

Town of Westmore Vermont

Annual Report

***January 1, 2003 -
December 31, 2003***

NOTICE!!!

POTLUCK DINNER

BRING A HOT DISH or SALAD

TO SHARE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

at

TOWN MEETING @ 10 AM

MARCH 2, 2004

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LADIES AID & COFFEE BY THE TOWN

** Please remember to bring this report to
Town Meeting*****



Your notes

In The Beginning

Why is Vermont, the Green Mountain State so green? To answer this question we must go back some five hundred million years to the Paleozoic Era when our state was all below sea level and heavy deposits of lime, together with sand and mud, were being laid down on the sea floor. This is the lime that now "sweetens" our pastures and makes the grass grow so tall. Fortunately, the rocks of Vermont escaped the very deep burial and baking that made the lime of the rocks in New Hampshire and Massachusetts unavailable to growing plants. And, fortunately, during the great Ice Age, less than a million years ago, the continental glacier scraped over the land, pulverizing the rock over which it ran and spread a thick layer of rich, limey rock flour over the hill slopes and valleys to make our fertile soils. At the same time, the ice carved the deep valleys and steep cliffs of Willoughby Lake.

We can wonder about the first inhabitants of this wild paradise. No traces of prehistoric animals have been found, but we do know from earliest records that panthers, wildcats, foxes, deer and moose roamed the mountain forest and, that very early, trout and salmon were abundant in the streams and lakes. Muskrats and beavers were working along the brooks and ponds. The racoons were early settlers as well as the mink and martens.

We presume the first men to penetrate this wilderness were American Indians. When the entire country was covered with forests, their bark canoes could navigate even narrow rivers. Two early trails came through Northeastern Vermont. One, starting in Canada, came up the St. Francis River to Lake Memphremagog and divided there with one branch following the Clyde to Island Pond; the other following Barton River to Crystal Lake and from there leading over the height of land to the Passumpsic. Along these trails were favorite hunting and fishing grounds of the St. Francis Indians. Willoughby Lake and Willoughby River were doubtless frequented by them.

By the early 1700's, white men were pushing their canoes up the Connecticut at first to hunt and fish, and soon to settle. Young men with growing families needed more land than their fathers' divided acres could furnish.

The push north was in full swing when on November 7, 1780, a grant of 23,400 acres, which was to become the Town of Westmore, was made to a group of 65 proprietors, all men of wealth and influence, headed by Captain Uriah Seymour and Abraham Sedwick. Their names are all listed in Westmore Town Records, but the only name there which is today familiar is that of Nathan Perkins. These grants were made for encouragement of settling the colonies but few of the original proprietors ever settled here and some never saw the land. The Town was chartered on August 17, 1781, first as Westford and later, Westmore, when it was discovered there already was a Westford in Vermont.

The first settlers were six or eight families from Windsor and Orange Counties – young men with a thirst for land of their own. A Michael Patrick Bly is thought to be the first permanent settler in Westmore.

On March 19, 1805, the Town of Westmore was formally organized, and the first freemen's meeting held. Officers elected were; Jabesh Hunter, Town Clerk; Lot P. Woodruff, Jeremiah Cummings and Allen Waite, Selectmen. "Lot" also served as Constable. It is interesting to note that no representatives were sent to the State in these first years as the town thus avoided paying a state tax.

All this was abandoned around 1810 as war broke out between the United States and Britain. All fled to more populated areas. There are no records for about 20 years of Westmore. Until around 1830, the town began to settle again. In 1833 the town was reorganized again. David Wilson was chosen Town Clerk, and John Page was sent as first representative to General Assembly. The legislature then assessed a tax of three cents per acre on all land except that publicly owned for the purpose of making, repairing roads and bridges. Landowners could pay their taxes in labor anytime during June or July by applying to an appointed committee. The only public road at this time was called the Olde County Road, coming from the south past Burke Hollow through Newark, over the hills, northwest through Charleston Center, and west of Seymour Lake into Morgan. A hill road led into Brownington,

This is just a little of early Westmore History~~~~~

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Town Meeting
March 4, 2003

The first town meeting in what we know as Vermont was held on March 31, 1762, in Bennington. Continuing our tradition of active democracy, James Gosnell, our moderator, called to order the Westmore Town Meeting at 10 AM on March 4th with 70 towns' people in attendance. Mr. Gosnell was duly elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

The Town Report and Proposed Budget were accepted as printed..

The following officers were elected for three year terms: Selectman, David Stevens; Lister, Arthur Brown; and Cemetery Commissioner, Randolph Perkins. Auditor, JoAnn Mendrina, was elected for two years. Lister, Annalei Babson, to replace Mona Hinton, Delinquent Tax Collector, Robert Decker, Town Grand Juror, James Gosnell, and Town Agent, Diane Parenteau, were elected for one year terms.

Taxes are to be collected as in the past. The Town voted to have the Selectmen set the Tax Rate after the 2003 Grand List had been completed. The Town voted to authorize the Town Clerk to add people to the checklist when needed, and the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to borrow, if needed, for current expenses.

The Town voted to appropriate the following for Articles 7 -16: \$147,304 for General Funds; \$119,500 for Town Highway systems; \$32,000 for the Equipment Purchase Fund; \$39,500 for Trash/Recycling Pickup; \$8,800 for Sheriff/Security; \$8,000 for the Orleans Fire Department; \$12,000 for the Westmore Firemen's Association; and \$10,000 For the Milfoil Control Project. The selectmen were also authorized to borrow up to but not exceeding \$125,000 for adaptation of the Millbrook Schoolhouse to become a Municipal Building. These funds are needed for matching grants. Ruth Gjessing, a member of the Schoolhouse Committee, explained that grant funds are obtainable through Preservation Grants, USDA Rural Development Grants, and the Community Development Block Grant for Handicap Accessibility. As soon as monies become available, further planning with the architects will allow the project to be put out for bids.

Appropriated for Donations , Articles 18 – 32 were passed for a total of \$3,967.

John Alexander, Chris McCarthy, and Jeremy Duggan addressed their concerns about the Milfoil in Lake Willoughby. They are working on the control of this terrible weed in the Lake. They asked for an increase from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for Milfoil Control which passed. Milfoil can be kept under control by harvesting it whenever and wherever it is found. Now there are two experienced divers spending many hours doing this job. John Alexander thanked everyone who had contributed in any way to milfoil control as it is such an important task and the funds and any worktime donated are most appreciated. The very life of Lake Willoughby depends on control of this obnoxious weed. Anyone interested in helping should contact John Alexander.

The total budget of \$400,390 was passed by the voters. This does not include the School Property Tax to the State which was \$843,670.

Thanks were given the Ladies Aid who were in charge of the Pot Luck dinner. As usual it was delicious with everyone bringing a dish to share and the Ladies providing dessert and the Town providing coffee.

Clerk's Message

Year 2003 was another busy year for recording due to the low interest rates creating a large turnover of home/camp properties and land parcels. At the written request of the Selectmen, the office hours of the Town Clerk will be extended. The Clerk's Office will be open on Friday from 9 to 12 AM and on Monday evening from 4 to 7 PM. Betty Lacoss, assistant Clerk, is working the additional hours. She is also taking classes that pertain to the office: Quick Books, Business Management, etc.

I would like to thank Mary Smith for her many years serving as Clerk's Assistant.

I will be preserving a few more books this year.

At any time the public is invited into the office to see what is going on and how busy it is.

Diane M. Parenteau
Town Clerk/Treasurer

Selectboards' Message For 2003

The selectboard would like to thank members of the schoolhouse renovation committee, Wayne French, Gale Brown and Ruth Gjessing, for work well done. This committee has obtained three grants to help the town convert the school house into a town municipal office building. The board would also like to thank Annalie Babson who worked on writing and administering these grants.

The selectboard would like to thank Dennis and Darcy for many hours of dedicated service to the town highway system.

The milfoil project was carried out by town volunteers and divers. The project retarded milfoil growth for another year. Thanks to all the town volunteers that gave their time to this project.

The town transfer station is well kept and maintained by people employed by the town.

We would like to thank them for keeping it so neat and clean.

We also extend thanks to other employees and volunteers for their time spent doing things to make Westmore a special place to live.

David Stevens
Chairman Westmore Selectboard:

Elected Town OfficialsTerm Expires:

2004	Moderator	James Gosnell
2005	Town Clerk/Treasurer	Diane Parenteau
2004	Selectman	John Alexander
2005	Selectman	Roy Perkins
2006	Selectman	David Stevens
2004	Lister	Annalei Babson
2005	Lister	Arthur French
2006	Lister	Arthur Brown
2004	Auditor	Mildred Davis
2005	Auditor (resigned 2003)	JoAnn Mendrina
2005	Auditor (App't to replace Mendrina)	Mary Lou Cummings
2004	Delinquent Tax Collector	Robert Decker
2004	Cemetery Commissioner	William Julian
2005	Cemetery Commissioner	William Perkins
2006	Cemetery Commissioner	Randolph Perkins
2004	Grand Juror	James Gosnell
2004	Town Agent	Diane Parenteau

Appointed Officers

Road Foreman's Assistant	Darcy Libby
Tree Warden	Roy Perkins
Fence Viewer	Larry Perkins
Fence Viewer	Ellie Hinton
Pound Keeper	Claude Desmarais
Supervisor for NEKWMD	John Badger
Zoning Administrator	Tom Rowden

State Appointed Officers

Town Service Officer	Diane Parenteau
Agent to Deed Real Estate	Diane Parenteau
Fire Chief	Kimball Johnson
Fire Warden	Roy Perkins
Health Officer	Bob Eichler

Town Boards

Board of Civil Authority:

Selectmen
Town Clerk
Justices Of the Peace

Planning Commission/Zoning Board:

Louisa Dotoli - Chair
Anne Alexander -Secretary
Virgil Kovochich
Alan Cole
William Perkins
Arthur French
Sherri Pyden

Justices of the Peace:

Allison Valley
Ruth Gjessing
Judith Miner
Linda Michniewicz
John Alexander

Why are Town Meetings held in March? The month of March can be traced back to England, where most of us came from. The English were using the Julian Calendar, and the first month of that calendar is March. You would naturally want to elect your officers during the first month of the year.

WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Westmore are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Fellowship Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 10 O'clock A.M. to transact the following business.

- ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 2. Shall the Town accept the Town Report as printed.
- ARTICLE 3. To elect the following officers:
- | | |
|---|--------|
| A. Selectman - John Alexander | 3 yrs. |
| B. Lister - Annaleii Babson | 3 yrs. |
| C. Auditor - Mary Lou Cummings | 1 Yr. |
| D. Auditor - Mildred Davis | 3 yrs. |
| E. Delinquent Tax Collector - Robert Decker | 1 Yr. |
| F. Cemetery Commissioner - William Julian | 3 Yrs. |
| G. Town Grand Juror — James Gosnell | 1 Yr. |
| H. Town Agent — Diane Parenteau | 1 Yr. |
- ARTICLE 4. In what manner shall taxes be collected and dates payable.
- ARTICLE 5. Shall the Town have the Selectmen set the Tax Rate after 2004 Grand List has been completed.
- ARTICLE 6. Shall the Town authorize the selectboard to maintain a reserve fund for re-appraisal of the town's grand list properties and maintenance of the grand list.
- ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town appropriate \$62,246.00 Town Office Expense.
- ARTICLE 8. Shall the Town pay the Town Treasurer \$5,500.00 in lieu of fees?
- ARTICLE 9. Shall the Town appropriate \$9,500.00 for Selectboards' Clerk.
- ARTICLE 10. Shall the Town appropriate up to \$10,000.00 for Town Audit.
- ARTICLE 11. Shall the Town appropriate \$13,500.00 for the Lister's.
- ARTICLE 12. Shall the Town appropriate \$123,085.00 for Town Highway Systems.
- 12 A. Shall the Town authorize the selectboard to spend the \$26,202.74 road surplus for the Bald Hill Road Project.
- ARTICLE 13. Shall the Town appropriate \$25,000.00 for Equipment Purchase Fund.
- ARTICLE 14. Shall the Town appropriate \$37,000.00 for Waste Disposal and Recycling.
- ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town appropriate \$19,300.00 for Trash/Recycling Pickup.
- ARTICLE 16. Shall the Town appropriate \$61,968.00 for General Funds.
- ARTICLE 17. Shall the Town appropriate \$3,000.00 for Police and Security.
- ARTICLE 18. Shall the Town appropriate \$12,000.00 for Westmore's Firemen's Association, Inc.
- ARTICLE 19. Shall the Town appropriate \$10,000.00 for the Milfoil control project.
- ARTICLE 20. Shall the Town appropriate \$5,500.00 for Survey of Town Properties.
- ARTICLE 21. The Westmore Cemetery Committee is requesting that the Town of Westmore. appropriate \$2,500 for summer 2004, mowing and trimming the cemetery.
- ARTICLE 22. The Westmore Expanding the Caring Community (E.C.C.) Committee requests \$3,500 from the Town voters to assist with the sustainability of the children and youth activities. Funds will be used to continue the summer activities such as the American Red Cross swimming lessons, the Recreational Program, and the Adventure Camp.

WARNING Cont'd

- ARTICLE 23. Shall the Town of Westmore appropriate the sum of \$500 to assist the Frontier Animal Society of Vermont with its commitment to rescuing, providing care to and finding homes for unwanted pets.
- ARTICLE 24. Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to borrow if needed for current expenses.
- ARTICLE 25. Shall the Town vote to accept Articles 24 — 40 as printed, if not, to vote on each Article seperately. Totaling 3,736.00)
- ARTICLE 26. Shall the Town appropriate \$200 to the Old Stone House Museum.
- ARTICLE 27. Shall the Town appropriate \$50 to Orleans County Court Diversion, (NEKCA)
- ARTICLE 28. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$35 to the Orleans County Citizens Advocacy.
- ARTICLE 29. Shall the Town appropriate \$80 to Vt. Center for Independent Living. (VCIL)
- ARTICLE 30. Shall the Town appropriate \$200 to the NEK Learning Services, Inc.
- ARTICLE 31. Shall the Town appropriate \$50 to Northern Vt. Resource Conservation & Development Council.
- ARTICLE 32. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$200 to Step O.N.E.
- ARTICLE 33. Shall the Town appropriate \$1,500 to the Barton Public Library.
- ARTICLE 34. Shall the Town appropriate \$500 for the Jones Memorial Library.
- ARTICLE 35. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$100 to the Lake Region Senior Citizen Center.
- ARTICLE 36. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$321 to the NEK Human Services.
- ARTICLE 37. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Orleans & Essex V.N.A.& Hospice, Inc.
- ARTICLE 38. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$200 to NVDA.
- ARTICLE 39. Shall the Town appropriate \$50 to the Green Up Vermont.
- ARTICLE 40. Shall the Town appropriate \$50 for Rural Community Transportation.
- ARTICLE 41. To do and transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.
- ARTICLE 42. To Adjourn.

DATED AT WESTMORE, VT. THIS 30th DAY of January, 2004

APPROVED:

/s/ David Stevens
/s/ John Alexander
/s/ Roy Perkins

I hereby certify that the above Warning was duly recorded in the records of the Town of Westmore, Vt. previous to the posting and publication thereof.

Attest /s/ Diane Parenteau, Town Clerk

PROPOSED BUDGET for year 2004

	<u>Voted 2003</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual 2003</u>	<u>Proposed 2004</u>
			<u>Total</u>	
Town of Westmore Office				
Gross Office Salaries/Retirement	45,000.00	53,101.23		
SS/Med	3,500.00	4,035.20		
Health/Disability Ins.	10,000.00	<u>10,487.57</u>		
Total Salaries/SS/Med/Ins Expense			67,624.00	
Office Supplies/etc.				
Office Income Carryover(2003)	0.00	20,924.69		
2003 Office Supplies Expense	0.00	<u>8,413.25</u>		
*Total Available 2004		12,511.44		
Listers				
Carryover for 2003	7,875.64			
State Funds for 2003	4,809.00			
Apropriated	<u>5,000.00</u>			
Gross Salaries	17,684.64	11,261.07		
SS/Med		861.45		
Supplies Expense		<u>1,208.76</u>		
TotalSalaries/SS/Med/Supplies			13,341.28	
Available for 2004	4,343.36			
Town Highway Systems:				
2003 Voted	119,500.00			
State of Vermont Highway Funds	<u>40,041.28</u>			
Total available	159,541.28			
Salaries		67,710.90		
SS/Med		5,196.97		
Health/ Disability		16,596.82		
Road Material/Repair Expense		<u>43,833.85</u>		
2003 Highway Expense			133,338.54	
Available for Highways 2004	26,202.74			
Equipment Purchase Fund	32,000.00		32,000.00	
Transfer Station:				
TS/Waste Disposal/Recycling	39,000.00			
Salaries		12,470.62		
SS/Med		954.47		
TS Expense		<u>30,445.74</u>		
Total TS Epxense		43,870.83		
TS Income/Tipping Fees/ Etc.		7,349.35		
2003 Actual Expense			36,523.43	
Trash Pickup	<u>19,300.00</u>		<u>19,300.09</u>	
proposed budget sub totals	273,300.00		302,127.25	

PROPOSED BUDGET cont'd

	<u>Proposed 2003</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual 2003</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>Proposed 2004</u>
Sub total pg 7	273,300.00		302,127.25	
General Funds:				
VLCT Ins. For Town	0.00	14,000.00		
Office/Schoolhouse Utilities	0.00	5,935.85		
Street Lights	4,000.00	2,542.43		
Special Services	0.00	2,549.24		
Town Reports/Postage	500.00	800.61		
Legal Fees	2,500.00	1,608.41		
County Tax	11,000.00	11,751.28		
North Beach	2,000.00	2,035.03		
Vt. Coalition of Towns	754.00	754.00		
9-1-1	600.00	42.80		
Cat Grader	31,800.00	31,800.00		
Schoolhouse reno for Town Off	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>9,409.01</u>		
Total General Funds	78,154.00		83,228.66	
Security:				
Police and Sheriff	8,800.00		4,192.44	
Westmore Fire Rescue	12,000.00		12,000.00	
Fire/Orleans	8,000.00		8,000.00	
Milfoil Project	10,000.00		10,000.00	
Town Audit				
Survey of Town Property				
Cemetery Mowing/Trimming 2004				
E.C.C. Expanding the Caring Community for Westmore Children & Youth.				
Selectboards Clerk				
School Tax	<u>813,466.00</u>		<u>813,466.00</u>	
Total Budget	1,203,720.00		1,233,014.35	

