and experience farm life. Other projects on our list include gathering historical information about the Town's early school houses, and about the history of the Jamaica Volunteer Fire and Rescue.

We continue to pursue a new official State Historic Marker for the "Salmon Hole Massacre" at that site in the Jamaica State Park, and have been in contact with Rep. Rick Hube to see if he can assist us in this endeavor.

We now have received more than 70 names of Jamaica residents who have served in the U.S. armed forces since World War II, for a commemorative plaque honoring their contribution to our nation. The Foundation remains interested in hearing from any persons or organizations interested in participating in this project. If you have a name to add, or would like information on how to contribute personally or financially, contact Bob O'Brien at 874-4854.

I would like to welcome Karen Ameden as a new Trustee, and thank Foundation Trustees Joyce Ballantine, Andrew Avery, Joyce Pelos, Bob O'Brien and Trustee/Treasurer Warren Patrick for their efforts this year. Persons interested in purchasing a copy of "Hometown Jamaica" will find copies available at Jamaica Country Market, Old Corker's Antiques, Three Mountain Inn, and at the Memorial Library.

Jeff Dickson President

Treasurer's Report Jamaica Historical Foundation

Balance on hand Dec. 20, 2002	\$10,171.99
Receipts	
Books sold	\$520.00
Interest	74.12

\$594.12

Balance as of November. 30, 2003 \$10,766.11

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of December, 2-003
Warren S. Patrick, Treasurer

Jamaica Memorial Library

After a stellar year of growth and progress, 2003 proved to be one of flux and transition for the Jamaica Memorial Library.

With the grant money well spent, but depleted, progress on renovation and maintenance dwindled to Ball Mountain Brook level in August. In addition, the usual cycle of available preschool children dipped to the shallow side and our weekly story hour program dried up. Thirdly, the loss of our two energetic librarians at the dawn of summer also sent spirits sagging. Through all, your Library Board of Trustees kept doors open, remaining programs active, and our collections available and balanced.

However, there were new reports of other, more established, libraries cutting back on hours and budgets. Even the national and state economies were struggling valiantly. And, with delight, we can report the return of our popular head librarian, Kelly Wicker, last September. So, looking back with that wider perspective, we can report surprising advances for our local library.

The Board of Trustees assembled for eight business meetings between last Town Meeting and the end of the year. We would report on seven areas of interest and outreach that help picture the 2003 experience in our Jamaica library. Growing collections, continued contact with the elementary school, the introduction of poetry readings, story hour changes, and the Summer Reading Program all deserve to be mentioned.

Collections

We are happy to report that the collections of the Jamaica Memorial Library have been expanded, rearranged, and made more accessible under Kelly's direction. Donations of new and used books in both the Children and Adult rooms have been processed and shelved.

A books-on-tape collection has been started for adults, and a rearrangement of Fiction, Biography, Mysteries, and Science Fiction have been highlighted with many up-to-date titles added.

Many new and familiar titles, board books, books-with-cassettes, magazines, and a few DVDs have widened the attraction of the children's room.

Elementary School Contacts

Continued contact with the Jamaica Village Elementary School began last March with a Clif-Sponsored visit of John Gurney, children's book illustrator, to the school assembly on behalf of our library. A look at his recent book, Dinosaur Train, which we added to our shelves, will quickly suggest his appeal to and reception by the children. Come and see.

Other contacts and discussion of program and lesson themes with the teachers allowed us to help augment the books available for our children.

Historic Photo Exhibit

When Bruce Chapin made a framed exhibit of his extensive and historic photographs of Jamaica collection available to the library, we were delighted it could be hung for the entire month of May. But interest was high and we asked to keep it through June. Interest held. We suggested it stay through summer. Well, it finally came down for Christmas decorating.



The Historical Pageant—August 7, 1930

Jamaica Memorial Library (continued)

Jamaicans, tourists, and visitors in nearly equal numbers browsed and were delighted. Not only did they view the work, they requested information and directions. They studied and borrowed from our Vermont Collection, and bought Mark Worthen's history. We are proud to have offered Bruce's exhibit and would welcome suggestions for more.

Jamaica State Park

Both the program staff and campers at Jamaica State Park made regular use of our collections during the summer. We have served the Park community in the past, but the 2003 season lifted that sharing to a new level.

Poetry Readings Began

When the Board agreed to try two poetry readings in recognition of April's designation as National Poetry Month, it was with some hesitation. Our two evenings combined an hour's invitational reading by two area poets with refreshments and open mike time across the street at the Three Mountain Inn. Attendance was encouraging and interest high. David Hiler and his staff were most hospitable.

In August, Board member Charles Waugaman read from his new books, followed at Three Mountain with an open-mike time that combined poetry and music, refreshments, and information. Previous attendees returned, some new gathered. So we invited Bone Density Arnold to read in November following the same format.

We are encouraged to consider more, perhaps more regularly, in 2004. Might other kinds of reading be of interest? Our gratitude to the owners and staff of the Inn is deep and sincere.

Pre-School Story Hour

The pre-school population is mobile and shifting. After two very encouraging and fun years of this reading-craft program, attendance dwindled drastically in 2003. While our Story Hour Librarian tried many creative ideas, and had limited success with some early evening parties, attendance faded.

Our head librarian, with some fine volunteer help, tried again in the fall but without success. Even the visit of a pro-

fessional storyteller one evening earlier in the year attracted scant local interest.

This may prove to be an area of occasional and temporary need. We will continue to consider the program when requested.

Summer Reading Program

In contrast to the story hours, our Summer Reading Program, even limited to Board planning and supervision, maintained both high interest and attendance.

While adapting to the state library theme, we kept the inter-generational character of our program. Both interest and attendance was high. We held our program on the last four Tuesdays in July. Weather was good and we could be outdoors. The state program provided some tasty tantalizing topics: Dairy, Gardening, Creepy Crawlies, and Hawaiian Luau. The Kaneshiros were a great help at our last gathering.

The attendance numbers, week-by-week, varied, but the averages were amazingly consistent. We averaged 15 adults, 15 children and 15 books circulation for each session. Summer Reading remains one of our most popular programs. And it is one that many community people have supported internal attendance and financially over the years. Your continued interest is encouraged.

In such a brief report we many only mention a few neighbors who come to our assistance. But there are many more and we thank you all. According to the record in our Vermont Collection, it is your participation that allows, indeed requires, that word "Memorial" be in our library name. Cheers and thanks to each of you.

Reviewing figures of attendance and circulation for the year quickly reveals the difference between set hours with regular staff, and variant times limited by volunteer availability. A cheerful, committed, enthusiastic librarian is worth all the effort and remuneration necessary. Visit, and see for yourself. Oh, and do sign out a book when you visit.

The Jamaica Memory Library
Board of Trustees.

Jamaica Memorial Library (continued)

JAMAICA MEMORIAL LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT 2003

JANUARY 2003

Trust Fund CD	1,112.01
Checking	4,882.52
	5,994.53

DISBURSEMENTS

Electricity	253.19
Telephone	428.05
Fuel	962.59
Prepay Fuel (2003-2004)	1,047.96
Insurance	420.00
Supplies	4.63
Books & Tapes	132.00
Advertise	96.78
P O Box Rent	44.00
Summer Reading Expenses	57.75
Postage	50.00
Librarian	4,085.00
Assistant Librarian	420.00
Contracted Maintenance	468.00
Internal Revenue (S.S.)	713.62
	9,183.56

RECEIPTS

Stratton Foundation Grant	600.00
Town Appropriation	8,000.00
Book Sales	203.00
Ladies Benefit	400.00
Donations	276.00
Interest	9.85
	9,488.85

JANUARY 2004

Trust Fund (CD)	1,120.37
Checking	5,187.81
	6,308.18

Vermont League of Cities and Towns

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns' mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. Most government services used by Vermonters on a daily basis are those provided by its cities and towns. These include highways, police, fire, recreation, sewer and water. Vermont municipal officials are responsible for raising and expending nearly one-half of the non-federal taxes raised in the state.

In large part, volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials lead these governments. VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns, to strengthen the

ability of these officials to provide quality services at affordable levels of taxation:

- *Advocacy representation before the State Legislature* Administration and judiciary, ensuring that municipalities have the resources and authority to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education finance debate and in securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs.

- *Training, technical assistance and publications to strengthen the ability of municipal officials to serve their communities* In the past year we have responded to almost 50,000 telephone calls, 21,200 of them from local officials on the toll-free telephone line available to them. Our Municipal Assistance Center and Group Services staffs provided over 750 workshops and small group training sessions attended by over 4,000 municipal officials and answered over 2,300 legal questions posed by municipal officials. VLCT distributed over 575 copies of local government publications and distributed over 3,200 hard copies or electronic mail versions of VLCT's Weekly Legislative Report to municipal officials each week during the legislative session.

- *Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost* These include an array of municipal insurance programs, among many others. Examples of how this saves local taxpayers dollars are the securing of municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust represents the most affordable option available to provide health insurance to municipal employees. The value of VLCT PACIF to all our members was made painfully clear last year when the major re-insurer for the largest private sector option available for municipal property and casualty insurance was declared insolvent by the State of Pennsylvania, threatening the payment of claims made under those policies.

All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 140 other municipal entities including villages and fire districts. Membership dues are \$.72 per capita plus a \$250 service fee per year. VLCT maintains its offices in Montpelier and employs 42 staff members. It has an annual operating budget of approximately \$3.0 million.

Individuals interested in finding out more about Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including reviewing its audited financial statements can visit its Web site at www.vlct.org.

Vermont Coalition of Municipalities

The organized effort to substantially reform Act 60 and reduce the reliance on the property tax to fund education is not over. Despite the recent enactment of Act 60 reform, we believe the promise of lower education property taxes will be short term.

We contend that in July of 2004, when this new law goes into effect, the property taxes will be a good deal higher than estimated and will continue to rise rapidly over the next two years. When the rising tax impact is felt, the pressure to reform the statewide property tax system will greatly increase.

In a letter to all legislators in May of 2003, we stated the following reasons for our opposition to the changes in the reform legislation because it still retained many of the onerous features that were a part of Act 60 such as:

- Over-dependence on the property tax to fund education;
- Reliance on a flawed property valuation and equalization system;
- Rapidly rising property values, which under the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) system, increase tax rates;
- A system based on tax rate instead of tax burden;
- Lack of cost controls over rising education costs;
- Tax policy inhibiting economic development and job creation.

As noted above, there continue to be serious problems with the state system of financing education. The Coalition intends to continue to be an organized force fighting for property tax relief. In the coming year we also intend to monitor closely the studies on cost containment and grand list issues established by the law.

We will also work through the legislature and the administration to correct the inequities in the education equalization system and the problems caused in the way property values are determined. Vermont Coalition of Municipalities, 63 Lakeshore Road, Ludlow, Vermont 05149
For Information: 228-7601

Windham County Sheriff's Department

As my first year of Sheriff comes to an end, I have found the position to be extremely exhilarating, and also have found that there are not enough hours in a day to accomplish all that I had set out to do. I have worked to improve on the community policing done by the deputies in the field. This was done through additional training, restructuring the supervision, and constant monitoring. Although I feel that we have made some improvements there is still work to be done. We have also felt the impact of budget cuts and have continued to provide timely professional service by rearranging schedules to better cover peak times. We have obtained six additional full time positions through the federal cops grant which we are investigating the best way to utilize. The towns have been supported by two highway safety grants over the year, one for seat belt enforcement, and the other for driving while intoxicated. The department was also just awarded a speed grant for the governor's highway safety. The last two grants are new to the department this year.

The struggle is that the budget cuts we have received impact us in maintaining Deputies so that they can be available when needed. We are working to gather the towns together so that a plan could be implemented which would meet the needs of all, at the lowest cost to the tax payers. This will take some time while arrests seem to be going up, as evidenced by the paperwork submitted by the deputies going to court. We are looking for whatever assistance towns can provide to increase the funding which would allow for increased visibility in the town in order to prevent crimes.

Additionally as we all know the cost of insurance, gasoline, vehicles, etc. continues to go up. Also in 2004 the county is no longer funding the dispatchers for the sheriff's department

Sheila Prue, Sheriff

Criminal:

Larcenies	15
Unlawful Mischief	1
Trespass	11
Disorderly Conduct	4
Bad Checks	7
Domestic	1
Vandalism	4
L&L	1
Stalking	1

Initiated Non-Criminal:

Suspicious Activity	13
Other	15
MV Accidents	26
Animal Problems	23
Harassment	1
MV Complaints	14
JV Problems	1
Noise Complaint	2
Phone Problem	1
Civil	1
MV Assist	2

Public Assist:

Assist	28
Lost / Found Property	4
911 Hang up call	6
Vin Verification	13
Welfare Check	3
Abandoned Vehicle	4
Property Check	2
Alarms	16
Obstruction in Roadway	6

Traffic Statistics:

Speed	4
Failure to Yield	3
No Registration	2
Vehicle not Inspected	4
No Insurance	2
Counterfeit Plate	1
No License	2
Operation after Suspension	5
Follow Too Close	1
Failure to Obey an Officer	2

Windham Solid Waste Management District Report

The Windham Solid Waste Management District Staff are pleased to report another successful year of operating the only large municipally owned and operated Material Recycling Facility in Vermont. The Staff also thanks the District residents and businesses for your continued support over the past year.

The rural drop off recycling program continues to experience increased quantities over the previous year due to the conscientious recycling habits of the residents and area businesses. The District received approximately 7,000 tons of recyclables for the year. The actual expenditure for the Fiscal Year was \$276, 885 without the surplus fund subsidy. The District provided the recycling drop off and processing program, household hazardous waste collection, convenience center, universal waste, and computer disposal for a net cost of \$39.55 per ton. This represents a \$367,115 savings if all the recyclables were disposed of as refuse at the local commercial transfer station.

The District did experience problems due to recycling contamination from people putting garbage and other non recyclable items in the recycling drop off containers. This resulted in having to close yet another drop off site this past year along Route 30 in West Dummerston. Everyone's cooperation is needed to help keep these sites clean and used properly for recyclable materials.

The District once again obtained a federal grant to provide educational assistance to residents, businesses and institutions within the District. We provided book and textile recycling throughout the District and continue to accept textiles full time at the District Facility in Brattleboro. The thermometer exchange and hypodermic needle disposal from home use projects have also been highly successful and will continue to be available for District residents. Please call if there are any questions about these programs.

The permanent paint drop off program at the District facility in Brattleboro is also assisting residents by providing the resources to recycle paints year round rather than rather than waiting for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection (HHW) day each year. We have eliminated one of the HHW days due to the new paint program but have added a "rover" site that will be located in different towns during the HHW event each year.

