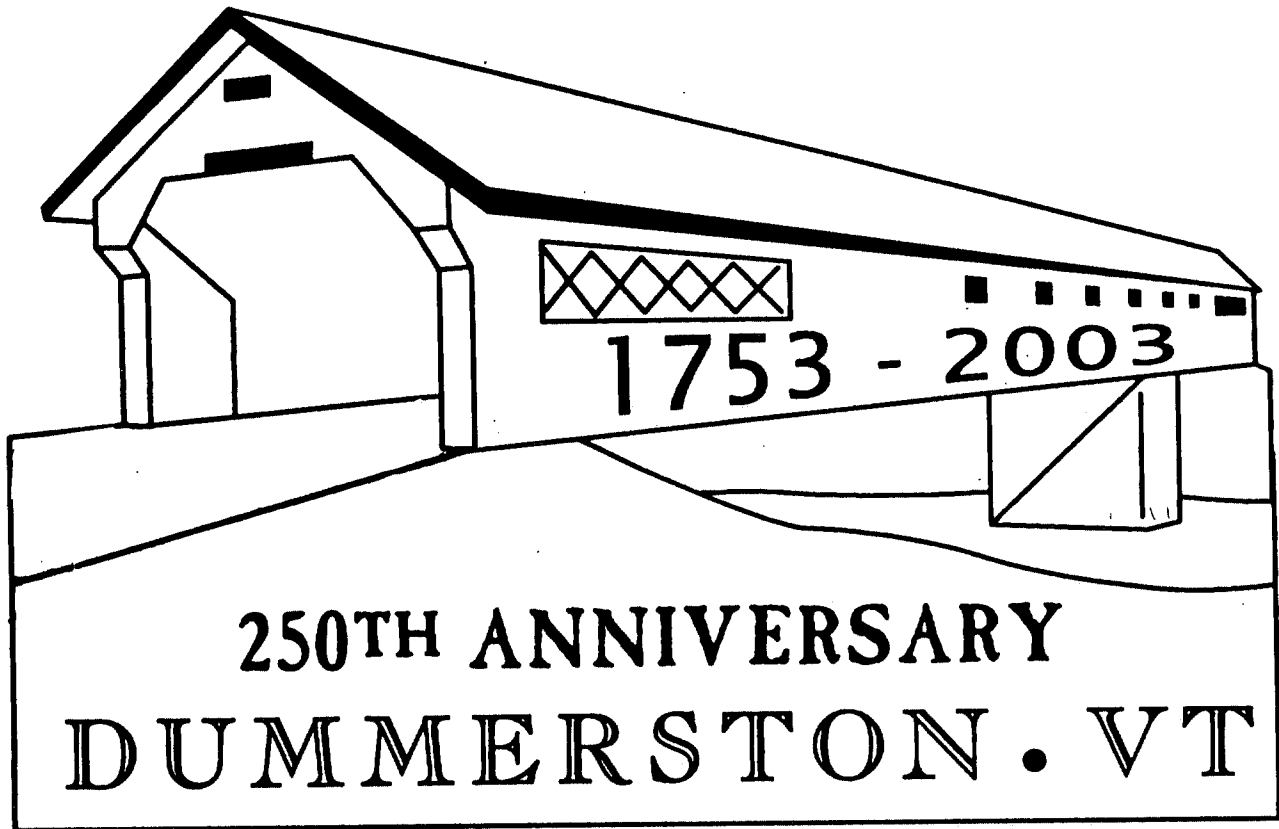
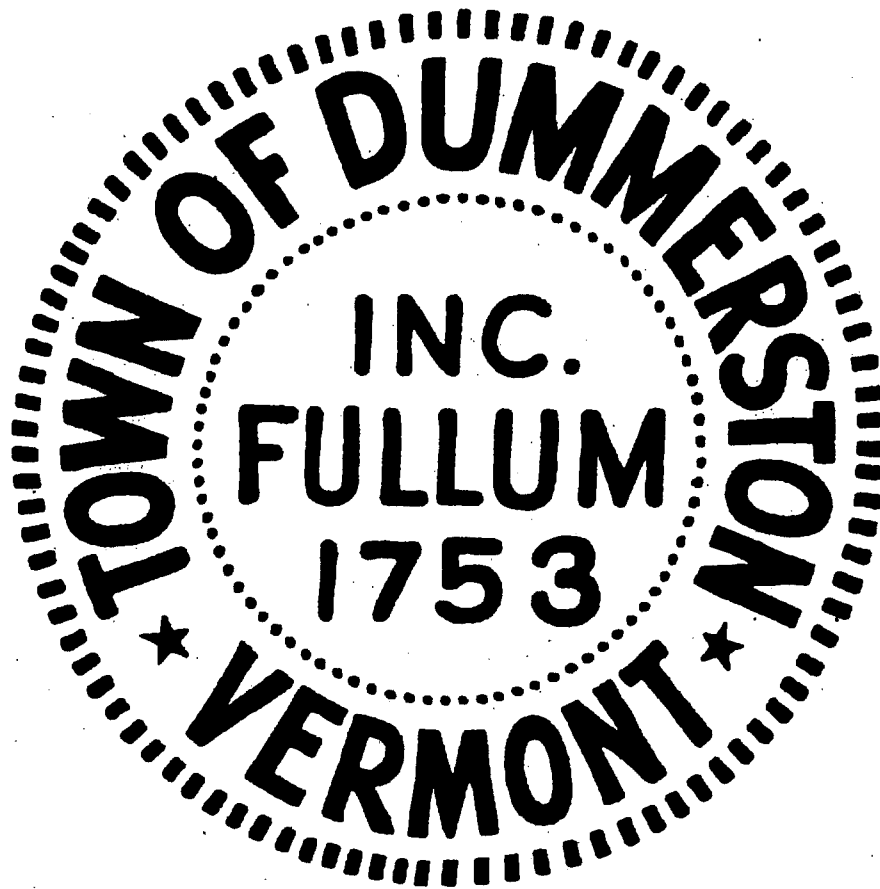


# 2003

## Dummerston, Vermont



**Town Officers 141th Annual Report  
For the 12 Months Ending June 30, 2003**



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# **TOWN OF DUMMERSTON**

1523 Middle Road, East Dummerston, Vermont 05346

Population: 1915

Registered Voters: 1334

## **Meeting Times and Town Officer Hours**

<b>Selectboard:</b>	Every other Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office (Unless otherwise noted)
<b>Town Clerk:</b>	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
<b>Planning Commission:</b>	First Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Town Office
<b>School Board:</b>	Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Dummerston School
<b>Conservation Commission:</b>	Third Thursday of each month at the Town Office
<b>Lydia Taft Pratt Library Trustees:</b>	First Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center
<b>Community Center Trustees:</b>	First Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Community Center

## **Zoning**

For information on zoning permits contact Jean Momaney for an appointment at 254-9212

## **Health Officer**

Mary Lafayette 387-4082

## **Telephone Numbers**

Town Office:	257-1496
Town Office Fax:	257-4671
Town Office e-mail	dummrstn@sover.net
Town Garage	254-2411
Dummerston School	254-2733
Voice Mail:	254-2034

**In Case of Fire or Emergency dial 9-1-1**

## **For Burn Permits Call:**

Laurence Lynch	254-2517
Wayne Emery	254-8708
Martin Forrett	387-2120
Allen Pike	254-3552
Charlie Richardson	254-6963

## **Taxes**

Property tax bills are mailed on or about the 1st of July and are due in two installments: August and February. The Grand List is compiled as of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO TOWN MEETING**

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## **ELECTED OFFICERS**

<b>MODERATOR</b>	Charles K. Fish	
<b>TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER</b>	Janice C. Duke	
<b>SELECTBOARD</b>	Sylvio L. Forrett	2004
	Cynthia Jerome	2004
	Lester L. Dunklee	2005
	Jack W. Manix	2005
	Paul E. Normandeau	2006
<b>LISTERS</b>	Douglas B. Hamilton	2004
	Jean M. Newell	2005
	Beverly A. Knapp	2006
<b>AUDITORS</b>	Jean M. Newell	2004
	Maria A. Glabach	2005
	Barbara B. Gilmore	2006
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR</b>	Charles K. Fish	
<b>SCHOOL DIRECTORS</b> - 3 year terms	William Conley	2004
	Daniel Brown	2005
	Charlotte Neer Annis	2006
- 1 year terms	Roger Aquadro	2004
	Richard D. McFadden	2004
<b>UNION HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTOR</b>	Ruth Barton	6/20/03 - 2006
	Joseph Cook	3/03 - 6/20/03
<b>TOWN GRAND JUROR</b>	Sylvio "Shorty" Forrett	
<b>TOWN AGENT</b>	Stuart M. Brown	
<b>TRUSTEE OF CEMETERY FUNDS</b>	Selectboard	
<b>JUSTICES OF PEACE</b> - Elected November 2002		
	Ronald Autenrieth	Arnold P. Garland
	Cynthia Jerome	Nelson H. Jillson
	Harold E. Newell	Paul E. Normandeau
	David B. Ryan	

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Laurie Frechette	2004	Paula Bristol	2007
Wendy Hayward	2005	Heidi Davis	2008
Judy Enello	2006		

**APPOINTED OFFICERS:**

**DUMMERSTON PLANNING COMMISSION**

Christie Herbert	2004	Milton Gilmore	2006
Stephan Mindel	2004	Robert Wainwright	2006
Elizabeth Catlin	2005	Cynthia Wilcox	2007
Stephen Booth	2005	David Ryan	2007

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Colonel Sorenson	2004	Mary Louise Nelsen	2007
Patricia Jaquith	2005	Louise Zak	2007
Andrew MacFarland	2006		

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Acting Zoning Administrator	Jean Momaney
	Beverly Knapp

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Carrie Walker	2004	Charles Richardson	2006
Cheryl Wilfong	2005	Cami Elliot-Knaggs	2007
Edward Anthes	2005	Constance Woodbury	2007
Mary Ellen Copeland	2006	Priscilla Svec	2007

