

ANNUAL REPORT 2003

**Town of Orwell, Vermont
For the Year Ending
December 31, 2003**



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Please bring this report with you to
Town Meeting,
Tuesday, March 2nd • 10:00 a.m.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

FIRE/FIRST RESPONSE - 911

POLICE - 911 or /388-4919

Animal Control - Justin Allen - 247-8716 *Health Officer* - Virginia Wilson - 948-2258
Forest Fire Warden - Allen R. Alger, Sr. - 948-2212

IMPORTANT ORWELL DATES

March 2, 2004	Town Meeting Day
March 26, 2004	Rabies Clinic at the Fire House 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dogs can be licensed at the clinic
April 1, 2004	2004 Dog License Deadline - On or before
April 30, 2004 April 30, 2004	Liquor License expires Tobacco License expires
May 1, 2004	Green-Up/Clean-Up Day
April 24, 2004	Hazardous Waste Collection 8 a.m. to Noon Town Garage Area
May 29, 2004 May 29, 2004	Opening Day at Mount Independence Early Bird Nature Walk - 7:00 a.m.
May 30, 2004	Memorial Day Parade
June 12, 2004	What They Carried & Why: A Soldiers Kit in the Revolution 2:00 p.m.
June 12-13, 2004	Vermonters Weekend - Free Admission to all Vermont State Historic Sites
June 13, 2004 June 20, 2004	Bluebird House Workshop - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Daughters, Sons & Children of the American Revolution Day - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
July 3 to Sept 4, 2004 July 24-25, 2004	Saturday Afternoon Hikes into History - 1:00 p.m. Soldiers Atop the Mount - 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
August 16, 2004	Bennington Battle Day - Free Admission
September 25, 2004	Kid's Archaeology Day - Special Activities 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
October 11, 2004	Closing Day at Mt Independence Visitors Center
November 10, 2004	Property taxes due to Town Treasurer

Please Note: more dates and programs will be announced later, please call for details 802-948-2000

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Kitty Hall*

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Auditors' Report

February 4, 2004

The undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Orwell, Vermont have examined the accounts and reports of the various town officers and organizations for the 2003 calendar year. We declare them to be correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

The financial statements submitted herewith represent fairly the financial positions of the Town of Orwell for the year ended December 31, 2003. The Town of Orwell prefers to operate on a cash rather than an accrual basis. To the best of our knowledge there are no outstanding expenses or receipts unaccounted for.

There is no estimated tax rate report for 2004. The figures for "local school tax", "statewide school tax" and "grant" monies are unavailable at this time. Business Manager, Laura Jakubowski, has advised that these figures may become available by Town Meeting in which case we will do our best to put together a separate paper and have it available at that time.

The reports and projects presented by various social service agencies have been accepted as is without further consideration or inspection. We view the requests by the 60 Plus Club and St. Paul's similarly. Copies of the various agency reports are available at the Town Clerk's office and will also be provided at Town Meeting.

We thank all the people who have helped make our town government work over the past year(s) and encourage all of you to become active participants in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Rowland
Jeanette Wilcox
Susan James

Auditors, Town of Orwell



Courtesy Cristy Alger

TOWN OFFICERS 2003

MODERATOR	Michael R. Audet
TOWN CLERK	Susan Ann Arnebold
TOWN TREASURER	Mark S. Young
TOWN AGENT	Louis Hall
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS	Mark S. Young
TOWN SCHOOL DIRECTORS	
Diane Amsden	Term Expires 2004
Marcie Hoenes	Term Expires 2004
Peter Bonvouloir	Term Expires 2005
Carol Murphy	Term Expires 2005
Brian E. Toomey	Term Expires 2006
UNION HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTORS	
Richard O. Buxton, Jr	Term Expires 2005
Julie Rigby	Term Expires 2006
SELECTMEN	
Walker E. James	Term Expires 2004
Paul A. Stone	Term Expires 2004
Roland "Ted" Simmons	Term Expires 2005
Carla Ochs	Term Expires 2005
Paula Barnes	Term Expires 2006
AUDITORS	
Susan James - Appointed	Term Expires 2004
Jeanette Wilcox	Term Expires 2004
Karen S. Rowland	Term Expires 2005
LISTERS	
Harold Peck	Term Expires 2004
Cheryl Tudhope	Term Expires 2005
Albert Savage	Term Expires 2006
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	
Joan Dundon Carlyle	Term Expires 2004
Juliana Danyew	Term Expires 2005
Edith Thompson	Term Expires 2006
Julie Tumminia	Term Expires 2007
Kenneth Van Hazinga	Term Expires 2007

Hester Phelps
Carole Trickett

Term Expires 2008
Term Expires 2008

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Thomas Pinsonneault
Gloria Schulte
Barbara LaDuc
Stephen Buxton
Stephen James

Term Expires 2004
Term Expires 2005
Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2007
Term Expires 2008

GRAND JURORS

Matthew Barnes
George Trickett

FIRST CONSTABLE

Louis Hall

SECOND CONSTABLE

Allen R. Alger

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Richard O. Buxton, Jr.
Walker E. James

Barbara LaDuc
Frances Stone

Joseph Taparauskas

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Edward Payne

LIBRARIAN

Hester Phelps

HEALTH OFFICER

Virginia Shaw-Wilson

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Justin Allen

TOWN SERVICE OFFICER

Marion Christian

TREE WARDEN

Jeffrey Scott Disorda

ORWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF

Louis Hall

FIRST RESPONSE RESCUE SQUAD

Peter W. Ochs

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Arlene Disorda
Gioia Kuss
Thomas Purdy, Sr.

Andrew Dregallo
Andrea Ochs
Miles Tudhope

David King
Charles Peak, Chair
Richard Ullom

WARNING

THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF ORWELL, VERMONT, ARE HEREBY WARNED TO MEET AT THE TOWN HALL IN SAID ORWELL, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2004, AT 10:00 A.M., TO TRANSACT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS: PLEASE NOTE: The vote under Article One will be by Australian Ballot. The Polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at the Orwell Town Hall.

1. To Elect all Town Officers as follows by Australian Ballot:

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|--|---------------------|
| 1 Moderator for one year | Michael R. Audet |
| 1 Town Clerk for one year | Susan Ann Arnebold |
| 1 Town Treasurer for one year | Mark S. Young |
| 1 Town Agent for one year | Louis Hall |
| 1 Trustee of Public Funds for one year | Mark S. Young |
| 1 Town School Director for two years | Matthew Barnes |
| | Diane Robie |
| 1 Town School Director for three years | Marcie Hoenes |
| 1 Selectman for three years | Walker James |
| 1 Selectman for two years | George D. Bathgate |
| | R. Craig Hall |
| | Paul A. Stone |
| | Susan James |
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| 1 Auditor for two years | Harold Peck |
| 1 Auditor for three years | Joan Carlyle |
| 1 Lister for three years | Thomas Pinsonneault |
| 1 Library Trustee for five years | Matthew Barnes |
| 1 Cemetery Commissioner for five years | --- |
| 3 Grand Jurors for one year each | --- |
| | Louis Hall |
| 1 First Constable for one year | Allen R. Alger |
| 1 Second Constable for one year | |

2. To act on the report of the Town Officers submitted by the Auditors.

3. To act on the report of the Board of Trustees of the Ethan M. & Eliza T. Wright Memorial Library, Inc.

4. Will the voters of the Town of Orwell appropriate funds for the following town projects (each item to be voted separately)?

- A. \$7,500.00 for the operating expenses of the Ethan M. & Eliza T. Wright Memorial Library for 2004?
- B. \$1,200.00 for the purchase of books and materials by the Orwell Free Library?
- C. \$150.00 for St. Paul's Cemetery in order to defray a portion of the 2004 maintenance costs?
- D. \$1,800.00 for the 2004 operating expenses of the Orwell Parade Committee?

- E. \$750.00 for the Sixty-Plus Club of Orwell, funds to be used to defray the costs of operating said club for the Senior Citizens of the Town of Orwell?
 - F. Authorize the Select Board to add to the reserve fund to be utilized by the Board for the sole purpose of defraying the cost of purchasing highway equipment, specifically loader, grader or trucks and fire and rescue vehicles, as provided by 24 VSA §2804, to be authorized by the voters, in the amount of \$15,000.00 for 2004?
 - G. \$1,500.00, money to pay part of the cost of the handicap ramp at the Wright Memorial Library building?
 - H. \$4,777.73 with interest to pay off the balance of the note for the 1997 First Response rescue truck?
 - I. Authorize the expenditure of up to \$45,000 to purchase land on Sunset Lake and Sunrise Lake to be jointly owned with the Town of Benson, the funds to be raised by grants, financing and/or town funds, for the purpose of establishing a recreation area?
5. Will the Town of Orwell vote to have the Treasurer collect taxes on real property on or before November 10, 2004.
 6. Will the Town of Orwell vote delinquent taxes and delinquent sewer rents to have an 8% penalty charged against them and a 1% interest that will be charged for each month or fraction of a month on all delinquent taxes and sewer rents [32 VSA §5136]?
 7. Will the voters of the Town of Orwell vote to conduct the next annual municipal meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2005, per 17 VSA §2640? (Election of Town Officers by Australian Ballot will be on Tuesday, March 1, 2005. See Article One.)
 8. Will the voters of the Town of Orwell vote to accept the proposed 2004 Budget for the Town, such amount to be raised by taxes?
 9. Will the voters of the Town of Orwell accept the proposed 2004 Sewer Budget, such amount to be raised by user rents?
 10. Will the voters of the Town of Orwell appropriate funds for the following Social Services projects (each item to be voted separately)?
 - A. Hospice Volunteer Service \$225.00, funds to be used to provide volunteer care to terminally ill patients in the Town of Orwell?
 - B. Champlain Valley Agency on Aging \$1,000.00, funds to be used for Meals on Wheels, Case Management, Transportation and toll-free Senior HelpLine?
 - C. Elderly Services Inc. \$400.00, funds to be used for Project Independence Elderly Day Care Center scholarship fund, to provide care for frail elders and respite for their families?

- D. Parent/Child Center \$1,250.00 be used to support classes, transportation, infant care, and family education services used by town residents?
 - E. Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc. \$1,250.00, funds to be used to help pay part of the cost of providing mental health care to town residents?
 - F. Addison County Community Action Group, Inc. \$975.00, funds to be used to help pay part of the cost of providing emergency services (other than shelter), job training, and affordable housing to town residents?
 - G. John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc. \$625.00, funds to be used to help pay part of the cost of providing emergency shelter to the homeless?
 - H. Addison County Women in Crisis now known as WomenSafe \$350.00, funds to be used to support their mission to reduce physical, sexual and emotional violence against women and their children through direct service, social change and education?
 - I. Vermont Adult Learning \$495.00 to support adult education services?
 - J. Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc. \$ 1,392.50?
11. To transact any other business which may legally come before the Town.

Signed and dated at Orwell, Vermont on this 26th day of January 2004.

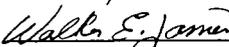
Orwell Select Board



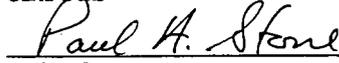
Paula Barnes



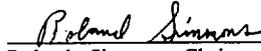
Carla Ochs



Walker James



Paul A. Stone



Roland Simmons, Chair

**ABSTRACT OF GRAND LIST
2003 TAX RATE**

Total Listed Value of Real Estate		\$65,182,327.00
1% of Real Estate	TOTAL GRAND LIST	651,823.27

VOTED AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED BY TAXES

Wright Memorial Library	\$7,500.00
Orwell Free Library	1,200.00
St. Paul's Cemetery	150.00
Orwell Parade Committee	1,800.00
Sixty Plus Club	750.00
Highway Equipment Fund	15,000.00
Town Truck Purchase	17,000.00
Select Board Budget	357,668.41
Addison County Hospice	200.00
Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	1,000.00
Elderly Services	400.00
Parent Child Center	1,250.00
Addison County Counseling Service	1,200.00
Addison County Community Action	975.00
J. W. Graham Emergency Shelter	625.00
Addison County Women in Crisis	300.00
Vermont Adult Learning	495.00
Addison County Home Health	1,750.00

TOTAL TOWN	<hr/>	\$409,263.41
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STATE EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX		810,267.00
LOCAL SHARE PROPERTY TAX (Act 60)		283,375.00

TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAX BILLING	<hr/>	1,502,905.41
Payment -State Lands		-2,000.00

Total to Be Raised By Taxes	<hr/>	\$1,500,905.41
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TAX RATE = <u>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX BILLING</u> = 1,500,905.41 = 2.31	
TOTAL GRAND LIST	651,823.27

Grand List 2003	651,823.27		
Grand List 2002	647,614.65		
Grand List 2001	631,014.52		
Tax Rate 2003	2.31	Town .63	School 1.68
Tax Rate 2002	2.15	Town .50	School 1.65
Tax Rate 2001	2.07	Town .51	School 1.56

Respectfully submitted,
Mark S. Young
Town Treasurer

**TOWN OF ORWELL
2003 STATEMENT OF FUNDS**

Balance December 31, 2002	\$28,201.44	
Agency of Natural Resources	3,294.40	
Beer/Liquor Licenses	110.00	
Book Restoration Surcharge	1,954.00	
Borrowings	421,070.00	
Bridge #3	11,680.00	
Bridge #4	2,875.00	
Clean Up Day	1,104.00	
Collector/Collected Taxes	73,039.61	
Penalties	5,677.22	
Warrant Int.	2,821.30	
Copier Fees	2,135.29	
Dog Licenses	1,580.00	
Equipment Fund Transfer	15,108.37	
Clerk Fees	12,209.00	
Grand List Act 60	780.00	
Grand List Reappraisal Act 60	4,680.00	
Insurance Refund-Workers Comp.	1,698.82	
Interest Income	43.67	
Milfoil Grant Income	34,087.00	
Misc. Income	466.12	
Payroll Account Income	428.80	
PILOT Payment State Property	1,804.00	
Reappraisal Fund Transfer	44,845.17	
Refunds	77.30	
Reimbursement- Sewer Fund Ins.	1,250.00	
Reimbursement- Fire Dept.	2,703.00	
Rental Income Town Garage	1,950.00	
School Fuel- Diesel	6,900.92	
State Highway Aid	125,568.68	
State Hold Harmless	36,166.00	
Tax Receipts Total	1,440,823.32	
Zoning Fees	2,889.00	
Transferred to School District		1,093,642.00
Payment of Borrowings		249,000.00
School Land Leases		48.85
Payment of Selectboard Orders		866,672.60
Line Items Paid		55,786.00
Bank Fees		174.00*
Balance December 31, 2003		24,697.98
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	\$2,290,021.43	\$2,290,021.43

*Refund of \$150.00 made January 2004

Respectfully submitted,
Mark S. Young
Town Treasurer

Town of Orwell
Act 60 Reappraisal Fund
December 31, 2003

Balance December 31, 2002	\$44,525.36	
2003 State Payment Received	4,680.00	
Interest Income Savings #9755	319.81	
Transfer to General Fund		\$49,525.17*
Balance December 31, 2003		None
	\$49,525.17	\$49,525.17

*From Reserve Account 44,845.17
From State To General Fund 4680.00

Respectfully submitted,
Mark S. Young
Town Treasurer

ACT 200 ACCOUNT
2003

Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 2002	\$6,972.18	
Parcel Mapping Expenses		1,500.00
Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 2002		5,472.18
	\$6,972.18	\$6,972.18

Respectfully submitted,
Mark S. Young Treasurer

SELECT BOARD REPORT 2003

The Town of Orwell continues to be served by many dedicated and hardworking people. These are the volunteers, employees and elected officials that work for the best interests of our community every day. The Orwell Select Board thanks the many dedicated citizens that serve our local government and make Orwell special. These are always opportunities to serve if you are interested or to come to our meetings and tell us what we can do to meet your needs.

The Listers, Cheryl Tudhope, Chair, Albert Savage and Harold Peck, have spent extra time this year working with the appraisal firm the Town hired to develop the 2004 Grand List as mandated by the State. The work has gone very well and should be completed before the expected time.

The Reappraisal Reserve Fund	\$ 44,845.17 and
Grant List State 2003 annual payment under Act 60 of	<u>4,680.00</u>
Totaled	\$ 49,525.17

We were billed \$61,261.20 in 2003 for work completed under contract, so we expended \$11,736.03 more than anticipated or available in 2003. The extra work the Listers did saved Orwell considerable money and should give the Town a very accurate appraisal.

Our roads and highways seem to see more use every year. In 2003, a section of Mount Independence Road was looked at to be improved. The asphalt surface was inspected by the VTrans and 2 paving and resurfacing companies. Their recommendations for the long term best repair was to reclaim the road, add more base, improve the ditches, replace culverts as needed and put a new surface on when this work was completed. A State highway paving grant was awarded to the Town of Orwell for this road improvement. The work was completed in October of 2003 but the State money will be paid to Orwell in 2004. Thus, the extra expenses in 2003 under Highway Improvements for gravel and paving will be repaid in 2004. [See under Select Board, General Fund, Income sheet, State Paving Grant 2003 payment due - \$67,644.21.]

The Select Board tax anticipation note of \$100,000 in 2003 was carried to 2004 by delayed payment of the State Paving Grant and the early reappraisal completion and thus early billing:

State Paving Grant	\$ 67,644.21
Reappraisal unanticipated billing	11,736.03
Budget Balance Forward	<u>24,697.98</u>
Total	\$103,958.13

The Highway Department got numerous requests for more timely plowing, sanding, grading, road repairs, etc, so the Select Board hired Dean Hanson for winter road work to provide the service and reduce overtime expenses. In April 2003, Dean Hanson was hired full time to provide three men. This was to make more use of Town equipment to ditch, cut brush and do other summer chores of road and equipment maintenance.