As always the District Convenience Center in Brattleboro is available for use by residents and accepts used crankcase oil, fluorescent tubes, batteries, ballasts and other materials on a daily basis. Call ahead for questions related to costs and a list of items that can be disposed of, or recycled through this program.

Please call the District at 257-0272 with questions or to arrange a tour of the facility. Everyone is welcome to view what happens to the recyclables once they arrive at the Materials Recycling Facility for processing.

Windham Regional Commission

The Windham Regional Commission works with 27 towns in southeastern Vermont to address regional issues and help towns to provide effective local government. Each town annually appoints two representatives to the commission.

Jamaica's current representative is Elaine Beckwith with one vacancy. Commissioners serve on a number of committees that mirror the concerns of the region, including both standing committees and ones that are formed on an ad hoc basis to address specific issues.

2003 brought with it some new and extensive work for the WRC. Fitting those tasks into our already full schedule has not been easy, but we have nonetheless worked to address those important issues, and we will continue those efforts in the coming year. Examples of new and unanticipated tasks have included:

- Energy issues:

- Catamount Energy, Inc.—a Central Vermont Public Service subsidiary—is seeking to develop up to 50 megawatts of wind power on Glebe Mountain in Londonderry and Windham, which may mean construction of up to twenty-seven wind turbines. To date, the WRC has convened a series of public meetings to review and discuss major issues and has worked with state and other regional organizations to better understand the potential impacts involved. We currently are participating in a series of community-based discussions, led by others, that are aimed at resolving some of the difficult conflicts that such a development presents.

- On a later schedule and therefore consuming less WRC staff time at present, is an anticipated proposal by Green Mountain Power to significantly expand the Searsburg wind farm, currently consisting of eleven turbines rated at about 6 megawatts, potentially adding up to 19 new turbines and 34 additional megawatts of rated power.

- Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee filed an application for Vermont Public Service Board approval to increase its power output by approximately 20%, from 540 to about 650 megawatts. The WRC is participating in this proceeding, which began in January 2003 and is expected to continue into spring 2004. At the same time, we anticipate that Entergy will apply in 2004 for approval of dry cask, on-site storage of spent nuclear fuel, which will extend this higher level of involvement well into 2005 or 2006.

- Public Transportation:

- This region, along with most of Windsor County, received public transportation services from Town and Village Transportation Services (TVTS) for several years. Also known as "Town & Village Bus," TVTS experienced severe financial difficulties and ceased to exist as a non-profit transit provider at the end of 2003. Throughout the fiscal year, the WRC and our counterpart to the north worked with the Vermont Agency of Transportation, at the Agency's request, to try and save the troubled transit provider, which efforts were not successful. Since that time, we have helped to form a new corporate entity, Connecticut River Transit, Inc., which is filling the important role of providing transportation for human services, medical needs, and travel to work.

Other on-going work has included:

- Regional transportation efforts, which included work with many towns to conduct Road Surface Management System inventories; identification of bridge and culvert issues; helping the Vermont Agency of Transportation to develop and implement its highway access management

Windham Regional Commission (continued)

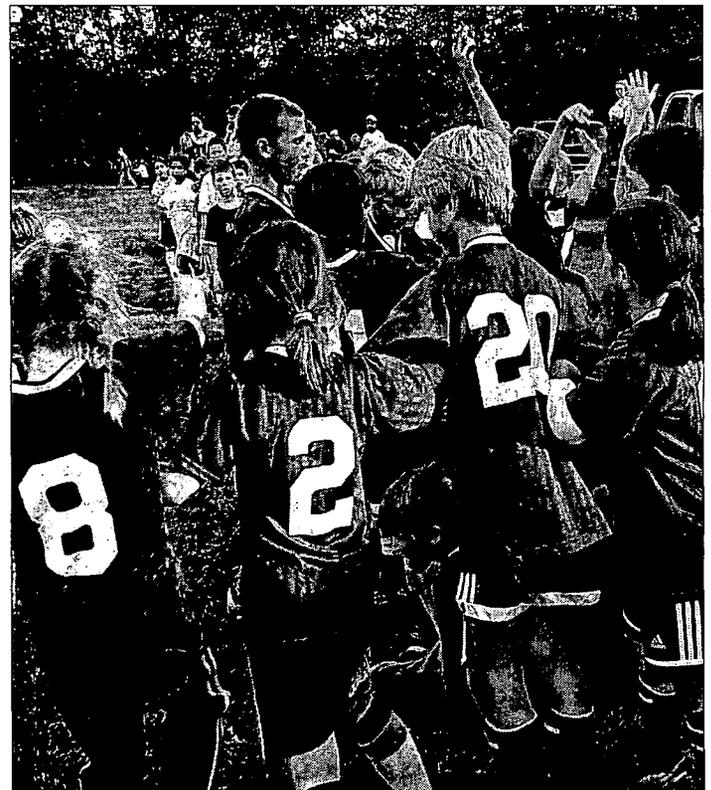
system; continued work on the West River Trail project; continued management of the Route 121 reconstruction project in Rockingham and Grafton (with phase 1 being completed in 2003 and phase 2 to follow with bids in December 2003); help to towns on lower-scale, but important projects like sidewalks and other bicycle/pedestrian improvements; and others.

- Natural resource planning, which is at the core of the WRC's mission and has included work with the West River Watershed Alliance and other "basin planning" groups, review of state programs and policies aimed at improving energy efficiency in Vermont; work to improve local and regional programs and policies that affect water quality, such as stormwater management and wastewater disposal rules; and others.
- Community development and related planning work, which included major efforts like the WRC's Brownfields Reuse Initiative which now has completed assessments on 14 of over 20 nominated sites (the Brownfield program received its 3rd block of funding from the USEPA this year) and will continue through 2004; municipal planning and land use regulation assistance, which included help with municipal planning and land use regulation projects in eleven towns; increased work to provide education and information for local officials, including five "Cross-Town Talks" educational sessions, four Zoning Administrator Workshops, sponsorship and participation in three state-wide sessions over Vermont Interactive Television; help to the Vermont Environmental Board as it considered changes to its rules and procedures; the "Livable Communities" education program which wrapped up later in calendar year 2003 with a highly successful two-day course for forty-six participants; continued help on Connecticut River Scenic Byway projects, including the now completed Bellows Falls Waypoint Interpretive Center; and others.
- Support of regional emergency planning and preparation efforts, which included continued work with towns and support of the Local Emergency Planning Committee; increased efforts to assist local governments to coordinate their responses to ever-increasing federal and state-sponsored security and emergency preparedness programs; efforts to continually improve homeland security and pre-disaster mitigation planning, which aim to minimize damage or disruption from reasonably predictable events, such as floods and severe storms; and others.

The WRC's core budget is partially funded by member town assessments, which are essential to receiving other state and federal support. The \$1.39 per resident rate for 2004, based on 2000 population estimates, results in a total assessment of \$1,315.00 from Jamaica for the new fiscal year. For information on the WRC and its programs, contact your Town Representative or the WRC office at 139 Main Street, Suite 505, Brattleboro, (802) 257-4547; e-mail wrc@sover.net. Visit our website at www.rpc.windham.vt.us.



Drew Ameden



Jamaica Jets Soccer

Cemetery Trust Funds**East Jamaica**

Brigham, E.	75.00
Bogdany, J. F. & C.	50.00
Burnap, E.	50.00
Chapin, Allen & Marilyn	50.00
Chapin, M.	50.00
Converse, P. M.	150.00
Cushing, D.	200.00
Dunham, L.	25.00
Ellis, D. & L.	150.00
Gale, R. L. & R. A.	100.00
Gleason, A. E. Sr.	500.00
Gleason, A. E. Jr & J.	200.00
Gleason, A.E. III & K.	50.00
Gleason, Arthus E. IV	50.00
Gleason, S. & L.	50.00
Harris, J.	50.00
Harris, K. & A.	100.00
Henderson, H.	100.00
Herbert, A. & S.	50.00
Howard, C. & L.	100.00
Howard, E. & E.	100.00
Howard, P. & Lindquist, H.	100.00
Howe, G. H.	50.00
Howe, J.	150.00
Howe, S.	100.00
Jackson, E. W.	50.00
Konopas, W. & D. & Wondrofski, H.	300.00
Marsh, E.	100.00
Prindle, P. & S.	200.00
Robbins, C.	100.00
Slade, C.	100.00
Stockburger, A. C.	50.00
Stockburger, Jack Jr. & Jennifer	75.00
Ubbink	100.00
Young, Arnold & Donna	50.00

Pikes Falls

Finkelstein, M.	25.00
Henderson, E.	100.00
Styles, B.	100.00

Rawsonville

Amsden, A. & M.	200.00
Axctell & Williams	200.00
Coleman, A.H.	100.00
Coleman, C.B.	200.00
Coleman, L. & E.	100.00
Coleman, L. & T.	100.00
Coleman, R.&B. & Cobb, M.K.	150.00
Coleman, S. & C.	75.00
Coleman, R. L.	100.00
Domenick, J. & V.	100.00
Fletcher, Gary	150.00
Hart, A.	200.00
Hart, H.	325.00
Hosley, W.	3000.00
Hosley, W.	2,000.00
Jones, F.	100.00
Kingsbury, H.	200.00
Landman, C.	100.00
Martin, A.	100.00
Prouty, J.	50.00
Rawson, Hugh	100.00
Rawson, J.	100.00
Rawson, N.H.	50.00
Slade, Edward.	75.00
Styles, B.D.C.M.	500.00
Williams, G.A.	100.00
Williams, G.	120.00
Williams, I.	100.00
Young, Karen	100.00

South Hill

Daigneault, Joseph & Annie	50.00
Goodman, L.B.	500.00
Knights, Charles & Ruth	50.00
Krudener-Struve	150.00
Legge, E.	100.00
Lowe, David & Maxine	50.00
Nessel, I. & D.	500.00
Rabinowitch, A. & J.	100.00
Rabinowitch Family	200.00
Shannon, Michael	75.00

South Windham

Grannis, J. S.	75.00
Hall, S. & E.	50.00
Holden, S. M.	50.00
Jennison, M.	150.00

Jamaica Village Cemetery Association

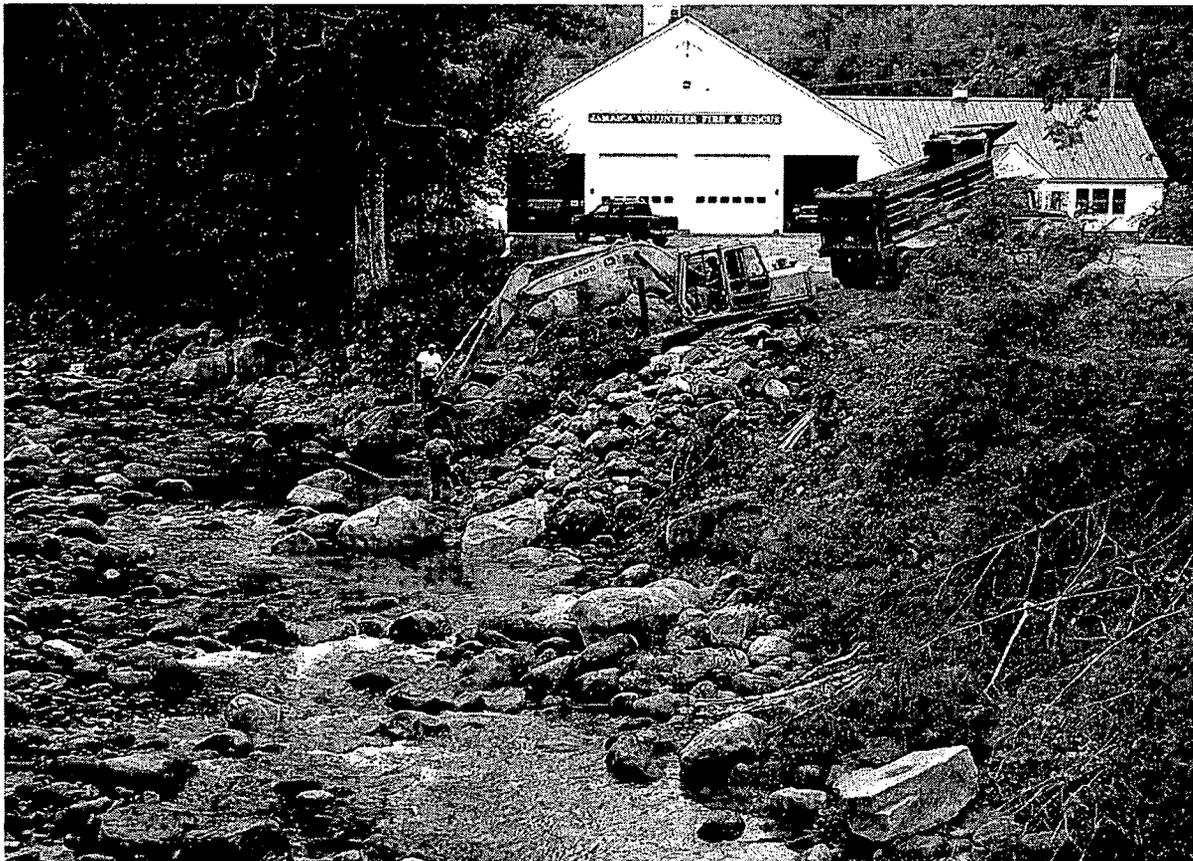
Alden, Albert	\$50.00
Allen, E.	1,000.00
Allen, M. & A.	100.00
Amsden, Harry & Lyle	1000.00
Ballantine, R. & J.	100.00
Ballantine, C. & M.	100.00
Barden, Kenneth	100.00
Barnes, E.	100.00
Bemis, E.	50.00
Bemis, L.E.	100.00
Beswick, B.	100.00
Bills, Melbourne	1,000.00
Bischoff, L.	100.00
Brockway, F.	100.00
Brooks, Herbert	100.00
Brown, Carl & Rhonda	100.00
Butler, A. Prentiss	100.00
Butler, E.	50.00
Butler, L.	100.00
Chamberline, A. M.	200.00
Chamberlin, R.	100.00
Chapin, B.	200.00
Cheney, A. B. & N. C.	100.00
Cheney, S. T. R.	400.00
Clarke, E.	100.00
Clayton, R.	100.00
Clough, W.	100.00
Coburn, C.	100.00
Coleman, Jerry & Romona	100.00
Collins, C. & S.	100.00
Crowninshield, B., E. A., & I.	200.00
Crowninshield, Norman, Mildred, & Gregory	150.00
Crowninshield, W. A. & Edna	200.00
Crowninshield, Dewitt	200.00
Daggett, R. A.	500.00