**FOREMAN OF ROADS**

Wayne Emery

**FIRST CONSTABLE**

Wayne Emery

**ASST. TOWN CLERKS**

Beverly Knapp  
Pamela McFadden

**ADMIN. ASSISTANT TO SELECTBOARD**

Beverly Knapp

**HEALTH OFFICER**

Mary Lafayette

**WEIGHER OF COAL**

Ruth Barton

**POUND KEEPERS**

Sylvio Forrett  
Ron Svec

**INSPECTORS OF WOOD & LUMBER**

Stuart Brown  
John Worden

**TREE WARDEN**

Charles Richardson

**FENCE VIEWERS**

Nelson Jillson  
Ernest Clark  
Harold Newell

**TOWN SERVICE OFFICER**

Thomas Johnson

**WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION**

Julia Sorensen  
Elizabeth Catlin

**CURRENT AND DELINQUENT TAX RECEIVER**

Janice Duke

**FIRE WARDEN**

Assistant Fire Warden

Martin Forrett  
Charles Richardson

**RECREATION BOARD**

Jack Manix      Steve Glabach Priscilla Svec

**WINDHAM COUNTY SOLID WASTE  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

Lester Dunklee  
Ronald Wright

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Laurence Lynch  
Lester Dunklee

**GREEN-UP CHAIRMAN**

Mark Brown

**SEVCA REPRESENTATIVE**

none appointed

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Shirley Perkins  
Carolyn Goldsmith

**RESCUE INC. REPRESENTATIVE**

Sylvio Forrett

**VT. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Jack Manix  
Floyd Turner  
Larry Cassidy

**CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSION**

Daniel Marx  
Robert Wainwright

**ENHANCED 9-1-1 CONTACT PERSON**

Douglas Hamilton

**DUMMERSTON ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Windham County Sheriff's Department

**FARMLAND COMMITTEE**

William Schmidt      D. Read Miller      Vernon Grubinger  
Nelson Jillson      Jack Manix

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### SCHOOL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Windham Southeast Supervisory Union**  
**Member District Annual Report -Financial Summary**  
**Operating Budget, Collaborative Programs and Grants**

	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED
Revenue			
Assessments			(a)
Brattleboro	\$555,055	\$572,989	\$579,950
B.U.H.S. #6	\$480,016	\$505,063	\$508,908
Dummerston	\$103,314	\$115,501	\$122,917
Guilford	\$111,242	\$105,482	\$109,413
Putney	\$169,119	\$156,010	\$149,265
Vernon	\$137,573	\$145,699	\$153,525
Tuition	\$1,777,836	\$1,927,067	\$2,454,654
Intergovernmental	\$2,581,438	\$2,146,998	\$2,800,000
Interest	\$7,721	\$12,000	\$8,000
Sather Fund	\$5,657	\$0	\$0
Other Local	\$1,932	\$3,250	\$3,250
On-Behalf of Revenue (Retirement)	\$72,003	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$6,002,906</b>	<b>\$5,690,059</b>	<b>\$6,889,882</b>
Expenditures			
Special Education	\$258,635	\$296,521	\$283,724
Title I/Special Services	\$1,687	\$23,692	\$15,047
Speech	\$133,758	\$143,157	\$150,383
Administrative Support	\$224,774	\$193,765	\$187,122
Superintendent	\$117,497	\$108,988	\$117,347
School Improvement	\$120,510	\$143,711	\$158,426
Admin. Secretary/Personnel	\$148,567	\$164,256	\$176,659
Business Administrator	\$106,985	\$108,407	\$113,858
Other Fiscal Services	\$318,517	\$312,380	\$346,722
District Wide	\$102	\$7,992	\$2,500
Technology Coordinator	\$70,470	\$98,951	\$79,747
Operations & Maintenance	\$69,211	\$72,172	\$75,972
Special Projects (Grants)	\$2,567,912	\$2,089,000	\$2,925,000
Special Class Programs	\$1,777,859	\$1,927,067	\$2,454,654
Sather Fund	\$4,410	\$0	\$0
On-Behalf of Expense (Retirement)	\$72,003	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$5,992,897</b>	<b>\$5,690,059</b>	<b>\$7,087,161</b>

(a) Please note that the excess of revenue over expenditures relates to activity for restricted programs and grants. These funds are used for future restricted program and grant expenditures.



### Special Education Aid Distribution FY03

District	Block Grant	Intensive Aid	Extraordinary Aid	State Placed	E.E.E. State	IDEA Federal	Total Aid
Brattleboro	\$435,012	\$2,191,255	\$38,755	\$82,235	\$64,353	\$218,135	\$3,029,745
Dummerston	\$73,609	\$193,836	\$62,996	\$0	\$11,834	\$20,044	\$362,319
Guilford	\$93,385	\$164,714	\$4,774	\$0	\$14,407	\$23,306	\$300,586
Putney	\$91,015	\$441,428	\$34,577	\$0	\$14,506	\$35,654	\$617,180
Vernon	\$102,885	\$266,492	\$26,977	\$44,833	\$18,758	\$31,116	\$491,061
B.U.H.S. #6	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$109,980	\$109,980
Total	\$795,906	\$3,257,725	\$168,079	\$127,068	\$123,858	\$438,235	\$4,910,871

# WSESU SUB GRANTS FY03

DISTRICT	FEDERAL IDEA SPEC ED	FEDERAL TITLE I	FEDERAL TITLE I SUPPLEMENTAL	EPSDT MEDICAID	SE IEP MEDICAID	TOTAL
BRATTLEBORO	\$218,135	\$284,465	\$0	\$18,556	\$131,921	\$653,077
BRATTLEBORO EES PRE-SCHOOL	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
BUHS #6	\$109,980	\$203,250	\$29,691	\$24,994	\$0	\$367,915
DUMMERSTON	\$20,044	\$0	\$0	\$34,353	\$28,900	\$83,297
GUILFORD	\$23,306	\$0	\$0	\$25,112	\$10,000	\$58,418
PUTNEY	\$35,654	\$63,022	\$0	\$21,206	\$28,900	\$148,782
VERNON	\$31,116	\$0	\$0	\$29,515	\$10,000	\$70,631
TOTAL	\$438,235	\$570,737	\$29,691	\$153,736	\$209,721	\$1,402,120

\$1,402,120

## Appropriation Summary (Budget Comparison)

	2002-2003 BUDGET	2003-2004 BUDGET	2004-2005 PROPOSED
<b>Budget</b>			
General Operating Fund	\$1,805,816.00	\$1,895,006.00	\$1,949,746.00
Special Education	\$432,305.00	\$460,127.00	\$536,000.00
Early Essential Education Prog.	\$26,540.00	\$33,611.00	\$29,774.00
Debt Service	\$107,858.00	\$103,617.00	\$99,355.00
Capital Fund Expense	\$58,450.00	\$51,700.00	\$51,700.00
Vocational Education Tuition (a)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43,047.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,430,969.00</b>	<b>\$2,544,061.00</b>	<b>\$2,709,622.00</b>
<b>Assessments &amp; Voc. Expense:</b>			
B.U.H.S. #6 (b)	\$703,448.00	\$693,677.00	\$967,567.00
W.S.E.S.U.	\$103,313.00	\$115,501.00	\$122,917.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$806,761.00</b>	<b>\$809,178.00</b>	<b>\$1,090,484.00</b>
<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>\$3,237,730.00</b>	<b>\$3,353,239.00</b>	<b>\$3,800,106.00</b>

(a) Act 68 change - Vocational Education Block Grant Funds  
 (b) Proposed preliminary total

**REVENUE BUDGET**

	2002-03 BUDGET	2002-2003 ACTUAL	2003-04 BUDGET	2004-05 PROPOSED
<b>LOCAL</b>				
Taxes -Local	\$1,337,792	\$1,319,753	\$1,395,062	\$0
Property Tax Education Fund	\$0	\$367,181	\$0	\$1,397,992
Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest	\$7,000	\$4,510	\$6,000	\$5,000
Rentals	\$300	\$772	\$400	\$400
Other Revenue	\$500	\$198	\$500	\$500
Medicaid -Sub-Grant	\$28,000	\$28,900	\$28,000	\$28,000
EPSDT Medicaid	\$30,750	\$34,353	\$33,000	\$33,000
Prior Yr. Refund	\$0	\$1,889	\$0	\$0
Grant Caledonia S.U.	\$0	\$702	\$0	\$0
On-Behalf of Revenue (St.)	\$0	\$47,230	\$0	\$0
Other Revenue	\$0	\$593	\$0	\$0
E-Rate	\$0	\$2,150	\$0	\$0
LOCAL TOTAL	\$1,404,342	\$1,808,231	\$1,462,962	\$1,464,892
<b>STATE</b>				
General State Support	\$1,473,042	\$1,470,227	\$1,478,697	\$1,787,856
General State Support (3110)	\$0	\$2,815	\$0	\$0
Vocational Block Grant (St.)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43,047
Special Ed. Aid	\$257,000	\$329,903	\$267,610	\$354,153
E.E.E. Program	\$11,810	\$11,834	\$11,810	\$9,469
Transportation Grant	\$71,000	\$73,068	\$72,000	\$73,485
Hold Harmless Debt -St.	\$0	\$18,349	\$0	\$0
Prior Yr. Transportation	\$0	-\$908	\$0	\$0
STATE TOTAL	\$1,812,852	\$1,905,288	\$1,830,117	\$2,268,010
<b>FEDERAL</b>				
Special Education I.D.E.A..	\$20,536	\$20,044	\$20,160	\$22,204
TOTAL FEDERAL	\$20,536	\$20,044	\$20,160	\$22,204
<b>OTHER</b>				
Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$45,000
TOTAL OTHER	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$45,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$3,237,730</b>	<b>\$3,733,563</b>	<b>\$3,353,239</b>	<b>\$3,800,106</b>