Treasurer's Report

Year 2003

Taxes Paid in 2003	1,205,806.09
State of Vermont Taxes	12,717.24
Land Use Tax Receipts	11,654.00
Lease Land	5.04
State of Vermont Parcels (Listers)	4,809.00
Delinquent Taxes Receipts	29,320.23
Delinquent Tax Collector Fees 8%	2,334.62
Delinquent Tax Penalties 1&1.5%	2,613.15
State of Vermont Highway Funds	64,189.74
Use of Records	227.00
Copier Fees	589.75
Dog License Fees	365.00
Landfill Tipping Fees	6,926.85
Fish & Wildlife	615.00
Recording Fees	7,465.00
Marriage License Fees	46.00
Reimbursements	205.48
Zoning By-law Books	88.00
Liquor Licenses	550.00
Transfer Station Stickers	230.00
Landfill Closure Documents	5,203.00
Building Permit Fees	839.00
Purchase Cemetery Lots	400.00
Equipment Sales Drott/Truck/	9,801.00
Conditional Use Permits -Bd of Adjustments	300.00
Recycling Bags	192.50
Truck Permits	100.00
Posting Land	5.00
Bog Trail	2,071.07
Cemetery Perpetual Care	100.00
Use of Fax	78.00
Judicial Local Fines	2,371.86
Milfoil Project from State/Fund Raising	19,818.00
Schoolhouse Renovations	<u>275.00</u>
	1,392,311.62
GF Interest	1,898.23
LSB GF	<u>172.21</u>
**Total Revenues	1,394,382.06

Selectmen's Orders/DisbursementsOrders pd 2003

Salaries/Retirement	48,160.58
SS/Med	3,684.23
Selectboard/Secy/SS/Med	3,824.72
Auditor's/SS/Med	1,476.84
BC/BS/EBPT/VLCT	41,809.47
Office Supplies/Maintenance/Expense	6,248.44
Fax/Copier/Computer/	2,164.81
Street Lights	2,542.43
Town Reports/Postage	800.61
Special Services	2,549.24
County Tax	11,751.28
School Tax	813,466.00
Security:	
Fire Rescue/Quick Response	12,035.03
Fire/Orleans	8,000.00
Sheriff	4,192.44
Schoolhouse/Utilities	1,781.49
Delinquent Tax Collector/Decker	2,115.13
Beach	2,035.90
Cemetery Mowing(from CD)/Lot purchase/30,000	33,058.92
9-1-1 Signs	42.80
Vt. Coalition of Municipalities	754.00
Dogs/Vital Records/Fees to State	135.58
Fish & Wildlife/ Fees to State	589.50
Planning Commission	242.67
Donations	3,976.00
Zoning Permits	674.00
Listers' Equipment/Salaries/SS/Med	13,341.28
Milfoil Project	24,892.29
Legal Fees	1608.41
Transfer Station/Salaries/SS/Med	43,698.61
Trash/Recycling Pickup	19,300.06
Landfill Testing from Mutual Funds	4,447.00
Bog Trail from Grant/Donations	1,000.00
Schoolhouse Renovations	9,409.01
Training/Workshops	150.00
Total GF Orders	1,125,958.77
Total Road Orders	146,927.30
Equipment Purchase	125,210.00
Total Orders Disbursed	1,398,096.07

Gross Office Salaries SS/Med
Year 2003

Office:	<u>SS/Med</u>	<u>Salary 2003</u>	<u>Sub Totals</u>
Town Clerk:			
Diane Parenteau	2,374.06	31,033.49	
Retirement	28.25	500.00	
Town Treasurer:	941.09	<u>12,301.78</u>	43,835.27
Assistant Town Clerk:			
Mary Cawley Smith	298.67	3,904.17	
Betty Lacoss	21.7	<u>283.97</u>	4,187.97
Ballot Clerks:			
Ruth Gjessing	5.26	68.67	
Mildred Davis	5.26	<u>68.67</u>	137.34
Auditors:			
JoAnn Mendrina	27.81	363.54	
Mildred Davis	58.67	766.98	
Mary Lou Cummings	18.46	<u>241.83</u>	1,371.90
Selectmen/Secry's/Extra Meetings/SS/Med:			
Roy Perkins	67.60	950.00	
David Stevens	61.20	900.00	
John Alexander	67.60	900.00	
Michele Horton	59.57	778.75	
Ann Alexander		<u>40.00</u>	<u>3,568.75</u>
*Total Office Salaries			53,101.23
Office SS/Med	4,035.20		
Listers:			
Arthur French	414.31	5,415.93	
Arthur Brown	352.40	4,606.71	
Annalei M. Babson	94.74	<u>1,238.43</u>	11,261.07
Delinquent Tax Collector:			
Robert Decker	<u>150.31</u>	<u>1,964.82</u>	<u>1,964.82</u>
*Total Salaries/SS/Med	5,056.96		66,327.12

Transfer Station Salaries

	<u>SS/Med</u>	<u>Salary</u>	
Attendants:			
John Badger Sr.	320.3	4,181.08	
Lawrence Phipps	296.65	3,877.73	
Mathew Stevens	100.83	1,318.03	
Bradley Stone	138.26	1,807.27	
Mark Stevens	<u>98.43</u>	<u>1,286.51</u>	
	954.47	12,470.62	
Total Transfer Station Salaries/SS/Med			13,425.09

Full Time Employees
Year 2003

<u>Position</u>	Town Clerk	Road	Road	Total
	Treasurer	Foreman	Assistant	
Name	Diane Parenteau	Dennis Demarias	Darcy Libby	
Wages	43,335.27	27,955.88	24,816.12	96,107.27
Vacation			485.60	485.60
Overtime		7,003.15	4,180.39	11,183.54
Retirement	500.00	500.00	500.00	1,500.00
Health Insurance	10,090.80	3,447.95	12,581.16	26,119.91
Life/Disability Ins	396.77	287.21	280.50	964.48
FICA	<u>3,353.40</u>	<u>2,712.62</u>	<u>2,293.63</u>	<u>8,359.65</u>
Total	57,676.24	41,906.81	45,137.40	144,720.45

Insurances

Year 2003

BC/BS Employee Insurance	26,119.91
VLCT Town Insurance	15,624.18
EPBT -disability Ins.	<u>65.38</u>
Total	41,809.47

Road Foreman's Report

Equipment Repairs/Supplies	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Totals</u>
White I	275.45	1,232.09	1,507.54
White II	795.08	1,583.39	2,378.47
White II Sander	72.60	0	72.60
Grader	37.44	444.84	482.28
Backhoe	46.71	0.00	46.71
MF Tractor	98.64	28.78	127.42
Screen	1,341.25	0.00	1,341.25
Broom	0	23.00	23.00
Culvert Thawer	25.54	0	25.54
Pick-up Truck	363.38	250.57	613.95
A/C Loader	266.90	25.26	292.16
Chain Saw	225.00	43.77	268.77
White Plow 2	599.64	100.00	699.64
Extra Plows	60.00	0.00	60.00
Drott	28.80	0.00	28.80
Shop Tools	7.59	0.00	7.59
Shop Supplies	810.87	499.02	1,309.89
Road Fuel	3,630.20	2,526.63	6,156.83
Equipment Rentals	0.00	50.00	50.00
CB Antennas	<u>71.95</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>71.95</u>
*Total Equip/Repairs/Supplies Expense	8,757.04	6,807.35	15,564.39
Utilities:			
Electric	780.03	551.15	1,331.18
Phone	<u>281.21</u>	<u>320.23</u>	<u>601.44</u>
*Total Utilities	1,061.24	871.38	1,494.14
Medical - Libby		98.00	98.00
Mileage	59.84	60.80	120.64
Building Maintenance	1,668.58	0.00	1,668.58
Miriam Graves	82.25	148.01	230.26
Gravel/Sand/Chloride	9,066.91	11,086.45	20,153.36
Contract Work	<u>535.00</u>	<u>3,531.00</u>	<u>4,066.00</u>
	11,412.58	14,924.26	26,336.84
* Total Roads Expense	21,230.86	22,602.99	43,833.85

Road Salaries

	SS/Med	Salary	Year 2003
Road Foreman:			
Dennis Demarais	2,712.62	34,959.03	
Retirement:		<u>500.00</u>	
			35,459.03
Road Assistant:			
Darcy Libby	2,293.63	28,996.51	
Retirement:		500.00	
Vacation		<u>485.60</u>	
			29,982.11
Insurance			16,596.82
Road Workers:			
John Badger	5.50	77.76	
Ad Taylor	<u>185.22</u>	<u>2,192.00</u>	
SS/Med/Road Salaries	5,196.97		<u>2,269.76</u>
*Total Roads/Salaries/SS/Med/Ins			89,504.69

Road Account Balance Sheet
as of December 31, 2003

Year 2003

2003 Budgeted for Roads by Town	119,500.00	
2003 State of Vermont Highway Funds	<u>40,041.28</u>	
Total for 2003 Road work	159,541.28	
Total 2003 Road Expense		43,833.85
Salaries/SS/Med/Health/Disability Ins		<u>89,504.73</u>
		133,338.58
Balance for roads 1/1/04	26,202.74	

Paving Funds

2002 carryover for Paving	27,622.65	
2003 State of Vermont paid for blacktop	<u>24,148.46</u>	
2003 available for paving	51,771.11	
2003 cost beach blacktop	<u>30,185.58</u>	
Balance for blacktop 1/1/04		21,585.53

Town of Westmore
Equipment Fund Account

2003 Equipment Purchase of Cat Grader
Vote at 2002 Town Meeting
Article 12 to be left to discretion of Selectboard
as to best way of funding this purchase.