**Jamaica Village Cemetery Association
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Day, J.	100.00
Day & Smith	500.00
Deikamper, L.	200.00
Desfosses, H. & F.	200.00
Devins, R.	150.00
Dodge, E.	100.00
Dwy, G. & F.	200.00
Eager, W.	200.00
Ebeling, A.	100.00
Eddy, C.	50.00
Foskeft, W. & H	600.00
Frese, Elizabeth	100.00
Funke, Maxine Smith	100.00
Gardner, Geo	100.00
Gardner, Geo. & Bertha	200.00
Giese	125.00
Gleason, Geo. & Mary	100.00
Gleason, E.	100.00
Grout, Bertha	100.00
Hall, Orrin & Lilla	100.00
Hefflon, O.	100.00
Hildebrand, H.	100.00
Howe, J. & L. D .	200.00
Howard, H. L.	100.00
Huggins, A.	200.00
Johnson, J.	100.00
Jones, R. & A.	100.00
Klein, F.	100.00
Knight, F.	200.00
Knights, W. & G.	100.00
Krisher, G. & P.	100.00
Landman, W.	50.00
Lataille, F. & K.	300.00
Lightfoot, J. & H.	100.00
Lovergine, F.	75.00
Magoon, Harry	300.00
McGray, A. & B.	50.00
McGray, B. & R.	50.00
McGray, C.	50.00
McGray, N.	50.00
Moershell, G.	200.00
Monroe, A., E., & A.	150.00

Jamaica Village Cemetery Association (continued)

Morrison, George	100.00	Smith, Irene & Raymond	100.00
Newell, W.	100.00	Sprague, E	100.00
O'Brien, R. & N.	200.00	Stark, A. B.	100.00
Palmer, F. & I.	50.00	Stark, E.	50.00
Patrick, W. S. & P. H.	200.00	Stark, Herb & Lorraine	50.00
Perry, G. & A.	75.00	Stearns, Geo. & Bertha	200.00
Perry, I. & M.	100.00	Stickeler, N .	100.00
Perry, Marjorie	100.00	Taft, H .	100.00
Perry, Mildred	150.00	Teeke, Gerald & Ruth	50.00
Pierce, Cornelia & Fred	100.00	Threlkeld, M.	100.00
Pierce, F.	100.00	Tift, H.	200.00
Potter, Bernice	100.00	West, Gary & Bonnie	100.00
Potter, L.	100.00	White, C.	100.00
Rawson, Jerome	150.00	While, Frank & Maude	200.00
Robinson, J. & M.	300.00	White, Grayce E.	100.00
Robinson, M. & D.	200.00	White, K. & E.	500.00
Rogers, J.	200.00	Wilkins, H.	100.00
Salvadore, A .	200.00	Williams, H.	200.00
Schaffer, A.	400.00	Williams, O.	50.00
Sheehan, R. F. & H.	100.00	Willis, Robert III	150.00
		Wolfe, Gladys	200.00
		Young, G. & L.	150.00



Dry hydrant, funded through a state grant.

Reports of Outside Organizations

Brattleboro Area Hospice

Brattleboro Area Hospice is an independent, community-based, non-profit volunteer hospice organization. BAH provides grass roots, volunteer-staffed programs to supplement and provide alternatives to the professional services utilized by dying and grieving community members. We also provide education and outreach to increase our community's understanding of and ability to cope with the issues of death and dying. All our services are free of charge. Referrals to any of our programs can be made by a physician, hospital, home-healthcare provider, nursing home or family members.

Brattleboro Area Hospice is one of less than 200 volunteer hospices left in the U.S. Although the hospice movement in this country was originally volunteer-focused, today many agencies offer complex medical services while overlooking the crucial role of the volunteer. Yet the compassionate assistance of neighbors helping neighbors during the difficult journey of terminal illness and grief cannot be underestimated. Given the dramatically increasing elder population in the U.S., hospice volunteers are and will continue to be a vital component in maintaining quality end-of-life and bereavement care.

Many of our clients tell us that Hospice is one of the rare places where people who are dealing with death and grief are unconditionally supported. We are deeply grateful for the support of the towns we serve, which allows us to offer these free services for the dying and grieving.

Community Food Pantry

Serving Jamaica & Wardsboro

On behalf of the volunteers of the Community Food Pantry and the many citizens of our communities who benefit directly from your generosity, I wish to thank the Town of Jamaica for its continued support of our service. The annual appropriation provided by the Town of Jamaica helps us to provide for the special needs of our clients - families with young children, the elderly and those who by illness or circumstance find themselves in crisis. It is the continuing mission of the Community Food Pantry "to provide supplemental food to families in need." Our service provides assistance to anyone who asks - no requirements, no questions asked. Our service is confidential, supportive, and non-judgmental.

The Community Food Pantry is open on the last Wednesday of every month from 6:30 until 8 PM and is located in the Vestry of the Methodist Church in Wardsboro, with special distributions scheduled for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Our volunteers respond to food emergencies and give consideration to special dietary requirements.

Elaine Beckwith Jamaica Coordinator

The Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc..

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

- **Information and Assistance** – through the Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 – Providing resources, tips, applications for benefits, and assistance with health insurance information.
- **Senior Nutrition** – Home delivered meals are arranged and congregate meals are available in Londonderry and Townshend.
- **Transportation** – Special arrangements are made for non-Medicaid seniors requiring medical transportation.
- **Case Management** – Providing one on one case management to those wishing to stay in their community and by managing the Medicaid Waiver program which provides nursing home like care. With self-neglect referrals we assist the individual to become aware of and access services thus regaining control of their lives. 23 clients are receiving these services at an annual cost of \$17,963.
- **Advocacy** – Assisting with accessing a wide array of benefits such as VHAP pharmacy, fuel assistance, food stamps, telephone lifeline, tax rebates, and Supplemental Security Income. These services are provided through home visits.
- **Care Giver Respite** – Through grants we are able to provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia and other chronic diseases.
- **Senior Companion Program** – Providing friendly visiting as well as stipend employment opportunity for older, limited income workers.
- **Planning** – for seniors is accomplished by working with legislators, other agencies, and the communities we serve.
- **Successful Aging Initiatives** – Providing a series of small community grants for groups and organizations to create and expand their programs.

Your town contribution of \$475 generates \$2,692 in Federal matching funds to support all of these activities. Services are provided at no cost but participants are encouraged to make anonymous, voluntary contributions. The support of Jamaica citizens as well as that of the hundreds of volunteers and dedicated staff make these services possible.

Marie Saunders, Executive Director

Early Education Services

Early Education Services (EES) is the umbrella organization that coordinates and implements programs which provide primary and early intervention for families throughout Windham County. The goals of EES are to promote the healthy development of young children; prepare them to succeed in school; enhance the social, economic and personal well-being of the whole family; and to empower the family to use existing community resources more effectively.

Services are provided through home visiting, center-based classrooms, play groups and parent groups. Though criteria vary for participation in each of the programs, the structure, staffing and commitment to community collaboration ensure that all families with pre-school children in Windham County may be served.

Funding for the programs within EES comes from federal, state, local and private foundation sources. EES programs include:

Early Head Start and Head Start: a program of the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services which provides families with pre-birth to five-year-old children with early-childhood parenting education, health and nutritional services.

Vermont Parent-Child Center: State of Vermont Agency of Human Services program which supports early childhood and family support services for families throughout Windham County.

Canal Street Head Start: a center-based pre-school program for three-and-four-year-olds.

Families in Recovery: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services community-based residential substance-abuse recovery program for women and their children, serving women from the state of Vermont.

Family Education Program: an intensive home-based parenting and child-development program funded through Vermont Social Rehabilitative Services (SRS).

Healthy Babies: a maternal/child health program of the Vermont Health Department serving Medicaid families with children under the age of one year.

Reach Up: a welfare reform program of the Vermont Dept. of Welfare assisting families to become economically self-sufficient.

Welcome Baby Program: a Vermont Success by Six program that supports welcome-baby home visits to parents of newborns throughout Windham County.

George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council Report

The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) has been "making things happen" for towns with natural resource conservation and rural development projects over the past year. We are here to serve your community. We coordinate and facilitate assistance to town governments, school districts, fire departments, watershed groups and nonprofit organizations in the six southern Vermont counties. By bringing together help from our extensive network of resources, we can focus technical and financial resources on your specific needs. We get technical assistance and staff help through the U.S. Department of Agriculture but private sources make up most of our budget. The Council is a self-supporting 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. Highlights of our work in the six counties in 2003 include:

- 14 towns received funding to improve water quality and upgrade back roads through our better back roads grants.
- Two towns received complete water supply plans identifying all potential useable water sources for fire fighting in the town.
- 16 towns received funding and engineering assistance to design and install dry hydrants as a source of water to fight fires.
- 6 towns received Jeffords fire safety grants to purchase personal protective gear for firefighters.
- Numerous farmers received technical and marketing assistance with agritourism ventures.
- 5 Farmers received grants to support agritourism on their farms.
- 10 towns received assistance from a consultant to help them prepare for an ISO (Insurance Service Office) evaluation. Towns are given a rating from 1 to 10 by the ISO and many insurance companies use that rating to set their rates. If a town can lower their ISO rating, it may lead to lower insurance costs for businesses and residents in that town.
- We continue to serve as the fiscal agent for the White River Partnership and Connecticut River Birding Trail.
- Teams of high school students from throughout the area participated in the Vermont Envirothon.

Other current projects include helping a town with flooding problems, erosion control and stream bank stabilization in several locations, helping to develop community centers and recreation fields. We currently have funding available for low interest loans (3.0 – 5.0%) to develop agritourism ventures on farms. Do you have a project or program that could use some assistance to "make it happen?" Over the years the George D. Aiken RC&D Council has helped many communities and organizations on a variety of projects. We work on a request basis, so the first step is up to you, giving us a call. For information and free consultation call Kenneth Hafner our RC&D Coordinator at (802) 728-9526 or email: kenneth.hafner@vt.usda.gov.

Green Mountain National Forest

The phrase "CARING FOR THE LAND AND SERVING PEOPLE" captures the Forest Service mission. As set forth in law, the mission is to achieve quality public land management under the sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of people. Some of the highlights of this past year's programs include:

We are feverishly trying to finish the Green Mountain National Forest *Land and Resource Management Plan* (Forest Plan). The Forest Plan is an extremely important document and directs how we will manage the Green Mountain National Forest (Forest), including what types and amounts of goods and services will be provided. Here is a listing of the meetings we held:

- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on
 - Notice of Intent comments and desired future conditions, January and February 2003
 - Draft goals, March 2003
 - Recreation and land acquisition, April 2003
 - Species Viability Evaluation Panels for plants and animals, April-August 2003
 - Newly acquired lands (9.2 Lands), May 2003
 - Class I and Class II roads, June 2003
 - Trails, July 2003
 - Biodiversity and ecosystem management, August 2003
 - Wilderness, September 2003
 - Vegetation and timber management, October 2003 and

We are now holding public planning group meetings on the final details of the plan, (setting up the zoning or management areas, setting goals and objectives, etc.). I cannot encourage you enough to become involved in this effort! Watch the newspaper for upcoming meetings or contact the Forest to get on the mailing list. Your opinion is important and we want to hear from you!

In the field, our wildlife program continues to focus on federal listed threatened and endangered species. Working with State (Vermont and New York) and federal agencies, we continue to monitor the Indiana bat population in Vermont. We also continued Canada lynx surveys using hair snares for a fourth year. As in the past no lynx were detected. Surveys for both species are likely to take place in 2004. The Forest continued its apple tree release program on the Manchester District using both Forest staff and volunteers to complete approximately 15 acres of release work.

In fisheries management, we continue to work with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department and southern watershed groups on a variety of inventory and habitat surveys of Batten Kill, as well as riverbank restoration projects.

In vegetation management, we have four timber sale projects on the entire Forest. Timber stand improvement happened on 112 acres and site preparation for natural regeneration on 94 acres. Environmental analysis continued for the Greendale Project in Weston; and the Nordic Project in Winhall, Peru and Landgrove.

In recreation management, construction was completed on the Hapgood Pond dam. The Vermont Youth Conservation Corps rebuilt trails and bridges in several areas. Numerous volunteer groups, including VAST and the Green Moun-

tain Club, as well as campground hosts and other individuals donated of their time and energy to improving recreation opportunities on the Forest

The Forest grew by 2,844 acres through the acquisition of parcels of land, and is now approximately 387,00 acres. The largest parcel was 2,720 acres in the town of Wardsboro. Smaller parcels were acquired in Woodford, Warren, and Rochester.

U.S. Forest Service personnel were on site of the Challenger Spacecraft disintegration in February. They helped NASA find pieces in a small area of Texas and were instrumental in finding several pieces that became part of the overall puzzle of that incident. We also sent out 15 interagency crews (20 people crews) to help in fighting wildfires in the west.

We wish to thank our many partners and cooperators who have helped us make 2003 a very successful year! We look forward to serving you in the new year, and in working closely with you on the stewardship of your Green Mountain National Forest.

Gina Owens, District Ranger, South Half

Steven Kimball, District Ranger, North Half

"Green Up Vermont"

Green Up Day, May 1 2004

Thirty-three years strong, "Green Up Day" is a special day when Vermonters clean and spruce up their communities. We were the first state in our nation to designate a day for such cleaning of the entire state. Working together, we can keep our unique Green Up spirit growing for Vermont.

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that promotes litter-free communities by supporting Green Up Day, civic pride and education.

Over 13,000 Vermonters participated in Green Up Day 2003, using over 33,000 Green Up bags, collecting over 200 tons of trash, piles of mixed metals and tires. Green Up Vermont arranged widespread promotional support in excess of \$25,000.

The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients. One is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups who volunteer to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont

With your town's help, we can continue our unique annual Vermont tradition of taking care of our beautiful landscape and promoting civic pride so our children grow up with Green Up.

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover just under 10 percent of our budget. The rest comes from gifts from towns, individuals and businesses. These funds pay for supplies, promotion and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to keep Green Up growing for Vermont.

Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc.

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad responded to 474 calls in 2003. This is up from 416 calls last year. The locations of these calls are as follows: 1 in Andover, 11 in Jamaica, 7 in Landgrove, 117 in Londonderry, 90 in South Londonderry, 29 in Peru, 15 in Stratton, 48 in Weston, 26 in Windham, 68 in Winhall, and 2 in Manchester. There were 60 calls at the following ski areas: 30 at Bromley, 22 at Stratton Mountain, 7 at Magic Mountain, and 1 at Viking.

Of these calls: 214 were illnesses, 130 injuries, 71 motor vehicle accidents, 11 stand-by calls, 9 canceled or dry runs, 7 transports, and 32 public assists. We responded to 14 mutual aid calls, while 19 calls resulted in other services coming to our aid. Our members started 114 pre-hospital IV's, and we used the Paramedic Intercept service 9 times.