## **Dummerston Town School District** **2004 - 2005 Proposed Budget**

	2002-2003 BUDGET	2002-2003 ACTUAL	2003-2004 BUDGET	2004-2005 BUDGET
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>				
Disability Insurance	\$2,569	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,569</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
 <b>ESL</b>				
Salary	\$16,589	\$0	\$8,825	\$4,915
Health Ins	\$1,425	\$0	\$675	\$572
Dental Ins	\$142	\$0	\$0	\$56
Social Security	\$1,269	\$0	\$0	\$380
Life Ins	\$24	\$0	\$0	\$6
403 (b) Benefit	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$49
Disability Ins	\$59	\$0	\$0	\$13
Course Reimb	\$254	\$0	\$0	\$75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,762</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$9,500</b>	<b>\$6,066</b>
 <b>ASSEMBLIES</b>				
Assemblies	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,800	\$1,800
 <b>JUVENILE OFFICER</b>				
Juvenile Officer	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200
 <b>GUIDANCE SERVICES</b>				
Salary	\$19,477	\$19,720	\$29,327	\$22,394
Health Ins.	\$4,690	\$4,527	\$7,422	\$5,666
Dental Ins.	\$576	\$565	\$821	\$684
FICA	\$1,490	\$920	\$2,266	\$1,730
Life Ins.	\$24	\$22	\$31	\$26
Course Reimb.	\$317	\$631	\$392	\$283
Disability Ins	\$0	\$56	\$109	\$56
125 Plan	\$0	\$60	\$0	\$60
403 B Benefit	\$0	\$0	\$293	\$224
Repairs	\$0	\$0	\$50	\$50
Supplies	\$325	\$584	\$250	\$250
Testing Materials	\$0	\$0	\$75	\$75
Books	\$75	\$118	\$100	\$100
Travel & Conference	\$0	\$53	\$0	\$0
Computer Software	\$0	\$0	\$75	\$75
Non-Instruct. Replace. Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100
Equipment	\$125	\$0	\$125	\$125
N.I. Equipment	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,249</b>	<b>\$27,256</b>	<b>\$41,436</b>	<b>\$31,898</b>
 <b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>				
Doctor's Salary	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
 <b>SCHOOL NURSE</b>				
Salary	\$37,691	\$39,007	\$41,167	\$45,414
Health Ins.	\$9,379	\$8,988	\$10,602	\$11,329
Dental Ins.	\$1,152	\$1,129	\$1,173	\$1,367
FICA	\$2,883	\$2,930	\$3,181	\$3,509

	2002-2003 BUDGET	2002-2003 ACTUAL	2003-2004 BUDGET	2004-2005 PROPOSED
Life Ins.	\$48	\$44	\$46	\$51
Course Reimb.	\$634	\$1,041	\$560	\$565
Disability Ins	\$0	\$109	\$0	\$0
403 Benefit	\$0	\$382	\$412	\$454
Repairs	\$300	\$53	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$100	\$601	\$320	\$320
Testing Materials	\$0	\$44	\$100	\$100
Books	\$100	\$0	\$34	\$34
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$200
C/S Professional Health	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0
New Program CS (Flu) /Dental Prog.	\$320	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$52,707	\$54,328	\$57,795	\$63,343
 PSYCH COUNSELING				
Contracted Services	\$4,000	\$10,576	\$7,500	\$7,500
TOTAL	\$4,000	\$10,576	\$7,500	\$7,500
 LIBRARY SERVICES				
Salary	\$37,691	\$37,898	\$40,622	\$34,774
Health Ins.	\$3,560	\$3,411	\$4,023	\$3,440
Dental Ins.	\$355	\$348	\$361	\$337
FICA	\$2,883	\$2,810	\$3,139	\$2,687
Life Ins.	\$48	\$44	\$46	\$36
Course Reimb.	\$634	\$118	\$560	\$500
125 Plan	\$0	\$60	\$0	\$60
Disability Ins	\$0	\$109	\$151	\$87
403 B Benefit	\$0	\$382	\$406	\$348
Travel & Conference	\$0	\$104	\$0	\$0
Library Books	\$2,700	\$1,788	\$3,000	\$2,500
Library Books -Replacement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Periodicals	\$1,200	\$1,082	\$1,200	\$1,200
Computer Software	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
Computer Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$300
Computer Hardware	\$0	\$0	\$1,780	\$0
Supplies	\$600	\$727	\$650	\$650
Audio Visual	\$2,000	\$2,885	\$2,000	\$1,000
On-Line Serv./Tech. Support	\$350	\$350	\$600	\$600
Equipment	\$940	\$1,872	\$520	\$220
Repairs	\$250	\$90	\$450	\$450
Replacement Equipment	\$750	\$0	\$775	\$775
Non-Instruct. Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$180	\$180
Visiting Author or Illustrator	\$400	\$0	\$400	\$0
TOTAL	\$54,361	\$54,078	\$62,663	\$51,644
 TECHNOLOGY SERVICES				
Site License Fees	\$4,300	\$4,813	\$4,300	\$4,300
Supplies	\$4,000	\$4,315	\$4,000	\$4,000
Software	\$2,000	\$853	\$2,000	\$2,000
Hardware	\$7,000	\$5,487	\$7,000	\$5,000
Travel	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
Equipment Non-Instructional	\$750	\$0	\$750	\$750
TOTAL	\$18,550	\$15,468	\$18,550	\$16,050

SCHOOL BOARD/TREASURER

	2002-2003 BUDGET	2002-2003 ACTUAL	2003-2004 BUDGET	2004-2005 PROPOSED
School Board Salaries	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
School Board Recorder	\$750	\$725	\$800	\$800
FICA	\$249	\$242	\$252	\$252
Supplies	\$2,900	\$1,801	\$2,900	\$2,900
Dues & Fees	\$1,850	\$1,775	\$1,850	\$1,850
Treasurer's Salary	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
Supplies	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300
Legal Fees	\$9,500	\$816	\$2,000	\$2,000
Auditing Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,000
TOTAL	\$19,349	\$9,459	\$11,902	\$19,902
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL				
Principal's Salary	\$64,885	\$64,885	\$66,885	\$68,892
Health Ins.	\$6,996	\$7,000	\$8,324	\$9,136
Dental Ins.	\$726	\$712	\$740	\$862
FICA	\$5,079	\$5,062	\$5,270	\$5,423
Life Ins.	\$219	\$175	\$171	\$177
Disability Insurance	\$230	\$188	\$247	\$173
Tax-Sheltered Annuity	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,000
Professional Develop./Course Reimb.	\$1,500	\$4,257	\$3,447	\$3,447
Travel & Conference	\$1,500	\$2,100	\$1,500	\$1,500
Office Supplies	\$2,500	\$2,402	\$2,500	\$2,500
Testing Materials	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250
Periodicals	\$200	\$89	\$150	\$150
Admin. Equipment	\$1,000	\$717	\$750	\$750
Replacement Equipment	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Admin. Stipend	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Admin. FICA	\$0	\$0	\$383	\$0
Secretary's Salary	\$24,467	\$24,115	\$26,644	\$29,776
Health Ins.	\$6,996	\$6,990	\$8,324	\$9,136
Dental Ins.	\$1,152	\$712	\$1,173	\$1,367
FICA	\$1,872	\$1,799	\$2,038	\$2,278
Life Ins.	\$30	\$30	\$26	\$31
Retirement	\$574	\$892	\$969	\$630
Dues & Fees	\$1,225	\$699	\$665	\$750
Copier (CPC)	\$7,900	\$9,730	\$9,200	\$10,000
Admin Software	\$800	\$216	\$500	\$500
Software Support C/S	\$500	\$450	\$500	\$500
TOTAL	\$133,601	\$134,720	\$148,656	\$151,228
INSURANCE/EAP				
Property & Liability Insurance	\$8,200	\$10,872	\$11,696	\$13,500
Employee Assistance Program	\$510		\$750	\$850
125 Plan Admin	\$480		\$480	\$480
TOTAL	\$9,190	\$10,872	\$12,926	\$14,830
OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE				
Custodial Salaries	\$32,449	\$33,514	\$33,840	\$35,420
Health & Dental Ins.	\$13,410	\$17,882	\$20,579	\$19,942
FICA	\$2,482	\$2,483	\$2,589	\$2,710
Life Ins.	\$42	\$28	\$37	\$37
Retirement (Municipal)	\$567	\$898	\$939	\$613
Building Maintenance Improvements	\$9,000	\$8,455	\$4,000	\$4,000
Building Maint. Contracted Services	\$15,882	\$25,451	\$20,000	\$20,000
Custodial Travel	\$150	\$115	\$150	\$150

	2002-2003 BUDGET	2002-2003 ACTUAL	2003-2004 BUDGET	2004-2005 PROPOSED
Rubbish	\$2,850	\$3,254	\$2,850	\$3,300
Telephone & Postage	\$8,450	\$9,412	\$8,850	\$9,750
Custodial Supplies	\$9,000	\$12,639	\$10,304	\$12,750
Electricity	\$29,100	\$25,308	\$28,100	\$28,000
Oil-Heat	\$13,000	\$15,236	\$13,000	\$14,000
Grounds Maint. C/S (lawn & snow)	\$7,000	\$5,040	\$9,500	\$8,500
Replacement Equipment	\$11,637	\$971	\$5,000	\$1,000
Playground Maintenance	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Hazmat Comp. Expense	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200
Repairs	\$1,000	\$116	\$500	\$500
Water Testing & Supplies	\$850	\$870	\$850	\$950
Dues & Fees	\$110	\$0	\$110	\$125
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$157,679</b>	<b>\$161,672</b>	<b>\$161,898</b>	<b>\$162,447</b>
 <b>PUPIL TRANSPORTATION</b>				
Pupil Transportation C/S	\$138,830	\$137,505	\$143,005	\$148,725
Field Trips	\$2,800	\$450	\$3,265	\$2,200
Winter Activities	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$143,630</b>	<b>\$139,955</b>	<b>\$148,270</b>	<b>\$152,925</b>
 <b>FOOD SERVICE</b>				
Lunch Agent Salary	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Subsidy	\$0	\$2,575	\$0	\$8,778
Software	\$75	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,575</b>	<b>\$4,575</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$10,778</b>
 <b>ELEMENTARY</b>				
Teacher Salaries	\$511,045	\$584,588	\$536,791	\$560,296
Paraprofessional Salaries	\$71,730	\$72,746	\$85,341	\$86,777
Substitutes Salaries	\$30,000	\$29,665	\$27,000	\$27,000
Health Ins.	\$145,345	\$141,548	\$162,621	\$178,162
Dental Ins.	\$14,092	\$13,888	\$14,063	\$16,029
Teacher/Substitute FICA	\$41,390	\$45,462	\$43,763	\$45,250
Paraprofessional FICA	\$5,488	\$5,247	\$6,529	\$6,638
Life Ins.	\$756	\$772	\$718	\$712
Teacher Course Reimb.	\$7,675	\$7,674	\$8,162	\$7,750
125 Plan	\$0	\$330	\$0	\$0
Disability Ins	\$0	\$1,650	\$2,082	\$1,401
Retirement	\$1,738	\$2,684	\$3,148	\$2,108
403 B Benefit	\$0	\$4,803	\$5,626	\$4,202
Prof Contracted Services	\$0	\$416	\$0	\$0
Lease (Equipment)	\$2,131	\$1,613	\$1,211	\$1,211
Teaching Supplies	\$20,726	\$21,848	\$16,748	\$16,748
Textbooks	\$5,067	\$9,364	\$6,760	\$5,000
Periodicals/Journals	\$0	\$0	\$520	\$520
Audio Visual	\$0	\$0	\$134	\$134
Equipment-Instructional	\$1,775	\$1,136	\$2,968	\$1,500
Replace Equipment Inst.	\$206	\$0	\$205	\$205
Equipment Non-Inst.	\$1,750	\$265	\$1,188	\$1,188
Replace Equipment Non-Inst.	\$1,259	\$715	\$482	\$482
Other Fees - Admissions	\$1,750	\$2,374	\$1,750	\$1,750
Repairs	\$205	\$0	\$164	\$164
Computer Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$725	\$725
Computer Software	\$0	\$0	\$966	\$966