Appropriated Funds 2002:	33,862.00	
Funds: Sale of old Grader	12,500.00	
Applied for State of Vermont Loan at 2%	<u>90,000.00</u>	
Amount available to pay for Cat Grader:		136,362.00

2002 *Total paid for Cat Grader from General Funds 136,362.00

State of Vermont Loan for Cat Grader -90,000 at 2% interest
Payments

1st payment due	2003 to State of Vermont	31,800.00	
2nd payment due	2004 to State of Vermont	31,200.00	
3rd payment due	2005 to State of Vermont	<u>30,600.00</u>	
	**Total Due with Interest		93,600.00

Purchase of New International Truck with Plow & Wing
Purchase price 93,410.00

Unused equipment fund 2002	9,399.91	
Appropriated Funds 2002	15,000.00	
Appropriated Funds 2003	32,000.00	
Sale of Equipment 2003	9,801.00	
Voted to use from Landfill CD	<u>33,000.00</u>	
		99,200.91
Paid Clark's Truck Center for New 2004 International Truck/wing & plow		<u>93,410.00</u>
2003 Bal forward Equipment fund		4,989.91

Inventory of Town Property 2003Estimated Fixed AssetsOriginal CostValue

Town Forest: 57 Acres-Dump/Transfer Station		85,500.00
150 Acres Across from Dump		62,400.00
292 Acres Long Pond Rd/Gravel Pit		138,800.00
60 Acres - Town Forest/Bog		43,900.00
School House		47,300.00
Town Clerk's Office		51,900.00
Town Garage & 1.15 Acres & Fire Station		213,300.00
North Beach Lake Front/Parking Lot		215,000.00
Cemetery		<u>25,200.00</u>
		883,300.00

Town Office Equipment

1992 - 5034 Zerox	7,200.00	3,000.00
2001 Computer/Printer	2,000	1,250.00
2000 Tape Recorder	380.00	150.00
2000 Listers' Equipment/ Computer/Printer/Etc	5,170.00	1,800.00
Miscellaneous Office Equipment	1,500.00	<u>750.00</u>
		6,950.00

Town Road Equipment

1972 Kentucky Van Trailer	3,000.00	400.00
1990 GMC White I	43,000.00	10,000.00
2004 International Truck/plow/wing	93,410.00	80,000.00
1990 White II Everest Plow	2,900.00	750.00
International Plow		500.00
1968 Bucket Loader AC645	12,000.00	8,000.00
1975 MF 165 Tractor	800.00	4,500.00
1995 White I Sander	4,750.00	800.00
Vee Plow	600.00	600.00
2 Plow Frames	1,900.00	1,900.00
2 Portable Sand Screens	7,000.00	7,000.00
2 Tow Chains @ 150 each	300.00	300.00
3 Pair Grader Chains	1,450.00	1,500.00
3 Pair Truck Chains	505.00	250.00
AC Welder & Mig Welder	2,000.00	<u>1,700.00</u>
	Sub Total	118,200.00

Cont'd

Inventory of Town Property cont'd

<u>Town Road Equipment</u>	<u>Original Cost</u>	<u>Value</u>
Balance forward town road equipment		118,200.00
Mowing Machine	1,500.00	500.00
Rock Rake	945.00	200.00
1992 Broom Sweeper	567.30	500.00
1998 PTO 25,000 Watt Generator	1,600.00	1,600.00
2 Chain Saws new Stihl	225.00	225.00
Floor Jack	0.00	500.00
Acetylene Torches & Helmets	315.00	200.00
Air Compressor/Hose & Tools	750.00	250.00
1 Heavy Duty Battery Charger	485.00	200.00
5 FM Radios,Antennas/1 Portable	2,400.00	1,000.00
2001 Steam Cleaner		2,500.00
1991 Bolt Bin	70.00	70.00
1998 Gasoline Water Pump	250.00	200.00
1991 File Cabinet	25.00	25.00
1991 Desk	50.00	50.00
Tow Behind Grader	1,000.00	1000.00
2 Pr Loader Chains (new)	1,000.00	750.00
2002 1 Sears Floor Jack	100.00	100.00
2001 Cat Grader (with Wing)	136,362.00	136,362.00
Other Small Tools	2,307.00	<u>2,307.000</u>
Total Road Equipment		266,739.00
Total Office Equipment		<u>6,950.00</u>
Total Town & Road Equipment		273,689.00

Westmore Property Valuation 2003

<u>Category</u>	<u>Value</u>
Residential	15,911,448.00
Mobile Homes	327,900.00
Vacation	42,661,603.00
Commercial	4,727,300.00
Farm	1,535,951.00
Woodland	275,005.00
Miscellaneous	5,100,590.00
Utilities	<u>594,600.00</u>
Total	71,134,397.00

Church Properties

<u>Property</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Value</u>
Community Church/LF/Memorial Park	6.07	200,000.00
Mary Theotokos Center, Inc.	145	110,400.00

State Owned Property

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Location of Property</u>		<u>Assessed Value</u>
Fish & Wildlife	Job's Pond Access	0.86	15,100.00
Fish & Wildlife	Long Pond Access	0.25	29,100.00
Fish & Wildlife	Willoughby River Stream Bank		1,200.00
Fish & Wildlife	Westmore Rearing Station	2.00	14,800.00
Fish & Wildlife	Bald Hill Wildlife Area	215	86,800.00
Fish & Wildlife	Brown's Pond Access	0.35	3,600.00
Fish & Wildlife	Bald Hill WMA & Access	16.55	6,200.00
Forest/Parks & Recreation	Willoughby State Forest		
	Mount Hor & Mount Pisgah	2,179.72	1,073,100.00
Forest/Parks & Recreation	Sentinel Rock State Park	330	245,700.00
5A Fishing Access		0.25	11,600.00
Bald Mountain		<u>290</u>	<u>78,800.00</u>
		3,034.98	1,566,000.00

Statement of Taxes

		<u>Year 2003</u>
Real Estate Valuation	71,134,397.00	
Total Taxes Billed		1,238,518.00
Paid to Treasurer		1,205,806.09
Delinquent Tax Receipts/Penalties		34,268.00
Lease Land		5.04
Land Use Tax Receipts		11,654.00
State of Vt. Tax Receipts		<u>12,717.24</u>
Total		1,264,450.37

Tax RateTax Rate

2001	2.17
2002	1.55
2003	1.73
2004	1.75

Tax Breakdown 2004

General Funds	0.22
Transfer Station	0.08
Roads	0.26
Schools	<u>1.19</u>
Total	1.75

Town of Westmore

Balance Sheet

as of December 31, 2003

Asset Accounts:

Checking Account Balance	394,483.09
Landfill Closure CD	98,440.43
Perpetual Care CD	31,080.99
Town Municipal Properties	883,300.00
Inventory of Town Equipment	266,759.00
Inventory of Office Equipment	6,950.00
Delinquent Taxes Owed	<u>24,961.27</u>
Total Assets	1,705,974.78

Town of Westmore Indebtedness \$61,800.00

LPL ACCOUNT

Month	Cemetery CD	Landfill CD	Mutual Funds	LSB General Fund
Beginning Balance 2003	\$33,418.73	\$139,746.04	\$347,009.86	
Withdrawal for 2002		5,203.00		
January	\$88.44	\$306.06	\$88.62	\$7.35
February	\$98.14	\$333.79	\$27.89	\$2.32
March	\$39.39	\$138.19	\$26.37	\$0.30
April	\$49.78	\$172.02	\$396.97	\$1.29
May	\$48.00	\$165.39	\$37.94	\$0.75
June	\$60.62	\$201.75	\$24.23	\$2.39
July	\$2.94	\$11.81	\$1,231.62	\$4.84
August	\$2.67	\$10.74	\$14.37	\$18.02
September	\$96.67	\$3.72	\$8.14	\$17.82
October	\$0.17	\$0.26	\$5.82	\$74.65
November	\$0.17	\$0.26	\$11.75	\$34.35
December	<u>\$0.27</u>	<u>\$0.40</u>	<u>\$24.51</u>	<u>\$8.13</u>
Interest Earned 2003	\$487.26	\$1,344.39	\$1,898.23	\$172.21
Withdrawal's for the year 2003	\$2,925.00	-\$37,447.00	-	
Deposits for the year 2003	100.00		\$212,575.00	
Total Ending Balance	\$31,080.99	\$98,440.43	\$394,483.09	

North Beach

Year 2003

Expenses:

Electric	100
Taplin -Septic System	260.00
Supplies	55.00
Maintenance-Jones(Labor)	<u>1620.00</u>
Total	2,035.00