The Federal Government is requiring all salted sand piles to be covered for water quality considerations. To meet the requirements and to establish a cost figure for the budget next year,

an engineering study has to be done. This will evaluate Orwell's particular requirements and needs and may help to keep the total cost of what needs to be constructed down. This expense is estimated to be up to \$15,000 and is included in our Select Board budget under Town Garage.

The First Response Squad had the opportunity to upgrade their vehicle by purchasing a much newer vehicle from Middlebury Ambulance. The price of \$27,500 was met by \$2,500 from the First Response savings and by a \$25,000 note taken by the Town with Select Board approval. The First Response raised about \$10,000. Along with the sale of the old vehicle [\$11,000] a payment on the note was made in December. Under Article 4-H. of the 2004 Warrant, the First Response is asking the Town for support to pay the remainder of the note.

The Sewer Plant operated with no major problems in 2003 under Ruth M. James able supervision. Ruth James management of our treatment plant is rated excellent by State inspectors. The roof of the main building was replaced in September, a scheduled maintenance item. We were able to reduce the note on this facility by \$12,500 in 2003.

In October the Benson Select Board asked the Orwell Select Board if there was interest in having a recreational property owned by both communities in the Sunrise-Sunset Lake area. A small private property parcel was up for sale. The Benson Select Board asked if the Orwell Select Board would be willing to explore the possibility of having a recreational area available for use by citizens of both communities, to be run by an intermunicipal committee. An agreement was reached with the property owner and the Select Board plans to present this information to the Town at Town Meeting for discussion under Article 4-I.

CLEAN UP DAY – GREEN UP DAY IS SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2004

The Select Board **THANKS** the following Green Up/Clean Up/Day Helpers for 2003
Cindy Watrous, Willy Savage, Allen R. Alger
Select Board members and all the school/youth groups.

You did a splendid job!

The Town will be accepting scrap metal free of charge and for a small fee spring cleaning type trash. Look for the fliers that will list particulars including prices.
NO REGULAR HOUSEHOLD TRASH, HAZARDOUS WASTE OR RECYCLING WANTED.

This is a wonderful way to keep our Town looking beautiful.

Cindy Watrous and Willy Savage will coordinate Green Up Day. Please continue to help them by being Volunteers for this Town-wide and State roadside cleanup.

Cindy and Willy will be glad to sign you up at Town Meeting!

Orwell Select Board 2003

Paula Barnes
Walker E. James
Carla A. Ochs

Paul A. Stone
Roland "Ted" Simmons, Chair

TOWN OF ORWELL - INCOME

CATEGORY	2003	2003	2004
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Balance Forward	28,201.44	28,201.44	24,697.98
Agency of Nat'l Resc-F&W	1,000.00	3,294.40	3,000.00
Animal Control	200.00	0.00	0.00
Beer /Tobacco Licenses	110.00	110.00	110.00
Book Restoration Fees	1,000.00	1,954.00	1,500.00
Bridge #4 Insur Pay't		2,875.00	
Bridge #3 State Grant		11,680.00	
Clean-up Day	700.00	1,104.00	900.00
Copier Fees	2,500.00	2,135.29	2,200.00
Delinquent Penalties		5,677.22	
Delinquent Tax Collected, Past Yrs	35,000.00	28,622.89	25,000.00
Delinquent Tax Collected, Current Yr		44,416.72	
Delinquent Tax Interest	1,000.00	2,821.30	1,000.00
Dog Fees	1,700.00	1,580.00	1,600.00
Equipment Fund Transfer		15,108.37	0.00
Fees	8,000.00	12,209.00	11,000.00
Fire Dept Reimburse - Radios		2,703.00	
Grand List- Act 60-Lister	751.00	780.00	780.00
Grand List- Act 60-Reappraisal		4,680.00	1,800.00
Interest Income	200.00	43.67	0.00
Land Use Release	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc. Income	0.00	466.12	0.00
Payroll Acct., Health Insurance	0.00	428.80	0.00
Pilot Payment	1,000.00	1,804.00	1,800.00
Planning Grant Wage Reimbursement			
Reappraisal Fund Transfer		44,845.17	
Refunds		77.30	0.00
Rent, Old Town Garage	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,800.00
School Fuel Reimbursement, Diesel	5,000.00	6,900.92	6,000.00
Sewer - 2002 Insurnace Reimbursement		1,250.00	0.00
State Highway Aid	120,000.00	125,568.68	125,000.00
State Hold Harmless Payment	25,000.00	36,166.00	35,000.00
State Paving Grant 2003			67,644.21
Tax Receipts	357,668.41	291,395.32	456,874.66
WC Payroll Reconcile		1,698.82	0.00
Zoning Fees	3,000.00	2,889.00	2,500.00
Borrowings *see Schedule of Indebtness			
Tax Anticipation		349,000.00	
Mack 2004-2nd Payment		47,070.00	
Rescue Truck Note		25,000.00	
TOTAL INCOME	593,980.85	1,106,506.43	770,206.85
 Milfoil Grant Money	 15,833.00	 34,087.00	
	<u>609,813.85</u>	<u>1,140,593.43</u>	<u>770,206.85</u>

TOWN OF ORWELL - EXPENSES

CATEGORY	2003	2003	2004
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Ambulance	1,836.00	1,836.00	1,909.00
Animal Control	1,000.00	920.83	1,000.00
Bank Service Charge	24.00	174.00	24.00
Book Restoration	3,200.00	3,114.61	3,200.00
Books-Land Records	500.00	500.00	600.00
Books-Land Records Microfilm	300.00	220.00	300.00
Cemeteries	7,200.00	5,940.00	7,200.00
Clean-up Day	6,000.00	3,879.37	5,000.00
Dues and Fees	11,000.00	11,701.02	12,000.00
Election Fees		250.00	750.00
Fire Department			
ACFA/ASFA Dues	400.00	364.00	400.00
American Tower Rent			450.00
Building Maintenance	500.00	981.32	500.00
Electricity	750.00	800.08	800.00
Equip Vehicle Repair	5,000.00	4,798.88	5,000.00
Equip Purchase	3,500.00	2,033.57	3,500.00
Fire Extinguisher	250.00	50.30	200.00
Heat-Propane	1,500.00	1,266.93	1,500.00
Insurance	4,000.00	4,307.00	4,300.00
Radio Repair	500.00	293.00	180.00
Sewer Rent		90.00	180.00
Telephone	500.00	554.93	500.00
Training	500.00	180.00	500.00
Total Fire Department	17,400.00	15,720.01	18,010.00
First Response			
American Tower Rent			450.00
Dues	200.00	240.00	200.00
Electricity	250.00	266.69	250.00
Equip Vehicle Repair	4,250.00	3,818.15	750.00
Equip Purchase	750.00	1,092.31	1,500.00
Heat - Propane	450.00	374.49	450.00
Insurance	2,300.00	2,050.00	2,500.00
Oxygen	650.00	579.78	650.00
Personnel - Health	300.00	0.00	300.00
Radio Repair	500.00	67.50	500.00
Sewer Rent		90.00	180.00
Supplies	750.00	682.12	750.00
Telephone	550.00	554.88	550.00
Training	1,000.00	729.98	1,500.00
Total First Response	11,950.00	10,545.90	10,530.00
Fuel	15,000.00	17,984.35	19,000.00
Gasoline		79.05	300.00
Health Insurance	8,500.00	10,527.02	13,000.00

	2003 <u>BUDGET</u>	2003 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2004 <u>BUDGET</u>
Highway Improvements			
Bridge #3	14,600.00	14,600.00	
Brush Cutting	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Chloride	26,000.00	24,340.50	26,000.00
Culverts	10,000.00	7,510.86	10,000.00
Ditching	10,000.00	3,010.00	5,000.00
Equipment Rental	1,000.00	310.00	1,000.00
Gravel	55,000.00	64,749.61	65,000.00
Mowing	5,500.00	5,000.00	5,500.00
Paving	30,000.00	85,686.71	30,000.00
Salt, for Winter	25,000.00	33,670.84	34,000.00
Sand, for Winter	28,000.00	29,454.60	30,000.00
Signage		807.90	500.00
Snow Removal	2,000.00	2,172.50	2,000.00
Stone	5,000.00	5,106.00	5,000.00
Training	500.00	600.00	750.00
Total Highway Improve.	214,100.00	277,019.52	216,250.00
Highway, Equipment Maintenance			
Auger, Shoe, Edge, Plow	4,000.00	3,435.14	4,000.00
Chains	2,500.00	2,649.33	2,500.00
Equip Purchase	3,000.00	1,557.53	3,000.00
Grader	8,000.00	3,114.64	8,000.00
International Truck	6,000.00	5,505.31	0.00
Loader	23,000.00	24,009.57	6,000.00
Mack Truck 1993	5,000.00	5,356.47	5,000.00
Mack Truck 2004		427.34	2,000.00
Miscellaneous Parts	1,500.00	2,080.21	2,000.00
Oil, Grease, Filters	1,500.00	1,434.77	1,500.00
Small Equip Repair		259.39	0.00
Sundries	100.00	358.15	0.00
Tools	2,000.00	1,284.15	200.00
Total Equip Maint	56,600.00	51,472.00	34,200.00
Insurance	14,874.00	13,734.90	13,300.00
Interest on Borrowings	3,000.00	5,997.85	5,000.00
Land Lease Paid School	48.85	48.85	48.85
Legal	7,500.00	8,517.39	8,500.00
Mileage	1,800.00	1,765.71	1,800.00
Orwell Sewer Extension	40,000.00	45,369.38	0.00
Payroll	135,000.00	158,937.38	190,000.00
FICA + MCARE	10,328.00	12,158.72	14,535.00
Total Payroll	145,328.00	171,096.10	204,535.00
Property Appraisal	500.00	235.00	1,500.00
Property Tax Adjustment	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Reappraisal 2003 Act 60			1,800.00
Street Lights	5,000.00	4,669.43	5,000.00
Sundries	1,000.00	707.00	1,000.00
Town Clock	350.00	350.00	350.00

	2003	2003	2004
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Town Garage			
Electricity	1,700.00	2,165.15	2,200.00
Heat - Propane	1,000.00	911.60	1,000.00
Repairs	500.00	352.30	2,000.00
Salt Shed - State Mandate			15,000.00
Sewer Rent		180.00	360.00
Waste Removal	400.00	390.83	400.00
Total Town Garage	<u>3,600.00</u>	<u>3,999.88</u>	<u>20,960.00</u>

Town Office

Copier	1,850.00	1,868.91	1,850.00
Building Repair	860.00	845.91	860.00
Electricity	650.00	721.37	750.00
Equipment Purchase	3,000.00	2,982.84	1,200.00
Equipment Repair	350.00	343.00	350.00
Heat	600.00	595.65	600.00
Postage	1,400.00	1,562.55	2,300.00
Sewer Rent	360.00	360.00	360.00
Supplies	1,000.00	951.74	1,500.00
Telephone	2,800.00	2,404.38	2,800.00
Total Town Office	<u>12,870.00</u>	<u>12,636.35</u>	<u>12,570.00</u>

Town Report & Ballots

1,500.00	1,418.73	1,500.00
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TOTAL ORDERS BUDGETED/PAID	593,980.85	682,430.25	623,136.85
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2004 Mack Truck Pay't Principal

47,070.00

Mack Truck 2004 Purchase

58,539.00

Reappraisal 2003 Act 60

61,261.20

Bridge #4 Accident

2,875.00

Rescue Vehicle Chev 1997

25,000.00

First Response Radios

2,703.00

Borrowings Paid

249,000.00 100,000.00

Balance 12/31/03

24,697.98

TOTALS

<u>593,980.85</u>	<u>1,106,506.43</u>	<u>770,206.85</u>
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Milfoil Grant Money

15,833.00	34,087.00	
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<u>609,813.85</u>	<u>1,140,593.43</u>	<u>770,206.85</u>
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TOWN OF ORWELL
2003 PAYROLL

General

Susan Arnebold	\$27,734.41	
Paula Barnes	900.00	
Louis Hall	7,464.76	
Walker James	900.00	
Carla Ochs	900.00	
Edward Payne	1,620.03	
Harold Peck	963.50	
Gail Pope	3,900.00	
Karen Rowland	601.88	
Albert Savage	1,281.25	
Roland T. Simmons	900.00	
Paul A. Stone	900.00	
Cheryl Tudhope	3,375.00	
Elizabeth Walker	9,540.09	
Jeannette Wilcox	133.25	
Mark Young	9,484.32	
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		\$70,598.49

Highway

Allen M. Alger	\$34,758.15	
Allen R. Alger	894.00	
R. Craig Hall	31,917.32	
Dean Hanson	20,503.02	
Roger S. Young	266.40	
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		\$88,338.89

Sewer

Louis Hall	\$115.20	
Ruth James	15,667.65	
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		\$15,782.85

Respectfully submitted,
Mark S. Young Treasurer

TOWN OF ORWELL

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR REPORT
2003

Tax Year	Balance Dec 31, 02	Additions	Payments	Balance Dec 31, 03
2001	\$6,171.87		\$6,171.87	\$0.00
2002	\$28,798.00		\$21,711.81	\$7,086.19
2003	\$0.00	\$64,888.45	\$44,416.72	\$20,471.73
TOTALS	\$34,969.87	\$64,888.45	\$72,300.40	\$27,557.92
Interest Collected			\$2,821.30	
Penalty Collected			\$5,677.22	
Due From Collector, 2002			\$739.21	
TOTAL DUE TOWN			\$81,538.13	
TOTAL PAID TO TOWN				\$81,538.13

TAXES BILLED VS. COLLECTED
2003

Tax Billing:	\$1,505,711.77
Collected Taxes 11/10/03	\$1,440,823.32
Uncollected 11/11/03	\$64,888.45
Delinquent Taxes Collected	\$44,416.72
Delinquent Taxes 2003	\$20,471.73



Courtesy Kaye Duffy

2002

Anderson, Steven & Jennifer	1,900.60	
Badgewick, Joseph & Donna	1,896.30	
Bryant, Steve & Elizabeth	39.77	
Hanson, Dean & Jane	384.85	
Holmes, Arthur	293.95	
Koran, Charles	52.85	
Larson, Howard & Irene	488.05	
Myers, Leslie & Karla	1,042.97	
Whitehurst, James & Sharon	<u>986.85</u>	
Total 2002		\$ 7,086.19

2003

Anderson, Steven, Jennifer	2,042.04	
Badgewick, Joseph & Donna	2,037.42	
Bryant, Steve & Elizabeth	1,238.46	
Cross, Peter	117.81	
Dugan, William & Virginia	609.84	
Ellison, Gloria	820.14	
Hanson, Dean & Jane	413.49	
Heibler, Michael & Erica	1,307.46	
Holmes, Arthur	743.82	
Koran, Charles	1,891.89	
Larson, Howard & Irene	524.37	
Lewis, Clarence & Linda	1,480.71	
Moran, Frances	351.32	
Myers, Leslie & Carla	1,538.46	
Osgood, Gary	41.07	
Preseau, Frances & Eileen	678.27	
Roberts, Derek Wayne & Dawn	954.03	
Sherman, Wendy	165.31	
Supernault, George & Meridith	1,635.48	
Thieme, Charles & Arlene	820.05	
Whitehurst, James & Sharon	<u>1,060.29</u>	
Total 2003		<u>\$ 20,471.73</u>

Grand Total	\$ 27,557.92
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**TOWN OF ORWELL
SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS 2003**

	Bal. 1/1/03	Borrowing	Repayment	Bal. 12/31/03
Sewer District	35,168.32	None	12,500.00	22,668.32
School District	None	60,000.00	None	6/30 60,000.00
School Building	175,000.00	None	25,000.00	150,000.00*
Town of Orwell				
Tax Anticipation	None	349,000.00	249,000.00	100,000.00
Town Truck	None	47,070.00	None	47,070.00
Rescue Vehicle	None	25,000.00	20,222.27	4,777.73

* Zero Coupon Treasury Bond with maturity date of November 15, 2009, held for final year's payment on School Building debt.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark S. Young
Town Treasurer

**Annual Report
Trustee of Public Funds
December 31, 2003**

Cash and Securities per Last Report \$97,722.52

Cash and Securities on Hand Dec. 31, 2003:

School Fund (C.D.)	2,989.75
Mountain View Cemetery (C.D.)	31,963.30
Savings	2,800.00
Eaton Vance	<u>16,431.85</u>
Mountain View Cemetery (Munger Fund)	22,347.90
Lake View Cemetery (C.D.)	1,000.00
Coates Cemetery (C.D.)	1,084.18
Town Fund (C.D.) (McQuade)	214.50
Wright Memorial Library (C.D.)	22,961.25
Orwell Free Library (C.D.)	1,000.00
Increase/Perpetual Care Receipts	1,500.00
Interest Earnings Munger Fund	713.68
Gain on Eaton Vance Fund	2,856.53
	<u>\$102,792.73</u> \$102,792.73

To Income \$1,270.77

Town of Orwell	3.99
Orwell School Fund	55.66
Coates Cemetery	20.18
Lake View Cemetery	18.61
Mountain View Cemetery	726.35
Wright Memorial Library	427.37
Orwell Free Library	18.61

\$1,270.77 \$1,270.77

Respectfully submitted,
Mark S. Young
Trustee of Public Funds

**TOWN OF ORWELL
STATEMENT OF THE TOWN CLERK
December 31, 2003**

Dog Registration:

154 dogs at \$ 5.00	770.00
59 dogs at \$ 7.00	413.00
34 dogs at \$ 9.00	306.00
7dogs at \$13.00	<u>91.00</u>

Total Dog Registrations \$1,580.00

Money to the Town Treasurer:

Dog Fees	\$ 1,325.00
Rabies Fees	<u>255.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,580.00

Respectfully submitted,

**Susan Ann Arnebold
Town Clerk**



Courtesy Cristy Alger

TOWN OF ORWELL

REPORT OF THE TOWN HEALTH OFFICER

January 28, 2004

My name is Ginny Shaw-Wilson and the Select Board has appointed me as the town Health Officer for a three-year term which began March 1, 2001.