	2002-2003 BUDGET	2002-2003 ACTUAL	2003-2004 BUDGET	2004-2005 PROPOSED
Standards Based Materials	\$113	\$37	\$779	\$779
TOTAL	\$864,241	\$948,825	\$930,444	\$967,697
 OTHER SERVICES				
Foreign Language/Asian Studies	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,500
TOTAL	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,500
 TESTING				
Testing Supplies	\$750	\$190	\$750	\$0
 PROGRAM IMPROV. 1% FUND				
Program Improvement	\$3,300	\$6,092	\$5,100	\$5,100
Action Planning	\$250	\$0	\$600	\$600
Special Programming	\$2,200	\$1,100	\$2,200	\$1,100
Paraprofessional Training	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
One Percent Fund	\$5,125	\$0	\$5,510	\$5,910
TOTAL	\$10,875	\$7,192	\$14,910	\$14,210
 STAFF TRAVEL				
Staff Travel	\$1,825	\$1,500	\$1,825	\$560
 SECONDARY				
Teacher Salary	\$165,258	\$99,533	\$170,419	\$185,000
Substitute Salaries	\$3,000	\$0	\$7,900	\$7,900
Health Ins.	\$30,000	\$12,714	\$29,707	\$31,438
Dental Ins.	\$3,453	\$1,506	\$3,097	\$3,643
FICA	\$12,643	\$7,467	\$13,642	\$14,868
Life Ins.	\$222	\$82	\$189	\$219
Course Reimb.	\$2,358	\$2,358	\$2,072	\$2,127
Disability Ins	\$0	\$228	\$631	\$475
403 B Benefit	\$0	\$570	\$1,703	\$1,453
Lease (Equipment)	\$710	\$501	\$403	\$403
Music Rentals	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$0
Teaching Supplies	\$7,244	\$5,298	\$6,142	\$6,142
Textbooks	\$3,345	\$677	\$3,565	\$2,065
Periodicals / Journals	\$0	\$0	\$190	\$190
Audio Visual	\$0	\$0	\$45	\$45
Equipment-Instructional	\$600	\$0	\$1,784	\$1,000
Non-Instructional Equipment	\$590	\$0	\$592	\$592
Replace Equip.-Instructional	\$158	\$175	\$260	\$260
Replace Equip.-Non-Instructional	\$30	\$0	\$488	\$488
Official's Fees -Athletics	\$2,400	\$3,340	\$2,720	\$2,720
Coaches, Extracurr. & A.D. Salaries	\$4,300	\$0	\$7,000	\$7,000
Coaches Social Security	\$329	\$0	\$536	\$536
Athletic Supplies	\$1,680	\$1,560	\$1,500	\$1,500
Athletic Equipment	\$920	\$288	\$920	\$920
Tournament Fees	\$0	\$0	\$540	\$540
Standards Based Materials	\$37	\$126	\$1,669	\$500
Repairs	\$110	\$72	\$110	\$110
Computer Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$525	\$525
Computer Software	\$0	\$0	\$484	\$484
TOTAL	\$239,387	\$136,595	\$258,833	\$273,143
 TESTING				
Testing Supplies	\$141	\$0	\$123	\$0

	2002-2003 BUDGET	2002-2003 ACTUAL	2003-2004 BUDGET	2004-2005 PROPOSED
<b>STAFF TRAVEL</b>				
Staff Travel	\$1,325	\$3,080	\$1,325	\$1,325
<b>GRADUATION</b>				
Graduation	\$400	\$456	\$500	\$500
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION/EEE</b>				
Teacher Salaries	\$58,693	\$106,890	\$85,182	\$131,967
Paraprofessional/Tutor Salaries	\$52,254	\$57,298	\$49,699	\$39,923
Summer Tutoring	\$1,500	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Substitutes	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
Health Ins.	\$29,922	\$42,170	\$53,668	\$63,711
Dental Ins.	\$2,572	\$2,999	\$3,428	\$4,919
Social Security	\$8,603	\$12,611	\$10,384	\$13,480
Life Ins.	\$101	\$112	\$164	\$207
Worker's Comp	\$353	\$510	\$473	\$609
Long Term Disability	\$206	\$222	\$316	\$330
Course Reimb.	\$634	\$1,163	\$1,102	\$1,679
403 (b) Benefit	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,320
Retirement	\$1,016	\$2,254	\$1,988	\$998
One Percent Fund	\$277	\$0	\$570	\$600
Contracted Services	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$800
Repairs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200
Travel & Conference	\$200	\$1,444	\$200	\$200
Tuition	\$238,154	\$247,061	\$207,577	\$240,488
Supplies	\$2,500	\$2,590	\$750	\$750
Textbooks	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$0
Prof Books/ Journals	\$0	\$0	\$150	\$0
Testing Materials	\$0	\$0	\$925	\$0
Computer Software	\$0	\$0	\$475	\$0
Computer Hardware	\$0	\$0	\$1,400	\$0
Equipment	\$500	\$764	\$120	\$750
Non-Instruct. -Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$0
EE.E. Program	\$26,540	\$25,817	\$33,611	\$29,774
Psych. Services	\$11,000	\$6,683	\$11,000	\$7,500
PT/OT Services	\$3,820	\$3,449	\$6,531	\$5,953
Transportation Services	\$20,000	\$20,018	\$16,550	\$17,617
Field Trips	\$0	\$0	\$75	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$458,845</b>	<b>\$534,055</b>	<b>\$493,738</b>	<b>\$565,774</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$2,228,661</b>	<b>\$2,256,802</b>	<b>\$2,388,744</b>	<b>\$2,515,520</b>
<b>BOND PAYMENT &amp; INTEREST</b>				
Bond Payment & Interest	\$107,858	\$107,804	\$103,617	\$99,355
<b>SPEC. ARTICLES /-ACT 68 Voc. Ed.</b>				
Capital Fund Expense	\$58,450	\$58,450	\$51,700	\$51,700
Act 68 Vocational Ed. Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43,047
On-Behalf of Teacher's Retirement	\$0	\$47,230	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$58,450</b>	<b>\$105,680</b>	<b>\$51,700</b>	<b>\$94,747</b>
<b>PAYMENT TO THE EDUCATION FUND</b>				
Payment to the Education Fund	\$0	\$367,181	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$367,181</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

	2002-2003 BUDGET	2002-2003 ACTUAL	2003-2004 BUDGET	2004-2005 PROPOSED
DEFICIT APPROPRIATION				
Deficit Appropriation	\$36,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$36,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
 TOTAL BUDGET (EXCLUDING ASSESSMENTS)	 \$2,430,969	 \$2,837,467	 \$2,544,061	 \$2,709,622
 B.U.H.S. ASSESSMENT				
Assessment (A)	\$703,448	\$708,765	\$693,677	\$967,567
 W.S.E.S.U. ASSESSMENT				
W.S.E.S.U. Assessment	\$103,313	\$103,313	\$115,501	\$122,917
 BUDGET TOTALS	 \$3,237,730	 \$3,649,545	 \$3,353,239	 \$3,800,106

# **Act 68 Three Year Comparison** **Dummerston Town School District**

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005
1. Expenditures				
2. Budget (approved)	\$3,342,657	\$3,237,730	\$3,353,239	\$2,832,539
3. State Vocational Block Grant (82% FY05)				\$43,047
4. Supervisory Union Assessment				\$122,917
5. Block Grant State Voc. Ed. Prior Yrs.	\$53,608	\$50,372	\$47,293	
6. Separately Warned Article -approved				
7. Separately Warned Article -approved				
8. Separately Warned Article -approved				
9. Act 144 Expenditures				
10. Act 68 Local Adopted Budget	\$3,396,265	\$3,288,102	\$3,400,532	\$2,832,539
11. Union school assessment				\$967,567
12. Deficit if not included in the budget or revenue				
13. Special Programs (not included in local budget)				
14. Gross Act 68 Budget	\$3,396,265	\$3,288,102	\$3,400,532	\$3,800,106
15. Revenues				
16. Local Revenues	\$629,432	\$426,896	\$479,480	\$571,211
17. Capital Debt Aid	\$17,973	\$18,349	\$10,665	\$0
18. Special Programs (not included in local budget)				
19. Deficit if not included in local budget				
20. Act 144 Revenues				
21. Total Revenues	\$647,405	\$445,245	\$490,145	\$571,211
22. Fund raising (if any)				
23. Adjusted Local Revenues	\$647,405	\$445,245	\$490,145	\$571,211
24. Education Spending (Act 68)	\$2,748,860	\$2,842,857	\$2,910,387	\$3,228,895
25. Equalized Pupils	283.61	273.70	269.81	270.64
26. Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$9,692	\$10,387	\$10,787	\$11,931
27. Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil (if any)	NA	NA	NA	\$50
28. Per Pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	NA	NA	NA	\$11,981
29. District Spending Adjustment	NA	NA	NA	176.185%
30. Estimated Homestead tax rate (equalized)	NA	NA	NA	\$1.94
31. Household Income % for Income Sensitivity	NA	NA	NA	3.52%