Milfoil Control

Balance as of 12/30/02	9,282.12
State Funds/Fund Raising	19,568.00
Appropriated 2003	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total Available 2003	38,850.12
Milfoil control Expense	<u>24,856.83</u>
Balance as of 12/30/03	13,993.82

Cemetery Fund

1999 Appropriation (Carryover)	20,000.00
2001 Appropriation (Carryover)	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total Funds Available 2002	40,000.00
Purchase of Cemetery Lot 2003	<u>30,000.00</u>
2003 balance	10,000.00

Perpetual Care CD

Balance as of 12/30/02	33,418.73
Interest 2003	487.26
Perpetual Care Fees	<u>100.00</u>
Total	34,005.99
Expenses Mowing	<u>2,925.00</u>
Balance as of 12/30/03	31,080.99

Landfill CD

Landfill Balance 1/1/03	139,746.04
Transfer for Testing 2002	5,203.00
2003 transfer to GF (purchase New Intern'l Truck)	<u>37,447.00</u>
Balance after transfers	97,096.04
2003 Interest	<u>1,344.39</u>
Balance Landfill CD	98,440.43

Millbrook Schoolhouse Renovation

for Municipal Offices

2003 Town Appropriation	25,000.00
Expenses	<u>9,409.01</u>
Balance	15,500.99

Delinquent Taxes Statement as of Dec. 30, 2002

Robert Decker, Delinquent Tax Collector

Year	Received for Collection	Collections	Abated	Balance
97 thru 02	997.54			997.54
2002	19,225.59	20,223.13	0.00	
2003	<u>34,057.37</u>	<u>9,097.10</u>	0.00	
	54,280.50	29,320.23	0.00	24,960.27
2002 & 2003	1&1.5 %	2,613.15	Int.to town	
2002 & 2003	8% penalty	<u>2,334.62</u>	to Delinquent Tax Collector	
Remitted to treasurer		34,268.00		

Delinquent Taxes as of
October 21, 2003 to Dec. 30, 2003

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
John & Mary Bacon	1,005.57
Linda Bailey	10.74
Joseph Bienkowski	571.54
Richard F. Brown Jr.	130.69
Mary Bushey	1,418.40
Paul & Sally Carr	928.75
Mark E. Collins	2,334.95
Charlie & Melissa Delouch	1,244.15
Stephen Dube	1,479.38
David B. Filkoff	1,526.43
Florence Gebhæ Robert & Maureen Fitzpatrick	665.64
Baun & Buich Ford	723.14
Michael Gallup	475.71
Florence Gebhart	85.75
Raymond & Lai William&Justine Gubitose/Demarkey	1036.79
Norman LaCross	174.25
Steve & Kathy Lewis	381.61
Raymond & Laura McMillen	296.23
Kenneth & Kathleen Mitchell-Eby	153.2
Walter Myers Walter Myers	881.70
Joseph & Sue Lynn Pattison	2,096.23
Paul R. Rossi	1,003.68
Tom Rowden - Julie Levri	1,566.51
Edwin & Elizabeth Schlotzhauser	1,730.31
Steven Werenchuk	764.96
Robert & Arlene Willis	747.53
Seth & Heather Rowell	<u>1,526.43</u>
*Total owed as of December 30,2003	24,960.27

Report of Dogs Licensed
by Town Clerk

2003 61 Dogs were licensed by the Town Clerk

All dogs six months of age or older shall annually on or before April 1, be licensed. Rabies certificates must be signed by a duly licensed veterinarian.

RABIES ALERT

Rabies is a disease that can kill animals and people.
Vaccinate your pet!

- *Vermont Law requires rabies shots for all CATS and DOGS.
- *Rabies shots help protect pets and pet owners from rabies.
- *Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance, Remember, rabid animals have been found in ALL Vermont Counties.

Questions? Call the Vermont Rabies Hotline
1-800-4-RABIES
(472-2437)

Vermont Department of Health*Health Surveillance Division
PO Box 70 Burlington, Vt. 05401

Bog Trail Account
Privately Funded
& Grant

Balance as of 1/1/03	1,454.96
Private Funds given 2003	2,071.07
 Total Funds Available	 3,526.03
Disbursed 2003	<u>1,000.00</u>
Balance 12/30/03	2,526.03

Vital StatisticsMarriages

Edward Arthur Randall to Joyce Elaine Bickford.....2/13/03
Michael Scott Roberts to Dana Marie Ledher.....9/11/03

Births

Tucker William Baker to Jodi Lynne Morril Baker.....3/23/03
and William Clarence Baker
Annalise Elizabeth Collins to.....6/28/03
Christina Marie Thomson Collins
and Mark E. Collins
Samantha Jo Hinton to Tammy Lee Joslyn Hinton.....11/05/03
and Burton Eugene Hinton

Deaths

Pascal Eugene Poe.....Age 71.....4/19/03
Erland Gjessing.....Age 92.....1/30/03

Summer Residents

Mary Wilkinson.....Age 71.....5/05/03
Ruth Miles Frost.....Age 100.....12/21/03

Listers' Note

The Listers' continue to work on the Tax Maps. Tax Maps are mandated by the State of Vermont. Old Deeds are difficult to understand – creating difficulties and/or problems in getting the maps right. It is the hope of the Listers' to complete the Tax Maps project this year. Annalei Babson has all materials recorded to date. Anyone wishing to see the Tax Maps should feel free to stop in at the Listers' Office in the Millbrook School when they are open and take a look.

Arthur Brown

Arthur French

Annalei Babson

HEALTH OFFICERS' REPORT

For 2003

- *9 water tests were taken in July and August at the North Beach in 3 different areas. All tests came back with favorable results.
- *1 septic problem and a potential problem were investigated and resolved.
- *3 dog bites were reported and handled.
- *I attended a Town Health Officer Training in Oct. on SARS and Environmental Protection Rules on Wastewater Systems.

Bob F. Eichler
Town Health Officer

Auditors' Report

In accordance with the Vermont State Statutes (24 VSA 1683, 1684) we have examined and audited the financial records of the Town of Westmore, Vt., for the period of January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003. To the best of our knowledge and ability we found the financial accounts presented to us were in order and correct. Auditing all Select Orders & Financial Statements were not done on a quarterly basis in year 2003. Following Town Meeting in March, Auditor, JoAnn Mendrina had health problems needing treatment. When returning in late August she was not able to continue as an Auditor. Another Auditor, Mary Lou Cummings was appointed to serve. Auditing began in November. Because all transactions are logged in the computer it didn't take long to do the 1st three quarters bringing us up to date. However, when it is possible, quarterly audits are best... Our Town Clerk, Diane Parenteau, continues to find ways to facilitate making our auditing easier to perform. We trust this report presents to you a clear and precise picture of the Town of Westmore's Financial Accounts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mildred Davis

Mary Lou Cummings

Westmore Fire - Rescue
Year End Report - 2003

Westmore Fire-Rescue has had a very successful year both in terms of fire service 911 responses and in the writing and receiving of grant funds at the state and federal levels. We had a total of 23 E911 fire calls. We went to Orleans and Barton 7 times under Mutual Aid and we received Mutual Aid help 3 times.

The words of the Westmore Selectboard ring more true today, than when they were spoken back in January 2001. One of the requests from the Selectmen was that we should be very aggressive with financial assistance from outside resources. That request has been met in a big way. Since our founding, Westmore Fire -Rescue has successfully written and received approximately \$200,000 in grants. We will continue to be aggressive with our grant writing because the current grant atmosphere could diminish greatly over the coming years. If this happens, we want WFR to be one of the best-equipped fire departments in the Northeast Kingdom.

2003 was a very successful year for grant writing. We received \$10,280 from USDA Rural Development Grant for a pump rebuild on Engine 2; \$11,000 from Homeland Security for a thermal Image Camera; \$3,000 from Homeland Security for a Dual Band Mobile Radio and \$108,000 from FEMA/US Fire Administration Fire Act Grant for a brand new 2004 Kenworth Pumper-Tanker.

WFR purchased an air cascade system for refilling our air bottles. We hope to write a grant in 2004 that will allow us to buy an \$11,000 air compressor. This unit will allow us to fill our firefighting air packs and we will also be able to refill the air bottles of the Milfoil project divers free of charge.

WFR financially supports our Emergency Medical First Responders. 19 Emergency Medical 911 calls were responded to by Westmore Emergency Medical First Responders. We have been awarded a \$1,000 grant to purchase an Automatic Heart Defibrillation Unit. We need to work on protocols for its use before we implement its use in the community.

Our town meeting appropriations and proceeds received from our annual donation letter and our many fundraisers have allowed us to match these grants.

WFR assisted the Westmore Road Crew with the flushing of culverts. Fire Dept volunteers provided many hours of work with repairs and rework of the town garage woodstove and went to Montpelier 3 times to get parts.

We are pleased with the continued support and backing of the residents of Westmore. WFR is becoming a service that is larger than just fighting fires.

We hope to share our pride with our commitment to you. New volunteers are always welcome, our department is growing!