The following medical aids are available for the use of town residents. There are wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, cane-type walker, one hospital bed, different types of commodes, and commode aids. These items are stored at the Town library for use by our town residents only.

When you borrow an item, please sign the book on the librarian's desk. If an item is broken while in your care, please advise the Librarian or the Town Health Officer when the item is returned.

Anyone wanting to test their drinking water must fill out a Vermont Department of Health form. This is available either from the Health Officer or from the Town Clerk at the Town office. When your form is completed, mail the form together with the fee to the Vermont Department of Health. They will send you a sampler bottle with instructions.

The Town Health Officer is the individual that a citizen may call to complain of unsafe conditions in rental housing or on public or private property or to report a septic failure, or an animal that might be rabid. The Health Officer and the local Board of Health [Select Board] are responsible to make and enforce rules and regulations for the prevention, removal, or destruction of public health hazards, and the mitigation of public health risks.

The past year has been quiet as far as town health issues that have been brought to my attention. The position has consisted of investigating and reporting animal bites, for the most part. We are certainly lucky that we have no significant health concerns and live in such a lovely and safe community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Shaw-Wilson

ORWELL PLANNING COMMISSION

ANNUAL REPORT

2003

The Planning Commission has had the good fortune of receiving a planning grant to financially assist with the ongoing adjustments to Orwell's Zoning Regulations. Early community involvement in these issues is key to the success of any resulting proposal. Please watch for special meetings in 2004 and help shape the direction Orwell takes by attending.

The makeup of the Planning Commission has changed in 2003 with the resignations of two valued Board Members. The loss of Arlene Disorda and Gioia Kuss has resulted in the downsizing of the Board from nine members to seven. The spirit of volunteerism demonstrated by their service hopefully will spark some other community members to step forward and do their part. We are currently looking for some interested citizens to act as alternates for the existing Board Members. These alternates would fill in when a sitting Board Member could not make a meeting.

Differing visions of what is best for the future of Orwell does not necessarily spell trouble ahead for a community. If anything, the "creative tension" that accompanies divergent views can often result in a better plan than if we are all of one mind. The Planning Commission encourages everyone to share their vision.

Andy Dregallo
Dave King

Andrea Ochs
Charles Peake, Chair
Tom Purdy

Miles Tudhope
Dick Ullom

Planning Grant 2003

Balance December 31, 2002	\$(979.70)	
Borrowing	1,000.00	
Grant Received	2,445.00	
Bank Fees		\$30.00*
Copies		80.00
Paid Borrowings		1,000.00
Postage		23.89
Supplies		1.26
Town Plan		1,400.00
Balance December 31, 2003		(69.85)#
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	\$2,465.30	\$2,465.30

*Bank Fees of \$84.00 Refunded in January 2004
(\$54.00 - 2002, \$30.00 - 2003)

Respectfully submitted,
Mark S. Young
Treasurer

Town of Orwell
Edward B. Payne
Zoning Administrator
Home phone 802-758-2210

Annual Report 2003

Orwell Permits and Zoning Activity 2003:

45 Building permits - [7 residences, 2 new development, 4 replacement, 1 seasonal camp]
also 4 agricultural exempt advisories
2 conditional use - 2 home occupation - 1 commercial
32 certificates of compliance - There were no notices of violation - A few letters of understanding.

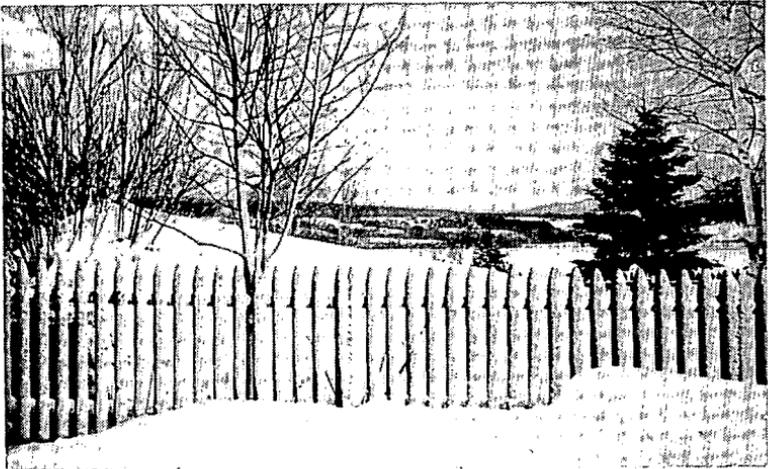
Board of Adjustment:

5 variances - 3 sub-divisions

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT DEVELOPMENT OF LOTS EXEMPT FROM STATE ON-SEPTIC REGULATION (PRE-EXISTING, GRANDFATHER, 10.1 OR LARGER) MUST BE COMPLETE (HOUSE BUILT, WATER, ON-SEPTIC IN PLACE, INTERIOR DOES NOT HAVE TO BE COMPLETE) BY NOVEMBER 1, 2004

Additions, alterations, even complete replacement of existing houses and on-site septic systems do not require state permits until July 1, 2007.

Edward B. Payne, Zoning Administrator



Courtesy Kaye Duffy

NOTICE TO VOTERS

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION
CALL THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE
1-800-439-8683
(Accessible by TDD)

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED: February 1, 2004

(No later than 30 days before election - 17:2141,2501.)

Please make certain that your name is on the checklist. If it is not, **Register to vote.** The deadline for registration is Monday, **February 23, 2004**, no later than **12:00 noon**, at the Town Clerk's Office (17:2144[a]) or mail to the Department of Motor Vehicles with a postmark before the deadline.

SECRET PARTY CHOICE. You do not register by party in Vermont. You do not have to tell anyone which party you favor, but you can only vote for candidates in one party in the Primary.

EARLY OR ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

When - You can request early absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election but, no later than **3:30 p.m.**, on the day before election, in the **Orwell Town Clerk's Office on MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2004** (17:2531[a]).

How - Either in person, in writing, or by telephone.

Who - Voter or family member may apply all three ways. Non-family member with written authorization by the voter may apply in person.

ONLY A VOTER SHALL TAKE A BALLOT OUT OF THE OFFICE.

EARLY OR ABSENTEE VOTING -

1. Vote in the Town Clerk's office before the deadline.
2. Voter can have ballots mailed or may take the ballots out of the clerk's office himself/herself and then return in person or by mail to Town Clerk before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
3. If ill or disabled request that two Justices of the Peace deliver a ballot to you at your home on the day before or the day of the election. You can request assistance in reading or marking your ballot from the justices. They must return the ballot to the Town Clerk for you.

ONCE VOTED AND RETURNED, AN ABSENTEE BALLOT CANNOT BE RETURNED TO VOTER FOR ANY REASON.

POSTING OF SAMPLE BALLOTS: On or before February 11, 2004

(No later than 10 days before election - 17:2522[a].)

AT THE POLLS:

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, explain the situation to your Town Clerk and ask that it be put back on.

If the problem isn't cleared up to your satisfaction, have the Town Clerk or a Selectman or other member of the Board of Civil Authority call an immediate meeting of the members of the board who are present.

If you are still not satisfied, you may appeal to a judge who will settle the matter that day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-8683, for more information.

If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place, let them know that a ballot may be brought to their car by two election officials.

If you know voters who have physical disabilities, are visually impaired, or cannot read, let them know they may bring a friend or relative who is a registered voter to help them to vote.

DO NOT:

- A. Knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or in different towns.
- B. Mislead the Board of Civil Authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote.
- C. Leave campaign materials in the voting booth or building containing a polling place.
- D. Socialize in a manner that will disturb other voters.

**VOTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR
PAPER BALLOTS
AT
TOWN MEETING OR SCHOOL MEETING**

If you have any questions after reading the following, or at any time during the voting process, ask your Town Clerk or another Election Official.

CHECK IN:

1. Go to "IN" checklist table.
2. **Give your name**, and if asked, your residence to the Election Official in a clear audible voice.
3. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the Election Official.

ENTER:

1. Make a cross "X" in the box to the right of the name of the candidate(s) or issues(s) you want to vote for. Follow the directions on the ballot as to how many to vote for (Example- "Vote for not more than two").
2. To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank line labeled "WRITE-IN" on the ballot.

**IF YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT ask an Election Official for another ballot.
The limit is three ballots.**

CHECK OUT:

1. Go to the "OUT" checklist table.
2. Give your name to the Election Official in a clear, audible voice.
3. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the Election Official.
4. VOTE by placing your ballot in the "VOTED BALLOTS" box.
5. Leave the voting area by passing outside the guardrail.

To save a lot of confusion, I am asking that voters, when voting on a paper ballot at Town Meeting, to please vote only on the Article under debate. **PLEASE DO NOT ASK** the Election Official at that time for your Australian Ballot.

Thank You,

Respectfully,
Susan Ann Arnebold, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ORWELL
VERMONT
TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

MARCH 4, 2003

The Town meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Moderator, Michael R. Audet immediately after a lunch break from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

1. As per the Warning, Town Officers were elected by Australian Ballot. The polls were open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Results of the Australian Ballot follow these minutes.
2. Roland Simmons **moved** to accept the reports of the Town Officers submitted by the Auditors. Maurice E. Prior, Jr. **seconded** the motion. The article **passed** by voice vote. The Moderator thanked the Auditors for all their work in producing an excellent town report.
3. Andrea Ochs **moved** to accept the report of the Board of Trustees of the Ethan M. & Eliza T. Wright Memorial Library, Inc. Lynn James **seconded** the motion. The article **passed** by voice vote.
4. The voters of the Town of Orwell voted on the following town projects separately:
 - A. Lynn James **moved** to appropriate **\$7,500.00** for operating expenses of the Ethan M. & Eliza T. Wright Memorial Library for 2003. Gloria Schulte **seconded** the motion. The article **passed** by voice vote.
 - B. Paula Barnes **moved** to appropriate **\$1,200.00** for the purchase of books and materials by the Orwell Free Library. Andrea Ochs **seconded** the motion. The article **passed** by voice vote.
 - C. Thomas Audet **moved** to appropriate **\$150.00** for St. Paul's Cemetery in order to defray a portion of the 2003 maintenance costs. Paul Stone **seconded** the motion. The article **passed** by voice vote.
 - D. Susan James **moved** to appropriate **\$1,800.00** for the 2003 operating expenses of the Orwell Parade Committee. Paul Stone **seconded** the motion. The article **passed** by voice vote.
 - E. Lynda Hutchins **moved** to appropriate **\$750.00** for the Sixty-Plus Club of Orwell, funds to be used to defray the costs of operating said club for the Senior Citizens of the Town of Orwell. Paul Stone **seconded** the motion. The article **passed** by voice vote.

- F. Paul Stone **moved** to authorize the Select Board to add to the reserve fund to be utilized by the Board for the sole purpose of defraying the cost of purchasing highway equipment, specifically loader, grader or trucks, whenever the Select Board deems it necessary as provided by 24 VSA §2804, the amount of **\$15,000.00 for 2003**. Carla Ochs **seconded** the motion. Discussion ensued.

James Dougherty **moved to amend** the article to read: to authorize the Select Board to add to the reserve fund to be utilized by the Board for the sole purpose of defraying the cost of purchasing highway equipment, specifically loader, grader, trucks and fire and rescue vehicles, as provided by 24 VSA §2804, to be authorized by the voters, in the amount of **\$15,000.00 for 2003**. Andrea Ochs **seconded** the motion. Discussion continued.

The amendment to the article passed by voice vote.

Paula Barnes **moved the amended article that now reads:** to authorize the Select Board to add to the reserve fund to be utilized by the Board for the sole purpose of defraying the cost of purchasing highway equipment, specifically loader, grader, trucks and fire and rescue vehicles, as provided by 24 VSA §2804, to be authorized by the voters, in the amount of **\$15,000.00 for 2003**. Paul Stone **seconded** the motion.

The article as amended passed by voice vote.

- G. Paula Barnes **moved** to appropriate **\$105,000.00** for a new truck plus trade in and including equipment. Roger Young **seconded** the motion.

Roland Simmons **moved to amend** the article to read - will the Town vote **\$94,140.34**, for a new 2004 Mack tandem axle truck with wing, body sander [net] to be paid over 2 years, payments first year **\$30,000.00** from the equipment fund and **\$17,000.00** in taxes and the second year **\$47,070.17** plus interest in taxes? Paula Barnes **seconded** the motion to amend. Discussion followed. The Select Board explained the reasons for purchasing a new truck. The 1995 International truck will be traded in. Charles McLane and Roger Young answered voters questions on specifics of the proposed new truck.

The amendment to the article passed by voice vote.

As requested the clerk read the article as amended by Roland Simmons.

The Moderator called for a vote on the article as amended.

Seven voters called for a paper ballot.

The article as amended passed - 52 Yes 39 No

- H. Paula Barnes **moved** to appropriate **\$50,000.00** for paving gravel roads. Pat Ullom **seconded** the motion. Walker James explained that the Select Board is seeking discussion from the voters on how they feel about paving the gravel roads. Discussion ensued. The general feeling is to keep the gravel roads, maintain the paved roads we have and do ditching on the gravel roads to keep any runoff to a minimum. Some people suggested maybe paving the hills. Charles McLane explained that Starksboro did just that, only paved some sections, and now greatly regrets this move because it is very inefficient and costly to keep up.

The article was defeated by voice vote.

At 1:50 p.m. Wedge Murdoch thanked the voters for their support for Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Association and gave a brief report on MVAA activities.

At 2:05 p.m. Mark Young gave his legislative report. Mark Young this term is chair of the Commerce Committee. At this point in time nothing much is happening. Issues being discussed are: property taxes are too high; Ag community concerns; Act 60 and property tax problems; the huge issue of insurers in Vermont; and a tight budget. Mark Young stated that the feeling is that there will be no further cuts in the highway money to towns. There is a new education bill that would divide the state grand list into residential and non residential entities. There are many parts of this bill that need considerable working out. There are other proposed plans to change all or part of Act 60, such as the Shumlin plan that includes raising the state wide education tax to \$1.38. Comments and questions were taken.

At 2:30 p.m. Charles Peake, Planning Commission chair, explained the progress on revising the municipal plan and the zoning regulations. This work is being financed with a Municipal Planning Grant. The work is basic maintenance and fine tuning based on suggestions from Orwell citizens. There is a proposal for a new shoreline district on Lake Champlain. Another change is a reshaping of the Neighborhood Commercial [NC] district in the village. The proposal is to eliminate portions of the NC district along 22A as denoted on the map. A final hearing is set for March 31, 2003, on the municipal plan. Hopefully zoning will be ready for a hearing by the end of April. Andrea Ochs urged people to come to the hearings and meetings dealing with the plan and zoning changes. There was a short question and answer session.

5. Paul Stone **moved** to have the Treasurer collect taxes on real property on or before November 10, 2003, with delinquent taxes having an 8% penalty charged against them and a 1% interest per month added from the due date. Andrea Ochs **seconded** the motion. The article **passed** by voice vote.
6. Paula Barnes **moved** to have the voters of the Town of Orwell vote to conduct the next annual municipal meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, per 17 VSA § 2640. (Election of Town Officers by Australian Ballot will be on Tuesday, March 2, 2004. See Article One.) Susan James **seconded** the motion. The article **passed** by voice vote.
7. Charles McLane **moved** to accept the 2003 Budget for the Town, such amount to be raised by taxes. Susan James **seconded** the motion. Discussion ensued. The Select Board answered several questions on the sewer extension to the town garage and fire station. The article **passed** by voice vote.
8. Paul Stone **moved** to accept the 2003 Sewer Budget, such amount to be raised by user rents. George Bathgate **seconded** the motion. The article **passed** by voice vote.

9. The following articles for funds for Social Services projects were voted on separately:
- A. Carla Ochs **moved** to appropriate **\$200.00** for the Hospice Volunteer Service to be used to provide volunteer care to terminally ill patients in the Town of Orwell. Paula Barnes **seconded** the motion. The article **passed** by voice vote.
 - B. Andrea Ochs **moved** to appropriate **\$1,000.00**, for Champlain Valley Agency on Aging, funds to be used for Meals on Wheels, Case Management, Transportation and toll-free Senior Help Line. Paula Barnes **seconded** the motion. The article **passed** by voice vote.
 - C. Paula Barnes **moved** to appropriate **\$400.00** for Elderly Services Inc., funds to be used in sponsoring Project Independence Elderly Day Care Center scholarship fund, to provide care for frail elders and respite for their families. Carla Ochs **seconded** the motion. The article **passed** by voice vote.
 - D. Richard Hoenes **moved** to appropriate **\$1,250.00** for Parent/Child Center, funds to be used to support classes, transportation, infant care, and family education services used by town residents. Andrea Ochs **seconded** the motion. The article **passed** by voice vote.
 - E. Paula Barnes **moved** to appropriate **\$1,200.00** for Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc., funds to be used to help pay part of the cost of providing mental health care to town residents. Lynda Hutchins **seconded** the motion. The article **passed** by voice vote.
 - F. Lynda Hutchins **moved** to appropriate **\$975.00**, for Addison County Community Action Group, Inc., funds to be used to help pay part of the cost of providing emergency services (other than shelter), job training, and affordable housing to town residents. Charles Eddy IV **seconded** the motion. The article **passed** by voice vote.
 - G. Carla Ochs **moved** to appropriate **\$625.00** for John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc., funds to be used to help pay part of the cost of providing emergency shelter to the homeless. Charles Eddy IV **seconded** the motion. The article **passed** by voice vote.
 - H. Brian Toomey Sr. **moved** to appropriate **\$300.00**, for Addison County Women in Crisis, funds to be used to support their mission to reduce physical, sexual and emotional violence against women and their children through direct service, social change and education. David Bain **seconded** the motion. The article **passed** by voice vote.
 - I. Lynda Hutchins **moved** to appropriate **\$495.00**, for Vermont Adult Learning to support adult education services. Carla Ochs **seconded** the motion. The article **passed** by voice vote.