We are excited with the many changes and upgrades that took place in 2003 that will continue into 2004. The State of Vermont has finally passed the advanced life support protocols that we first proposed over four years ago. A 34-hour course this spring will enable our EMT-Intermediates to do many of the procedures that we now call for a Paramedic to do. We are fortunate to have 34 members on our squad with 15 of them being EMT-Intermediates.

We have a new "Road Rescue" ambulance on order that should arrive sometime in February. This ambulance is slightly larger than our current ambulances, mounted on a Ford E450 chassis. With the trade in of our 1994 ambulance, the new ambulance will cost \$106,520. We have been awarded a total of \$66,555 in Homeland Security Grants. This has enabled us to purchase radios, a portable power unit for our extrication unit, air bags, Thermal Imaging Camera, AED's, and medical supplies. We will also be purchasing a bi-phasic heart monitor, generator, portable lights, electric saw, air chisel, impact wrench, and other tools and medical supplies. We received \$2,300 from the Thrifty Attic to purchase a new stair chair. The State of Vt. EMS gave us an Automatic External Defibrator, which is now located at Mountain Valley Medical Center and will cover Flood Brook School as well.

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad thanks you for your continued generosity and support. New members are desperately needed. If you have the time, desire, and the dedication it takes, please contact one of our members or go to the town of Londonderry's Website for information about joining.

William "Pete" Cobb Jr. President, LVRS

LVRS Treasurer's Report

For the year 2003 Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad had expenses totaling \$105,855.27. There were 474 calls at an average expense of \$223.32 per call.

Claudia Harris Treasurer, LVRS

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeast Vermont

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont requests an appropriation of \$1,200.00 from the Town of Jamaica at the 2004 Town Meeting to help defray the cost of services to its residents for the Mental Health Walk-In-Clinic. In the year ending June 30, 2003, our agency provided a comprehensive range of community based services to 4,424 residents of Windsor and Windham counties. The services that are available to the residents of your community are as follows:

Outpatient Mental Health Services: The mission is to provide caring, high quality, cost-effective mental health care for our community at every level of need. Our highly trained staff of professional therapists, social workers, and psychiatrists help individuals and families cope with stress and anxiety, develop their full potential and maximize control of their lives. We make it our paramount goal to ensure that children, adolescents, and adults who come to us receive appropriate, timely care. We are now offering walk-in clinics to any resident who has an urgent need to see a mental health counselor for support and more effective coordination of services.

Alcohol & Drug Treatment Services: For adults and family members who are adversely affected by the use of alcohol or drugs, we offer a comprehensive program of assessment, inpatient referral, outreach, outpatient treatment and aftercare dedicated to aiding the recovery from chemical dependency and its effects.

Community Rehabilitation & Treatment Program: The CRT program provides comprehensive services to adults over the age of 18 who are suffering from a mental illness so serious that it interferes with that person's capacity to function in the community. We provide help and information to concerned family members and help clients regain stability and learn how to manage their mental illness, either in a hospital setting or as outpatients.

Community Services Division: The CSD provides services to people with developmental disabilities and their families. Services are available to people of all ages who have been found eligible, and each person being served receives an individually written program to meet his or her needs.

The Alternatives Program: A short-term alternative to hospitalization, the Alternatives Program provides crisis stabilization, respite and support to clients with psychiatric disabilities or to any adult experiencing an acute mental health crisis. We also provide a transitional residence for those stepping down from an inpatient setting. Our program provides a very desirable alternative to hospitalization in being less costly and less structured, while at the same time providing individualized attention in a more homelike, community based setting.

Emergency Services: The Emergency Services Team has a very specific mission to act quickly in critical situations. Specially trained mental health professionals are available 24 hours a day for emergencies. Anyone may use this service when an emergency arises including individuals of any age, family or friends of an individual in crisis; hospitals and nursing homes; police; schools; clergy; businesses and other community agencies.

We thank the board and the citizens of Jamaica for your past support and for your continued interest in Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont.

Mountain Valley Medical Clinic

In recent years Mountain Valley Medical Clinic has benefited from Town appropriations on behalf of your citizens who were provided medical care without regard to their ability to pay. We are truly grateful for your special support and it is our long-term mission to continue offering care to all residents on this basis.

Our current financial report to the Towns shows an operating deficit for 2002 and our budget for 2003 are similar. The Clinic continues to operate in an arena in which we are paid about two-thirds of what our services cost us to perform. Mountain Valley relies upon our Annual Fund, our small endowment and some Town Appropriations in order to make up these deficits.

If, as in prior years, the Town could appropriate one-half of our unrecovered costs incurred in providing care to residents of Londonderry, the Clinic's board would be very thankful.

Your Town's "total written-off costs" were \$1089 for the past year.

Jean G. Cavanagh, President

Financial Summary

Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2003

	2003	Budget 2004
Patient Visits	11,500	11,600
Net Revenue	\$922,600	\$1,000,000
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,244,700	1,248,000
(Loss from Operations)	(322,100)	(248,000)
Other Income		
Annual Fund	134,600	150,000
Misc. Income/Gifts*	231,000	100,000

*This income is from a variety of sources: Fundraising events like the Tater Skins Golf Tournament, Town appropriations, special gifts, bequests, grants, interest income from our modest endowment, rental income.

Southeastern Vermont Community Action

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, non-profit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965.

Our mission is to work in collaboration to foster sustainable self-sufficiency, to strengthen our communities, and to eliminate the root causes of poverty. SEVCA has a multitude of programs and services to meet this end. They include: transportation, weatherization, emergency services (i.e., fuel/utility assistance, food, shelter), crisis intervention, parent education, micro-business development, individual development accounts (IDA), Head Start, and thrift stores.

In the community of Jamaica we have provided the following services during FY03:

Weatherization:	3 homes @ \$15,546.00
Fuel/Utility Assistance:	7 assists @ \$782.00

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (continued...)

Family Services Outreach: 5 families; 21 services
 Micro-Business Development: 2 individuals
 Individual Development Account: 1 individual

Community support through town funding helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of community action funds and town funds allows us to not only increase but improve service.

We thank the residents of Jamaica for their support.

United Way GET INFO

United Way GET INFO (formerly called HELPLINE) is a human services information and referral service that serves as the first point of contact for those who need help but don't know who to call - or who wish to offer help in the community by volunteering or donating goods. Our staff maintains an efficient, central database of accurate, up-to-date detailed information about more than 2,500 community services, volunteer opportunities and other resources for health and well being. We provide this valuable information to people in Jamaica through our:

- Free, confidential telephone information and referral service – assisted a total of 2,349 persons from all locations calling between July 02-June 03.
- NEW user-friendly, searchable, online Vermont Community Resource Guide at www.vermont211.org – to locate community services needed by your clients, co-workers, friends, neighbors, or yourself.
- Wide range of community resource publications, including a guide to social and recreational services for teens developed in collaboration with Youth Services.

GET INFO referral specialists offer caring person-to-person telephone assistance that includes respectful listening, needs assessment, problem solving support, advocacy, resource information and referrals and follow-up. NEW in 2003- Jamaica residents with access to the Internet and the knowledge to navigate information systems independently can now visit www.vermont211.org to locate community services using the United Way GET INFO online database.

We rely on the combined support from area towns for the critical 4% of our budget not covered by United Way funds, individual contributions, grants and special events fundraising. We appreciate the past support of the Town of Jamaica and ask for the continued support of this vital service for town residents.

Please call United Way GET INFO – Toll free at (866) 652-4636

Locally at (802)257-7989 or (802)463-2202

And visit our website at www.vermont211.org

Sharon Tierra, Certified Information and Referral Specialist
 United Way of Windham County, 28 Vernon Street, Suite 410, Brattleboro 05301

Valley Health Council

For over three decades the Valley Health Council has been providing homemaker services in the West River Valley Towns, allowing our Clients to remain in their own homes or to return home from hospitals or nursing homes. We also provide respite care to relieve a care giver who requires a break from the constant care of a dependent person.

While Homemaker service is our primary service, we also provide free transportation to medical appointments, loan of medical equipment, such as walkers, commodes, wheelchairs etc. We have a Telephone Reassurance program, a monthly Blood Pressure and Toe Nail Trimming Clinic and we provide a bus for four monthly shopping trips for citizens of the valley. Our Thrift Shop, located one mile North of Townshend on Rte 30, provides good clean clothing at very reasonable prices or for free, if necessary. The staff provide information and referrals to our neighbors. We utilize Public Service Announcements and also print our news in the Cottage Door to help cut down on expenses.

We enjoy our clients in your town and look forward to serving them and others in the future. In the course of the past year the homemakers have made 959 visits and worked 2343 hours in the homes. They have traveled 9,215 miles and have spent 192 hours traveling to the clients in the towns we serve. We loaned 168 pieces of medical equipment to 107 people. Our drivers have transported numerous people to medical appointments, many of your neighbors have availed themselves of the free toe nail trimming clinics and many more have gone on the bus trips to do their grocery shopping.

We are requesting \$1,466.00, which is \$1.55 per capita, for the year 2004. We enjoy serving your community and we do appreciate your assisting us financially, which helps enable us to continue providing these services to your residents. Thank you for your assistance.

Elaine Scott, Director

Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc..

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

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

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

Enables your family, friends and neighbors to remain independent and at home as they receive skilled clinical care during times of injury, recovery from surgery or accidents, and disability, whether for short-term or chronic illness. Many of these patients are addressing multiple medical, emotional and social issues at the same time.

Provides emotional support plus pain-and-symptom management during terminal illness. Hospice care extends to family

members as well. More and more patients want to be at home during their end of life, and through hospice they have that control.

Provides community-wellness programs and assistance to young families at risk. Clients range from fathers and/or mothers who want to be more effective parents through learning parenting skills or providing a balanced diet, to infants who require high-tech healthcare, and children who grow and learn through play groups that offer interaction with other children.

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

Skilled Nursing	200
Physical Therapy	73
Occupational Therapy	32
Medical Social Worker	2
Home Health Aide	555
Homemaker	19
Total Visits	881

Hospice VNH

Patient Families Served	1
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On behalf of the people we serve in your community, thank you for your continued confidence.

Vermont Center for Independent Living

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) teaches people with significant disabilities how to gain more control over their lives and access tools and services to live more independently. We also conduct public education and systems-change activities that promote the full inclusion of disabled people into community life.

An estimated one in five Vermonters has a disability. VCIL, a private non-profit corporation, is Vermont's first and only cross-disability center for independent living and the first organization in the state to be directed and staffed by a majority of people with diverse disabilities.

Statewide, from October 1, 2002 through September 11, 2003, VCIL responded to 1,974 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referrals on a broad range of subjects related to living with a disability. We provided one-on-one peer counseling to 342 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and life opportunities. We provided 405 households with financial and technical assistance for making bathrooms and entrances accessible to a disabled family member. We also provided

Vermont Center for Independent Living (continued)

over 340 with personal assistance and/or assisting technology. We provided communications equipment to 67 deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-impaired individuals through our Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program, and served home-delivered meals to almost 533 Vermonters through VCIL's Meals On Wheels program for individuals under 60 with disabilities.

VCIL's central office is in downtown Montpelier, with three smaller regional offices in Bennington, Brattleboro and Burlington. The Montpelier office houses our resource library and our toll-free information line which provides answers to disability-related questions from every Vermont community. Our locally-based Peer Advocacy Counselors are available to people with disabilities in every municipality in Vermont.

During FY 2003, VCIL provided direct services to 106 residents of Brattleboro, utilizing the following services/programs:

- Information & Referral
- Home and Community Access Program
- Meals on Wheels
- Peer Advocacy Counseling
- Vt. Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund

Vermont Department of Health

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

Bioterrorism – Emergency Preparedness: The Brattleboro District Office of the Vermont Department of Health is actively working with local, state and federal agencies to assure a rapid and effective response to bioterrorism and other public health threats or emergencies. Local health departments may be involved with: early identification of disease entities; investigating disease sources; providing accurate and timely information to the public and health professionals; collaborating with other agencies during biological, environmental or weather events; assuring availability of personnel training; planning regional responses with hospitals and LEPCs and, planning of and participation in joint exercise.

Reportable Disease Case Investigations: Infectious diseases continue to be a major source of illness, disability and death in the U.S. and Vermont, accounting for 25% of all doctor visits each year. The Health Department investigates all cases of disease such as meningitis, hepatitis, pertussis (whooping cough), and infectious diarrhea to determine their source, to recommend control measures (including current treatment standards) and to prevent further spread of the disease. In 2002, the department investigated 183 cases of disease in Windham County.

West Nile Virus (WNV) Surveillance: WNV first appeared in the U.S. in New York City in 1999 and has become well established in the United States. Birds, mammals and people can get WNV from the bite of an infected mosquito. The Vermont Departments of Health and Agriculture conduct surveillance for WNV each year from June until

cold weather limits mosquito activity in the fall. In 2003, five Town Health Officers in different parts of the state also participated in the program, assisting primarily with mosquito trapping. As of November 17, 2003, 450 mosquito pools were tested with none positive for WNV. In Windham County, there were 132 dead bird reports, 52 were tested and 23 were found to be infected with WNV. Three humans were positive (two from Addison County and one from Windham County). Four horses have tested positive (three from Addison and one from Windham.)

Food & Lodging Inspections: National surveys show that more people are eating out more often. Public health sanitarians inspect eating establishments (restaurants, schools, fairs) to decrease the risk of food borne disease outbreaks. The five greatest risks for food-borne outbreaks are: keeping food too long at improper temperatures, inadequate cooking, contaminated equipment, food from an unsafe source, and poor personal hygiene among food handlers. Inspections include review of a 44-item checklist to evaluate food storage, preparation and handling as well as to identify where there is a high likelihood of practices contributing to illness if left uncorrected. Of the 8 establishments in Jamaica, 8 inspections were completed by a sanitarian during 2002.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children ("WIC"): One of the most effective ways to improve the health of the overall population is to improve nutrition and physical activity. WIC improves the health of pregnant and postpartum women, infants and young children by assuring access to health care, teaching families about good nutritional practices, and providing an individually designed package of nutritious food to eligible individuals. During 2002, 47 women, infants and children living in Jamaica received foods as well as health screening and individualized nutrition education through this program. The average value of foods provided is \$35.00 per person per month.

New public health issues emerge every year. Some challenges being addressed by the Health Department include emergency preparedness and response to disease threats like SARS or potential acts of bioterrorism; expansion of substance abuse prevention and treatment; and improving health care for people with chronic conditions like diabetes, asthma and cardiovascular disease.

If you would like more information about these efforts, or if you have a public health concern, please call the Brattleboro District Office at (802) 257-2880. Please visit our web site at www.HealthyVermonters.info for information on health topics, public health emergency preparedness and response, news releases, publications, reports and general public health information.