The 2003 \$12,000 fire department appropriation was expensed as follows: \$792.00 workers compensation; \$3,256.00 Insurance; \$7,427.50 Supplies and Radios; \$2,056.76 clothing.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kimball Johnson
Westmore Fire Chief

Millbrook Schoolhouse Renovation for a Town Clerk's Office

**Report from the Committee working on the
Relocation of the Town Municipal Offices.**

The Committee working on the adaptation of the Millbrook Schoolhouse for town office space is pleased to report the progress since the March, 2003 Town Meeting. First we would like to thank everyone for your support and enthusiasm for the project. It is the overall confidence as well as the financial support authorized at the 2003 Town Meeting that has benefited the town when it came to the grant applications.

We have received one grant of \$30,000 from the Freeman Foundation through the help and recommendation of The Preservation Trust of Vermont. We have also received a USDA federal grant of \$30,000 to be used toward handicap accessibility. A third grant of \$50,000 from the federal government, a Community Facilities Grant, which is considered to be a "completion" grant and will be available when the above two grants plus borrowed money authorized at the last Town Meeting (up to \$125,000) have been used.

The committee and the architect feel we have enough money to cover the project if there are no major cost overruns.

At the recommendation of the committee the selectboard has authorized NVDA to oversee these grants. This is done at no cost to the town. We are fortunate to have a Westmore resident, , Annalei Babson, an employee of NVDA, working on this project in a professional capacity.

As of the writing of this update ads have not been placed asking for bids. This is expected to happen before the first of February. The permitting process is well underway. We will have further updates to present at the March Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Your Committee

Gail Brown
Wayne French

Diane Parenteau
Pamela Prue

Ruth Gjessing

Orleans County Sheriff's Department

2003 Report

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department provided patrol services to your Town during 2003. Through your financial support, the Sheriff's Department provided 174 hours of Patrol in the Town of Westmore and documented the following services:

1. Calls for Service: 8
2. Motor Vehicle
 - a. Warnings: 27
 - b. Vt. Traffic Complaints: 26
3. Arrests: 0

The Sheriff's Department is seeking a 3% increase over last year's appropriation. We have been able to contain most of our costs of doing business this year, with the exception of escalating health insurance premiums. The increase we are asking for will cover the above plus a cost of living adjustment in Deputies salaries.

The Sheriff's Department also has new programs to offer your community this year. With the support of area businesses, we can offer a Child Identification Packet that is done professionally and maintained by the parents at no cost. We have also started a job shadowing experience for students that may be interested in a career in Law Enforcement. Interested students should contact their guidance counselors to arrange a job shadow. We hope to add more programs in the future that are of interest to your children and would welcome suggestions from you.

We appreciate your support and look forward to serving your community in 2004.

Respectfully Submitted
Lance A. Bowen,

Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation

To: Roy M. Perkins,
Westmore Fire Warden

Thank You for your good work in fire control activities in Vermont.

The 2003 fire season proved to be a wet one keeping fire occurrence low. As usual, the majority of fires occurred during the spring keeping you busy monitoring fuel conditions and the weather and issuing permits. After greenup, plenty of rain kept fuels wet for the rest of the season in most parts of the state. We have received 101 reports of fires that burned nearly 100 acres for the 2003 fire season.

TOWN OF Westmore: 0 FIRE(S), 0 ACRES BURNED, NUMBER OF REIMBURSEMENTS SUBMITTED: 0

H. Breton Teillon, Chief of Forest resource and Protection
John St. Arnauld, Forestry Specialist
Tess Greaves, Protection Administrative Assistant

Vermont Coalition of Municipalities

Annual Report - 2003

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.

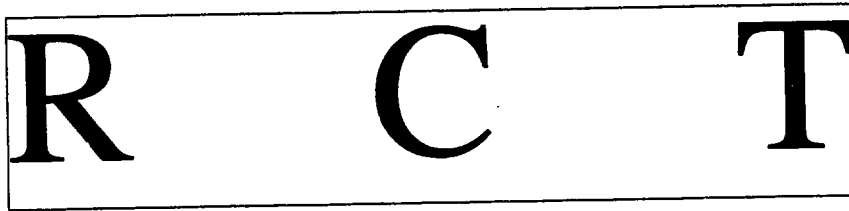
In a letter to all legislators in May of 2003, we stated the following reasons for our opposition to the changes in the reform legislation because it still retained many of the onerous features that were a part of Act 60 such as:

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

As noted above, there continues to be serious problems with the state system of financing the 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 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



Rural Community Transportation

Rural Community Transportation
Mary E. Grant
492 Bay Street, Suite One
St. Johnsbury, Vt 05819

RTC has been providing service in your community for over ten years.

RTC is a nonprofit corporation providing transportation to the elderly, handicapped and disabled in your community through volunteer service. The drivers are reimbursed at the rate of .36 cents per mile for the use of their vehicles. RTC coordinates the trips and reimburses the drivers every two weeks for all trips received. RTC has provided nineteen (19) trips for residents of the Town of Westmore for the past year. With level funding from the state for over five years and the increased requests for service, RTC needs your help.

We hope you will be able to assist us with this request and we look forward to working with you.

If you have further questions, please call Carole-Ann Mastroianni or Nicole Bartlett at 802-748-8170.

Cordially,

Mary E. Grant
Executive Director
RTC

Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District
2003 Report for Town of Westmore

The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District provides many services for the town of Westmore. Most people know us as the recycling center on Church Street in Lyndonville, but we are much more than that. Materials such as used motor oil, fluorescent bulbs, hazardous waste, electronics, scrap metal, and lead-acid batteries are also accepted year round, and hazardous waste is collected during the summer.

The 2003 recycling rate for the Town of Westmore was 13%. Every ton of trash costs approximately \$100, while recycling costs the town much less. Therefore, as residents recycle more the town can lower its overall waste management costs.

A household hazardous waste collection was held in Westmore this past summer. Thirty-three households used this collection to dispose of unwanted materials. The NEKWMD also runs a household hazardous waste collection through the summer months at the Lyndonville recycling center. This is open to residents and conditionally exempt generator businesses from all NEKWMD towns. The Westmore transfer station collects unused motor oil, fluorescent bulbs, lead-acid batteries, and propane tanks from residents. These are brought to the NEKWMD facility for proper disposal.

The money for the NEKWMD budget comes from the sale of recyclables (20 %), State Grants (3%), hauling fees (8%), miscellaneous fees and income (9%), and a surcharge on every ton of trash disposed of from NEKWMD towns(60%). This surcharge is dropping from \$21.50 to \$21.00 for 2004—this is the fourth year in a row that the surcharge has dropped. Residents of the Town of Westmore paid less than 1% of the District budget in 2003, based on hauling fees and surcharge.

We are looking forward to a full slate of events during 2004. The hazardous waste depot will be open from June 1 to October 1 by appointment. A hazardous waste collection is planned in Brighton on Monday, August 2nd from 10am to 1 pm—Westmore residents are welcome at this location. Clothing drop and swaps are scheduled for April 9–10 and September 10–11 at the Fenton Chester arena in Lyndonville—these events have grown in popularity over the last two years, and we now regularly send 2/3 of the clothing collected back into community for reuse.

Please give us a call at 626-3532 with any questions, comments, or waste management issues that you have. We can also be reached by e-mail at progmgr@nekwmd.org or on the web at www.nekwmd.org.

Thank You and happy recycling!

Enhanced 911 Board Report

Statewide System Operations

The following information is from the period 1 January 2003 to 30 November 2003.

Total 911 Calls Handled Systemwide Wire Line 113,763 Wireless 60,374

Total Abandoned Calls System-Wide Wire-Line 15,464 Wireless 3,656

Average Call Answer Time System-Wide 5 seconds

Average Call Duration System-Wide 1 minute 54 seconds

The Vermont E-911 system continues to perform within established benchmarks.

The Enhanced 911 Board operates ten 911 call answering points, known as Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP). They are located at the Springfield Police Department, the Hartford Police Department, the Montpelier Police Department, the Lamoille County Sheriff's Office, the Saint Albans Police Department, the Shelburne Police Department, and the State Police Barracks at Williston, Rutland and Rockingham and Derby to be operational by Jan 2004.

E 9-1-1 ADDRESS Confidentiality

In 1996, the General Assembly passed a law requiring Towns that created new street addresses for enhanced 9-1-1 to provide a confidentiality option to residents.

This option allows residents to prevent their names from being linked with their new street addresses in municipal public records, such as the Grand List. If you choose to exercise this option, you are required by law to provide the Town Clerk with an alternate mailing address, such as a Post Office Box. Copies of the "Confidentiality Option Form" and instructions are available at your Town Office or on the internet @www.state.vt.gov/911. Your Confidentiality Option Form is not a public record and is exempt from disclosure under the Public Record Law, Town officials are required to preserve your privacy.

STATE OF VERMONT ENHANCED 9-1-1 Board

<http://www.state.vt.us/e911/CallVolumeTCV-03-911-Board-Report.htm>*

The Westmore Expanding the Caring Community

Over the past year the Westmore Expanding the Caring Community programs and activities have been a huge success as in the past years. We have offered the traditional swimming lessons, holiday parties, and the Recreational Program and even added a new element called Adventure Camp. Each was attended and enjoyed by children, youth, and adults.