- J. Andrea Och moved to appropriate \$1,392.50 for Addison County Home Health and Hospice. Paula Barnes seconded the motion.
 Brian Toomey Sr. moved to amend the article to appropriate \$1,750.00.
 Rae Anne Barry seconded the motion. Discussion followed.
 The amendment to the article passed by voice vote.
 Brain Toomey Sr. moved the article as amended: to appropriate \$1,750.00 for Addison County Home Health and Hospice. Rae Anne Barry seconded the motion. The article as amended passed by voice vote.

11. Other Business.

- * There were two surveys available for voters to consider, Doyle and Libertarian.
- * The Auditors had copies, available at the front table, of the reports of Social Services projects that the Town votes to support.
- * Copies of the results of the election of officers were available at the same information table.
- * The Planning Commission displayed a new zoning map at the front table along with some copies of the proposed Municipal Plan, for voters to review.

James Dougherty noted that on page 47 of the Town Report, under the First Response Squad Report, Jennifer Breen's name should be included on the member list.

Paul Stone moved to adjourn the Town Meeting at 3:02 p.m. Gloria Schulte seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Attest: Susan Ann Pineboed
Town Clerk

Date: March 24, 2003

Approved:

Paul H. Stone
Selectman

Richard Simmons
Selectman

Paula Barnes
Selectman

Carla A. Och
Selectman

Walker E. James
Selectman

PLEASE NOTE

Copies of the results of the election of officers are available at the information table at Town Meeting.

TOWN OF ORWELL - SEWER REPORT

CATEGORY	2003 <u>BUDGET</u>	2003 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2004 <u>BUDGET</u>
INCOME			
Balance Forward	7,908.94	7,908.94	1,356.05
Delinquent Collector Penalty		93.60	
Delinquent Rents Collected		1,170.00	
Interest - Warrant		13.50	
Interest		0.06	
User Rents	31,500.00	32,760.00	33,000.00
Dumping Fees	1,000.00	427.50	1,000.00
Borrowing			
Miscellaneous			
TOTAL INCOME	40,408.94	42,373.60	35,356.05
EXPENSES			
		*	
Bank Fees	24.00	204.00	24.00
Borrowings payment	9,190.94	12,500.00	5,740.05
Insurance owed to Gen Fund 2002	1,250.00	1,250.00	
Property & Liability	620.00	620.00	286.00
Workers Compensation	730.00	730.00	663.00
Interest	1,200.00	1,026.89	700.00
Laboratory	500.00	125.00	600.00
Mileage	75.00	64.00	75.00
Payroll	15,600.00	15,782.85	16,900.00
FICA & MCARE	1,194.00	1,207.38	1,293.00
Postage	200.00	161.88	200.00
Repairs, Building	2,300.00	1,057.00	0.00
Equipment	1,200.00	1,304.74	2,500.00
Other	250.00	500.00	250.00
Sundries	150.00	0.00	100.00
Supplies			
Chlorine	525.00	109.50	625.00
Equipment	300.00	53.74	300.00
Lab Chemicals	100.00	58.00	100.00
Other	200.00	123.32	200.00
Training & License	100.00	0.00	100.00
Utilities, Electricity	4,400.00	3,873.28	4,400.00
Propane	300.00	265.97	300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	40,408.94	41,017.55	35,356.05
Balance December 31, 2003		1,346.18	
Savings		9.87	
TOTALS	40,408.94	42,373.60	35,356.05

* Should be \$24.00 - \$180.00 to be refunded Jan '04

**SEWER ACCOUNT
DECEMBER 31, 2003**

Balance December 31, 2002	\$7,908.94	
Collector Penalties	93.60	
Warrant Interest	13.50	
Rents	1,170.00	
Dumping Fees	427.50	
Paid Rents	32,760.00	
Interest Income	.06	
Bank Fees		204.00*
Borrowings Paid		12,500.00
Interest Expense		1,026.89
Selectboard Orders		27,286.66
Balance December 31, 2003		1,356.05
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin: 0;"> \$42,373.60 \$42,373.60 </div>		

*Refund of \$180.00 made January 2004

Respectfully submitted,
Mark S. Young
Town Treasurer



Courtesy Karen Rowland

TOWN OF ORWELL
 DELINQUENT SEWER TAX REPORT
 2003

Tax Year	Balance Dec 31, 02	Additions	Payments	Balance Dec 31, 03
2002	\$540.00		\$180.00	\$360.00
2003		\$1,800.00	\$990.00	\$810.00
TOTALS	\$540.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,170.00	\$1,170.00
Interest Collected			\$13.50	
Penalty Collected			<u>\$93.60</u>	
TOTAL DUE TOWN			\$1,277.10	
TOTAL PAID TO TOWN				\$1,277.10

DELINQUENT SEWER TAXES AS OF 12/30/2003

2002

Hotte, Brian & Jeanette	90.00
Hotte, Brian & Jeanette	90.00
Hotte, Brian & Jeanette	90.00
Hotte, Brian & Jeanette	<u>90.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 360.00

2003

Hotte, Brian & Jeanette	90.00
Lewis, Clarence & Linda	90.00
Richardson, Patrick & Desna	90.00
TOTAL	<u>\$810.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$1,170.00</u>

MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Annual Report 2003

Opening Balance January 1, 2003

Checking	\$ 262.17	
Savings	<u>18,948.53</u>	
Total Opening Balance		\$19,210.70

Receipts

Town of Orwell	\$ 5,940.00	
Perpetual Care Fund	726.35	
Perpetual Care	1,500.00	
Miscellaneous	105.00	
Interest on Savings	142.82	
Sale of Lots	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total		\$ 9,414.17
		<u>\$28,624.87</u>

Disbursements

Labor Mountain View	\$ 3,530.00	
Labor Small Cemeteries	2,310.00	
Perpetual Care	1,500.00	
Flags	<u>417.12</u>	
Total		\$ 7,757.12

Closing Balance December 31, 2003

Checking	\$ 650.05	
Savings	<u>20,217.70</u>	
Total Closing Balance		\$ 20,867.75
		<u>\$28,624.87</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Gloria Schulte, Treasurer

Dwight Christian's Eagle Scout Project Update

For the people who do not know what I am doing for my Eagle Scout project, I am erecting "Welcome to Orwell" signs for the town. The requirements for the project are that the scouts in my troop and I do the project. Also it says that I have to do all of the fundraising for the project. The signs are all painted white and in green lettering "Welcome to Orwell" and "Est. 1763". At this point, the signs are done except for the decals which are being drawn up by Dave Abbott. The decals will consist of a country scene with Mount Independence in the background. I have all eight of the poles for each sign placed into the ground with tulip bulbs planted at each site. When Mr. Abbott finishes the drawing for the decals, the decals will be applied and the signs will be erected on the posts.

At this time, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the all the people and organizations who contributed to my Eagle Scout project. I would like to thank the Orwell Fire Department, Orwell Rescue Squad, Orwell Ladies Auxiliary, Orwell Fortnightly, Independence Lodge #10, and A. Melansen Co. (who took \$200 off the price of the signs). I would like to thank Chuck Koran, Shirley Christian, and Joe and Betsy Matte (my grandparents) who donated money for my project. I would like to thank Steve and Kathy Buxton, Tom and Cindy Christian, George Bathgate, and Bobby Preseau for helping me with my fundraiser breakfast. I would also like to thank Mr. Abbott and Muffy Kashkin for drawing up ideas for the scenery that will be used for the decals. I would like to thank Walker James for being my mentor for this project.

At this point I have a balance of \$169 in the savings account that I have opened up for this project, which will go toward the cost of the decals, caps for the posts, and bark mulch.

If the signs are completed by Town Meeting Day, I hope to have one on display for you all to see. I would like to thank all the towns people and the Town Select Board for your support of Boy Scouting in Orwell.

Yours in Scouting
Dwight Christian



Courtesy Mike Christian

ORWELL FREE LIBRARY
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
2003

Opening Balances Jan 1, 2003

Savings \$383.16
Checking \$977.77

Total \$1,360.93

Income/Receipts

Town Appropriation \$1,200.00
Memorials/Donations \$740.00
Book Sales \$45.94
Copier Fees \$80.06
Trustee of Public Funds \$18.61
Interest on Savings \$2.88

Total Receipts \$2,087.49

Total Receipts & Opening Balance \$3,448.42

Disbursements

Magazines \$592.18
Book Purchases \$1,178.83
PO Box Rent \$26.00
Pre-School Program \$25.35
Copier Supplies \$201.39
Main Street Checks \$36.25

Total Disbursements \$2,060.00

Closing Balances Dec 31, 2003

Savings \$386.04
Checking \$1,002.38

Total Closing Balances \$1,388.42

Total Disbursements & Closing Balances \$3,448.42

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dundon-Carlyle

Orwell Free Library - 2003 Report

If it wasn't necessary to make the year's report the statistical facts would never be made (nor probably given any study). A library in a community has value much greater than mere figures.

For 2003 circulation figures show a total of 1,922 books were loaned and 130 magazines.

Adult Fiction 397; non-fiction 432

Juvenile Fiction 447; non-fiction 646

It is interesting the adult and juvenile figure totals are so similar.

217 books were added to the library's collection; 146 adult, 71 juvenile (11 books in large print). Approximately 25 books were added that are not catalogued.

A thank-you is due to the Tuesday night volunteers. The 6-8 time is not always convenient - plus missing out on the six o'clock news. An especial thank-you to Rose Christian for her 2 years of volunteering. Luckily Sharon Esposito moved in to town and has taken Rose's place. Gloria Bonner continues her turn at the desk.

The Orwell students, Monique and Michael Rogals have given their Saturday mornings to the library. They have been helpful in the Museum, becoming able guides. It is particularly gratifying to have younger people interested in the Museum.

Again, Cecelia Barnes and Sally Phelps Marshall have given time and talents to the Museum. Much work has been done improving the displays and adding to the contents. Museum hours - summertime only - are the same as the library's.

The 2004 year, hopefully, will include the re-establishment of an active Orwell Historical Society with the members, meetings, speakers, etc.

Suzanne Young and Andrea Ochs deserve credit for their successful preschool story hour.

Doris Wickman continued her helpful routine checking P.O. Box 92. She also is the one called upon to help the people who are ancestor-hunting. Her files prove of much value.

The library throughout the year has been made richer by your generosity. It would be a lengthy list indeed to mention each and everyone.

One gift to receive special mention - The Hessian Soldier andirons. You cannot but notice their position by the fireplace. Hessian Soldiers were involved with the war activity at Mount Independence.

The andirons are a valuable gift. Given in memory of Leona and Victoria Beal by their daughter and sister Wendy Anaheim of Tofino, British Columbia.

Your Community Health Supplies are stored in the Library - wheel chairs, walkers, canes, commodes, tub/shower stools. These are for your use if you have need. During the year there were 18 loans.

Library hours:

Tuesday and Friday 11 - 4

Tuesday Night 6 - 8

Saturday 11 - 1

Phone 948-2041

The Orwell Free Library belongs to you. We are fortunate in having the Ethan M. and Eliza T. Wright Memorial Library Building in which to house our Library.

Hester B. Phelps, Librarian

**ETHAN M. & ELIZA T. WRIGHT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
2003**

Opening Balance Jan 1, 2003

Checking	\$4,351.09	
Total		<u>\$4,351.09</u>

Receipts

Town Appropriation	\$7,500.00	
Trustee of Public Funds	\$427.37	
Total Receipts		<u>\$7,927.37</u>
Total Receipts & Opening Balance		<u>\$12,278.46</u>

Disbursements

Librarian (Net Pay)	\$3,886.17	
Payroll Taxes (Employer & Employee)	\$935.10	
Misc Expense	\$5.25	
Utilities (heat, electric, sewer)	\$2,428.60	
Telephone & computer	\$728.68	
Repairs & Maintenance	\$311.61	
Accounting Services	\$55.00	
Supplies	\$98.62	
Gifts	\$25.00	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$8,474.03</u>

Closing Balance Dec 31, 2003

Checking	\$3,804.43	
Total Closing Balances		<u>\$3,804.43</u>
Total Disbursements & Closing Balances		<u>\$12,278.46</u>

Building & Equipment	\$12,500.00	
Trustee of Public Funds	\$22,961.25	
Total		<u>\$35,461.25</u>

Board Members

Tom Pinsonneult, Chair	Pat Ullom
Laura Coro, Secretary	Bob Martin
Donna Sbardella, Treasurer	Thelma Buxton

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Sbardella, Treasurer

ETHAN M. & ELIZA T. WRIGHT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Board Report

2003

The handicap access ramp has been an on-going project for the Board during the past year. In order to meet all regulations and finalize funding the project's completion date was delayed. We anticipate construction to begin on the handicap access ramp in the Spring of 2004, without further delay. The Board would like to recognize Robert Martin as the individual whose time and effort has made this possible.

The Board, over the years, has overseen an on-going maintenance program for the general upkeep of the library building, in the process refurbishing a children's room and going on-line with computer technology for the use of those who patronize the library to assist in research. The library is well maintained and in a state of good repair; the furnace, however, remains a concern in terms of how long it will last but for now, everything is working!

Our thanks go to all those volunteers who work quietly on the sidelines to help keep our library open, for housekeeping, snow removal, giving us water for the cistern when needed and holiday decorations. We thank all who use the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Pinsonneault, Chair.

ETHAN M. & ELIZA T. WRIGHT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Special Savings Fund

Opening Balance January 1, 2003	\$3,565.32
Savings Interest	36.74
Closing Balance December 31, 2003	3,592.06

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Pinsonneault, Chair

ORWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Annual Report 2003

Opening Balance January 1, 2003

Checking	\$ 6,581.48	
Savings	<u>14,009.63</u>	
Total Opening Balance		\$ 20,591.11

Receipts

Donations and Grants	\$ 8,723.79	
Town of Orwell	2,703.00	
Sweetheart Ball	1,984.00	
Fund Drive	798.00	
Breakfast	946.50	
Gun Raffle	506.00	
United Way Grant	456.00	
Dog Rabies Clinic	189.00	
Steak Bake	1,149.00	
Reimbursements	38.20	
Interest	73.49	
Voided Check	<u>55.14</u>	
Total		\$ <u>17,622.12</u>
Total Receipts & Opening Balance		<u>\$38,213.23</u>

Disbursements

Equipment Additions	\$ 26,186.83	
Equipment Repairs	964.80	
Operating Supplies	737.98	
Memberships and Dues	510.00	
Entertainment	563.70	
Fund Raising	2,254.52	
Donations	1,025.00	
Training	180.00	
Miscellaneous	377.66	
Reimbursements	<u>85.07</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ <u>32,885.56</u>

Closing Balance December 31, 2003

Checking	\$ 248.26	
Savings	<u>5,079.41</u>	
Total Closing Balance		\$ <u>5,327.67</u>
Total Disbursements & Closing Balance		<u>\$38,213.23</u>

ORWELL

YEAR 2003 ANNUAL REPORT



Thanks to your generous response to our annual fund drive letter, we were able to purchase a thermal imaging camera. This \$12,000 investment enables firefighters to see through smoke, which in turn means, we can see where the fire is really burning, or possible find a victim inside a building. This camera could also help to prevent us from getting lost or trapped inside. These cameras are the most advanced and important technology to be introduced in to the fire service since the self contained breathing apparatus, first used in the early 1950s. You should be proud to know that as a small department, we are one of the first in the state to put this high tech equipment to use.

A very successful open house was held at the Orwell Fire Station, following the Memorial Day Parade, where many people came to see our new trucks & equipment.

The Sweethearts Ball in February, and the Mother's Day breakfast in May, along with our semiannual auction - continue to be popular events, as well as successful fund raising sources for us. Events such as these - this year, enabled us to purchase personal duty jackets for the entire membership.

In 2003, the membership responded to 33 calls for assistance: 2 structure fires in Orwell, as well as 7 calls for Mutual Aid to neighboring towns. Vehicle fires and calls to motor vehicle accidents continue to be a high response figure of 8 calls. Only 3 grass fires were reported this year, along with 5 chimney fires, and 8 miscellaneous responses complete this year's statistics.

Over 600 hours have been devoted to training and maintenance of the station and emergency response equipment. Many additional hours have been given to meetings, fund raisers and county events as well as other public service.

If you are an individual who is thinking that you might like to join an organization that serves a *real* purpose to the community, one that people look up to & truly functions as a tight-knit group (as well as being fun to be in), we would like to talk to you.

For an application, ask any member wearing the Orwell Fire Department jacket.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis L. Hall".