Windham County Humane Society

The Windham County Humane Society is a non-profit organization founded in 1884 for the purpose of caring for the homeless, unwanted, abused and neglected animals of Windham County. A new shelter was completed in June of 2000 to accommodate the ever-growing pet population in our county and to expand our programs to better serve the county residents. The number of people seeking assistance has grown tremendously since moving into our new facility on Route 30 in Brattleboro.

Our expanded programs include:

- Spay/Neuter Assistance
- Pet Food Assistance
- Low Cost Rabies Clinics
- Taking in unwanted pets
- Pet Adoption Services
- Humane Education Programs
- Animal Behavior Advice
- Animal Abuse, Neglect or Cruelty Investigations
- Behavioral Counseling
- Pet Therapy at Local Nursing Homes

Since we are a non-profit organization which does not receive any state or federal funding, we need direct support from towns like Jamaica to help defray the costs of caring for your unwanted animals and to continue providing financial assistance for spay/neutering, humane education programs and rabies vaccination awareness.

In the past year, the Windham County Humane Society has served approximately 70 residents of the town of Jamaica.

Animal Intake 18

Low - Cost Spay / Neuter Assistance 17

Low - Cost Rabies Clinic 32

Pet Food Assistance Program 2

Cruelty Call Responses 0

I have also invited the elementary school in Jamaica to participate in our Humane Education Program. This program promotes responsible pet care and teaches dog bite prevention to K-6th grade students.

We conducted a low cost rabies clinic in Jamaica in 2003 and would be happy to do it again in 2004.

We also have a Pet Food Assistance Program that residents from Jamaica are encouraged to utilize. People on public assistance or with fixed income can apply for Pet Food Assistance at our Route 30 location in Brattleboro.

Residents of Jamaica are encouraged to participate in our behavior counseling program. We give advice on any pet behavioral problems regardless of whether the pet was adopted from WCHS.

Women's Crisis Center

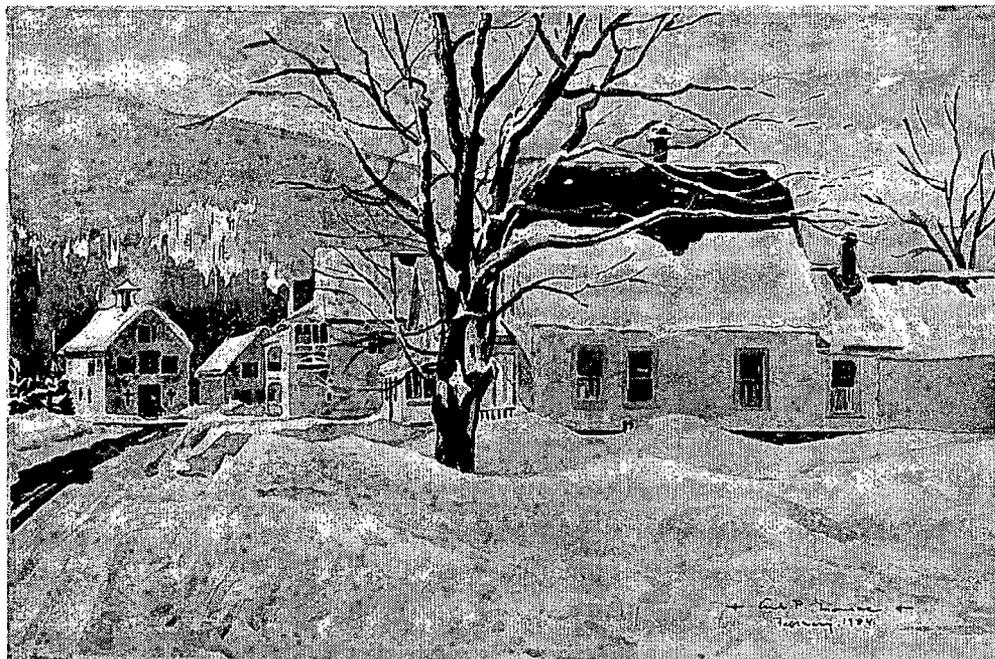
Statement of Services

The mission of the Women's Crisis Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County. Since our beginnings in 1977, we have provided intervention services to survivors of these crimes, as well as prevention and education services to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency services such as shelter, crisis intervention, emotional support, and information and referral are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ongoing individual and group support for women and children; legal, medical, housing and social services advocacy; and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003, the Women's Crisis Center responded to over 975 crisis calls. Fifty-three women and their 87 children were sheltered for a total of 1,231 shelter-days. In addition, many hundreds of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, and child care were provided to more than 200 women and 100 children who have been emotionally, physically, and/or sexually abused. The Women's Crisis Center continues to provide education about domestic violence and sexual assault to a wide range of groups in our community. As always, Windham County residents make up a large majority of the women and children who utilize our services.

The Women's Crisis Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your Town's contribution to the Crisis Center, and hope you will look upon it as an investment in creating the safe and productive future that each of us deserves.



Painting by Arlo Munroe

Jamaica Restoration Committee

*(Formerly THE JAMAICA TOWN SPIRIT GROUP)

Over the past few years, and through a series of fund raising events, our group has raised a good amount of money to be used toward future fund raising events and town hall renovations. We have also received several generous donations from people who rented the town hall or used the chairs for private affairs. Currently, we have \$3,237.56 in our account.

This past year we have concentrated more on applying for grants than on organizing events, and were successful in our efforts. We were awarded a condition assessment grant from the Preservation Trust of Vermont. This grant was used to hire a preservation architect to "evaluate the condition of an historic building and make recommendations for its care". The Preservation Trust awarded us \$250 toward the cost of \$500 and we matched the remaining amount with money from our savings fund. Tom Keefe came, inspected the building, and presented us with a detailed report of how we can restore the town hall, updating certain features while still maintaining its historical value.

We were also happy to receive a grant from the Stratton Foundation for \$800, which was used to repair the stairs to the belfry of the town hall. We are now researching the best way in which to re-hang the original bell. It is our hope that the bell be hung and used once again to call townspeople to meeting, etc.

A new lock was paid for by the town and installed on the front door of the building, courtesy of D&M Locks. The lock has a black cast iron look, which fits the overall appearance of the building better, and is also more secure.

Some plans for the immediate future include making the town hall handicapped-accessible. We are looking into a possible electric lift for the front entrance as a solution. We are also meeting with an architect to see about a design for a handicapped-accessible rest room.

As far as fund raising goes, we have some fun ideas in store (some of which we will keep as a surprise for now). We are looking to purchase a projector and screen with some of the money from our savings. The goal is to host monthly "movie nights" at the town hall. This would be a way of continuing to raise money, as well as a fun way to get together as a community. If you are interested in working with us, please contact Christopher or Laura Clark at 874-4743 or ejamaica@sover.net

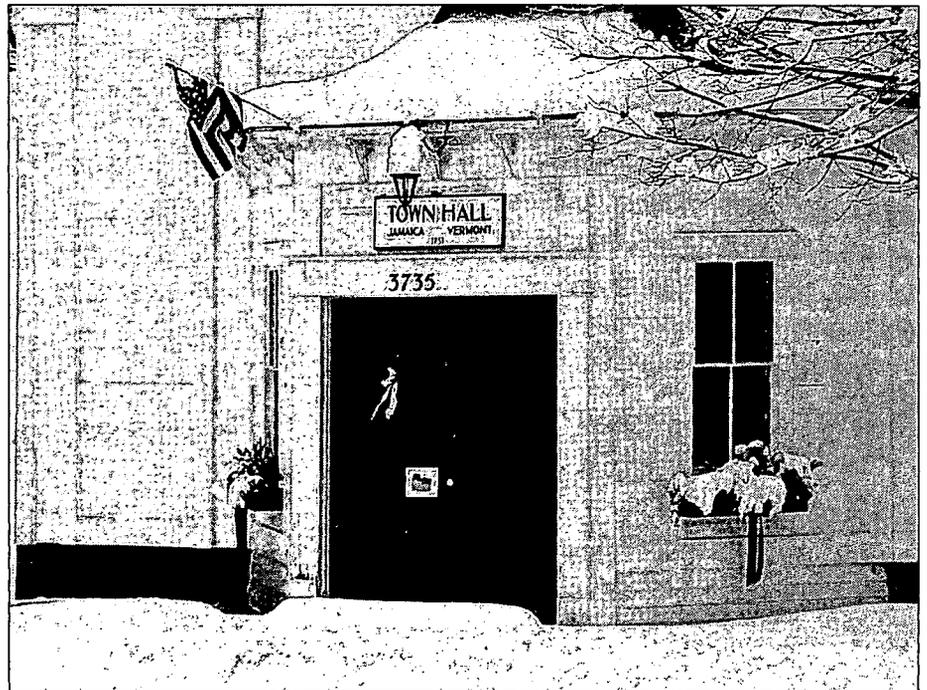
Youth Services

For over thirty years Youth Services has helped Windham County area youth and families overcome life's challenges and learn healthy new ways to live. Whether it concerns problems such as substance abuse, family crisis, or general issues of growing up, our organization's staff of professionals helps youth and families find solutions. Equally important, Youth Services works in partnership with other local service providers, schools, private and public funding sources as well as with community and state groups to deliver services that help our area's youth and families, regardless of their ability to pay.

Some of the services our agency provides include Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Youth and Family Counseling, Home-Based Family Services, and mentoring through the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program. In addition, we offer crisis intervention through our Youth Outreach, Transitional Living Services and Runaway Programs, and alternatives to the court system through our Juvenile and Adult Court Diversion and Restorative Programs.

This past year Youth Services' programs assisted over 2,019 local youth and family members. Support from communities such as yours helps make it possible for Youth Services to be responsive to the ever-changing needs of our area's residents.

This year, we respectfully request \$395 from the Town of Jamaica to help fund our services. Your ongoing support will help make it possible for Youth Services' programs to have a significant, positive impact on the lives of youth and families in the Town of Jamaica and throughout the Windham County area. We are very grateful for your past generosity and hope we can count on your continued support.



Windham Central Supervisory District

Superintendent's Report 2002-2003

Supervisory Union Staff

Administrative and Special Personnel

Superintendent	Cheryl W. Ruth
Director of Special Education	Abigail Dillon
Language Arts Coordinator	Tina Shakespeare
Technology Coordinator	Neil Manders
Business Manager	Frank Rucker
Assistant Business Manager	Teri Fletcher
Administrative Assistant (Superintendent)	Ruth Ann Chalifour
Administrative Assistant (Special Education)	Mabel Hmieleski

This year has been an exciting one for the schools in the Windham Central Supervisory Union.

As a result of the continuing curriculum and professional development work, and the efforts of the teachers and others working in curriculum and instruction, all of the schools in the Windham Central Supervisory Union met their Annual Yearly Progress targets as defined by the Vermont assessment system. There is much more to education than test scores, but these benchmarks indicate that our students are mastering essential skills. We remain committed to the statewide portfolio system in both writing and math and offer practice sessions as well as scorer-calibration sessions within our district as part of our professional development work. One of our professional development days in May is dedicated to all teachers coming together to score portfolio pieces done over the year by students and to collaborate about student work.

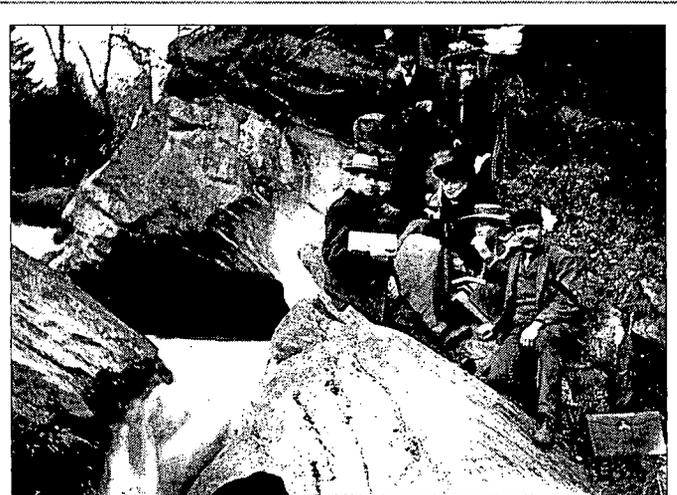
This year the Windham Central SU professional development committee has chosen to organize the days into topical study strands. Teachers choose their topic and participate in a study group for the year. Nearly all of these groups are led by administrators and teachers within our district and provide another forum for us to collaborate. We also continue our involvement in the Integrated Inquiry Project, which integrates the study areas of science and math, and our commitment to teachers involved in the Vermont Math Initiative and the Vermont Reading Initiative. Other study areas being addressed include: cultural studies, differentiated instruction, reading/writing in the content areas, team teaching, technology integration, and other content based seminars.

Leland & Gray Board and Administration continue to actively search for solutions to space issues. The school has also begun the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation process. This is a comprehensive, multi-year study process involving a self-study, as well as a site visit and evaluation by a visiting team of professionals. For the initial phase, the faculty reviewed and revised the school's "Mission Statement" and "Student Learning Expectations" which were reviewed and approved by the Board. Eight study subcommittees have been formed, one to address each of the eight standards for accreditation. Committee members include staff, Leland & Gray Board members, students, parents, and community members.

We continue our major Supervisory Union wide initiative of technology use and integration including revised systems for connectivity to ensure continued access to the Internet from each individual building. As our use of our student data management system increases, we look toward implementing systems to help us meet the increasing requirements for data analysis related in large part to the increasing testing requirements.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss educational issues with the community at any time. If you would like to speak with us please feel free to call at 348-6801.

Cheryl Ruth, Superintendent



Hamilton Falls, 1905

WCSU Comparative Budget

	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Adopted Budget	FY 2005 Proposed Budget
REVENUES			
Interest Income	362	250	250
Federal Grant-Class Size Reduction	79,562	0	0
Brookline Assessment	18,483	15,675	17,849
Dover Assessment	34,398	34,336	37,107
Jamaica Assessment	32,453	34,710	37,656
Marlboro Assessment	28,998	29,858	31,817
Newfane Assessment	38,391	44,040	48,087
Stratton Assessment	4,753	3,732	5,680
Townshend Assessment	29,981	35,083	32,661
Wardsboro Assessment	21,701	24,259	24,611
Windham Assessment	6,921	10,450	11,511
Winhall Assessment	16,453	21,274	22,453
Leland & Gray UHS Assessment	146,615	161,978	152,553
Total General Fund Assessment	379,146	415,395	421,985
Total General Fund Revenues	459,070	415,645	422,235
EXPENDITURES			
Audit Services	10,672	3,000	5,000
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT			
Professional Salaries	83,610	88,204	163,950
Professional Salaries-Coordinators	37,399	70,953	20,283
Clerical Salaries	27,148	28,506	29,931
Reserve for Salaries & Benefits	0	0	0
Curriculum	2,484	5,000	3,000
Health & Dental Benefits	22,180	25,126	30,146
Fica Benefits	10,922	14,356	16,384
Disability & Life Ins. & Retirement Benefits	2,940	2,516	2,669
Workmens Comp insurance	5,288	750	750
Unemployment insurance	6,083	250	500
Professional Services	4,648	13,500	10,000
Information System Services	9,152	12,000	12,000
Inservice	3,580	6,000	3,500
Bond Insurance & Prof. Liability	271	7,640	9,000
Travel	10,941	9,000	9,000
Conferences	4,441	2,400	2,400
Supplies	2,735	2,500	2,500
Equipment	2,297	2,500	2,500
Dues	3,576	3,500	3,500
Misc Expenses	100	100	100
Total Superintendent's Office	239,795	294,801	322,112

WCSU Comparative Budget continued...