The Willoughby Lake Swimming Lessons provided by the American Red Cross was a huge success. This long tradition of providing swimming instruction to children ages 4 – 13 attracted 36 children. Each and every participant swam with an instructor for 40 minutes a day for 10 days.

The Summer Recreational Program offered a wide variety of activities for children ages 4 – 11. During the two week activities the children were able to visit and learn about Lake Willoughby's Milfoil Project and learn why this is such an important element to our lake and community. They were also visited by a Search and Rescue dog to learn about how dogs can and do assist with rescuing lost or injured people perhaps on some of our local mountains. The children were also able to learn about Native Americans through a visit from the Clan of the Hawks. Besides hikes and guests, the children also participated in a hike to the Bog, daily arts and crafts activities, creative movement activities and other fun outdoors activities and games. The children ended their two week recreational experience by creating all of the props and practicing very hard to perform a play called *Anansi and the Moss covered Rock* in the annual Westmore Variety Show. They worked very hard on this and provided a great performance for such young aspiring actors!

As usual the committee also arranged and held the annual holiday(Halloween and Christmas)parties. Both events, as in the past, were successful and attended by children and adults. Due to the terrible weather and having to reschedule, the Christmas Party had low attendance, but all enjoyed the wonderful pot luck dinner and the stockings that "Santa" had dropped off for each child.

A new element to our taditional programs was a program called the Adventure Camp. Youth ages 11-15 attended a week long session of hiking and kayaking. The participants, despite some down pours, had a great time and have expressed a great interest in participating next year.

The committee is also making new plans for activities and programs for the up coming new year. We hope to be able to sustain current programs and activities and are applying and researching a variety of grant opportunities to assist with the financial aspect of providing these activities. We are also hoping to be able to provide two sessions of the Adventure Camp so that the ages and experience levels could be highlighted. We hope to be able to have an introduction session for the youth who have not participated in the past where basics will be taught and then a second session for the past participants who may not need the basics and are ready for a little more of a challenge.

Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.
2003 Annual report Summary

The Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization serving Essex, Caledonia and Orleans Counties. It is organized and directed by local citizens who believe that Human Services should be cost effective and responsive to the needs of our local communities.

The State of Vermont contracts with NKHS to provide a broad range of services to individuals with severe and persistent mental illness, children with severe emotional disturbance and their families, and individuals with developmental disabilities including mental retardation and autism. Services are also offered to individuals with alcohol and drug problems by the Tri-County Substance Abuse Program, a division of NKHS.

NKHS provides emergency and out-patient services to individuals with various, less severe social, emotional and psychological problems. To the extent that these services are subsidized by state and local dollars, NKHS provides the services on a sliding fee scale based on the person's ability to pay.

Our Annual Report details the services we provide, and is available free of charge by calling (802) 334-6744, or by writing to NKHS, PO Box 724, 154 Duchess St., Newport, Vt. 05855.

Your appropriation is especially important to the delivery of our programs and services because it demonstrates community support and financial assistance. We greatly appreciate your interest and support.

FY 2003 SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF WESTMORE

PERSONS SERVED ____ 10 ____

Kathleen C. Hemmens, MSW
Executive Director

William Gardyne
President, Board of Directors

NVDA

True to our mission, Northeastern Development Association (NVDA) worked hard during the past year to meet the economic development and planning needs of the region's municipalities and businesses. 2003 was our 53rd year of dedicated service to the people of the Northeast Kingdom.

Many of our projects were regional in nature and therefore benefited every single Community in this region. A good example of this is the unmet transportation needs survey, which gauged the gap between the availability of and the need for transportation services in the Northeast Kingdom.

We also continued to provide essential technical services to town and city officials.

This work included: conduction transportation studies and traffic counts; preparing, reviewing and commenting on municipal planning documents; certifying Municipal Plans; and preparing GIS maps. NVDA also continued to offer reliable and knowledgeable grant writing and grant administration services to a number of towns.

NVDA provided the Town of Westmore with preparation of a USDA Rural Development grant application, Traffic Counts, responded to the Town's request for RPC approval of their Town Plan, and provided Technical Assistance Zoning bylaws, zoning administration, and officer appointment.

On the economic development front, the Charles E. Carter Business Resource Center in NVDA's St. Johnsbury-Lyndon Industrial Park was near completion at the end of the past year. The Business Resource Center provides warehousing and manufacturing space, as well as a technical & industrial training facility.

As in the past, in 2003 we continued to work closely with the Small Business Development Center to create and retain jobs throughout the Northeast Kingdom. To cite a few examples: assisted Easton Hockey/EHM Production in with a tax credit application, which will assist in 60 jobs within a few years; we helped WT Solutions in St. Johnsbury to purchase industrial sewing equipment and to find a facility, thereby creating 50+ jobs; and we helped Chebe, a bread manufacturer in Orleans to locate a production facility. NVDA also continues to work with Ethan Allen on the company's long term needs.

Companies that NVDA assisted in the recent past include MSA Gallet in Newport, which continues to grow and receive contracts for its high quality helmets from the US Army; and Bogner of America, also located in Newport, which has diversified from being solely a garment manufacturer to a warehouse and distribution center for some large clothing companies.

Four business loans were approved from our revolving loan funds in 2003. NVDA also added a technical assistance grant program in order to help small Businesses with a variety of projects. We approved twelve grants for small businesses in eight communities. Projects included marketing plans, patent applications, Act 250 application assistance and an architectural design.

We look forward to continue serving you in 2004, and we appreciate your much needed support.

Sincerely,
Steve Patterson, Executive Director

ORLEANS – ESSEX VNA & HOSPICE

The Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice have served your community since 1969. We are a non-profit home care agency whose mission is to provide services to every individual in need. Our dedicated staff works with clients, their families, physicians, and other area providers to ensure that people receive the care they need while maintaining their independence and their ability to remain in the comfort of home. Your continued commitment to us enables us to continue our commitment to the community.

I want to thank you for your past financial support, it has been greatly appreciated. As you know, last year we were able to reduce the amount of our request due to a positive performance for the previous two fiscal years. However, as we predicted last year, the reductions in reimbursement imposed by Medicare have caused us to fall back to a less optimistic bottom line. Some of this can be attributed to the \$192,436 in free services we provided last year. We are asking the voters for an appropriation to help defray some of this cost and allow us to continue to provide all of the services required in your community.

It is important to remember that OEVNA&H is unlike other non-profit organizations who work with a fixed budget – they are aware of how much money they have to spend before they provide services. Our budget is based on actual payment for services rendered and we are not compensated if there is no payment source. In fact, since we began providing services we have provided over \$825,000 worth of free care. Our budget for the upcoming year is based on projections from prior years, but if our projections fall short, so do our revenues.

If you have any questions in regard to our request or would like to discuss services provided to your community, please do not hesitate to contact us. Again, we thank you for your generous support and look forward to serving your community in 2004.

Regards,

Nancy L. Warner,
Executive Director

NEKCA

Court Diversion is a community response to first-time juvenile and adult offenders. A Review Board comprised of community residents reviews the cases after offender has met certain program criteria. The Review Board designs a contract, which specifies the conditions of the offender's participation. If the offender satisfactorily completes the contract; the State's Attorney dismisses the charge. A contract typically includes an apology and restitution to the victim, community service and other remedial, educational, or corrective services. Approximately 87% of those referred to Court Diversion successfully complete their contracts. In addition, Diversion is cost effective; it takes far less money to process a case through Diversion than through Court, and the Diversion process is controlled by community people with vested interest in making sure there are not repeat offenses.

One (1) Westmore resident participated in the Diversion Program.

Your support at Town Meeting is vital to the continuation of the program.

Sincerely

Stephanie R. Bowen
Diversion Coordinator

Northern Vermont Resource Conservation & Development Council

On behalf of the Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council, we hope this letter finds your community closing out a good 2003 and anticipating a hopeful 2004. Being an organization with region-wide responsibility we are not able to petition each of the 113 towns within our area, so we ask that the small amount be included in the Selectboard's Budget.

The Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development Council is a 28 year old network of volunteers dedicated to identifying problems and designing solutions which fit the needs of its own communities. RC&D is a unique program that helps people care for and protect natural resources in a way that will improve the area's economy, environment and living standards. We serve our clients by coordinating and facilitating technical and financial assistance to local communities and others, who initiate, sponsor, plan and implement projects.

Technical assistance through the RC&D is available, at no cost to the community. We would be glad to look at the problems and challenges your community is facing and work together to find solutions. We are glad to be a part of the Rural Fire Protection Dry Hydrant Grant Program, Agritourism, Better Backroads Grant Programs and Natural Resources Education initiatives which have had significant impact on communities in Northern Vermont this past year. Eligible projects cover many different areas including: community development; improvements to infrastructure and water quality; park and recreation; and development of a diversified forest agriculture industry. The RC&D can also assist with finding financial resources and grant requests to carry out planned projects.

Please consider this letter your invoice and feel free to contact us with your ideas. By working together we can arrive at solutions which will improve our communities. For more information please call Beth Ann Finlay our Co-ordinator (802) 828-4595
or e-mail beth_ann.finlay@vt.usda.gov

Respectfully
Christine Kaiser, Chairperson

Orleans County Citizens Advocacy

Year after year, season after season, we continue life's journey....

We the board of Orleans County Citizens Advocacy, hope your journey in 2003 was enriching, and we extend the best wishes for the coming year.