# School District Capital Plan - Part A

ITEM	LIFE SPAN	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
BUILDING EXTERIOR	YEARS										
Doors	10		\$3,000	\$3,000	\$5,000						
Roof	15	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$6,500	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
Exterior Siding	20	\$2,500									
Water System	20	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	
BUILDING INTERIOR											
Doors	15	\$4,000	\$4,000			\$2,500	\$2,500			\$2,500	\$2,500
Floors	10	\$8,000	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
Ceilings	15	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Painting	7	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Gym Floor	15		\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000					
Science & Art Tables	10	3000	2000						\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Desks & Chairs	10	1700	2500	2500	3000	3000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
SYSTEMS											
Boilers	20	\$4,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
Phone System	7				\$4,500	\$4,500					
GROUPS											
Paving-Play	12	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$3,500			
Paving-Parking	12	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$3,500			
KITCHEN											
Refrigerator	10	\$0	\$3,000								
Freezer	10			\$4,000							
OTHER											
Building Fund	N/A	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$12,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Technology	N/A	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Additional Capital Costs											
Estimated Yearly		\$51,700	\$61,500	\$57,000	\$62,000	\$62,000	\$62,000	\$62,000	\$62,000	\$62,500	\$55,500
Spending		\$34,000	\$30,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$60,000	\$40,000	\$55,000	\$80,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Taxes Raises		\$51,700	\$61,500	\$57,000	\$62,000	\$62,000	\$62,000	\$62,000	\$62,000	\$62,500	\$55,500
Estimated Cash-on-hand		\$87,747	\$120,124	\$143,326	\$171,759	\$175,477	\$199,231	\$208,224	\$192,306	\$208,729	\$214,296
Est. Int. Earnings @ 1%		\$877	\$1,201	\$1,433	\$1,718	\$1,755	\$1,992	\$2,082	\$1,923	\$2,067	\$2,143
Estimated BalanceFwdrd	\$70,047	\$88,624	\$121,326	\$144,759	\$173,477	\$177,231	\$201,224	\$210,306	\$194,229	\$208,796	\$216,439

Interest Rate (estimated) 1%

The total to be expended for FY05 is \$34,000, which includes painting (\$2,500), exterior siding (\$2,500), doors (\$4,000), technology (\$10,000), floors (\$8,000) in addition to estimated expenses for the water system upgrade in the amount of \$7,000.

## **Town School District Capital Plan - Part B**

	Purchase Date	Replacement Date
<b>Building -Exterior</b>		
Exterior Doors	Various	2004
Roofs	Various	Various
<b>Building -Interior</b>		
Floors	Various	Annual
Ceilings	Various	Annual
Painting	Various	Annual
Gymnasium Floor	Unknown	2009
Science/Art Tables	Various	Annual
Desks/Chairs	Various	Annual
<b>Systems</b>		
Boiler	1994	2014
Phone	1999	2008
<b>Grounds</b>		
Paving-Play Area	NA	2010
Paving- Parking	NA	2010
<b>Kitchen</b>		
Refrigerator	1991	2005
Freezer	1998	2006
<b>Other</b>		
Building	NA	Unknown
Technology	Various	Annual

## **Windham Southeast Supervisory Union**

### **CHILD FIND NOTICE**

#### **FOR ALL PARENTS**

All children need, deserve and have a right to an education. Federal law states that this right to a free education should be available to all handicapped children, too.

The Windham Southeast Supervisory Union, including the school districts of Dummerston, Guilford, Putney, Vernon, Brattleboro and the Brattleboro Union High School District #6, needs to know if there are children or youth between the ages of three (3) years and twenty-one (21) years old who are disabled, or are out of school, or are not receiving services.

In addition, the WSESU needs to locate infants who may be disabled, between birth (0) and two (2) years of age for evaluation and service under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

If you have or know of such a child in your school, home or neighborhood, please write or phone.

**Superintendent of Schools  
53 Green Street, Brattleboro  
254-3731, for further information**

### **2003-2004 CERTIFIED STAFF SALARIES**

Certified salaries effective July 1, 2003.

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>% Time</u>	<u>Salary</u>
#1	MA + 30	Longevity	100	\$55,446
#2	MA + 30	Longevity	100	55,446
#3	MA + 30	13	100	49,536
#4	MA + 30	12	80	38,609
#5	MA + 30	11	100	46,990
#6	MA + 30	8	100	43,168
#7	MA + 15	Longevity	80	42,285
#8	MA + 15	Longevity	60	31,714
#9	MA + 15	14	60	29,722
#10	MA	Longevity	100	51,525
#11	MA	10	100	43,168
#12	MA	9	70	29,327
#13	MA	8	100	40,622
#14	MA	5	100	36,803
#15	BA + 60	11	100	45,716
#16	BA + 30	9	100	40,622
#17	BA + 15	Longevity	100	43,772
#18	BA + 15	Longevity	100	43,772
#19	BA + 15	10	100	40,622
#20	BA + 15	9	100	39,350
#21	BA + 15	9	100	39,350
#22	BA + 15	8	100	38,075
#23	BA	8	100	36,803
#24	BA	7	70	24,870

**2003-2004 CLASSIFIED STAFF SALARIES**

Classified wages effective July 1, 2003.

Employee #1	14.60	Employee #8	9.50
Employee #2	13.95	Employee #9	9.50
Employee #3	11.20	Employee #10	9.50
Employee #4	10.93	Employee #11	9.50
Employee #5	10.74	Employee #12	9.50
Employee #6	9.70	Employee #13	9.00
Employee #7	9.50		

**REPORT OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR**

It is always a pleasure to have the opportunity to highlight student successes and school initiatives in the annual report. Educational communities have a unique opportunity each year to start over and to build on our previous accomplishments. Each new school year allows us to reconsider the ways in which we met the challenges of the past year and plan for ways to ensure greater success for the year to come. So far, it has been a very busy year at Dummerston School.

The 2003-2004 school year began with plenty of enthusiasm fueled, in large part, by the new vinyl siding on the original building and our new cafeteria tables. The new siding gives the building back its historical, majestic distinction and beautifully complements the rest of the building.

Dummerston School welcomed twenty-seven new students to the school this fall. We have new students in every grade this year. Many of the students have come to us from area schools, while others have traveled from other continents to attend school in Dummerston. It is always a pleasure meeting and learning from students from other schools.

Dummerston School has other new additions thanks to the fundraising efforts of the PTF. Our latest additions include extra snowshoes for our physical education program, a new bike rack, a paper cutter, yoga mats, and new weather equipment for the fifth grade weather station. The eighth grade class of 2003 purchased new soccer uniforms for the girls' team and scrimmage vests for both teams. We are thankful to all of you for your generous efforts on behalf of the school.

The Dummerston School Sports Program, under the direction of Athletic Director Jen Brown, provides students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades with opportunities to play soccer, basketball, softball and baseball during the year. Many parents and members of the community attend each event and enthusiastically cheer for our students.

Over the past several years, teachers and administrators in Windham Southeast S.U. and Windham Central S.U. have traveled to Asia and have implemented the study of Asia in their respective schools. The Windham County Asian Studies Grant promotes the understanding and study of Asian cultures, travel, language instruction and curriculum development. This grant afforded Dummerston School the opportunity to have weekly Chinese language instruction in some of our classrooms. Yijie Zhao, our Chinese language teacher, is available to Dummerston School one afternoon a week.

The Dummerston Student Council works tirelessly to boost school spirit, fundraise and promote the accomplishments of all our students. This year's Student Council Officers are:

President	Tessie Knowles-Thompson
Vice President	Brittney Tyler
Secretary	Kim Butts



Treasurer

Hannah Svec

The Grade 8 Class Officers have also been busy planning their two annual trips, Boston in the fall and Gettysburg in June. Because the class of 2004 currently has 32 students, they decided to elect a President and Vice President for each section. This year's Officers are:

Presidents	Claire Gendron	8A
	Jeremiah Cioffi	8B
Vice Presidents	Alyssa Rollins	8A
	Aisha Momaney	8B
Secretary	Andrea Durant	
Treasurer	Katherine Derby	

Faculty and staff continue to channel professional development into instructional practices that improve student learning. We are in our third year of working with Thinking Maps. Thinking Maps are visual learning tools, which help students organize what they learn and improve the quality and quantity of their writing. They also give all students and teachers (K-8) a common language for talking about learning.

January was School Board Recognition Month. Our School Board is one of 281 such boards in Vermont. Dummerston's School Board members exemplify local citizen control and decision-making in education. They volunteer many hours and an immeasurable amount of energy to assure that our school is providing the best education possible with the resources available. We applaud them for their vision and for caring about our students' education.

Certainly, the annual school report would not be complete without gratefully thanking all the very special volunteers who donate their time and energy to support various Dummerston School activities. In times of limited resources, *ELF* (Environmental Learning for the Future), *PTFO* (Parent, Teachers & Friends Organization), *Friends of the Library* and the *Winter Activities Program* expand learning opportunities for all students.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jo Carol Ratti, Principal

### **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

This has been an exciting time in the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union. There have been many changes and program improvements; our teachers and staff members are each committing themselves to the cause of excellence; and, from my observations in the schools, it is evident that our students are working hard and discovering new challenges.

Due to the efforts of our teachers and administrators, the scores on Vermont's Statewide Assessment Program continue to show positive results. There is much more to education than test scores, but these benchmarks indicate that our students are mastering the basic skills. In addition, our teachers and administrators are developing training programs in support of these activities. These initiatives, when linked with strong parent and community support, will help ensure that we achieve our district mission: *The WSESU mission is to develop students capable of thoughtful engagement in their own civic, economic and personal development, who will be successful members of society.*

In order to fulfill our mission, the following district goals have been established to support school action plans, administrative team goals, and individual professional goals.

### **LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS**

### **Safe and Healthy Schools**

- Ensure equal access of students to educational opportunities by promoting a safe school environment and healthy climate conducive to learning.
- Allocate resources to close the gap of academic achievement of students from lower socioeconomic status and those from higher income families.