Louis L. Hall,
Chief

ORWELL FIRST RESPONSE SQUAD

Annual Report 2003

Opening Balance January 1, 2003

Checking	\$ 159.71	
Savings	<u>4,006.83</u>	
Total Opening Balance		\$ 4,166.54

Receipts

Private Donations	\$ 912.61	
Interest Income	13.46	
Fund Raising	202.14	
Town of Orwell	<u>787.49</u>	
Total		\$ 1,915.70

Total Receipts & Opening Balance \$6,082.24

Disbursements

Truck Down Payment	\$ 2,500.00	
Training	666.49	
Supplies & Repairs	578.77	
Fund Raising Exp.	676.15	
Ad to Sell Old Truck	400.00	
Dues	290.00	
Misc Postage	83.60	
Donations	50.00	
New Truck Reg & Title	25.00	
Bank Expenses	<u>16.25</u>	
Total		\$ 5,286.26

Closing Balance December 31, 2003

Checking	\$ 245.69	
Savings	<u>550.29</u>	
Total Closing Balance		\$ 795.98

Total Disbursements & Closing Balance \$6,082.24

ORWELL FIRST RESPONSE TRUCK FUND

Beginning Balance January 1, 2003 \$ 0.00

Receipts

Deposits	\$ 9,811.00	
Sale of Old Truck	11,000.00	
Interest	<u>34.84</u>	
		\$ 20,845.84

Disbursements

Payment to Bank on Loan \$ 20,800.00

Ending Balance December 31, 2003 \$ 45.84

\$ 20,845.84

The
ORWELL
604 Main Street,



FIRST RESPONSE SQUAD

Orwell Vermont 05760

Activity Report 2003

In 2003, the Orwell First Response Squad had a busy year with 70 calls for help, for 76 patients, with 5 calls to standby at a fire scene.

Our biggest news this year is the acquisition of a vehicle to replace our former truck, purchased in 1986. We bought a 1997 Chevrolet 4x4 Crew Cab with a custom rescue body from Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Association. This vehicle is in excellent condition, and met almost every specification we used when looking at new trucks, which would have cost us almost \$100,000. Thanks to the proceeds from the sale of the old truck, and generous donations in response to our recent fund drive, we now need very little to finish paying for this truck. You will see a line item on this year's Warning for what we need, and we would very much appreciate your vote in support of that line item.

We welcomed two new members this year, Pam LaDuc and Kenneth Walker, bringing our membership total to eleven. As always, we are always looking for additional members. We have begun a First Responder course, which will serve not only Orwell but the surrounding communities as well by training the participants in basic first aid techniques. Two members are taking a course to transition to the new EMT-Intermediate curriculum, which will let us use new skills and more advanced medications to care for patients. We have also received grants and donations for new equipment, including two new automatic external defibrillators (AED's) that will minimize our response time to cardiac emergencies.

The Squad is especially grateful for the support we have received this past year from the people of the Town of Orwell. Thank you, as always.

Members during 2003 were:

Peter Ochs, President
Kevin Robbins, Vice President
Jim Dougherty, Captain, Secretary
Andrea Ochs, Co-Training Officer
Jennifer Breen, Co-Training Officer
Robert LaDuc, Treasurer

Julie Gendreau
Louis Hall
Pam LaDuc
Carrie Munger
Kenneth Walker

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Dougherty
Captain and Secretary

**Town of Orwell
Ladies Auxiliary**

Report

2003

Our Organization suffered a loss of one of our members. Linda Lewis, who was an honorary member, she will be greatly missed.

The Orwell Ladies Auxiliary activities are as follows:

1. Attended and served at a wedding.
2. Donated money toward improvement to our firehouse.
3. Donated and participated in the Memorial Day Parade. Shirley Hendricks played the role of Betsy Ross creating our flag.
4. Donated and delivered a sugar maple to the Devoid family in memory of Jamie.
5. Donated two more benches in the park and whom they are in memory of. We also replaced two faded plaques with new ones.
6. A donation given to the Cub Scouts.
7. Gave the Rita Patterson award to a well deserved 8th grader.
8. Gave a donation to Dwight Christian for his great effort in creating the "Orwell Signs".
9. Prepared and served a Sunday Breakfast for our Community.
10. The lighting of our 15th Annual Memorial Tree. Unfortunately Santa was unable to visit due to the weather.
11. To complete this year we made Christmas baskets of goodies and gave out plants to the elderly at Christmastime.

Anyone interested in joining can contact any Auxiliary member. We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month except January and February.

Officers for 2003-2004

President - Heather McGuire
Vice President - Anna Mae Davis
Treasurer - Shirley Hendricks
Secretary - Betty Walker
News Reporter - Ruth McGuire

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather McGuire, President

Orwell Historical Society

2003

The Orwell Historical Society encourages the preservation of the colorful and unique story of our community.

The museum, tenderly cared for by Sally Marshall and Cecelia Barnes, welcomes many visitors from May until October. Here a large assortment of historic items donated by area residents are preserved and displayed in interesting settings.

This year Sally Marshall made files of the historic papers she had cataloged for the Fire King Fireproof file purchased by the Society. This will be a great aid for historians and family history buffs for years to come.

Steve Buxton is President and Doris Wickman is Secretary.

A book, *Orwell Past and Present*, published by the Society is for sale for those interested in local history.



Courtesy Kaye Duffy

ORWELL PARADE COMMITTEE

2003 Financial Report

Opening Balance January 1, 2003

Savings	\$ 126.29	
Checking	339.53	
CD	<u>1,500.00</u>	
		\$ 1,965.82

Receipts

Town Appropriation	\$1,800.00	
Proceeds from Town Meeting	172.04	
Proceeds from Raffle	361.00	
Interest on CD	37.12	
Interest on Savings	1.56	
Redeposit Check #324	50.00	
Donation for Flags	<u>150.00</u>	
		\$ 2,571.72

\$ 4,537.54

Disbursement

U.S. Post Office	\$ 37.93	
Buxton Change for Town Meeting	50.00	
State Line Bank	250.00	
Cairo Mini Monsters	100.00	
Cairo Mini Cars	100.00	
Cairo Legion Honor	100.00	
Cairo Hiram & Truck Corp	100.00	
Cairo Camel Corp	100.00	
Cairo Green Mt Boys	100.00	
Cairo Cycle Corp	100.00	
Champlain Valley Reenactors	100.00	
F.H.U.H.S. Band	100.00	
Robert Preseau	71.80	
John Klinenak Jr - Band Wagon	500.00	
Cecile Sherburn - Band Wagon	300.00	
Christine Pouliot - Supplies	18.90	
Cast Laminating - Signs	68.67	
Christy Alger - Pictures	<u>66.19</u>	
		\$ 2,263.49

Closing Balance - December 31, 2003

CD	\$1,800.00	
Savings	277.85	
Checking	<u>196.20</u>	
		\$ 2,274.05

\$ 4,537.54

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Christian

ORWELL PARADE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Orwell Parade for 2004 will be held on Sunday, May 30th starting at 1:30 p.m.

To make our Town more festive, the Parade Committee would like to decorate the electric poles on Main Street with flags. If anyone would like to make a monetary contribution for this purpose, please send it to Cindy Christian.

More members are needed. We meet on the second Wednesday during the months of January through June at 7:30 p.m. at Cindy Christian's house. Trucks, vans or cars are needed for the parade and also to shuttle units from the Town Hall to North Orwell Road. If you wish to volunteer some of your time, please come and join us.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Christian



Courtesy Cristy Alger

ORWELL SIXTY PLUS

Report 2003

In the Spring of 1982 a group of Orwell citizens came together to start a community program for citizens over 60 years of age.

This year we are 22 years old and continue to meet on the third Wednesday of the month for a pot luck luncheon and fellowship.

The monthly hosts sign up for their month in the coming year and provide a program for each month which can be a speaker or entertainment.

The First Chairman was Gladys Patnode of Orwell and other Orwell residents have followed her. The current Chairman is Doris Wickman, other officers are Ed Martel, Marge Martel and Jessie Orr, who is in charge of kitchen supplies. We participate in a project called "Sunshine". Cards are sent to those who have a birthday, may be ill or hospitalized.

Call Doris Wickman 948-2975, Martels 948-2124 and Jessie Orr 948-2191 for information.

Anyone 55 years old and up is welcome to join our group.



Courtesy Cristy Alger

W A R N I N G

Orwell Town School District

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The legal voters of the Town of Orwell School District are hereby warned to meet at the Town Hall in Orwell, Vermont, on Tuesday, the second day of March, A.D., 2004, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business:

Article 1. To elect one Town School Director for a term of three years, and one Town School Director for a term of two years.
(By ballot)

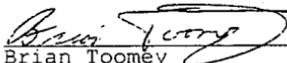
Article 2. To approve salaries as budgeted and payment of other school-related expenses for the Directors and other elected officers of the Town School District.

Article 3. To see if the Town School District will vote to authorize the Board of Directors or other proper officers to borrow money to meet the demands of current expenses of the Town School District.

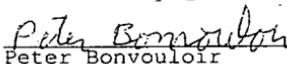
Article 4. To see what sum the Town School District will vote to appropriate to pay debts and defray expenses of the Town School District.

Article 5. To see if the Town School District will authorize the Board of Directors to reserve an amount of \$17,000. in a special reserve fund to be utilized by the Board for the sole purpose of defraying the cost of purchasing a school bus whenever the Board deems it necessary.

Article 6. To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.



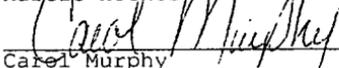
Brian Toomey



Peter Bonvouloir



Marcie Hoenes



Carol Murphy



Diane Robie

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

NOTE: Ballot boxes will be open for ballot articles at 10:00 A.M. and will close at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at the Orwell Town Hall.

**TOWN OF ORWELL
VERMONT**

**ORWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES**

MARCH 4, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Moderator, Michael R. Audet, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed to honor all our friends and neighbors who passed away during the last year, and to honor all our military people serving our country in dangerous areas all over the world.

Articles 1 & 2 as per the Warning, Town School and Union High School Directors were elected by Australian Ballot as follows:

Article 1: Town School Director for 3 Years - **Brian Toomey, Sr.**

Town School Director for 2 Years - **Carol Murphy**

Article 2: Union High School Director for 3 Years - **Julie Rigby**

The polls were open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. for Articles 1 and 2,
Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at the Orwell Town Hall.

Article 3. Brian Toomey, Sr. **moved** to approve salaries as budgeted and payment of other school-related expenses for the Directors and other elected officers of the Town School District. Virginia Wilson **seconded** the motion. The article **passed** by voice vote.

Article 4. Brian Toomey, Sr. **moved** to authorize the Board of Directors or other proper officers to borrow money to meet the demands of current expenses of the Town School District. Peter Bonvouloir **seconded** the motion. The article **passed** by voice vote.

Article 5. Brian Toomey, Sr. **moved** to appropriate **\$1,345,769.00** to pay debts and defray expenses of the Town School District. Paul Stone **seconded** the motion. Discussion ensued and included a request to have the Town School Board give a review of increases, including health insurance. People expressed concern for the rising property taxes that will mean hardship for many people in Town. Discussion continued.

Seven voters called for a paper ballot.

The article was **defeated** - 44 No 40 Yes

Before going to the next article, the Moderator asked the clerk to contact the Secretary of State's office to get confirmation on what the voters could or could not do next. The clerk reported back that a voter who voted to defeat the Article could, if that person wished, move to reconsider the article.

Miles Tudhope stated that he voted no and **moved** to reconsider Article 5. Paul Stone **seconded** the motion. The motion **passed** - standing vote of 88 Yes 9 No.

Miles Tudhope moved to amend the article to read - to appropriate \$1,300,000.00 to pay debts and defray expenses of the Town School District. Thomas Audet seconded the motion. Discussion followed. People generally feel costs must be controlled, especially health insurance. The School Board stated that they are already on a tight budget.

Seven voters called for a paper ballot.

The amendment to the article was defeated - 53 No 48 Yes

Discussion continued.

Brian Toomey Sr. moved to amend the article to read - to appropriate \$1,340,000.00 to pay debts and defray expenses of the Town School District. Mark Young seconded the motion. Discussion continued further.

Seven voters called for a paper ballot.

The amendment to the article passed - 79 Yes 20 No

Walker James moved the amended article that now reads - to appropriate \$1,340,000.00 to pay debts and defray expenses of the Town School District. Thomas Audet seconded the motion. The article as amended passed by voice vote.

Article 6. Brian Toomey Sr. moved to authorize the Board of Directors to reserve an amount of \$17,000.00 in a special reserve fund to be utilized by the Board for the sole purpose of defraying the cost of purchasing a school bus whenever the Board deems it necessary. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Edward Martel questioned why he should be taxed now and not when purchasing a bus. Brian Toomey, Sr. explained that this is not new, a bus has already been bought under this reserve fund system.

The article was defeated - standing vote of 53 No 31 Yes

Article 7. Other business that may lawfully come before the meeting. None.

George Bathgate moved to adjourn the Town School District meeting at 12:30 p.m. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Attest: Susan Ann Arneson
Town Clerk

Approved: _____
Moderator

Robert Sumner
Select Board

Paul W. Stone
Select Board

Carla A. Ochs
Select Board

Paula Barnes
Select Board

Walker E. James
Select Board

Principal's Report

Foundation For Excellent Schools continues to provide O.V.S. direct support toward improving student performance. F.E.S. provides a model to assist schools in designing and implementing a self-improvement program tailored to their particular situation.

Although programs differ in detail from school to school, common elements include the convening of a local leadership team, building working relationships with parents, establishing a partnership with college, and leadership training. The model also requires students to engage in service learning and to take part in decisions affecting their education.

Orwell Village School has developed an "Action Plan" through the support of F.E.S. This is our third year with F.E.S.

Team members are: Joseph P. Stone, Orwell Village School Principal
Laurel Cecil, Orwell Village School Teacher
Michele Poalino, Orwell Village School Teacher
Barbara Young, Orwell Village School Teacher
Doreen Sweeney-Dodge, Orwell Village School Teacher
Susan Young, Orwell Village School Teacher
Jacki Galenkamp, Parent
Marcie Hoenes, Orwell Village School Board Member

Action Plan Summary includes the following goals/strategies:

1. Increased reading experiences and opportunities
 - a. Create a school-wide reading incentive program.
 - b. Designate an area for a book swap shop.
2. Math
 - a. Implementation of VMI math portfolio impact plan, which consists of consistent portfolio instruction at all grade levels.
 - b. Implementation of a program and technique that will improve mastery of basic facts.
 - c. Research of alternate math textbooks to match student's learning styles for achievement success.
3. Encourage students, parents, and community to become stakeholders in education
 - a. Train and utilize students in peer mentoring at all grades.
 - b. Continue/improve college mentoring program.
 - c. Continue goal setting with college students in grades 6-8.
 - d. Participate in at least one college visit in grade 8.
 - e. Investigate college student clubs.
 - f. To improve communication and follow through with goals, allocate time at each faculty meeting.
 - g. Explore possibility of "celebration of learning" monthly assemblies during school and educational showcase for evening presentations for community.

Each goal has a specific set of strategies, timelines, defined implementer, cost, and evaluation process. The entire plan and process is a public document. To date the F.E.S. Team and Orwell Village School faculty believe we're making progress on each goal. Our measured achievement is based on standardized assessment, curriculum assessment, portfolio collections, individual assessments and observations.

There will be a detailed "School Report" published in January 2004. This will be presented publicly and copies will be made available to all Orwell residents. Because we are a small school and have very little turn over in student population, we are able to track most students from K-8. This allows for more precise planning on an individual basis.

Our faculty continues to participate in professional development opportunities to enhance teaching skills in all areas. Most recently we have been focusing on math assessment and using "data" to drive instructional decisions.

Our vocal music program is under "new management". Fran Broughton brings a wealth of experience and talent to O.V.S.

Extra curricular activities continue to be very much a part of our students experience and highly valued by the community. We recently surveyed students; many are involved in 4-H, athletics, music lessons, scouts and private lessons. Athletics continues to be among the most popular.

Buildings and Grounds - Dave Abbott continues to provide excellent services for O.V.S. as our building reflects his artistic talents and a commitment to do an outstanding job. There are numerous structural and system issues, which will require major investment in the near future. A special committee, under the Board Chair's direction, will be presenting a report to the community regarding the heating system, foundation repairs, etc.

By comparison, Orwell Village School is provisioned very well for a small school. Our ratio of teachers, staff, supplies, and equipment would be difficult to match, even in a larger school.

We are very proud of our students and greatly appreciate your support and continued participation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph P. Stone
Principal

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

As one year comes to a close and another begins, we take time to reflect, plan and respond. The past year has seen changes in personnel at the building level, as well as unexpected building issues. Responding to the challenges and opportunities presented to the Board has kept us busy this year.

We would like to acknowledge and thank those who maintain the buildings, transport students, provide hot lunches and support services. To professional staff, we wish to thank you for everything you do every day for the students of Orwell.

The process of negotiating a new agreement with professional staff continues. A special thank you to the core members of the team, who have extended much time and effort in this process. As a Board, we are very much aware of the community's sentiments expressed at Town Meeting last year. Hopefully, an agreement will be reached this spring.

The Town Hall and school building facilities continue to present us with significant maintenance issues, which could prove to be costly and are of concern to the Board. In a recent newsletter, we solicited the community to become part of a team to study and prioritize future repairs. Several people have responded and we hope that several more will also become involved.

As in the past, there is a separate request to reserve funds for a future bus purchase. This item was not funded last year; hopefully, the community will agree with this request this year.

Thank you to Marcie Hoenes and Diane Robie as they finish their current term on the Board. Your time expended, experience, and insights truly make a difference.

The children of Orwell are fortunate to be the beneficiaries of a community that cares about quality education. On behalf of the Board, "Thank You" for supporting them.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian E. Toomey, Board Chair



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

With the start of a new school year, we have begun to understand the implications of the Federal No Child Left Behind Act, which was enacted in January 2002. This law dramatically increases the Federal Government's role in four areas of K - 12 education:

- 1) Accountability for what every child should learn in reading, math, and science (as reflected in test results);
- 2) Local control over federal education dollars;
- 3) Funding for teaching programs and methods that work; and
- 4) Parental options.

One of the areas that the No Child Left Behind Act places significant emphasis on is teacher quality as a factor in improving student performance. As such, the law imposes standards requiring teachers of core academic subjects (English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, arts, history, and geography) to be "highly qualified".