EXPENDITURES (continued)	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Adopted Budget	FY 2005 Proposed Budget
BUSINESS OFFICE			
Salaries	28,980	64,260	56,290
Health Insurance & Retirement Benefits	1,011	11,418	8,026
Fica Insurance	2,217	4,916	4,306
Equipment Repair	193	1,250	1,250
Telephone	6,539	7,150	8,500
Postage	3,000	3,000	3,000
Advertising	3,414	1,000	1,000
Supplies	2,300	4,500	3,500
Equipment	3,000	4,500	4,500
Total Business Office	50,654	101,993	90,372
BUILDING MAINTENANCE/SERVICES			
Property Services - Custodial	2,916	3,200	4,000
Equipment Repair	150	1,250	1,250
Rent	15,300	14,000	15,000
Electric/Fuel	2,477	2,400	3,500
Equipment	1,998	2,000	2,000
Total Custodial/Building Maintenance	22,841	22,850	25,750
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	323,962	422,645	443,235
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	135,108	-7,000	-21,000
FUND BALANCE APPLIED	0	7,000	21,000
NET	135,108	0	0
Ending Fund Balance	179,742	172,742	126,742
Office Renovation Cost Allocation to Fund Balance		-25,000	
Estimated Ending Fund Balance		147,742	

Jamaica Village School

School Director's Report

The Jamaica Elementary School has seen many firsts for FY 03/04 and the upcoming FY 04/05 school years. Jamaica Elementary School hit a record high student enrollment of 103, October 1, 2003. Act 68 replaces Act 60 for FY 04/05 and beyond.

The WCSU moved its main office to Townshend. All schools in the WCSU District meet the minimum requirements of No Child Left Behind. Our thanks go to Cheryl Ruth and all of the school administrators and their staffs in making this happen.

Jamaica School Board forms three new committees. Space Needs, Budget, and Support Staff Health Benefit Feasibility Committee.

Although the school had a record number of students, the enrollment had declined 8% to 95 by January 8, 2004. We do

not expect higher enrollment to continue at the elementary school for the next two years but to level off at around 90 students. This is a result of two large classes going to Leland & Gray while kindergarten enrollment is expected to be lower than the classes moving to Leland & Gray.

Keep in mind that as we send larger classes to Leland & Gray, Jamaica will probably see a higher percentage of the cost at WCSU and at Leland & Gray.

Vermont has had an overall decline in public school enrollment of 5.3% from FY 1996 to FY 2003 to a low of 99,978 students. This decline is expected to continue by about 1000 students each year, statewide, for the next several years. Ski area towns like Jamaica are expected to buck this trend over the long haul.

No Child Left Behind offers the WCSU and Jamaica Elementary School some real challenges for the next few years. Cheryl Ruth, our superintendent, has been working with all of the schools in the district and is doing more than just a good job guiding us through this maze.

The Jamaica Elementary School Board Representatives to the WCSU Restructuring Committee and Executive Committee have met numerous times to resolve two major issues. The position of a full-time assistant superintendent will replace the two part-time special assistants. The main office of the WCSU will be in Townshend at the old Townshend Furniture Showroom. For the first year they will only occupy the first floor and half of the personnel will remain at the Timson Hill office. The WCSU expects to expand at the Townshend location the following year by occupying the second floor and at that time close the Timson Hill office.

Act 60, as we knew it, changed with the introduction of Act 68, which goes into effect for the FY 04/05 school year. For the first time since Act 60 became the law of the land, Jamaica will not have to send matching funds to the state of Vermont, as long as our per-equalized-student cost does not exceed 135% of the state block grant of \$6,800 for FY 04/05. This percentage is reduced to 130% for FY 05/06 and 125% for FY 06/07. The taxpayers in Jamaica can expect a reduction in the education-tax rate this year.

The Board has worked closely with Frank Rucker on the FY 04/05 budget to keep our per-equalized-student cost in line.

One area of the budget where the Board has little control is special education, which is expected to rise by 60% to \$257,656.00 for both the Elementary & Leland and Gray. Another area is the anticipated 12.5% increase for health benefits for FY 04/05.

In other areas of the budget, the Board was able to hold the line on increased spending. We decreased several line items including the Board budget and increased others, which in the end balanced out. An example of savings was that we found \$4,000.00 in fuel oil from FY 02/03 that was just waiting to be delivered. We purchased an additional \$7,500.00 in fuel for FY 03/04 giving us a reserve of \$11,500.00. Our three year average fuel cost was \$6,638.00 so we were able to reduce this line item by \$4,000.00 and increase Technology & Audio Visual Internet Connection along with other direct-education line items.

The Jamaica Elementary Board has been working with the Jamaica Selectboard to find ways to keep the per-student cost down. We have made a concerted effort to keep them informed. By making the school a community center as well as a school we were able to transfer \$1,600.00 in snow-removal and grass-cutting cost to the Town Budget. The Jamaica Selectboard was there to help the School District get through a cash-flow problem this past spring by giving the district a loan until the taxes were collected. This inter-town loan saved the taxpayers in Jamaica interest on a commercial loan.

Bonnie West, the Town Clerk, brought it to our attention that the Jamaica School District was charged for one Leland & Gray student that was not a resident in the town of Jamaica the year we were billed. We were able to recover over \$9,000.00 and this was put into the bus fund. Our small bus has provided us with many years of good service, but the years are starting to show. The bus fund is now over \$20,000.00 and puts us in good shape if we need to replace the small bus.

The policy committee has been working with the other schools in the district to make uniform policies throughout the district. We thank them for the many extra meetings, with a lot of hard work on their part in bringing this to fruition.

The Board as a whole has worked to make the line items in the budget reflect the actual amount spent. This makes for a more accurate budget when the budget is printed in the Town Book. The voters at town meeting vote on the total dollar figure not the actual line items. It would, however, be well if the line items were correct or as close as is possible to reflect where the money is actually spent. Extra effort was made to not cut line items that pertained to direct education.

Jamaica Village School has and continues to be a cornerstone in the community. We rally around our children even long past their journey through education. This Board's goal, as Boards in the past, has been to provide a safe school environment staffed by dedicated teachers and support personnel, so that our children have the tools they need to succeed at middle school, high school and into the future.

A program like building the Indian Long house gets students involved and excited about school. It is just one of the many ways our teachers can open children's minds, and get them interested in learning.

Dan Kilburn, Board Chair

Principal's Report

Every year at Jamaica School we experience newness, excitement, challenges, obstacles, and rewards. This year is certainly no exception. Our school community has its own distinct personality, its own particular environment and a very special way of stimulating, guiding, and teaching our students.

To those of you who have just joined us this year, Jamaica School is a place where living and learning and growing go on through an abundance of associations, achievements, and opportunities...where education becomes meaningful and enjoyable in a close, almost family atmosphere...where youngsters learn to function easily and effectively with staff members and each other...working and playing, increasing their understanding of themselves and the world around them.

Above all, Jamaica School is people.

We began our current year with virtually the entire full- and part-time professional staff intact, returning with renewed energy and commitment. It was great to have Dave Domenick and Ellen Peters return to us from leaves of absence to the delight of students. Our newest support staff members, Tereasa Williams, Marla Van Osdol, and Jennifer Pearson, joined us in September and quickly became an important part of our school community. Tereasa serves as our Food Services Manager and Cook, Marla, as paraprofessional in our K/1 classroom, and Jennifer as assistant in the 4/5 and grade 6 classrooms. Amy Ruotolo served the grade-six program in an exemplary manner as she honed her teaching skills with an internship in the first semester. We were also honored and delighted to host Dai Qingyun, a visiting teacher from Xi'an, China, who has worked with students in all of our classrooms.

We have again been successful in securing money through writing grant proposals to The Strolling of the Heifers Foundation and The Stratton Foundation for educational programming. Our proposals have earned the school over \$3,000.00

Principal's Report continued...

since March, directly benefiting children.

As important as it is to have a competent, caring staff, involved parents, and strong leadership, a highly effective school must also have an identified process for continuous improvement. Prior to the start of this year, staff and administration engaged in an assessment of our program strengths and areas of needed attention. Goal-setting and development of an action plan to accomplish those goals has followed. So, in addition to our primary mission of educating children, we are engaged in research and improvement in a variety of areas which include strengthening math and writing skills in students, crisis-response planning, social skills development, Asian and Hispanic studies, technology training, and after-school programming.

Again this year, our school has performed quite well on State Achievement Testing. There are many indicators of excellence in teaching and learning, some more important than test results. But with the attention being given to the federal No Child Left Behind legislation, we must remain competitive in our district, our state and our nation.

On our spring Vermont tests, in the three most significant areas, Jamaica students taking the tests achieved the standard or achieved with honors as follows:

	<u>Jamaica Students</u>	<u>Vermont Students</u>
Basic Reading	91%	80%
Writing Effectiveness	82%	60%
Mathematical Skills	83%	73%

More significantly, reading and math scores represent an improvement over our scores of the previous year. In the two areas that teachers were not satisfied with in 2002, writing conventions and math problem-solving, we improved 26% and 24% respectively. Our younger learners in Grade 2 were also highly successful in the Developmental Reading Assessment, with 92% at the achieved/honors level, compared with 82% for the rest of Vermont's second graders.

These performance results reflect the whole school's academic programs; they reflect excellence in teaching as well as success in learning. When viewed within the context of the last seven years, they represent sustained high performance, lasting improvements, and undeniable quality in our school program.

But test scores are only a part of the picture. The staff genuinely cares for Jamaica's children. They have the determination and energy to help them develop all the fundamental skills and knowledge base that will provide the best possible foundation for life. Expectations are high and caring and compliments are dispensed liberally. There is a climate of love and happiness that drives the soul of the school. Our staff and parents realize this and are committed to maintaining and protecting that climate.

Speaking of parents, they are our most valued natural resource! The volunteerism and personal contributions of time and work again this year by so many good people have been amazing. Our School Club is a source of good will and support in many forms, making them indispensable partners throughout the year. They are behind us, proud of our work and their children's growth and always ready to help through activities, events, materials, equipment, and year-round fund-



JVS Abenaki Indian Long House Project

raising to support worthy school causes. A list of this past year's club efforts would fill a report of its own.

We are very thankful to our volunteer coaches as well, people who make it possible to offer quality sports programming throughout the year at a minimal cost. This year, the Jamaica Recreation Committee has stepped in to offer important direction and support to school sports, for which we are particularly grateful. Parents stepped in as always to play an integral role in our winter activities program. We are able to offer a great variety of activities January – March including snow-shoeing, skating, big-mountain skiing and snowboarding because of their help. Again this year, our Garden Club of parent volunteers has made our grounds a picture-book rural Vermont school. Friday bake sale is a highlight of the school week because of hundreds of baked goods that come from kitchens around town. Even computer-repair needs and staff training are at no cost to our school because of the generosity of community volunteerism.

We are indeed very fortunate to be working in a town with such love and support shown to children.

As of winter, 2004, our after-school programming has grown to include an art program on Monday, Wednesday and Friday as well as Tae Kwon Do and basketball programs.

Because of the excellent model our parents and community members have provided, students have learned and demonstrated what it means to care and make a difference. Hundreds of food items are collected throughout the year for the local Food Pantry. During the holiday season, over 750 toys, books, clothing items and additional food were collected and donated to others in need.

Student enrollment is currently the highest in recent years, peaking in September at 102 before stabilizing at 95.

It has often been said that any community is as strong as its school. Studies show that a school with a unified staff, strong parent support and a school board that puts children first is the number-one reason families move into a particular town. Again this year, we believe the tax dollars of Jamaica residents have been well spent and represent an investment in the town's future.

James A. Peters, Principal

Act 68 Report

District: Jamaica LEA: 104 County: Windham S.U.: Windham Central

Expenditures

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005
Budget (local budget approved in prior years)	772,649	803,672	895,532	1,059,292
82% of base payment per FTE paid to tech centers by the State on behalf of the district in FY2005	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	20,241
S.U. assessment (included in local budget)	32,453	34,306	34,710	37,656
Deficit (if included in local budget)	-	-	-	-
Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years	13,674	14,583	17,140	not applicable
1. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
2. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
Act 144 Expenditures, (excluded from "Education Spending")	-	-	-	-
Act 68 local adopted budget	786,323	818,255	912,672	1,059,292
Union school or joint school district assessment	563,668	599,194	716,429	858,043
Deficit if not included in budget or revenues	-	-	-	-
Special programs expenditures (if not included in local budget)	-	-	-	-
Gross Act 68 Budget	1,349,991	1,417,449	1,629,101	1,917,335
Act 144 expenditures (if any - excluded from "Education Spending")	-	-	-	-

Revenues

+ Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including Act 144 revenues)	252,423	276,367	235,774	321,688
+ Capital debt aid	4,494	4,140	3,931	-
+ Special program revenues (if not included in local budget)	-	-	-	-
- Deficit if not included in budget or expenditures	-	-	-	-
- Act 144 revenues	-	-	-	-
- Fund raising (if any)	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	256,917	280,507	239,705	321,688
Adjusted local revenues	256,917	280,507	239,705	321,688

Education Spending (Act 68 definition)

Education Spending	1,093,074	1,136,942	1,389,396	1,595,647
Equalized Pupils	140.80	151.65	164.10	158.36
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	7,763	7,497	8,467	10,076

Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil (if any)

Per Pupil Figure used for calculating District Adjustment

District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$10,076 / \$6,800)

Anticipated Homestead Tax Rate, equalized (148.176% x \$1.10)

Household Income Percentage for Income sensitivity (148.176% x 2.0%)

27.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable
28.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	10,076
29.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	148.176%
30.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	\$1,630
31.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	2.96%

Jamaica School Club

To all Jamaica residents, on behalf of the Jamaica School Club, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support through this past year. Without you, none of our endeavors would be possible.