### **Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment**

- Support implementation of WSESU Framework of Learning guided by the Vermont Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities.
- Provide teachers with opportunities to support student learning through effective instructional practices.
- Ensure that teachers' individual professional development goals are aligned with schools' action plans and the district professional development plan.

### **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION**

- Promote public engagement and family involvement as well as providing sufficient information to parents, school board members, and the community.
- Support consistent and systematic grade level transitions, i.e. from pre-school to elementary, elementary to middle school, high school to post-secondary opportunities.
- Communicate the requirements and implications of *No Child Left Behind Act* and align provisions to state and district policies.

### **LEADERSHIP**

- Establish a clear definition of the roles and responsibilities of the school board, superintendent, principals, and school staff in carrying out the schools' missions.
- Promote positive, respectful, and supportive behaviors that are characteristic of a climate that nurtures a sense of pride and ownership of the school.
- Collect and analyze student data and other indicators of student success to guide our programs.

You can learn more about our schools by visiting the following web sites: <http://www.wssu.k12.vt.us> and <http://crs.uvm.edu/schlrpt/>. Please remember that our schools remain a community resource, and we welcome involvement in programs and activities that will enhance learning for our students. Plan to join us at our schools as we continue to build a tradition that promotes *An Education of Excellence*. Stop by for a visit, attend a concert or a play, or offer to provide a workshop in an area of expertise. See first hand why we are proud of our schools, and help us plan for the future.

Ron Stahley  
Superintendent

### **Administration**

Ron Stahley	Superintendent
James Kane	Business Administrator
Jo Carol Ratti	Principal

### **Teachers**

Mary Bandish	Instrumental Music
Jennifer E. Brown	Social Studies/Language Arts 7/8
Nancy Clements	Art

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Rita Corey	Vocal Music
Cynthia Daly	Social Studies/Language Arts Grade 6/7
Robert Glennon	Science 6/7/8
Mary Goodemote	Special Educator
Heidi Gould	Grade 1
Judith Hawkins	Special Educator
Lyle Holiday	Literacy
Linda Ives	Math Grade 6/7/8
Wynetta John	Instructional Support
Susan McCanna	Kindergarten
Thomas Mousin	Grade 2
Melissa Petroski	Library Media Specialist
Teresa Robinson	Instructional Support
Sara M. Ryan	Grade 1
Wendy Scott	Physical Education
Linda Skrzyniarz	Literacy
Maryann Toffolon	Special Educator
Elizabeth Whittaker	Grade 5
Annette Wilson	Grade 3

**Staff**

Stella White	Administrative Assistant
Kathy Bacon	Paraeducator
Lavon Butts	Paraeducator
Ann Davis	Paraeducator
Sandra Draper	Paraeducator
Kathleen Evans	Paraeducator
Susan Hadden	Paraeducator
Joan Momaney	Paraeducator
Lois Reed	Paraeducator
Patricia Walior	Paraeducator
Judith Walker	Paraeducator
Michael Walior	Head Cook/Lunch Agent
Laurence B. Lynch, Sr.	Custodian
Richard Walsh	Head Custodian

**Special Services**

Mary Ann Runge	School Nurse
Lynn Herzog	Medical Advisor
Lynda Meeder-Pumilia	School Counselor
Deborah Merchant	Special Education Administrator
Francine Swanson	Speech Pathologist

### **DUMMERSTON ENROLLMENT**

Class	99-00	00-01	01-02	02-03	03-04
K	21	10	10	22	12
1	20	21	11	12	24
2	18	21	23	13	12
3	17	20	22	21	13
4	25	20	18	22	23
5	22	25	22	20	23
6	15	23	27	21	22
7	24	17	25	29	24
8	<u>21</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>31</u>
	183	182	177	186	184

BUHS Students from Dummerston for 2003-2004:

Grade 7	---
Grade 8	---
Grade 9	23
Grade 10	21
Grade 11	23
<u>Grade 12</u>	<u>16</u>
	83

### **BUHS #6 DIRECTORS' REPORT**

As most of you know it was voted at last Town Meeting to reduce the size of the BUHS board from 17 to 9 members. Then a special meeting was held on 10 June to elect a new board. I was elected at that time. I would like to thank the voters who came out and voted for me.

Construction has been going on at a steady pace at the high school since last spring. The street in front of the school has been reworked and the student parking lot has finally been given a hard surface. It is expected that the new Career Center building will be operational by spring. The construction seems to be going smoothly even with moving classes from place to place so work can progress while school is still in session.

School opened with new principal, Mr. James Day, at the helm. Mr. Day seems to be settling in nicely and becoming familiar with the routines and the people at our school.

Work on the budget for the coming year has begun, but only a few meetings have been held so far. Remember that the high school budget is voted on at the BUHS District #6 Annual Meeting in February NOT at Town Meeting in March. I urge all voters to attend the high school's annual meeting to vote on this important matter.

One item that has generated a great deal of interest at this time is the use of the name Colonels for our teams and particularly the caricature of a "Colonel" as mascot. There is a definite time line in place for this to be discussed by students, faculty and the public to be followed by a vote of the board.

All are invited to attend board meetings, which are held on first and third Monday evenings at 7:00 PM in the BUHS Library and are always open to the public.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to call me.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Barton

#### **BUHS DISTRICT #6 SCHOOL BOARD ATTENDANCE**

In accordance with BUHS District #6 Board Procedures Policy LBP-5—Attendance at Board Meetings, below is a report of director attendance at regular and special board meetings.

**January 1, 2003 to November 3, 2003**

**Current Board Member: Dummerston**

Ruth Barton                      8 of 8 meetings attended (term began June 10, 2003)

**Past Board Members: Dummerston**

Joe Cook                         8 of 8 meetings attended (term ended June 10, 2003)

## Dummerston Town S.D. Comparative Balance Sheet

	June 30, 2002		June 30, 2003	
	Dr	Cr	Dr	Cr
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash Checking	\$16,160		\$38,896	
Cash Money Market	\$113,883		\$158,666	
Cash Checking In-Transit	\$2,500		\$0	
Petty Cash	\$1,215		\$1,715	
Due from Capital Fund	\$5,432			\$25,797
Accounts Receivable	\$2,403		\$914	
Prepaid Expenditure	\$10,363		\$7,179	
Due from Nutrition Fund	\$35,008		\$57,966	
Security Deposit Pre-Paid			\$403	
Due from B.U.H.S. #6	\$552			
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$187,516</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$265,739</b>	<b>\$25,797</b>
<b>Liabilities, Reserves, &amp; Fund Balance</b>				
Due to WSESU		\$4,220		\$2
Due to Brattleboro Union High School				\$2,876
Due to State of Vermont		\$15,600	\$42,185	
Accounts Payable		\$10,535		\$20,836
Accrued Salaries & Taxes		\$117,918		\$127,258
Other Liabilities		\$2,350		
Deferred Revenue				\$1,700
Due to Capital Fund				
Due to Activity Funds				\$6,498
Unexpended Grants				\$3,348
<b>Reserves &amp; Fund Balance</b>				
Reserve for Encumbrances		\$0		\$0
Reserve for Prepaid Expenditures		\$10,363		\$7,179
Fund Balance Designated		\$0		\$40,000
Fund Balance		\$26,530		\$72,430
<b>Total Liabilities, Reserves &amp; Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$187,516</b>	<b>\$42,185</b>	<b>\$282,127</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$187,516</b>	<b>\$187,516</b>	<b>\$307,924</b>	<b>\$307,924</b>

**Dummerston Town S.D.  
Balance Sheet- Capital Fund**

June 30,2003	Dr	Cr
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash Checking	\$27,968.70	
Cash Money Market		
Unemployment Fund Cash		
Due to General Fund	\$25,796.68	
Accounts Receivable		
Prepaid Expenditure	\$15,030.64	
Due from General Fund		
 Total Assets	 \$68,796.02	 \$0.00
 <b>Liabilities, Reserves, &amp; Fund Balance</b>		
Due to WSESU		\$1,156.79
Due to BUHS #6		
Accounts Payable		\$2,200.00
Accrued Salaries & Taxes		
Other Liabilities		
 <b>Reserves &amp; Fund Balance</b>		
Unemployment Reserve		
Reserve for Encumbrances		
Reserve for Prepaid Expenditures		
Fund Balance Designated		\$65,439.23
Fund Balance		
 Total Liabilities, Reserves & Fund Balance	 \$0.00	 \$68,796.02
 Totals	 \$68,796.02	 \$68,796.02

**Dummerston Town S.D.  
Balance Sheet -Nutrition Fund**

June 30, 2003

	Dr	Cr
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash Checking	\$6,984.04	
Cash Money Market		
Unemployment Fund Cash		
Accounts Receivable	\$831.40	
Prepaid Expenditure		
Inventory	\$410.34	
Due from Nutrition Fund		
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$8,225.78</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Liabilities, Reserves, &amp; Fund Balance</b>		
Due to General Fund		\$57,966.36
Accounts Payable		\$6,209.94
Accrued Salaries & Taxes		\$2,981.08
Other Liabilities		
<b>Reserves &amp; Fund Balance</b>		
Unemployment Reserve		
Reserve for Inventory		\$410.34
Reserve for Prepaid Expenditures		
Fund Balance Designated		
Fund Balance	\$59,341.94	
<b>Total Liabilities, Reserves &amp; Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$59,341.94</b>	<b>\$67,567.72</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$67,567.72</b>	<b>\$67,567.72</b>

**Statement of Changes in Fund Balance  
Operating Fund**

	2002-2003 BUDGET	2002-2003 ACTUAL	2003-2004 BUDGET	2004-2005 PROPOSED
Fund Balance	\$0	\$36,893	\$40,000	\$72,430
Add: Revenue	\$3,237,730	\$3,733,563	\$3,313,239	\$3,727,676
<b>Total Available Cash</b>	<b>\$3,237,730</b>	<b>\$3,770,456</b>	<b>\$3,353,239</b>	<b>\$3,800,106</b>
Deduct: Expenditures	\$3,237,730	\$3,649,545	\$3,353,239	\$3,800,106
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$120,911</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Less: Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Reserves/Adjustments	\$0	\$1,302	\$0	\$0
Encumbrances/Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pre-Paid Expenditures	\$0	\$7,179	\$0	\$0
Cumulative Fund Balance at 6/30/2002	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cumulative Fund Balance at 6/30/2003	\$0	\$112,430	\$0	\$0