Paraprofessionals are also affected by this law, referring to highly qualified staff. They must have completed at least two years of study at an institution of higher education or obtained an associate's degree or pass a rigorous assessment. The No Child Left Behind Act will have an increasingly profound influence on public education over the next decade as each area of implementation is reached. In the end, all students must be proven proficient in all of the State's academic standards within the next 12 years. High-stakes testing, federal government intervention, accountability, and curriculum uniformity will be regular discussion topics in schools.

There is a new education finance law in effect. This law, called Act 68, is the new education funding law, which replaces Act 60 of 1997. It creates a simpler education funding system, based on a split grand list. The new system begins in fiscal year 2005 and will affect property tax bills beginning in the summer of 2004. The new act:

- Repeals the "sharing pool";
- Splits the education grand list into two parts: homestead and all other property;
- Taxes homesteads at an adjustable rate, adjusted within each district to correspond to the district's education spending;
- Taxes non-residential property at a uniform statewide rate;
- Maintains income sensitivity with very few changes.

Assessment/Student Performance

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act requires states to put into place a series of measurable objectives about student performance that states, school districts and schools are expected to meet, as well as a series of reporting mechanisms to measure progress. Performance is measured by the progress of schools and districts in making adequate yearly progress in applying the same high standards of academic achievement to all public elementary and secondary school students.

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

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

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

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

What follows are a few of the results of the assessments given to students in ARSU, including the New Standards Reference Examination (NSRE) in English/Language Arts and Mathematics for grades 4, 8, and 10; the Vermont Developmental Reading Assessment (VT – DRA) for grade 2; and the Stanford Achievement Test – Ninth Edition (SAT-9) for grades 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 11. District demographic summaries are also provided in the areas of gender and free and reduced lunch/milk status.

New Standards Reference Examination

The NSRE represents a way to measure student achievement using Performance Standards, which say what students should be able to do at different points in their educational careers. This reference to standards differs from reference to norms that assess how well students perform compared to other students. For example, a low score in Mathematics Conceptual Understanding on the NSRE means that a student may not have understood the concepts they should have at their grade level. The same student might score above national averages on a norm-referenced test if students across the nation are weak in conceptual understanding.

The NSRE results are reported as profiles. The profiles map directly to the Performance Standards or to clusters of standards. In mathematics the profile has three parts:

- 1.) Skills
- 2.) Conceptual Understanding
- 3.) Problem Solving

In English/Language Arts, the profile has four parts:

- 1.) Reading: Basic Understanding
- 2.) Reading: Analysis & Understanding
- 3.) Writing: Effectiveness
- 4.) Writing: Conventions

Scores for the NSRE are reported for each cluster and determined according to the following scale:

- *Achieved the Standard With Honors*
-A student performs at a higher level than the standard on a consistent basis.
- *Achieved the Standard*
-A student performs at the level of the standard on a consistent basis.

- *Nearly Achieved the Standard*
-A student shows some evidence of performing at the level of the standard, but overall, the performances do not consistently meet the standard.
- *Below the Standard*
-A student shows some attempt to respond but the number of successful responses is minimal, and, all too often, the responses are incomplete.
- *Little Evidence of Achievement*
-A student shows almost no attempt to respond, as evidenced by numerous blank answers, entirely unsuccessful answers, and incomplete answers.

Vermont Developmental Reading Assessment

The VT-DRA is an individually administered, standards-based reading assessment given to 2nd graders. It requires a student to demonstrate evidence of the ability to comprehend grade-appropriate materials and to make connections among various parts of the text. The VT-DRA assesses the following standards:

***VT Standard 1.2 – Reading Accuracy**

-Students read grade-appropriate material with at least 90% accuracy, in a way that makes meaning clear.

***VT Standard 1.3 – Reading Comprehension**

-Students read for meaning, demonstrating both initial understanding and personal response to what is read.

Proficiency levels on the VT-DRA include:

<u>Level</u>	<u>Students successfully:</u>
Achieved the Standard With Honors	Read with 94% accuracy at a third grade level or higher and demonstrate fluency in oral reading.
Achieved the Standard	Read with 94% accuracy at a late second grade level of difficulty.
Nearly Achieved the Standard	Read with at least 92% accuracy at late first to mid-second grade level of difficulty.
Below the Standard	Read with at least 90% accuracy at a primer to mid-first grade level of difficulty.
Little or No Evidence of Meeting the Standard	Read with at least 90% accuracy at a pre-primer level of difficulty or respond to familiar print.

Stanford Achievement Test

The Stanford Achievement Test, Ninth Edition (SAT 9) includes both multiple-choice and open-ended assessments for greater coverage of the depth and breadth of student achievement. Scores are reflected using national Normal Curve Equivalent (NCE) scores and Performance Standard percentages.

A Normal Curve Equivalent score is a direct conversion from percentile rank and is a standard score resulting from the division of the normal curve into 99 equal units. It is a standard score with a known mean and standard deviation, such that NCE scores of 1, 50 and 99 correspond to percentile ranks of 1, 50 and 99 respectively.

Performance Standards on the SAT 9 are content-referenced scores that reflect what students know and should be able to do in given subject areas. There are four categories or levels of student performance.

- Level 1** - indicates little or no mastery of fundamental knowledge and skills.
- Level 2** - denotes partial mastery of the knowledge and skills that are fundamental for satisfactory work. At the high school level, that is higher than minimum competency skills.
- Level 3** - represents solid academic performance, indicating that students are prepared for the next grade level. At the high school level, this indicates preparedness for democratic citizenship, responsible adulthood, and productive work.
- Level 4** - signifies superior performance beyond grade-level mastery. At the high school level, this shows readiness for rigorous college courses, advanced technical training, or employment requiring advanced academic achievement.

Overview of 2003 Assessment Results

Reading

- 75% of ARSU grade two students met or exceeded the standard with 41% reading and comprehending at the third grade level or higher. In addition, fewer than 15% of all students fell below the standard.
- ARSU students in grade four have shown consistently strong performance in basic reading skills, with more than 75% meeting the standard or achieving it with honors. 10% of student fell below the standard.
- 65% of ARSU eighth graders met the basic standard, and 10% fell below the standard.
- Only 47% of ARSU tenth grader students met or exceeded the standard compared to 55% at the State level. 9% fell below the standard. Significant improvement still needs to happen at this level.

Writing

- Approximately 38% of our grade four students met the writing standard in Effectiveness and 59% met the standard in Conventions, compared to State averages of 48% in both. We are concerned that an average of 29% fell below the standard in the last two years.
- 59% of ARSU eighth graders met the standard in Effectiveness, 51% met the standard in Conventions. 4% fell below the standard in Effectiveness, 11% in Conventions.
- 37% of ARSU tenth graders met the standard in Effectiveness, 76% in Conventions. 4% fell below the standard in Effectiveness and 6% in Conventions.

Mathematics

- 73% of ARSU fourth graders met the standard for Skills, 40% for Concepts, and 37% for Problem Solving. The State averages were 73% (Skills), 46%(Concepts), and 41% (Problem Solving).
- 68% of ARSU eighth graders met the standard for Skills, 44% for Concepts, and 54% for Problem Solving. The State averages were 67% (Skills), 40% (Concepts), and 48% (Problem Solving).
- 54% of ARSU tenth graders met the standard for Skills, 33% for Concepts, and 32% for Problem Solving. The State averages were 62% (Skills), 42% (Concepts) and 42% (Problem Solving). These scores were an improvement from 2002, but are still of great concern, especially when looking at the percentages of students who did not meet the standard at the 10th grade level (35% in Skills, 34% in Concepts, and 63% in Problem Solving).

Stanford Achievement Test

- The following percentage of students scored in the solid academic to superior performance levels on the Stanford Achievement Tests:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Writing</u>	<u>Math</u>
1	71%	63%	73%
3	55%	36%	36%
5	45%	37%	38%
6	38%	22%	32%
7	53%	35%	37%
9	36%	17%	33%
11	35%	20%	11%

Gender & Free and Reduced Lunch/Milk Status

- In 2003, females outperformed males in every category at each level on the NSRE's with the exception of Math Concepts in grade 10. The most significant differences were seen in English/Language Arts at the 10th grade level.
- Students participating in the Free and Reduced Lunch/Milk programs tended to have higher percentages of students falling below the standard in reading, writing and mathematics, scoring as follows in 2003:

		<u>% Below the Standard</u>		
		<u>Reading</u>	<u>Writing</u>	<u>Mathematics</u>
Free and Reduced Lunch/Milk	4th	18%	45%	39%
	8th	25%	18%	43%
	10th	18%	6%	55%
No Assistance	4th	11%	32%	26%
	8th	7%	4%	22%
	10th	15%	3%	30%

Concluding Summary

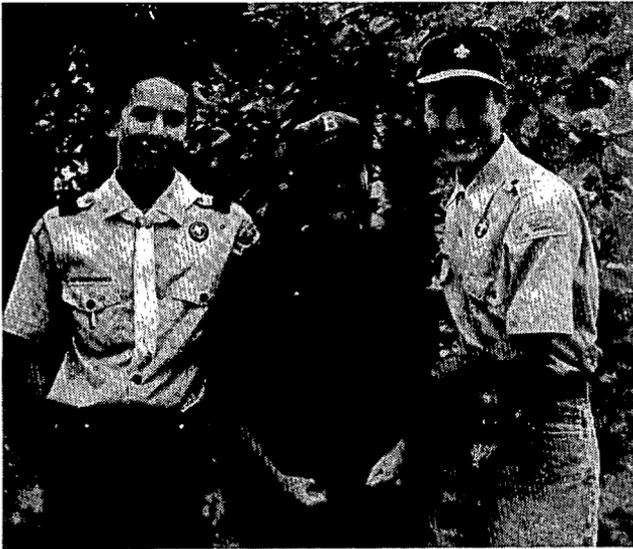
The Addison-Rutland Supervisory Union Office has seen a few new changes this year. One big change is that our office has relocated from the Town Hall building in Fair Haven to 49 Main Street in Fair Haven. This move has culminated with the ARSU School Board looking at space, facilities, and location for the past five years. This new location has provided the district with sufficient office space for their workers, storage space, conference space, and easy accessibility.

I would also like to welcome Wendy Savery, the new Assistant Superintendent, to the district. Wendy has been a high school social studies teacher, learning specialist, and special education administrator. She comes to us from Middlebury, Vt., where she lives with her husband and two children.

We commend and congratulate the following recipients of this year's special awards. Laurel Cecil and Tricia Dudley each received the UVM Outstanding Teacher Award. Sally deLancey, Maureen Faryniarz, Susan McKelvie, Robin Herrick, and Dick Luzer, each received the ARSU Outstanding Teacher Award. The Benson Even Start Program and The Fair Haven Grade School's Student Support Team, each received the ARSU Executive Award. Linda Blackbird, Christy Alger, Danielle Sweatt, Sally Corey, and Gail McGann, each received the ARSU Instructional Assistant Award. Steve Bruyneel, Sally Moore, Fran Bowen, Marion Munger, Judy Ouellette, and Bea Laramie of the Fair Haven Rescue Squad, each received the ARSU Special Service Award. Jacquelyn Sawin, Tracy Hardiman, Ed Dechen, Paul Christensen, and Barbara Papandrea, each received the ARSU Substitute of the Year Award.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald C. Ryan
Superintendent of Schools



Courtesy Cristy Alger

**ORWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT
JULY 1, 2002 - JUNE 30, 2003**

Receipts

Fund Balance July 1, 2002	\$38,885.50
Borrowings	60,000.00
F.H.U.H.S. Transportation Reimburse.	47,924.00
Gov.Net	2,580.00
Hall Rentals	260.00
Interest Income	1,811.91
Land Leases	48.85
From Local Hot Lunch Program	18,844.85
Misc. Income	1,916.93
Orders Voided	4,337.88
Refunds	14,716.83
State Hot Lunch Payments	16,381.79
State of Vermont	741,838.00
School Fund Taxes	1,071,365.00

Disbursements

Bank Fees	\$24.00
Board Orders	1,243,686.93
Board Payroll Orders	759,846.77
Balance on Hand June 30, 2003	17,353.84

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Respectfully submitted,
Mark S. Young
Town Treasurer

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Independent Auditors' Report

To The School Board
Orwell School District

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

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

In our opinion, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Orwell School District, Vermont, as of June 30, 2003, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund type and nonexpendable trust fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 7, 2003 on our consideration of Orwell School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements of Orwell School District, Vermont taken as a whole. The schedule listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the

general-purpose financial statements of Orwell School District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

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August 7, 2003



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ORWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
2004-2005 Budget

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	2004-2005 Budget	2003-2004 Anticipated	2003-2004 Budget	2002-2003 ACTUAL
Balance, July 1	\$15,000.00	(\$24,220.00)	(\$30,000.00)	\$54,795.50
Add: Revenue	2,096,732.00	2,054,562.00	2,024,991.00	1,867,433.70
Total Balance+Revenue	\$2,111,732.00	\$2,030,342.00	\$1,994,991.00	\$1,922,229.20
Less: Expenditures	2,111,732.00	2,014,775.00	1,994,991.00	1,946,449.17
Balance, June 30	\$0.00	\$15,567.00	\$0.00	(\$24,219.97) *
ACCOUNT				
1110 Local Taxes	0.00	283,375.00	314,303.00	281,279.00
1140 Glebe Rent	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.85
1412 Transportation Receipts	56,575.00	56,575.00	56,575.00	47,924.00
1500 Earnings on Investments	1,500.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	1,811.91
1690 Food service	26,000.00	26,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
1910 Rentals	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
1920 Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00	768.94
1980 Prior Year Refund	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,580.00
1990 Misc. Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3110 Ed Spending Owed to District	1,727,552.00	1,342,690.00	1,305,664.00	1,253,797.00
3110 Baes ED Amt Tech FTE	20,910.00			
3115 Revenue from Ed. Fund	0.00			
3145 Small Schools Grant	23,000.00	89,055.00	95,154.00	64,015.00
3150 Transportation Aid	34,000.00	24,257.00	23,000.00	22,681.00
3160 Debt Service Aid	0.00	34,900.00	32,000.00	26,010.00
3201 Block Grant	66,950.00	65,110.00	65,110.00	59,977.00
3202 Intensive Costs	125,000.00	113,170.00	100,000.00	92,513.00
3203 Extraordinary Reimb	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3204 EEE Block Grant	11,645.00	10,610.00	10,585.00	10,408.00
3205 State Placed Student	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4226 Federal Funds Speech	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
4343 EEE Sch Renovation	0.00	3,220.00	0.00	0.00
5200 Fund Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5300 Sale/Comp of Fixed Asset	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5400 Prior Year Transportation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	2,096,732.00	2,054,562.00	2,024,991.00	1,867,433.70

* Any anticipated deficit in a fiscal year will be recovered the following fiscal year by increasing education spending.

E X P E N D I T U R E

	2004-2005 Budget	2003-2004 Anticipated	2003-2004 Budget	2002-2003 Actual
2213 PROF. STUDY				
270 Tuition Reimb	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,790.20
310 Grant/In-service	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
370 Required Programs	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00	911.00
2213 TOTAL PROF. STUDY	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,701.20</u>
2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION				
119 Board Salaries	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00	0.00
220 Social Security	175.00	175.00	175.00	0.00
522 Liability Insurance	1,150.00	1,005.00	600.00	544.09
522 Umbrella Insurance	2,000.00	1,730.00	2,300.00	2,173.01
540 Elections/Advertising	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	551.51
580 Travel/Conferences/Phone	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
590 Other	500.00	500.00	500.00	212.75
810 Dues and Fees	850.00	1,050.00	850.00	850.00
890 Incentive Awards	500.00	500.00	500.00	184.50
2311 TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION	<u>9,975.00</u>	<u>9,250.00</u>	<u>9,725.00</u>	<u>4,515.86</u>
2312 BOARD SECRETARY				
114 Secretary Salary	400.00	0.00	400.00	130.00
220 Social Security	30.00	0.00	30.00	9.95
TOTAL BOARD SECRETARY	<u>430.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>430.00</u>	<u>139.95</u>
2315 LEGAL FEES	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,127.75
2321 ARSU ASSESSMENT	54,755.00	54,309.00	54,309.00	46,101.32
2322 COMMUNITY RELATION SERV.	600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00

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	2004-2005 Budget	2003-2004 Anticipated	2003-2004 Budget	2002-2003 Actual
2410 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION				
110 Principal Salary	55,550.00	53,930.00	53,145.00	52,360.10
114 Secretary Salary	14,635.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	13,577.46
120 Ass't Principal Salary	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
120 Substitutes	600.00	600.00	200.00	2,399.90
210 Health Insurance	16,845.00	15,180.00	15,970.00	12,048.04
220 Social Security	5,500.00	5,400.00	5,300.00	5,312.01
250 Workers Comp	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
290 Insurance Buy/Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
340 Technical Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
430 Equipment Repair	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
530 Telephone/Postage	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	3,995.19
550 Printing/Awards	600.00	0.00	600.00	605.40
580 Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
590 Misc Graduation	400.00	400.00	400.00	552.40
610 Supplies	700.00	0.00	700.00	1,150.94
640 Books	100.00	0.00	100.00	50.00
730 Copier	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	9,537.90
730 Equipment	200.00	0.00	200.00	1,776.13
810 Dues and Fees	725.00	725.00	725.00	627.50
2410 TOTAL SCHOOL ADMIN.	114,055.00	108,335.00	109,540.00	105,592.97
2520 FISCAL SERVICES				
310 Audit	1,800.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	1,500.00
550 Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
830 Interest Current Loan	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
590 Bank Service charge	350.00	350.00	350.00	119.00
2520 TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	3,150.00	2,850.00	3,350.00	1,619.00