For those of you who are not aware of who we are and what we do, we are a group of parents and community members from Jamaica Village School who meet on a monthly basis to organize and host fund-raising events that directly benefit Jamaica School children. All money raised is used to enhance the learning experience of our children. In general, we provide financial assistance for programs and activities that are not otherwise covered by our school budget.

We provide financial support for things such as: class field trips, the E.L.F. Program, Junior Instructional Ski Program at Stratton Mountain (J.I.S.P.), figure-skating at Riley Rink in Manchester, the Dental Hygiene Cleaning Program at J.V.S., the Halloween Fun Fest (The children have a blast; ask one of the students about the pie-eating contest), and puppet shows. We also host events such as December Craft Day where the students make gifts for family and friends; productions such

as "Rain Forest", "Dyno Man", and "Rivers"; and last but not least, the Annual Jamaica School Club Penny-Sale Extravaganza, which is held annually on the last Saturday in March, and is our largest fund-raiser.

It is our objective to see to it that the educational experience that our children receive is as enjoyable as we can make it. A child who enjoys school is a child who enjoys to learning.

We have received the support of so many businesses and individuals that it would be impossible to thank you all individually. In the upcoming year, we have many events planned and many ideas still on the drawing board, and we know with certainty that when called upon, you will continue to help in any way possible. It is a blessing to live in a community such as this.

I would also like to say Thank You to the faculty and staff at J.V.S. This tiny little school is truly one of Vermont's treasures. Every staff member treats our children as if they were his or her own. It is reassuring to know that our children are in such good hands every day of the school year. You are the greatest, and your effort does not go unnoticed. Keep up the good work.

Once again, from the bottom of our hearts, Thank You.

Missy Buffum President

Jamaica Town School District Treasurer's Financial Statement Fiscal Year 2002-2003

Checkbook Balance on hand July 1, 2002	\$59,045.25
Revenues:	
Current Taxes	1,489,119.00
Checking Interest	2,899.86
Loan from Bus Fund	50,000.00
2nd Loan from Bus Fund	11,000.00
Loan from Unemployment Fund	3,000.00
Winhall School District, Busing	2,250.00
Transfer from Bus Fund for New Bus	57,719.00
Stratton Foundation Grant	1,100.00
State of VT, Lunch Program	6,091.36
State of VT, Breakfast Program	2,262.93
State of VT, Mainstream Block Grant	40,636.00
State of VT, Intensive	59,088.00
State of VT, EEE	7,971.00
State of VT, Direct Deposit for ?	34,075.00
VT Teachers Retirement Fund, Refund	163.83
National Forest Land Program	244.35
Richards Insurance Refund	121.00
Teacher Workshop Refund	269.00
Miscellaneous	57.72
Payroll Withholdings	112,308.10
Total Revenues	\$1,880,376.15
Total Revenues and Cash on hand	\$1,939,421.40
JVS HAS NO OUTSTANDING DEBT	

Less Actual Expenditures	-1,930,305.73
Checkbook Balance June 30, 2003	\$9,115.67
Less Accrued Expenses	-4,297.01
Balance on Hand June 30, 2003	\$4,818.66

School Bus Fund:	
Balance on hand July 1, 2002	\$68,839.88
Plus Interest earned	237.98
Less Loans to General Fund in anticipation of taxes	-61,000.00
Plus Repayment of 1st Loan	50,000.00
Less Purchase of New Bus	-57,719.00
Actual Balance on hand June 30, 2003	\$358.86
Plus Outstanding Loan Due Bus Fund	11,000.00
Total Bus Fund Balance	\$11,358.86

School Unemployment Fund:	
Balance on hand July 1, 2002	\$3,449.20
Plus Interest earned	23.16
Less Loan to General Fund	-3,000.00
Actual Balance on hand June 30, 2003	\$472.36
Plus Outstanding Loan Due Unemployment Fund	3,000.00
Total Unemployment Fund Balance	\$3,472.36

Jamaica Village School Expenditures for 2002-2003

(Wages are Gross)

School Administration-Principal's Office:

James Peters, Principal	\$60,801.00
Kathleen Velsor, Secretary	16,330.16
Telephone	1,629.81
Postage	995.07
Supplies	1,557.68
Symquest Group, Copier Lease	2,533.22
US Banc Office Equipment Lease	2,599.51
Principal Professional Association Dues	729.00

Sub Total \$87,175.45

Teachers:

Janet Hamilton	\$47,328.76
Heidi Underwood	20,939.78
Jason Gragen	29,394.76
Katherine Rabideau	34,744.24
John Dockum	27,977.00
Ellen Peters	6,196.94

Sub Total \$166,581.48

Special Education Teacher:

Anne Rowley	\$41,720.48
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Music Teacher:

Catherine Ullman	\$12,885.68
WCSU, Seth Moore, Instrumental	4,010.00

Sub Total \$16,895.68

Guidence:

Melanie Zwolinski	\$4,150.50
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Teacher's Aides:

Sheila Lowe	\$12,972.91
Kendi Onyon	11,401.50
Susan Stomski	11,761.86
Emily Bullock	494.24
Abby Wicker	2,335.60
Anne Marie Scott, Special Ed	10,532.76
Mary McCooley-Devens, Special Ed	6,539.52

Sub Total \$56,038.39

Substitute Teachers:

Patricia Fuller	\$150.00
Bertram Schwan	50.00
Beth Wells	150.00

Sub Total \$350.00

Teacher Development & Course Reimbursement:

James Peters, 2 U Mass Courses	\$1,991.00
Janet Hamilton, Conferences	370.52
Katherine Rabideau, Conference & Workshop	298.00
Heidi Underwood, Conference	269.00
Susan Stomski, Workshop	149.00
Cartherine Ullman, Conference & Course	437.11
Anne Rowley, Workshops	285.00

Sub Total \$3,799.63

Enrichment Activities:

Vermont Institute Natural Science, ELF	\$1,100.00
Dan DeWalt, Music Accompaniment Fee	287.50

Sub Total \$1,387.50

Health Insurance:

VEHI Health Insurance	\$48,626.02
Newfane School District	3,677.00

Sub Total \$52,303.02

Payroll Withholdings:

Social Security, Employer's Share	\$29,973.60
Social Security, Employee's Share	29,973.60
Federal Tax Withholdings	40,266.32
VT State Tax Withholdings	10,687.24
VT Teachers Retirement	11,410.84
Leland & Gray Education Association Dues	1,422.00
Variable Annuity Life Insurance	4,160.00
Medical Care Savings Account for pre-tax expenses	689.00
Disability Insurance	731.80
Future Planning Association Cafeteria Plan Fee	116.25
VT Dept. Employment & Training, Unemployment expenses	9,380

Sub Total \$129,440.03

Jamaica Village School Expenditures for 2002-2003 continued...

Breakfast & Lunch Program:

Nancy Adams, Cook	\$10,420.02
Pauline Hopkins, Substitute Cook	50.00
Vermont State Reimbursement	8,354.29
Sub Total	\$18,824.31

Medical Support:

WCSU, Ruth Trzcinski, Nurse	\$6,295.00
Medical Supplies	178.38
Health Magazine	29.00
Sub Total	\$6,502.38

Transportation:

James Perkins, Bus Driver	\$10,632.03
Carlotta Woodruff, Bus Driver	11,042.78
David Hamilton, Substitute Bus Driver	500.00
Bus Fuel & Oil	4,318.53
Richards Insurance	439.00
Purchase New Bus, Delurey Sales & Service	57,719.00
WCSU, Cell Phones	906.48
Wardsboro School District, High School Transportation	9,365.00
Windham School District, High School Transportation	3,000.00
Laidlaw Transit, High School Transportation	28,400.00
WCSU, Voc-Ed Transportation	2,381.66
Alpine Meadows, Bus Repairs	1,656.03
Auto Parts of Londonderry, Bus Repairs	843.49
Halbert Coleman, Bus Repairs	1,615.00
Coleman's Auto Repairs	2,069.48
Auto Mall, Repairs	101.48
Thomas Garage	195.00
Delurey Sales & Service	122.43
Todd Patch Repaired PA System	215.5
Sub Total	\$135,522.89

Art:

Ann Lauterbach, WCSU	\$9,417.00
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Physical Education:

Mary Parlman, WCSU	\$9,562.00
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Library:

Books, Magazines & Supplies	\$3,172.91
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Building Operation, Maintenance & Supplies:

Jean Brooks, Custodian	\$17,816.90
Kathleen LaTaille, Substitute	450.00
CVPS Corp., Electric Service	6,925.25
A.R.Sandri, Heating Oil	5,238.00
Suburban Propane & Service	1,227.60
VT Water Utilities, Testing/Operator Service Fee	825.00
Butch Rowley, Painting & Repairs	1,130.47
Carroll Mechanical, Heating Repairs	1,370.96
Luke Fournier, Siding Repairs	225.00
Jamaica Food Service, Painting Fee	2,100.00
Over The Mountain Plumbing, New Faucet	344.55
Simplexgrinnell Fire Extinguisher	47.50
Sparky Electric, Fire Exits	530.51
Jeff Russ Plumbing & Heating	527.49
Donald Dorr Septic Service	840.7
John Dwyer, Tuning Piano	80.00
Joseph Domenick, Mowing	1,680.00
Brian Chapin, Plowing	925.00
ADT Security Services	269.35
Richards Insurance, Bldg., WorkersComp, Buses & Liab.	7,994.00
Richards Insurance, Workers Comp.	1,465.00
Foley Distribution, Supplies	2,522.68
Walmart, Supplies	501.91
J.A. Muzzy Co., Supplies	184.39
NAEIR, Supplies	40.00
Jamaica Country Store, Supplies	98.02
VT State Treasurer, Operator Permit	63.00
Capital Supply Inc., Supplies	98.79
Keene Industrial Paper	279.89
Staples, Supplies	202.63
WW Building Supply	57.00
VT Staple Goods, Supplies & Food	406.63
Newton Business, Engraving	17.30
Quill Corp., Equipment	1,552.46
Walmart, Equipment	411.95
Classroom Direct, Equipment	382.73
J.A. Muzzy Co., Equipment	16.83
Aerus Electrolux, Parts	115.54
Staples, Equipment	1,653.76
Carroll Mechanical, Equipment	851.00
Sub Total	\$61,469.78

**Jamaica Village School
Expenditures for 2002-2003 continued...**

School Board:

School Board Salaries, 5@ \$250.00	\$1,250.00
Lisa Litchfield, Taking minutes	200.00
Frank Rucker, Accounting Services	4,207.00
School Board Fidelity Bond	55.00
School Board Advertising	331.88
VT School Board, Workshops	225.00
Down, Rachlin, Martin, PLLC	33.00
School Board Supplies, Checks	152.56
VT School Board Association, Dues	700.00

Sub Total \$7,154.44

Books, Teaching Supplies, Programs & Equipment:

Sovernet	960.72
Music Program Supplies	694.82
Music Program Equipment	338.20
Art Program Supplies	1,361.87
Computer Equipment/Maintenance	5,071.30
Text Books	3,575.64
Video	134.90
Teaching Supplies	7,130.77
Instructional Equipment	1,212.90

Sub Total \$20,481.12

Special Education:

Heidi Underwood, Tutoring	\$200.00
WCSU, Intensive	14,750.00
WCSU, Assessment	32,747.00

WCSU, Physical Therapy	5,752.00
WCSU, Occupational Therapy	5,069.00
Kindle Farm Children Services, Tuition	5,760.00
Deer Creek Psychological Testing	1,280.00
Greenwood School, Speech, Tuition & OT Services	43,985.00
Thomas Ehrenberg, Counseling	3,540.00
WCSU, Testing	1,350.00
Stitzel, Page & Fletcher, PC	262.00
Supplies	2,540.64
Textbooks	106.22
Valley Ridge Student Center, Tuition	14,237.00
Valley Ridge Student Center, Counseling	2,070.00

Sub Total \$133,649.36

Windham Central Supervisory Union Superintendent's Office:	
Office Administration	\$34,306.00
EEE	5,821.00
Early Education Assessment	16,821.00

Sub Total \$56,948.00

Miscellaneous:

State of VT, Act 60 Local Share	\$257,955.62
Leland & Gray Union High School Assessment	599,194.00
Brattleboro Union High School, Voc.Ed Tuition	4,906.77
Repayment of 1st Loan from Bus Fund to General Fund	50,000.00

Total Expenditures \$1,934,602.74

Jamaica School District FY 2005 Budget Proposal

REVENUE	FY2003 ACTUAL	FY2003 Adopted BUDGET	FY2004 Adopted BUDGET	FY2005 Proposed BUDGET
Taxes	293,475	292,858	438,015	0
Tuition/Miscellaneous	1,100	5,000	5,000	0
Transportation Fees	2,250	1,500	1,500	1,500
Interest Income	2,610	8,000	5,000	2,800
Total Local Revenue	299,435	307,358	449,515	4,300
State Aid - Education Spending Revenues	829,501	829,501	936,281	1,575,406
State Aid - Career Center on Behalf of District				20,241
State Aid - Small Schools Grant	57,928	57,928	52,554	52,554
State Aid - Transportation	46,120	41,113	41,100	38,250
State Aid - Capital Debt	4,140	4,140	1,890	0

Jamaica School District FY 2005 Budget Proposal (continued)

REVENUE (continued)		FY2003 ACTUAL	FY2003 Adopted BUDGET	FY2004 Adopted BUDGET	FY2005 Proposed BUDGET
State Aid - Special Ed Block Grant		40,636	40,636	45,291	49,778
State Aid - Special Ed Intensive		138,604	69,936	102,190	160,090
State Aid - Special Ed EEE		7,160	7,954	6,991	8,416
Federal Milk Aid		8,354	8,000	8,000	8,000
Federal Forest Revenue		244	300	300	300
Total Other Revenue		1,132,687	1,059,508	1,194,597	1,913,035
TOTAL REVENUE		1,432,122	1,366,866	1,644,113	1,917,335
EXPENDITURES					
110	Salaries - Teachers	165,556	182,137	184,637	204,591
112	Salaries - Music Instruction	12,994	12,992	12,992	14,138
114	Reserve for All Staff Salary & Wages	0	0	17,032	0
115	Salaries - Para	46,177	43,652	45,398	45,068
121	Substitute	650	1,500	1,500	1,500
210	Health Benefits	30,230	27,915	29,273	31,743
220	Fica Expense	16,846	18,381	20,009	20,295
250	Disability Insurance	732	963	973	1,058
260	Unemployment Insurance	9	0	0	0
270	Tuition Reimbursement/Dues	2,428	4,900	4,900	3,250
307	Physical Education Services	9,562	10,084	8,878	10,299
310	Early Education Services	16,821	16,820	16,820	18,190
311	Art Instruction Services	9,417	9,485	10,673	11,756
312	Music Instrumental Services	4,010	4,029	6,346	5,890
320	Support Staff Training	764	1,500	1,500	500
321	Enrichment Activities	1,588	2,000	2,000	2,000
440	Equipment Repairs	356	2,000	2,000	3,000
610	Educational Supplies	11,385	11,000	11,000	11,000
640	Text Books	4,157	4,000	3,500	3,500
650	Audio Visual/Internet Connection	1,831	3,000	2,000	3,500
740	Instructional Equipment	4,854	2,500	2,500	4,000
741	Technological Improvements	3,025	5,000	2,000	3,000
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Total Instruction		343,393	363,858	385,931	398,278
113	Spec. Ed Teacher Salary	42,069	42,070	42,070	45,740
114	Spec. Ed Aide	9,067	19,307	20,079	10,236
210	Spec. Ed Health Insurance	7,783	8,792	10,463	11,345
220	Spec. Ed Fica expense	3,731	4,695	4,754	4,282
321	WCSU Spec. Ed Testing & SLP Services	32,747	32,747	39,527	42,776
330	Spec. Ed Professional Services (OT/PT)	16,850	2,000	11,199	19,986
566	Tuition Expenses	0	0	0	0

Jamaica School District FY 2005 Budget Proposal continued...