Dummerston Town School District  
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements  
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

Beginning Cash Balance 7/01/02	\$ 130,042.12
ADD: Receipts	
2002 Tax Levy	
State Education Property Tax	1,470,227.00
Local Share Property Tax	1,687,527.00
State of Vermont	
Special Education Aid	384,057.40
School Lunch Reimbursements	9,569.93
GOVNet E-Rate 02-03 year	2,149.98
WSESU - Health & Dental Insurance Refunds	27,792.18
WSESU - Miscellaneous Refunds & Receipts	29,820.85
School - Miscellaneous Refunds & Receipts	9,384.64
Interest on Savings	4,493.57
Caledonia Central S.U.-Contracted Services	4,000.00
Lunch Program Salaries Refund	3,880.83
Class of 2005	2,995.30
Grade 3 Store	957.76
Building Rental	550.00
Graduation Awards Income	<u>37.50</u>
	3,637,443.94
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH	\$ 3,767,486.06
DEDUCT: Disbursements	
School Director's Orders	1,257,416.15
WSESU - Payroll Orders	1,217,724.66
BUHS Assessment	703,448.00
Construction Bond Principal & Interest	107,803.98
Payment to State Education Fund (local share)	273,856.59
School Lunch - State Reimbursements	9,569.93
Graduation Award	37.50
Bank Charges & Returned Check	<u>67.60</u>
Total Disbursements	3,569,924.41
ENDING CASH BALANCE 06/30/03	\$ 197,561.65

Arlene Forrett Memorial Fund

Beginning Balance 7/01/02	
Investment	\$1,000.00
Income Balance	<u>41.06</u>
	1,041.06

Income:	
Interest 6/16/02 to 6/15/03	<u>21.56</u>
	1,062.62

Less:	
Graduation Award 6/03	<u>37.50</u>
Balance 6/30/03 Invest/Income	\$1,025.12

Jenny Rubenstein Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance 7/01/02	
Investment	\$ 320.00
Income Balance	<u>0.00</u>
	320.00

Income:	
Interest 6/16/02 to 6/15/03	<u>6.56</u>
Balance 6/30/03 Invest/Income	\$ 326.56

Ruth E. Knapp Fund

Beginning Balance 7/01/02	
Investment	\$ 250.00
Income Balance	<u>0.00</u>
	250.00

Income:	
Interest 6/16/02 to 6/15/03	<u>5.25</u>
Balance 6/30/03 Invest/Income	\$ 255.25

Jean Shaw Creativity In Science Award

Beginning Balance 7/01/02

Investment \$ 200.00

Income 0.00

200.00

Income:

Interest 6/16/02 to 6/15/03 4.13

Balance 6/30/03 Invest/Income \$ 204.13

Timothy Garland Scholarship Fund

Investment - Memorial Funds Received \$ 860.00

Income 11/25/02 - 05/27/03 5.82

Balance 06/30/03 Invest/Income \$ 865.82

## Notes

**MINUTES OF TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETINGS**

**March 4, 2003**

The legal voters of the Town of Dummerston met as warned at the Dummerston School on March 4, 2003. Moderator Charles Fish called the meeting to order at 10 A.M. and declared the polls open for voting by Australian Ballot on Articles 1 of the Town warning and Articles 1 and 2 of the Town School District warning. The Moderator led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and reviewed the rules of procedure.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

- ARTICLE 1.            Elected all necessary Town School District Officers for the ensuing year.  
(See Elected Officials page).
- ARTICLE 2.            Voted that the make-up of the Board of School Directors of the Brattleboro Union High School District, as approved by the voters at the time the Brattleboro Union High School District was formed, be amended to provide that each member town school district be entitled to one board representative per 3,000 citizens (or fraction thereof) as measured by the U.S. decennial census (which initially created a nine member board); and to further provide that to produce staggered terms, one Brattleboro director will be elected to a one-year term (to be replaced by a director with a three-year term), two Brattleboro directors will be elected to two-year terms (to be replaced by directors with three-year terms), and all other directors will be elected to three-year terms. This Article was APPROVED by paper ballot 341-70.
- ARTICLE 3.            Voted to accept the Auditor's Report of the Town School District Accounts.
- ARTICLE 4.            Voted to authorize the School Board to accept and expend categorical grants and aid received from the State of Vermont and the U.S. Government.
- ARTICLE 5.            Voted to pay the Town School District Officers and Directors \$500.00 each for a total of \$2,500.00.
- ARTICLE 6.            Voted to approve the Dummerston Town School District Capital Plan as presented by the Dummerston Town School Board.
- ARTICLE 7.            Voted to authorize the School Board to place the undesignated and unreserved fund balance as of June 30, 2003 in the Dummerston Town School Capital Plan Fund.
- ARTICLE 8.            Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$51,700 and appropriate such sum to the Dummerston Town School District Capital Plan Fund.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town School District will vote to expend the sum of \$41,200 from the "Dummerston Town School District Capital Plan Fund." These funds will be expended for replacement and repair of roofs per the approved Plan (FY04). Article 9 POSTPONED.

ARTICLE 10. Voted to appropriate a sum of money to defray its expenses and liabilities for the period of July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004 in the sum of \$2,607,862.

ARTICLE 11. To transact any other business that may legally come before said Town School District meeting.

The Moderator thanked the microphone runners, Tyler Goodrich and Tyler Lynch. Charles Ranney moved that we advise the School Board to use Capital Fund reports in essentially the same format used in the Town Capital Fund State of Revenue and Expenditures and in the Town Capital Budget Plan. The motion was seconded and so voted.

### **TOWN MEETING**

ARTICLE 1. Elected all necessary Town Officers for the ensuring year.  
(See Elected Officials page).

ARTICLE 2. Voted to accept the Auditor's Report of the Town accounts.

ARTICLE 3. Voted to authorize the Selectboard to appoint a receiver of current and delinquent taxes.

ARTICLE 4. Voted to raise \$2,000 to help defray the expenses of the Town's 250th anniversary celebration.

ARTICLE 5. Voted to raise and set aside the sum of \$10,500 (\$3,500 in 2003-04, \$3,500 in 2004-05 and \$3,500 in 2005-06) for purposes of defraying the expenses of a town wide reappraisal.

ARTICLE 6. Voted to raise taxes in the amount of \$100,000 to be added to the Capital Fund for future Capital needs.

ARTICLE 7. Voted to authorize Capital Expenditures in the amount of \$32,000 from the Capital Budget Plan for FY-03-04 for a dump body with sander combination and load cover tarps.

ARTICLE 8. Voted to appropriate a sum of money to defray its expenses and liabilities for the period of July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, in the sum of \$613,526.00.

ARTICLE 9. Voted to grant tax-exempt status to the Dummerston Center Grange for a period of one year.

- ARTICLE 14.

/s/ William Conley, School Director

Recorded by: /s/ Janice C. Duke , Town Clerk

**WARNING  
DUMMERSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MARCH 2, 2004**

The legal voters of the Town of Dummerston School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Dummerston School in said Town on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following business of the Town School District. (Voting on Article 1 will be by Australian Ballot.) The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 1: To elect all necessary Town School District officers for the ensuing year: School District Moderator for 1 year term; School Director for three year term; two School Directors for one year terms. (By Australian Ballot.)

ARTICLE 2: To act on the Auditor's Report of the Town School District.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town School District will authorize its School Board to accept and expend categorical grants and aid received from the State of Vermont and the U.S. Government.

ARTICLE 4: To see what salaries the Town School District will vote to pay its Officers and Directors.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the voters of the Dummerston Town School District shall vote to exempt the District from the requirements of 16 VSA § 1264, that it operate a school breakfast program for the 2004-2005 school year.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$51,700 and appropriate such sum to the "Dummerston Town School District Capital Plan Fund."

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town School District will vote to expend the sum of \$34,000 from the "Dummerston Town School District Capital Plan Fund." These funds will be expended for painting (\$2,500), exterior siding (\$2,500), doors (\$4,000), technology and computer hardware (\$10,000), floors (\$8,000), and water system improvements (\$7,000).

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town School District will vote to appropriate a sum of money to defray its expenses and liabilities for the period of July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2005, and if so, in what amount. If adopted, the portion of this total sum to be raised by taxes to be only that portion not received from revenues from other sources.

ARTICLE 9: To transact any other business that may legally come before said Town School District Meeting.



William Conley, Chairman  
Roger Aquadro, Vice-Chairman  
Daniel Brown, Clerk  
Charlotte Neer Annis  
Richard McFadden

*Dummerston Town School Board*

**TOWN OF DUMMERSTON  
WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 2, 2004**

THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE Town of Dummerston are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Dummerston School in said Town on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following business of the Town. (Voting on Article 1 will be by Australian Ballot.) The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 1: To elect all necessary Town Officers for the following positions required by law to be elected at the annual meeting (By Australian Ballot)

Moderator	1 year term
Town Clerk	1 year term
Town Treasurer	1 year term
Selectperson	3 year term
Selectperson	2 year term
Lister	3 year term
Auditor	3 year term
Town Agent	1 year term
Town Grand Juror	1 year term
Trustee of Cemetery Funds	1 year term
Library Trustee	5 year term

ARTICLE 2: To act on the auditor's report of the Town Accounts.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Selectboard to appoint a receiver of current and delinquent taxes.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise taxes in the amount of \$100,000 to be added to the Capital Fund for future Capital needs.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize C capital Expenditures in the amount of \$115,000 from the Capital Budget Plan for FY 04-05 for a font end loader.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to defray its expenses and liabilities for the period of July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, and if so, in what amount.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will grant tax exempt status to the Dummerston Center Grange for a period of one year.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will grant tax exempt status to Green Mountain Camp for a period of one year.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters of the Town of Dummerston advise the Selectboard, the Governor and our State Legislators of the following:

“Whereas the rising cost of health insurance is placing an increasingly Unsupportable burden on town and school budgets, the voters of the Town of Dummerston call upon the Selectboard, the Governor and our State Legislators to support and actively work for the creation of a universal and comprehensive health insurance system which is publicly financed and accountable to the citizens of Vermont, and which will reduce costs by eliminating most current administrative expenses”? (By petition)

ARTICLE 10: To transact any other business that may legally come before said Town Meeting.