E X P E N D I T U R E

	2004-2005 Budget	2003-2004 Anticipated	2003-2004 Budget	2002-2003 Actual
2620 BUILDING SERVICES				
116 Custodial Salary	32,535.00	31,550.00	31,550.00	31,496.32
120 Substitutes	400.00	400.00	400.00	562.90
210 Health Insurance	4,290.00	3,810.00	0.00	0.00
220 Social Security	2,520.00	2,450.00	2,520.00	2,529.14
250 Workmen's Compensation	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,500.00
290 Other Benefits	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
411 Water/Sewer	8,200.00	8,200.00	8,200.00	8,007.00
421 Trash Removal	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,200.00	3,515.00
422 Snow Removal	1,600.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,575.00
430 Repair/Renovation	16,850.00	14,000.00	8,731.00	20,176.16
440 Town Hall	6,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	8,240.98
490 Water Testing	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	480.00
521 Property Insurance	4,300.00	3,780.00	3,300.00	2,852.33
580 Travel	300.00	250.00	250.00	177.90
610 Janitorial Supplies	8,600.00	8,400.00	8,400.00	8,935.99
622 Electricity	17,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00	17,420.29
624 Oil	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	12,195.73
730 Equipment	6,000.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	6,624.33
2620 TOTAL BUILDING SERVICES	128,795.00	120,540.00	111,751.00	127,289.07
2630 GROUND SERVICES	4,250.00	4,250.00	4,250.00	3,465.50
2711 TRANSPORTATION				
117 Driver Salaries	32,980.00	25,500.00	30,500.00	26,464.00
120 Subs/Salary	500.00	7,500.00	500.00	4,971.22
210 Health Insurance	4,290.00	3,815.00	4,265.00	3,203.49
220 Social Security	2,560.00	2,525.00	2,335.00	2,404.86
250 Workmen's Comp	2,960.00	2,960.00	2,960.00	2,568.06
330 Drug/Alch Test/Physicals	800.00	750.00	750.00	805.25
524 Bus Insurance	2,300.00	2,020.00	2,200.00	1,503.08
590 Private Garages	4,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	4,298.86
610 Parts	4,000.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	7,714.59
626 Gasoline/Diesel	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,549.66
730 Bus/Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2711 TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	60,890.00	58,070.00	56,510.00	60,483.07

EXPENDITURE

	2004-2005 Budget	2003-2004 Anticipated	2003-2004 Budget	2002-2003 Actual
5100 DEBT SERVICE				
830 Interest on Building	8,220.00	9,640.00	9,640.00	11,036.88
910 Principle on Building	20,110.00	20,110.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
5100 TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	28,330.00	29,750.00	34,640.00	36,036.88
5200 ADJUSTMENTS	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,223.00
5200 DEBT SERVICE				
830 Bus Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
910 Bus Principle	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5200 TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5300 Transfer Bus Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,000.00
1100 DIRECT INSTRUCTION				
113 Teacher Salaries	\$408,320.00	\$395,000.00	\$403,430.00	\$392,460.06
115 Aide Salaries	4,000.00	4,300.00	4,315.00	4,045.10
120 Teacher Substitute	13,500.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	12,739.03
120 Aide Sub/Tutor	0.00	500.00	250.00	303.10
120 Learning Adventure	2,000.00	1,900.00	1,500.00	739.97
210 Health Insurance	86,980.00	85,000.00	85,165.00	66,377.77
220 Social Security	32,540.00	32,000.00	32,505.00	31,417.20
250 Workers Compensation	3,100.00	3,340.00	2,400.00	2,100.00
260 Unemployment Comp.	600.00	500.00	800.00	470.00
290 Buyout Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
310 Assemblies & Plays	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,415.00
320 In-service	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	444.07
430 Repair of Equipment	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
580 Travel	350.00	350.00	350.00	247.89
610 Supplies	19,000.00	18,150.00	20,650.00	18,513.48
640 Books and Periodicals	21,000.00	22,410.00	12,000.00	10,337.15
730 Equipment	2,200.00	1,100.00	400.00	586.12
810 Dues	245.00	245.00	245.00	15.00
1100 TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$596,435.00	\$577,295.00	\$577,610.00	\$542,260.94
1108 PHYSICAL EDUCATION	2,100.00	550.00	1,650.00	854.51

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	2004-2005 Budget	2003-2004 Anticipated	2003-2004 Budget	2002-2003 Actual
1112 MUSIC	21,715.00	20,525.00	17,960.00	17,965.52
2120 GUIDANCE				
113 Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
220 Social Security	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
330 Counseling Services	12,000.00	11,810.00	11,500.00	10,636.34
610 Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,972.30
640 Books	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
2120 TOTAL GUIDANCE	14,200.00	13,810.00	13,700.00	12,608.64
2130 SCHOOL NURSE				
113 Nurse Salary	7,110.00	6,800.00	6,800.00	6,702.02
123 Sub Nurse	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
210 Ins Buy Out	0.00	300.00		
220 Social Security	545.00	535.00	740.00	512.72
330 Vaccinations	400.00	400.00	400.00	375.00
430 Equipment Repair	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
610 Supplies	500.00	500.00	500.00	423.88
640 Books/Periodicals	50.00	60.00	50.00	37.00
810 Dues/Fees	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
2130 TOTAL SCHOOL NURSE	8,905.00	8,795.00	8,790.00	8,050.62
2222 LIBRARY SERVICES				
113 Teacher Salary	14,630.00	14,000.00	13,400.00	13,790.04
115 Aide	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
220 Social Security	1,120.00	1,300.00	1,025.00	1,054.90
430 Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
610 Supplies	205.00	275.00	205.00	295.11
640 Books/Periodicals	3,700.00	2,085.00	3,585.00	1,776.36
650 A-V Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
730 Equipment	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2222 TOTAL LIBRARY SERVICES	19,905.00	17,660.00	18,215.00	16,916.41
2225 COMPUTER SERVICES	31,645.00	28,425.00	28,445.00	32,218.41

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	2004-2005 Budget	2003-2004 Anticipated	2003-2004 Budget	2002-2003 Actual
2390 SCHOLARSHIP	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
560 FHUHS Assessment	670,656.00	654,991.00	654,991.00	665,367.00
1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION				
113 Teacher Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
115 Aide Salaries	79,000.00	62,735.00	63,900.00	54,095.98
115 Aides FHUHS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
120 Aide Substitutes	6,000.00	23,400.00	2,200.00	6,307.10
210 Health Insurance	17,150.00	12,000.00	18,510.00	11,805.04
220 Social Security	6,620.00	6,770.00	5,065.00	4,693.06
240 Retirement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
270 In-service Training	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
290 Insurance Buy/Out	1,500.00	1,450.00	1,000.00	950.00
330 Contract Service	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00
565 Tuition WSTP	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,262.86
580 Tuition	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
580 Travel	6,000.00	2,500.00	6,000.00	2,378.81
610 Supplies	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,731.64
1200 TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	124,570.00	117,155.00	104,975.00	84,224.49
1219 RESOURCE ROOM				
113 Teacher Salary	33,290.00	31,850.00	31,850.00	31,770.10
210 Health Insurance	4,765.00	4,710.00	4,710.00	3,559.44
220 Social Security	2,550.00	2,470.00	2,440.00	2,430.42
580 Travel	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
610 Supplies	1,000.00	400.00	1,000.00	576.07
640 Books/Periodicals	200.00	100.00	200.00	607.32
650 Audio Visual	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1219 TOTAL RESOURCE ROOM	41,905.00	39,630.00	40,300.00	38,943.35
2136 OT/PT SERVICES	13,000.00	15,000.00	5,000.00	15,334.12
2140 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERV.	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,100.00
2150 TOTAL Speech Services	32,205.00	29,620.00	29,930.00	28,645.76
2711 SPED TRANSPORTATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

E X P E N D I T U R E

	2004-2005 Budget	2003-2004 Anticipated	2003-2004 Budget	2002-2003 Actual
1200 EEE Costs	39,000.00	37,000.00	37,000.00	29,563.89
1300 Vocational Tuition	13,751.00	15,820.00	15,800.00	18,442.25
1300 Base ED Amt Tech FTE	20,910.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL VOCATIONAL TUITION	<u>34,661.00</u>	<u>15,820.00</u>	<u>15,800.00</u>	<u>18,442.25</u>
1410 CO-CURRICULAR	1,350.00	1,350.00	3,350.00	991.29
1420 ATHLETICS	6,760.00	5,260.00	5,260.00	3,924.79
2720 FIELD TRIP TRANSPORTATION	2,690.00	1,075.00	1,075.00	2,569.27
3110 FOOD SERVICES				
118 Food Services Salary	0.00	0.00	22,150.00	1,787.34
120 Substitute Salary	0.00	0.00	500.00	3,563.32
210 Health Insurance	0.00	350.00	4,140.00	3,203.34
220 Social Security	0.00	0.00	1,745.00	1,889.23
250 Workers Comp	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
290 Insurance Buy/Out	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
330 Contract Services	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.00
330 Special Functions	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
430 Equipment Repair	400.00	400.00	400.00	156.47
580 Travel	50.00	0.00	50.00	62.15
610 Supplies	750.00	0.00	750.00	272.22
623 Bottled Gas	600.00	600.00	600.00	509.77
730 Equipment	500.00	500.00	500.00	228.50
810 Dues & Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3110 TOTAL FOOD SERVICES	<u>32,800.00</u>	<u>31,850.00</u>	<u>32,335.00</u>	<u>12,172.34</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>2,111,732.00</u>	<u>2,014,775.00</u>	<u>1,994,991.00</u>	<u>1,946,449.17</u>

Orwell School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 4 - LONG-TERM DEBT

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

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

Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, bond payable, interest at 5.625% paid semi-annually, principal of \$25,000 due December 1st of each year until 2009, originally borrowed \$405,000 on July 27, 1994 \$175,000

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

	Principal	Interest	Total
During the year ended June 30, 2004	\$ 25,000	\$ 4,750	\$ 29,750
2005	25,000	3,329	28,329
2006	25,000	6,775	31,775
2007	25,000	5,304	30,304
2008	25,000	3,808	28,808
Thereafter	<u>50,000</u>	<u>3,060</u>	<u>53,060</u>
Totals	<u>\$175,000</u>	<u>\$27,026</u>	<u>\$202,026</u>

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

	Balance July 1, 2002	Increase	Decrease	Balance June 30, 2003
VT Municipal Bond Bank	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$175,000</u>

Orwell School District
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Groups
June 30, 2003

EXHIBIT I

	Governmental Fund Types			Debt Service Fund	Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type		Account Groups			Totals (Memorandum Only)	
	General Fund	Capital Project Fund				Agency Fund	Nonexpendable Trust Fund	General Fixed Assets	Long-Term Debt			
ASSETS:												
Current Assets:												
Cash	\$ 17,521	\$ 17,000	\$	297	\$	3,355		1,984			\$	40,157
Investments	13,014		20,879	3,453								20,879
Accounts Receivable - State	5,245			704								16,487
Accounts Receivable - Other	3,453						146					5,949
Due From Other Funds				1,401								3,599
Inventory												1,401
Total Current Assets	\$ 39,233	\$ 17,000	\$ 20,879	\$ 5,855		\$ 3,355	\$ 1,984	\$			\$	\$ 88,452
Other Assets:												
Fixed Assets									1,229,413			1,229,413
Amount to be Provided for:										10,727		10,727
Capital Lease Obligations										175,000		175,000
Retirement of Long-Term Debt										185,727		185,727
Total Other Assets									1,229,413			1,415,140
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 39,233	\$ 17,000	\$ 20,879	\$ 5,855		\$ 3,355	\$ 1,984	\$	\$ 1,229,413	\$ 185,727	\$	\$ 1,503,592
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:												
Liabilities:												
Due To Other Funds				3,453	\$		146					3,599
Amount Held for Agency Funds					\$	3,355				10,727		3,355
Capital Lease Obligations	60,000											10,727
Note Payable												60,000
Bonds Payable	60,000											175,000
Total Liabilities				\$ 3,453		\$ 3,355	\$ 146			\$ 185,727		\$ 232,681
Fund Equity:												
Investment in General Fixed Assets									1,229,413			1,229,413
Fund Balances:												
Unreserved	(29,650)		20,879				146					(8,971)
Reserved	9,093	17,000									1,838	26,229
Restricted												1,838
Retained Earnings				2,402								2,402
Total Fund Equity	(20,767)	17,000	20,879	2,402			146		1,229,413			1,250,911
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 39,233	\$ 17,000	\$ 20,879	\$ 5,855		\$ 3,355	\$ 146	\$	\$ 1,229,413	\$ 185,727	\$	\$ 1,503,592

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Orwell School District
 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
 and Changes in Fund Balances
 All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds
 For The Year Ended June 30, 2003

EXHIBIT II

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Capital Project Fund	Debt Service Fund	Expendable Trust Fund	
REVENUES:					
Local Taxes	\$ 281,279				\$ 281,279
Rentals	69				69
Transportation	47,924				47,924
Investment Income	1,812		\$ 3,818		5,630
Donations	769				769
Refunds and Reimbursements	2,580				2,580
State	1,529,401				1,529,401
Federal	3,600	-	-	-	3,600
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,867,434</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>3,818</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>1,871,252</u>
EXPENDITURES:					
Direct Services	1,403,366				1,403,366
Support Services:					
Students	67,912				67,912
Instructional Staff	54,835				54,835
General Administration	51,885				51,885
Area Administration	105,593				105,593
Fiscal Services	1,619				1,619
Operation & Maintenance of Building	130,755				130,755
Transportation	63,052				63,052
Debt Service:					
Interest Charges			11,037		11,037
Principal Retirement			25,000		25,000
Other Outlays	2,223	-	-	-	2,223
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,881,240</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,037</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,917,277</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(13,806)	-	(32,219)	-	(46,025)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Transfers In (Out)	(61,757)	17,000	36,037	14	(8,706)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(75,563)	17,000	3,818	14	(54,731)
FUND BALANCES, JULY 1, 2002	<u>54,796</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,061</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>71,989</u>
FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30, 2003	<u>\$ (20,767)</u>	<u>\$ 17,000</u>	<u>\$ 20,879</u>	<u>\$ 146</u>	<u>\$ 17,258</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

ORWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
2003 - 2004

School Directors

Brian Toomey - Chair
Diane Robie - Clerk
Peter Bonvouloir
Marcie Hoenes
Carol Murphy
Superintendent of Schools - Ronald C. Ryan
Assistant Superintendent - Wendy M. Savery
Director of Special Services - Kristin Benway
Business Manager - Laura Z. Jakubowski
District Technology Coordinator - Katie Duggan
District Psychologist - John Fitzpatrick
District Speech/Language Pathologist - Nicole Johnson
District School Counselor - Robert Smolinski
Principal - Joseph P. Stone

Teachers

Assignment

Maureen Reardon	Kindergarten
Sally deLancey	Grade 1
Susan Young	Grade 2
Doreen Sweeney-Dodge	Grade 3
Laurel Cecil	Grade 4
Ann Canfield Larkin	Grade 5
Ann Ellis	Grade 6
Patricia Dubois	Language Arts/Social Studies Grades 7&8
Barbara Young	Science/Math, Grades 7&8
Eric Becker	Health, Physical Education
Marion Campbell	Art & Librarian
Francine Broughton	Vocal Music
Helen Weston	Instrumental Music
Michele Poalino	Remedial Reading/Math
Arnolda Michel	French
Pamela Jasmin	Resource Room
Susan Strosnider	School Nurse
Cheryl Vadnais	Secretary
Cathy Alger	Technology Aide
Kathy Dundon	Teacher Aide
Barbara Buxton	Teacher Aide
Erica Heibler	Special Education Aide
Frances Moran	Special Education Aide
Nancy Rivers	Special Education Aide
Cathleen St. George	Special Education Aide
Christine Wheeler	Special Education Aide
Jane Weinlagen	Speech Assistant

Custodians

David Abbott
David Mallory

Bus Drivers

Steve Bruyneel
Kyle Buxton
Sara Quesnel

Orwell Village School
Enrollments as of December 1, 2003:

Kindergarten	13	Grade 5	16
Grade 1	14	Grade 6	25
Grade 2	13	Grade 7	20
Grade 3	18	Grade 8	<u>21</u>
Grade 4	24	Total	164

Orwell Students at Fair Haven Union High School
as of October 15, 2003:

Grade 9	21
Grade 10	14
Grade 11	23
Grade 12	<u>11</u>
Total	69



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ORWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PERSONNEL INFORMATION
2002-2003

FACULTY & ADM.	DEGREE	EXPERIENCE	GRADE	SALARY	HEALTH INS.	TOTAL
ALEXANDER, KIMBERLY	BS	10	PHYSICAL ED.	16,777	-	16,777
BRANTON, ARTHUR	MS	8	CHORAL MUSIC	5,399	-	5,399
CAMPBELL, MARION	MS	15	LIBRARIAN/ART	27,580	-	27,580
CECIL, LAUREL	BS	28	GRADE 3	41,732	9,534	51,266
DELANCEY, SALLY	BS	26	KINDERGARTEN	41,801	9,534	51,335
DUBOIS, PATRICIA	BA+30	16	LANG ARTS/SOC. STUDIES	32,000	3,559	35,559
ELLIS, ANN	MA	22	GRADE 6	41,563	3,559	45,122
JASMIN, PAMELA	BS	15	RES. RM.	31,380	3,559	34,939
LARKIN, ANN	MA	16	GRADE 5	36,806	9,330	46,136
MICHEL, ARNOLDA	BA	13	FRENCH	11,708	-	11,708
REARDON, MAUREEN	BS	21	GRADE 4	38,544	3,559	42,103
STONE, JOSEPH	M.ED	37	PRINCIPAL	52,360	9,380	61,740
STROSNIDER, SUSAN	BSN	25	NURSE	6,702	-	6,702
SWEENEY-DODGE, DOREEN	BS	21	GRADE 2	38,544	9,534	48,078
WESTON, HELEN	BA	4	INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC	9,875	-	9,875
YOUNG, BARBARA	BS	21	MATH/SCIENCE	38,544	7,089	45,633
YOUNG, SUSAN	BS	24	GRADE 1	40,986	9,380	50,366

ORWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PERSONNEL INFORMATION
2002-2003

AIDES NAME	DEGREE	EXPERIENCE	ASSIGNMENT	HR. RATE	TOTAL HRS.	SALARY	HEALTH INS.	TOTAL
ALGER, CATHY	-	4.5	TECHNOLOGY AIDE	7.82	1244	9,728	3,203	12,931
ALGER, CHRISTY	AS	2	INSTRUCT ASSIST.	7.45	1185	8,825	3,203	12,028
BROWN, DONNA	BA	5	INSTRUCT ASSIST.	9.21	954	8,786	2,936	11,722
BUXTON, BARBARA	RN	3.5	INSTRUCT ASSIST.	7.82	1131	8,844	500	9,344
HEIBLER, ERICA	LNA	1	INSTRUCT ASSIST.	7.23	779	5,630	1,369	6,999
MORAN, FRANCES	42 CREDITS	1.5	INSTRUCT ASSIST.	7.45	1256	9,357	2,669	12,026
RIVERS, NANCY	-	1	INSTRUCT ASSIST.	7.23	1055	7,628	2,402	10,030
WILLIAMS, PATRICIA	55 CREDITS	2	INSTRUCT ASSIST.	7.45	1217	9,070	500	9,570
SECRETARY								
VADNAIS, CHERYL			SECRETARY	8.25	1646	13,577	2,669	16,246
CUSTODIANS								
ABBOTT, DAVID			CUSTODIAN	12.12	2180	26,426	1,000	27,426
MALLORY, DAVID			CUSTODIAN	8.66	585	5,070	-	5,070
BUS DRIVERS								
BRUYNEEL, STEPHEN			BUS DRIVER	13.94	1083	15,092	3,203	18,295
BUXTON, KYLE			BUS DRIVER	11.16	643	7,181	-	7,181
QUESNEL, SARA			BUS DRIVER	10.10	415	4,191	-	4,191
HOT LUNCH								
BRADISH, CYNTHIA			COOK	7.26	1320	9,581	500	10,081
CHRISTIAN, CINDY			HEAD COOK	9.41	1169	11,000	3,203	14,203

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Independent Auditors' Report

To The School Board
Addison Rutland Supervisory Union

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of Addison Rutland Supervisory Union, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of Addison Rutland Supervisory Union's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Addison Rutland Supervisory Union, as of June 30, 2003, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 8, 2003 on our consideration of Addison Rutland Supervisory Union's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements of Addison Rutland Supervisory Union taken as a whole. The schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of Addison Rutland Supervisory Union. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional

analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

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Shelburne, Vermont
Firm Registration Number 92-0000141

August 8, 2003



Courtesy Cristy Alger

**ADDISON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION
2004-2005 BUDGET**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	2004-2005 Budget	2003-2004 Anticipated	2003-2004 Budget	2002-2003 Actual
Balance, July 1		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Add: Revenue	720,270.00	731,605.00	734,605.00	614,097.32
Total Balance+Revenue	\$720,270.00	\$731,605.00	\$734,605.00	\$614,097.32
Less: Expenditures	720,270.00	721,605.00	734,605.00	614,097.32
Balance, June 30	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

ACCOUNT

R E V E N U E

1500 Interest	2,000.00	2,000.00	5,000.00	2,039.65
1931 Benson Assessment	51,459.00	48,597.00	48,597.00	41,858.00
1931 Cast/Hubb Assessment	165,370.00	182,704.00	182,704.00	152,897.00
1931 Fair Haven Assessment	154,546.00	154,181.00	154,181.00	124,126.00
1931 FHUHS Assessment	194,887.00	199,186.00	199,186.00	164,138.00
1931 Orwell Assessment	50,784.00	50,632.00	50,632.00	42,761.32
1931 West Haven Assessment	5,970.00	5,970.00	5,970.00	5,970.00
1932 Sp. Ed. Assmt. Benson	4,044.00	3,529.00	3,529.00	3,253.00
1932 Sp. Ed. Assmt. C/H	12,950.00	13,269.00	13,269.00	11,942.00
1941 Sp. Ed. Assmt. F.H.	12,116.00	11,197.00	11,197.00	9,698.00
1932 Sp. Ed. Assmt. FHUHS	15,403.00	14,463.00	14,463.00	12,947.00
1932 Sp. Ed. Assmt. Orwell	3,971.00	3,677.00	3,677.00	3,340.00
1932 Sp. Ed. Assmt. W.H.	740.00	740.00	740.00	740.00
1960 Sale of Asset	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1980 Prior Year	0.00	0.00	0.00	227.35
4226 Leap (IDEA B)	46,020.00	41,460.00	41,460.00	38,360.00
5900 Insurance Claim Reimb	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	720,270.00	731,605.00	734,605.00	614,097.32

EXPENDITURES

	2004-2005 Budget	2003-2004 Anticipated	2003-2004 Budget	2002-2003 Actual
2213 Professional Development	2,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
2225 COMPUTER SERVICES				
330 Contract Service/Training	2,500.00	500.00	500.00	822.60
430 Service Contract	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,621.97
580 Travel	250.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
610 Supplies	4,000.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	3,645.93
650 Software	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	45.00
730 Equipment	3,500.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,268.00
2225 TOTAL COMPUTER SERVICES	13,250.00	12,250.00	12,250.00	9,403.50
2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION				
522 Liability Insurance	2,350.00	2,065.00	1,155.00	916.66
522 Umbrella Insurance	1,080.00	940.00	1,245.00	1,182.19
540 Advertising	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,969.77
580 Travel	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,320.00
590 Other	200.00	200.00	200.00	21.10
2311 TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION	8,130.00	7,705.00	7,110.00	7,403.72
2312 BOARD SECRETARY				
114 Salary	800.00	800.00	800.00	650.00
220 Social Security	60.00	60.00	60.00	49.77
2312 TOTAL BOARD SECRETARY	860.00	860.00	860.00	699.77
2315 LEGAL FEES	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,643.93
2321 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION				
110 Superintendent	90,000.00	87,000.00	87,000.00	79,999.92
110 Assistant Superintendent	75,745.00	72,140.00	72,140.00	70,040.10
110 Business Manager	55,125.00	52,500.00	52,500.00	49,000.12
110 Staff Salaries	124,800.00	117,300.00	117,300.00	112,595.06
120 Sub Salary	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
210 Health Insurance	74,695.00	64,425.00	67,205.00	52,668.39
220 Social Security	26,755.00	25,400.00	25,500.00	23,848.59

E X P E N D I T U R E S

	2004-2005 Budget	2003-2004 Anticipated	2003-2004 Budget	2002-2003 Actual
2321 GENERAL ADMIN. (cont.)				
240 Retirement	8,995.00	8,490.00	8,490.00	8,079.32
250 Workers Compensation	4,500.00	3,960.00	1,900.00	3,327.98
260 Unemployment Comp.	2,100.00	2,025.00	200.00	168.00
290 Other Benefits	2,570.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	1,875.60
290 Awards	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,840.17
290 Section 125 Plan	250.00	230.00	210.00	228.75
290 District Bus Physicals	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
441 Rent	18,600.00	19,800.00	18,600.00	15,400.00
530 Postage	8,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,898.12
530 Telephone	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,906.76
580 Travel	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,213.50
610 Supplies	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	6,937.53
640 Books & Periodicals	500.00	500.00	500.00	678.44
733 Equipment	2,500.00	7,325.00	6,500.00	191.47
810 Dues & Fees	4,000.00	3,775.00	4,000.00	3,659.00
2321 TOTAL GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	<u>519,035.00</u>	<u>494,870.00</u>	<u>491,845.00</u>	<u>445,556.82</u>
2574 Printing	900.00	900.00	900.00	741.69
2520 FISCAL SERVICES				
310 Audit	2,850.00	2,300.00	2,500.00	2,375.00
320 Fixed Assets	525.00	525.00	525.00	525.00
2520 TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	<u>3,375.00</u>	<u>2,825.00</u>	<u>3,025.00</u>	<u>2,900.00</u>
2542 BUILDING SERVICES				
116 Custodial Salary	0.00	265.00	4,680.00	2,297.88
220 Social Security	0.00	20.00	360.00	175.76
330 Retirement	0.00	0.00	235.00	0.00
340 Contract Services	0.00	3,290.00	0.00	0.00
330 Cleaning Services	5,200.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00
411 Water/Sewage	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
421 Rubbish Removal	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
450 Construction Costs	0.00	35,490.00	55,490.00	5,278.07
521 Property Insurance	350.00	305.00	500.00	196.49
610 Supplies	500.00	500.00	500.00	169.92
622 Electricity	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,000.00	152.05
624 Oil	3,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	569.59
730 Equipment	500.00	500.00	500.00	149.98
2542 TOTAL BUILDING SERVICES	<u>15,250.00</u>	<u>52,070.00</u>	<u>68,475.00</u>	<u>8,989.74</u>

E X P E N D I T U R E S

	2004-2005 Budget	2003-2004 Anticipated	2003-2004 Budget	2002-2003 Actual
2640 UPKEEP OF EQUIPMENT				
430 Equipment Repair	2,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,618.17
430 Copier/Maintenance	4,500.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,466.40
2640 TOTAL UPKEEP OF EQUIPMENT	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>6,084.57</u>
1100 STUDENT SUPPLIES	400.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
2225 DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY COORD.				
110 Salary	45,215.00	43,950.00	43,060.00	41,600.00
110 Health Insurance	13,950.00	11,345.00	11,345.00	9,533.88
220 Social Security	3,460.00	3,305.00	3,295.00	3,101.28
240 Retirement	2,260.00	2,155.00	2,155.00	2,090.90
530 Cell Phone	550.00	550.00	550.00	468.50
580 Travel	2,500.00	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,469.68
610 Supplies	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
640 Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	269.96
670 Software	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
733 Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2225 TOTAL TECHNOLOGY COORD	<u>67,335.00</u>	<u>63,335.00</u>	<u>63,205.00</u>	<u>60,037.64</u>
2390 SCHOLARSHIP	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
2420 SPECIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR				
110 Salary	65,625.00	62,500.00	62,500.00	56,000.10
210 Health Insurance	5,465.00	4,420.00	4,420.00	3,715.26
220 Social Security	5,020.00	4,590.00	4,590.00	4,242.68
610 Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2420 TOTAL SPEC. SERVICES DIR.	<u>76,110.00</u>	<u>71,510.00</u>	<u>71,510.00</u>	<u>63,958.04</u>
1420 DISTRICT 7th & 8th FOOTBALL				
119 Coaches Salaries	1,700.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
119 Officials	360.00	360.00	360.00	240.00
220 Social Security	160.00	115.00	115.00	114.75
430 Repairs	200.00	200.00	200.00	270.50
610 Supplies	345.00	345.00	345.00	270.50
1420 TOTAL FOOTBALL PROG	<u>3,765</u>	<u>2,520.00</u>	<u>2,665.00</u>	<u>2,125.25</u>
2720 FOOTBALL TRANSPORTATION				
127 Drivers Salaries	800.00	800.00	800.00	546.65
220 Social Security	60.00	60.00	60.00	0.00
2720 TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	<u>860</u>	<u>860.00</u>	<u>860.00</u>	<u>546.65</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>720,270.00</u>	<u>721,605.00</u>	<u>734,605.00</u>	<u>614,097.32</u>

**STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDS
BLOCK GRANTS**

	<u>2002-2003</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>	Estimated <u>2004-2005</u>
Benson	48,998	49,954	54,883
Castleton	170,831	171,072	168,669
Fair Haven	155,849	151,492	165,514
Hubbardton	35,604	35,602	35,350
Orwell	59,977	65,110	66,949
West Haven	<u>13,926</u>	<u>12,152</u>	<u>12,079</u>
Totals	485,185	485,382	503,444

**STATE ESSENTIAL EARLY EDUCATION FUNDS
BLOCK GRANTS**

	<u>2002-2003</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>	Estimated <u>2004-2005</u>
Benson	10,240	9,808	11,257
Castleton	25,957	23,375	22,093
Fair Haven	20,117	20,220	22,569
Hubbardton	5,572	6,405	5,218
Orwell	10,387	10,610	11,648
West Haven	<u>1,143</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>631</u>
Totals	73,416	71,475	73,416

RECORD OF VITAL STATISTICS

Filed in the Town Clerk's Office - 2003

BIRTHS

Child	Sex	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Residence	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
1. Smith, Hailey Eliza	F	1/17/03	Rutland	Orwell	Smith, Robert William	Burt, Heather Lynn
2. Lanthier, Allison Marie	F	2/4/03	Rutland	Orwell	Anderson, David Michael	Lanthier, Mary Kay
3. Breen, Bethany Luella	F	3/9/03	Middlebury	Orwell	Breen, Paul Frederick	Hall, Jennifer Louise
4. Patterson, Sadie Grace	F	5/9/03	Middlebury	Orwell	Patterson, Timothy George	Aubin, Nicole Amerio
5. King, Eden Grace	F	5/19/03	Orwell	Orwell	King, Christopher Guy	Benoit, Heather
6. Roy, Abigail Ann	F	5/27/03	Middlebury	Orwell	Roy, Jacob Bruno	White, Elizabeth Ann
7. Rockwell, Andrew Jacob	M	6/18/03	Middlebury	Orwell	Rockwell, David Alan	DeMoy, Karen Patricia
8. Bertrand, Morgan Taylor	F	7/2/03	Middlebury	Orwell	Bertrand, Timothy Lynn	Desrocher, Anne M.
9. Eddy V. Charles Fremont	M	7/1/03	Burlington	Orwell	Eddy IV, Charles Fremont	Shackett, Cathy Jean
10. Thebodo, Mia Grace Woody	F	7/31/03	Burlington	Orwell	Thebodo, Christopher David	Woody, Stacey Kathleen
11. LaPrise, Loganne Ruth	F	7/15/03	Middlebury	Orwell	LaPrise, Jed Robert	Gregory, Dawn Marie
12. Danylieko, Vance Everette	M	10/22/03	Middlebury	Orwell		Beayon, Jennifer Neil

DEATHS

Name	Sex	Age	Date of Death	Place of Death	Residence
1. Rice, Elsie	F	78	1/31/03	Orwell	Shoreham
2. Bommer, Wayne Thomas	M	50	2/22/03	Orwell	Orwell
3. Lewis, Linda Louise	F	62	2/23/03	Rutland	Orwell
4. Mills Jr., Theodore W.	M	69	3/31/03	Middlebury	Orwell
5. Dubois, Aldor N.	M	59	7/31/03	Shoreham	Orwell
6. Baker, George Washington	M	87	8/3/03	Middlebury	Orwell
7. Bertrand, Shirley Anita	F	78	8/4/03	Middlebury	Orwell
8. Dubois, George Henry	M	81	9/16/03	Orwell	Orwell
9. Rice, Harley E.	M	81	11/30/03	Orwell	Shoreham
10. LaLoite, Eunice M.	F	68	12/13/03	Orwell	Orwell

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MARRIAGES

Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence	Date	Place of Marriage
1. Cookman, Nelson Irwin	New Hampshire	Cardoza, Joann	New Hampshire	1/2/03	Orwell
2. Rzeczycki, Tomasz S.	Orwell	Ochs, Ruth Amelia	Orwell	6/7/03	Orwell
3. O'Brien III, Thomas F.	Orwell	Phelps, Kyle W.	Orwell	7/12/03	Brandon
4. Babbie, Todd James	Orwell	Parent, Shannon Marie	Orwell	8/2/03	Fair Haven
5. Buxton, Cory Owen	North Carolina	Hornbeck, Jessica Lynn	North Carolina	8/30/03	Orwell
6. Clubba, Frank M.	Orwell	Baker, Susan Marie	Orwell	8/31/03	Montgomery
7. Babbitt, Edward Roy	Orwell	Filipello, Susan Jeanette	New York	8/31/03	Orwell
8. Allard, Jacob Anthony	Orwell	Johnson, Angela Faith	Orwell	10/11/03	North Ferrisburg

MEETING SCHEDULES

Town Boards and Organizations

- Select Board:** Second and fourth Monday of each month,
7:30 p.m. at the Town Office - 948-2221
- Planning Commission:** Third Wednesday of each month,
7:30 p.m. at the Town Office - 948-2221
- Orwell Town School District Board:** Third Tuesday of each month,
7:00 p.m. at the Orwell Village School - 948-2871
- Fair Haven Union High School Board:** Second and Third Monday of each month,
7:30 p.m. at Fair Haven Union High School - 265-4966
- Addison-Rutland Supervisory Union School Board:** Fourth Wednesday of every other month,
7:30 p.m., sites rotated among member towns - 265-4905
- Fortnightly Club:** every other Tuesday from October to May
7:30 p.m., sites rotated among members - 948-2321
- Independence Lodge #10:** Second Tuesday of each month [except June, July and August],
7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall
- Orwell Free Library:** Tuesday and Friday - 11.00 to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday - 11.00 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Tuesday Evening - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Orwell Historical Society:** at the Orwell Free Library
To be announced.
- Orwell Ladies Auxiliary:** Third Monday of each month [except January and February],
7:30 p.m. at the Orwell Fire House
- Sixty Plus Club:** Third Wednesday of each month, 12 noon at the Congregational Church

TOWN CLERK

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9:30 a.m. to 12 Noon and 1:00 P.m. to 3:30 p.m.
948-2032

TOWN GARAGE
948-2433

FIRE HOUSE
948-2392

CHURCHES

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ORWELL - every Sunday at 10:45 a.m.
948-2900.
Parsonage - 948-2667

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - St. Paul's in Orwell - Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Rectory 948-2951

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