EXPENDITURES (continued)		FY2003 ACTUAL	FY2003 Adopted BUDGET	FY2004 Adopted BUDGET	FY2005 Proposed BUDGET
610	Spec. Ed Supplies	2,131	1,200	1,200	2,000
Total Special Education		114,379	110,811	129,292	136,366
321	Essential Early Ed	5,821	5,821	6,108	6,747
TOTAL DIRECT EDUCATION		463,593	480,489	521,331	541,390
SUPPORT SERVICES					
320	Guidance Services	4,182	4,227	5,160	5,393
320	Nurse Services	6,295	4,201	6,924	7,458
610	Nurse Supplies	218	200	200	200
631	Library Books/Services	2,958	3,000	3,000	3,000
110	Board - Salary & Fica	1,346	1,500	1,500	1,077
321	Board - Professional Audit	0	0	0	3,200
330	Board - Accounting Services	4,207	4,207	4,375	4,550
332	Board - Professional Services	33	0	0	100
523	Board - Bond Insurance	55	67	67	67
540	Board - Advertising	332	300	300	300
610	Board - Supplies	320	200	200	200
810	Board - Dues	805	800	800	700
Total Board Services		5,752	7,074	7,242	10,194
331	WSCU Office Assessment	34,306	34,306	34,710	37,656
111	Principal Salary	56,451	55,450	58,223	58,223
116	Salaries - Secretary	16,330	15,215	15,824	16,457
210	Principal Health Ins.	4,350	4,350	10,696	11,578
270	Principal Tuition Reimbursement				1,650
220	Principal Office Fica	5,287	5,406	5,665	5,713
540	Office Postage	784	600	600	750
610	Office Supplies	374	700	700	600
810	Dues	445	300	300	350
Total Principal's Office		84,021	82,022	92,006	95,321
110	Custodian Salary	18,267	18,067	18,790	19,541
220	Custodian Fica Expense	1,398	1,382	1,437	1,495
250	Workers' Comp. Insurance	5,716	3,400	3,400	4,250
430	Maintenance Contracted Services	14,004	13,000	4,000	1,000
431	Repairs & Maintenance	717	4,000	1,500	4,000
432	Water Testing	888	1,000	1,000	250
521	Property & Liability Insurance	2,334	1,870	1,870	2,400
530	Telephone	1,615	3,800	3,300	1,800
610	Custodial Supplies	3,767	2,500	2,500	3,500

Jamaica School District FY 2005 Budget Proposal continued...

EXPENDITURES (continued)		FY2003 ACTUAL	FY2003 Adopted BUDGET	FY2004 Adopted BUDGET	FY2005 Proposed BUDGET
622	Electricity	6,925	7,500	7,500	7,000
626	Fuel Oil - Heat	6,279	7,000	7,500	4,000
740	Building Equipment	1,682	1,500	1,500	1,500
Total Custodial Services		63,590	65,019	54,297	50,736
105	Transportation Salaries	22,175	22,006	22,523	23,424
220	Transportation Fica	1,696	1,683	1,723	1,792
440	Transp. Supplies & Repair	6,818	5,000	5,000	5,000
521	Transport Insurance	1,727	1,124	1,124	1,169
626	Transportation Fuel	4,465	2,000	3,000	4,000
930	Transfer to Bus Fund	0	0	0	0
Total Transport. Services		36,882	31,813	33,369	35,384
107	Food Service Salaries	10,470	9,031	9,393	9,768
220	Food Service Fica Expense	801	691	719	747
626	Cooking Fuel				1,362
930	Transfers to Lunch Fund	8,354	8,000	8,000	8,000
Total Food Services		19,625	17,722	18,111	19,878
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES		257,830	249,583	255,020	265,220
SUB TOTAL EXPENDITURES-Elementary		721,422	730,072	776,352	806,610
511	Transportation - Career Ed	2,382	7,000	7,000	7,000
512	Transport - Wardsboro				7,500
513	Transport - High School	40,763	36,000	36,000	33,000
562	Leland & Gray UHS Assessment	599,194	599,194	716,429	858,043
569	Career Education Center Tuition	4,907	5,600	5,600	37,292
565	Secondary Special Ed Tuition/Services	66,375	25,000	70,580	167,890
Sub Total Secondary Expenses		713,621	672,794	835,609	1,110,725
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		1,435,043	1,402,866	1,611,961	1,917,335
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		-2,921	-36,000	32,152	0
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PRIOR YEAR SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) APPLIED			36,000	-32,152	
Net		-2,921	0	0	0
General Fund Balance		-419		31,733	
Reserve - Bus Fund (purchase 12/2002)		11,353			
JAMAICA ELEM. ENROLLMENT		93	93	93	93
TOTAL ELEM. COST/ STUDENT		7,440	7,850	8,348	8,673
JAMAICA ENROLL @ LGUHS		63	60	63	75
TOTAL LGUHS COST/ STUDENT		10,125	9,025	10,125	10,110
Ed. Spending Per Equalized Student (Act 68)			7,497	8,467	\$10,076
Estimated Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (Act 68)					\$1.63
Total Exp. to be voted at Town Meeting		772,646	803,672	895,532	1,059,292

2003 - 2004 JVS Regular Teacher's Salary

<u>Teacher's Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Experience</u>	<u>FTE*</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
John Dockum	Grade3/4	BA	4 years	100%	\$28,606
Dave Domenick	Instrumental Music	MA	7 years	10%	\$3,494
Jason Gragen	Grade 4/5	BA	6 years	100%	\$31,331
Janet Hamilton	Grade 1/2	MA	30 years	100%	\$49,039
Ann Lauterbach	Art	BA	23 years	20%	\$8,446
Mary Parlman	Physical Education	MS	15 years	20%	\$9,263
Ellen Peters	Grade K/1	BA	18 years	100%	\$43,590
Kate Rabideau	Grade 6	BS	10 years	100%	\$36,779
Anne Rowley	Learning Specialist	MA	12 years	100%	\$43,590
Catherine Ullman	General Music	MA	13 years	30%	\$13,486
Melanie Zwolinski	Guidance	M.Ed	21 years	20%	\$10,080

Other School Employees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Jean Brooks	Custodian (Part Time)	\$18,789.58
Mary Devens	Special Education Aide	\$9,896.00
Jesse Lepkoff	Title 1 Teacher	(Federal Grant)
Sheila Lowe	Classroom Aide	\$13,202.00
Jean McIntire	Title 1 Teacher	(Federal Grant)
Jennifer Pearson	Classroom Aide	\$10,296.00
James Perkins	Bus Driver	\$11,137.28
James Peters	Principal	\$58,223.55
Ann Marie Scott	Classroom Aide	\$10,570.56
Ruth Trzcinski	Nurse (Part-Time)	\$9,807.80
Maria Van Osdol	Classroom Aide	\$9,518.08
Kathleen Velsor	Administrative Assistant	\$15,827.00
Tereasa Williams	Kitchen Manager	\$10,422.72
Carlotta Woodruff	Bus Driver	\$11,880.00

Jamaica Village School Breakdown of Enrollment

(As of October 1)

	<u>02-03</u>	<u>03-04</u>
Kindergarten	17	12
Grade 1	16	17
Grade 2	12	19
Grade 3	12	11
Grade 4	12	12
Grade 5	17	12
Grade 6	7	18

Jamaica Village School Food Service Program

2002-03

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Revenues	\$5,346.20	\$14,402.93	\$19,749.13
Expenses	\$5,119.30	\$9,550.24	\$14,669.54
Net	\$ 226.90	\$4,852.69	\$5,079.59

School Board Members

- Dan Kilburn, Chairperson
- John Aaron, Vice Chairperson
- Andrew Avery, Member
- Robin Ameden, Member
- Patti Dickson, Clerk

Vital Statistics

Marriages 2003

<u>GROOM'S NAME</u>	<u>GROOM'S RESIDENCE</u>	<u>BRIDE'S NAME</u>	<u>BRIDE'S RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</u>
Christopher Bryant Yombor	Oak Ridge, NJ	Anneliese Fejan	Oak Ridge, NJ	02-21-03	Jamaica, VT
John Christopher Dockum	Jamaica, VT	Megan Jean Potter	Jamaica, VT	05-31-03	Brattleboro, VT
Mark William Pluff	Jamaica, VT	JoAnn Carolyn Plummer	Jamaica, VT	07-26-03	Stratton, VT
Larry Norman Brown	Jamaica, VT	Schatzi Puckhafer	Jamaica, VT	07-19-03	Jamaica, VT
Timothy Alan Pearce	Southampton, England	Karen Jackson	Southampton, England	08-05-03	Jamaica, VT
Peter DeWolf Hines	Seattle, WA	Ashley Marissa Youkstetter	Seattle, WA	08-09-03	Jamaica, VT

Civil Unions 2003

<u>NAME OF PARTY A</u>	<u>PARTY A'S RESIDENCE</u>	<u>NAME OF PARTY B</u>	<u>PARTY B'S RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE OF UNION</u>
Kathryn Cheryl Dowling	Oceanside, NY	Linda Maria Roethel	Oceanside, NY	02-25-03	Jamaica, VT
Christian Lynne Schley	Buena Vista, VA	Sadona Darlene Floyd	Buena Vista, VA	03-18-03	Jamaica, VT
Gregory Mark Stanton	Mount Tremper, NY	Lee Edward SiderMount	Mount Tremper, NY	07-25-03	Jamaica, VT
Lisa Ann Fagerstrom	Wellesley, MA	Susan Melissa Smith	Wellesley, MA	08-31-03	Jamaica, VT

Births 2003

<u>CHILD'S NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>DATE PLACE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>FATHER'S NAME</u>	<u>MOTHER'S NAME</u>
Cameron Roy Coleman	M	01-16-03 Bennington, VT	Kelly Roy Coleman	Monica Gene DeCell
Ellery Bradley Stahler	M	04-03-03 Brattleboro, VT	Scott Howard Stahler	Jill Denise Bradley
Abbie Nicole Hazelton	F	05-14-03 Brattleboro, VT	Drew Pier Hazelton	Katie Coleman
Carly Rae Lane	F	06-27-03 Brattleboro, VT	William James Lane	Carne Lynn Ferdrickson
Xavier Andrew Schmid	M	07-03-03 Brattleboro, VT	Andrew Xavier Schmid	Pollyanna Lucier
Walker Richard Brown	M	07-10-03 Brattleboro, VT	Steven Allen Brown	Lavinia Jeanne Anderberg
Kristian Spencer Pierson	M	07-26-03 Brattleboro, VT	Albert Charles Pierson	Beth Marie Underwood
Lily Veronica Clark	F	08-24-03 Brattleboro, VT	Christopher John Clark	Laura Molinelli
Andrew Jeffrey Tolbert	M	09-30-03 Brattleboro, VT	Thomas Andrew Tolbert	Becky Sue Ameden
Jessica Evelyn Whittemore	F	10-28-03 Brattleboro, VT	Joshua Calvin Whittemore	Mandy Suezanne Fitzpatrick



Painting by Arlo Munroe



Arlo Munroe

Deaths 2003

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Arthur Edwin Gleason III	M	56	Townshend,VT	Jamaica,VT	4/28/03
Victor H. Szymanski	M	64	Jamaica, VT	Jamaica,VT	7/21/03
Erroll Leighton Lent Jr.	M	79	Townshend,VT	Jamaica,VT	9/23/03
Elvina Rosella White	F	86	Brattleboro,VT	Jamaica,VT	10/8/03
James K. Allen Sr.	M	63	Townshend,VT	Jamaica,VT	11/25/03
Lester Boyden Williams	M	87	Townshend,VT	Jamaica,VT	12/20/03

Burials 2003

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>CEMETERY</u>
Cora M. Torrey	F	102	12/29/02	Wardsboro, VT	Pleasant View
Marjorie M. Perry	F	*	2/16/03	Utica, NY	Pleasant View
Roger W. Crandall	M	*	3/10/03	St.Petersburg,FL	Pleasant View
Arthur Edwin Gleason III	M	56	4/28/03	Jamaica, VT	East Jamaica
Elvina Rosella White	F	86	10/8/03	Jamaica, VT	Pleasant View
James K. Allen Sr.	M	63	11/25/03	Jamaica, VT	East Jamaica
Edward Stukus	M	*	12/19/03	Bennington, VT	Rawsonville

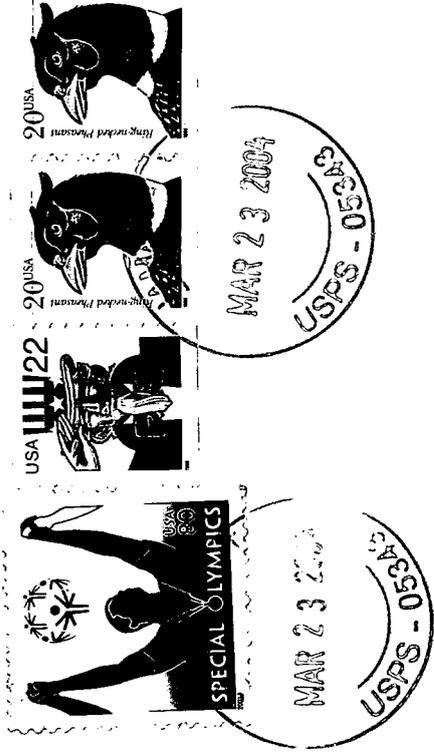
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