Citizens Advocacy of Orleans County continues to initiate and support relationships between people with disabilities and people from all walks of life who make a voluntary commitment to respond to their individual needs. This relationship fosters both people providing an opportunity for sharing one another's gifts. We are completing our fourteenth year, making Orleans County a better community for all. We all benefit from living in a county that values, empowers, respects and hears all people.

We are able to do this important and valuable work without any federal or state funding. We rely upon the faithful support of people like yourself during our annual fundraisers: Glover barn sale, Echo Lake Road Race, Century Bike Tour, town appropriation and this letter drive. People who believe that every person's life has inherent value and worth.

Blessings on your journey in 2004

Barb Delizio President

Green Up Vermont
Green Up Day, May 3rd 2003

Thirty years strong, "Green Up Day" is a special day when Vermonters clean and spruce up their communities. We are the first state in our nation to designate a day for such clearing of the entire state. Working together, we can keep our unique Green Up spirit growing for Vermont. Green Up Vermont is the non-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 2002, using some 30,000 Green Up bags collecting over 200 tons of trash, piles of mixed metals and tires. Green Up Vermont arranged for 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 Vermont's unique tradition of annually, 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 about 15 percent of our budget. The rest comes 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 help keep Green Up growing for Vermont.

The Old Stone House Museum

The Orleans County Historical Society owns and operates the Old Stone House Museum, a regional history museum in the Brownington Historic District. The Museum and Lawrence Barn are open for guided tours from May 15 to October 15. The Alexander Twilight House, home of the first African American college graduate, which serves as The Museum's Visitors' Center, is open year-round.

The Prospect Hill Observatory is open to the public from May 1 to November 1. The Society's research library and archives are open year-round and are available by appointment. Orleans County residents receive an admissions discount at the Museum. Each year the Museum sponsors a series of public events, including the Northeast Kingdom History Fair, the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Show, Time Travelers Day Camp, Heritage Craft Classes, as well as lectures, concerts and school-related programs. This year's Old Stone House Day, the Museum's annual summer event, on August 15, 2004 will feature craft demonstrations, children's activities, a farmer's market, live music, and the Museum's open house. The event is free and open to the public.

Students from around Orleans County will be involved in a variety of the Museum's educational programs this year, including a history fair, in-depth historical research projects, educational kits, programs by re-enactors, and classroom speakers. The Society continues to offer two field days for area school children, which include craft demonstrations and old-time activities as well as week long history-based day camp. For more information on any of the Historical Society's programs or to learn about becoming a museum volunteer, please call 754-2022 or write Old Stone House Museum, 28 Old Stone House Road, Brownington, VT 05860

Barton Public Library

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Barton Public Library. The Board of Trustees and library patrons wish to thank the taxpayers of the Town of Westmore for their generous support in past years. This support has enabled the library to expand services and programs of great benefit to the community. The various programs offered by the library continues to serve many Westmore patrons.

Accordingly, the Board of Trustees requests that the Town of Westmore once again consider an appropriation for the benefit of the Barton Public Library at its annual meeting to be held March 2, 2004

Very truly yours,
Dale Shaffer
President, Barton Public Library
Board of Trustees

Jones Memorial Library

The Jones Memorial Library provides services to approximately 3,978 people. 262 are from the Town of Westmore.

We wish to bring to the attention of the voters that, because of rising costs, lower interest rates and the rapid depletion of our trust fund, we need your continued support in order to continue the present and future service to the people of Westmore.

We thank the Town of Westmore for its past support in 2003. Please continue to support us in 2004 so that we may continue to serve the people of Westmore as we have in the past.

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees

Irene Badger, Chair
Judith Pettingil, Treasurer
Jean Alexander
Theresa Kelley

Doris Kennison
Priscilla Tinker
Dorothy Willard
Mary Smith , ex officio

Lake Region Senior Citizens

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

Our fiscal year runs January 1st to December 31st . We estimate our budget for the year 2004 to be \$25,000. Without the support of the surrounding towns and villages we would not be able to continue operating.

We serve from 25 to 50 dinners on Wednesdays and Fridays to Seniors from Orleans and the surrounding towns and villages.. We have a Birthday Dinner once a month with entertainment. We also have Card Parties every Thursday night.

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.

We are the Northeast Kingdom Adult Education and Literacy program (formerly Adult Basic Education). We provide on-demand home and learning center educational services to Westmore residents as well as to almost anyone in Caledonia, Essex or Orleans counties over the age of sixteen who wants to improve basic education skills. The program has full service learning centers in Newport and St. Johnsbury, and part-time centers in North Troy, Island Pond, Hardwick and Lyndonville, and home tutors who travel everywhere in the three counties. As always, demand for adult basic education services remains very high. In 2003, we provided over 19,000 hours of direct instruction to 948 students. We are currently serving 213 adults who are working on a GED or high school Diploma. Some of our other students are studying for the Commercial Driver's License, or working to improve job readiness or job skills. Our Drop Out Recovery program which allows adults to earn a competency based high school diploma at no additional cost to the high school continues to grow in popularity. We now have 7 people in the program and last year 3 earned their diploma. We also have seen an increase in GED testing. Your support of the Northeast Kingdom Adult Basic Education and Literacy program will be helpful to us during the coming year. Our town monies are vital. Town funds are used for many program purposes. They have help us pay the rent for our learning centers and offer our students higher quality and more comprehensive instructional resources. Over the years, town funds have helped us purchase workbooks, instructional supplies, reference materials and instructional software. We hope you will continue your support of the Northeast Kingdom Adult Basic Education program.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
William V. Crenshaw
Executive Director

STEP O.N.E.

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

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

In 2003 Step O.N.E. provided thousands of units of service to victim/survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Orleans and Northern Essex counties. Each new incident of violence requires a minimum of 6 hours of staff time to aid the victim/survivor. We depend on local support to provide the immediate help that victims and survivors need. On behalf of the victim/survivors of domestic and sexual violence, Step O.N.E. staff and volunteers thank you for your past contributions. We ask for your consideration of this year's request: please help us continue to provide free services.

Respectfully

Debra Zimmerman

Director of Step O.N.E. Programs

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 how to access tools and services to live more independently. We also conduct public education and systems change activities that produce the full inclusion of disabled people in community life.

An estimated one in five Vermonters has a disability. VCIL, a not-for-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 disability. We provided one-on-one peer counseling to 342 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and life opportunities; provide 405 households with financial and technical assistance for making their bathrooms and entrances accessible to a disabled family member; provided over 340 with personal assistance and/or assistive technology; 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 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 of Vermont.

During FY 2003, VCIL provided direct services to Vermonters, utilizing the following service programs:

1. Information & Referral
2. Home and Community Access program.
3. Meals on Wheels (people with disabilities under age of 60)
4. Peer Advocacy Counseling
5. Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program
6. Sue Williams Freedom Fund

To learn more about VCIL, call toll-free at 1-800-639-1522

DATES TO REMEMBER

TOWN MEETING.....	First Tuesday in March
DOG LICENSES.....	On or Before April 1st.
SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS.....	Every other Tuesday 6 pm (Starting 3/11/03)
WESTMORE ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING.....	Thursday May 2, 2002 5pm
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS.....	Mon 9am -12noon 1pm 7pm Fri 9am -12noon
WASTE STATION & RECYCLING CENTER.....	Summer Starts May 25 Tue & Sat 8 am - 1 pm Winter Starts Oct 16 Sat only 8 am - 1 pm
TRASH PICK-UP.....	Summer Starts May 25 Tue & Sat Starts at 7 am Winter Starts Oct 16 Sat only Starts at 7 am
RECYCLING PICK-UP.....	Summer June 3 Thur 8am Every other Thurs Winter Starts Oct. thru May 7 am 1st Thur each month

REPRESENTATIVES

Orleans District 4

REPRESENTATIVE	(IND) Bernie Sanders
U.S.SENATOR	(D) Patrick Leahy
U.S. SENATOR	(IND) James Jeffords
STATE SENATOR	(R) Vince Illuzi
STATE SENATOR	(R) James Greenwood
STATE REPRESENTATIVE	(R) William "Bill" Johnson

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE..... 525-3007
TOWN TREASURER..... 525-3007
TOWN CLERK'S HOME..... 525-3468
EMERGENCY/AMBULANCE/POLICE/FIRE..... 9-1-1
HEALTH OFFICER - ROBERT EICHLER..... 525-4063
FIRE WARDEN - ROY PERKINS..... 525-3021
Zoning Administrator - Tom Rowden 525-3371
POUND KEEPER - CLAUDE DESMARAIS..... 525-3733
TS/RECYCLING - JOHN BADGER..... 467-3838
WESTMORE TOWN GARAGE - DENNIS DESMARAIS..... 525-4708
SCHOOL HOUSE -YOUTH..... 525-3235
LISTERS..... 525-3235
SHERIFF..... 334-3333

*The CHRONICLE is USED for ALL TOWN NOTICES/ADS

SELECTMEN

DAVID STEVENS
ROY PERKINS
JOHN ALEXANDER

525-3830
525-3021
525-3136

Town of Westmore
54 Hinton Hill Road
Orleans, Vt. 05860



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Montpelier,
Vermont 05602