Dated at Dummerston, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2004.

Paul E. Normandeau  
Sylvio L. Forrett  
Lester L. Dunklee  
Cynthia D. Jerome  
Jack W. Manix

*Dummerston Selectboard*

# TOWN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

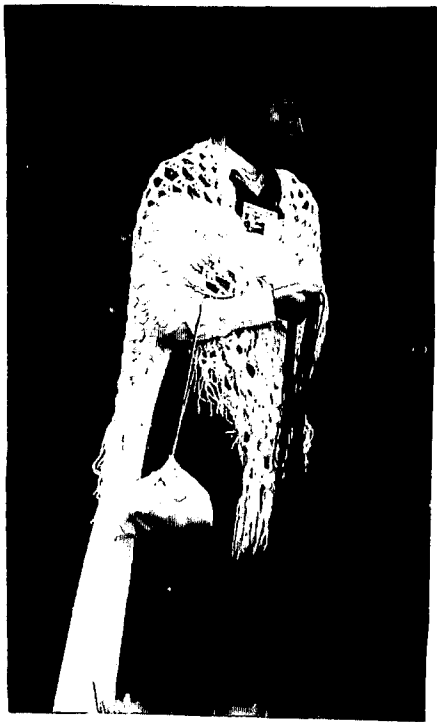
We have compiled this report based on the information provided to us by the wide range of town and school agencies. To the best of our knowledge all reports are accurate. Each month during the year we reconcile the town and school checking accounts. We wish to thank those contributing information in a timely fashion to this report, enabling us to satisfy all requirements.

Dummerston, VT  
February 1, 2004

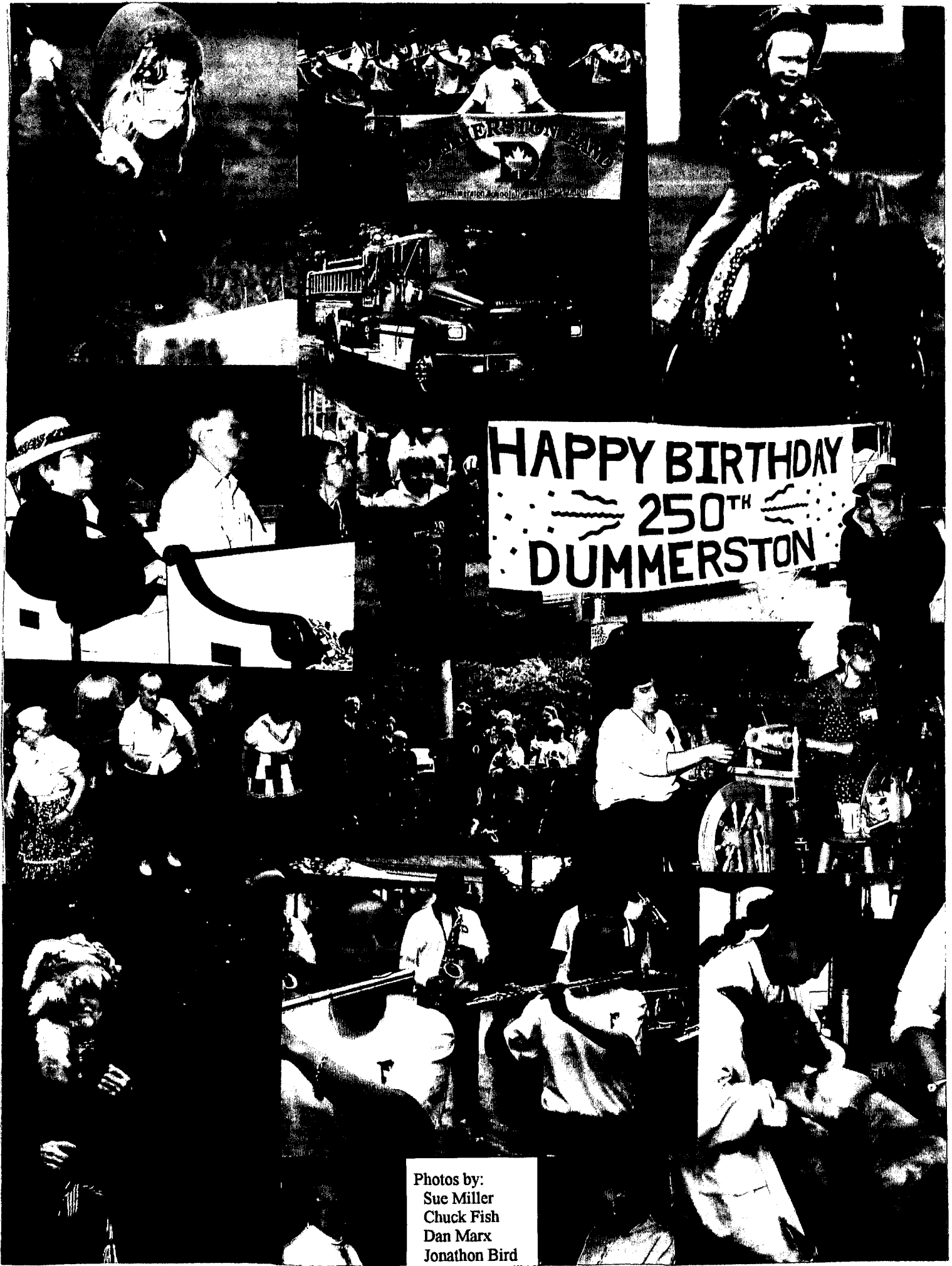
Jean M. Newell  
Barbara B. Gilmore  
Maria A. Glabach

## GENERAL FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

	<u>06/30/02</u>	<u>06/30/03</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$170,294.21	\$ 95,569.61
Accounts Receivable		
Refunds Receivable	670.00	-0-
Delinquent Taxes (est. 70%)	<u>50,160.33</u>	<u>55,516.69</u>
	\$221,124.54	\$151,086.29
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ -0-	\$ 861.00
Notes Payable	31,948.40	-0-
Due to State	93.00	87.00
Employee Withholdings	5,621.55	5,971.59
Reserves		
Restoration of Records	6,818.02	9,602.02
Community Center	-0-	5,000.00
Surplus to be used in FY 03	104,754.50	
Surplus to be used in FY 04		53,677.14
	<u>149,235.47</u>	<u>75,198.75</u>
Fund Balance	<u>71,889.07</u>	<u>75,887.54</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$221,124.54	\$151,086.29







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Dan Marx  
Jonathon Bird



### RESTRICTED FUNDS

	<u>06/30/02</u>	<u>06/30/03</u>
Cemetery Funds	\$ 40,596.24	\$ 42,256.54
Fred Miller Fund	116,723.79	117,437.34
West River Crossings	79,450.64	80,687.45
Prospect Hill Pasture	11,272.69	11,512.06
Capital Fund	159,552.09	102,709.69
Farmland Protection Fund	11,617.81	11,746.35
Reappraisal Funds	35,520.94	42,622.45
War Memorial Fund	2,419.00	2,467.60

### Statement of Delinquent Taxes July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003 Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Balance 07/01/02</u>	<u>For Collection</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Abated</u>	<u>Balance 06/30/02</u>
1998	281.93		-0-		281.93
1999	426.55		131.43		295.12
2000	14,629.81		12,213.98		2,415.83
2001	56,319.33		34,130.72		22,188.61
2002	<u>                    </u>	<u>156,526.33</u>	<u>102,398.27</u>		<u>54,128.06</u>
	71,657.62	156,526.33	148,874.40		79,309.55

### Policy for Collection of Delinquent Taxes

- As soon as the warrant has been received, and each month afterwards, the tax collector will send a notice to each delinquent taxpayer.
- Payment arrangements, which do not pay the bill in full before the due date of next year's bill, will not be accepted.
- If the tax on personal property is not paid in full within 20 days of the notice, the tax collector will seek the authorization of the selectboard to place a lien on the property.
- Mortgage holders and lien holders will be notified of the delinquent taxes 30 days after the first notice has been sent out.



- Partial payments will be applied first to the interest portion of the amount due, and the remainder will be divided proportionally between the principal amount of the tax and the 8% fee.
- If the amount due is less than \$500 and no satisfactory payment arrangements have been made in one month, or if the arrangements agreed to have not been met, the tax collector will file a complaint with Small Claims Court.
- If the amount due is \$500 or more and no satisfactory payment arrangements have been made in one month, or if the arrangements agreed to have not been met, the tax collector will begin the following actions to sell as much of the property as is necessary to pay the tax, and costs and fees:
  - ☐ The collector will notify the taxpayer of the tax sale decision, the date by which full payment must be received, and the costs to expect once the sale process begins.
  - ☐ The collector will also notify all mortgage holders and lien holders.
  - ☐ Once the deadline date has expired and full payment has not been received, the collector will proceed with the tax sale according to the procedures specified in 32 V.S.A. §5252.
  - ☐ Costs of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.



HOWARD BENNETT



MR. GLENNON



MR. DAVIS



CARLEY BILES



AARON CLOUGH

2002

**DUMMERSTON  
SCHOOL**  
MS. JO CAROL RATTI, PRINCIPAL  
MR. GLENNON - GRADE 8

2003



BRIAN CONLEY



DAVID DREVING



JENNIFER FORRISTER



VIORODENE GLANASH



BRIANNA HOT DAY



KACHINA LEE-AUTENRIETH



SETH MARTIN



BRANDON MCFADDEN



NUTTI MILLER



BRANDON MORGAN



SAMUEL MORRISON



MEGHAN NICHOLS



TESHA SHORT



TRICIA SHORT



MARY SOBIESKI



CAROLINA SOPPER



JARED THROCKWELL



ALYSON SUMMERVILLE



OWEN THOMPSON



MICHAEL TREVORROW



DAWN WATERS



MARY WINTER



DAVID WOOD

**ANALYSIS OF DELINQUENT TAXES**

As of June 30, 2003

<u>Real Estate and Personal Property</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Ainsworth, Kenneth & Sandra	1,520.96		
Barrett, Lynn S.	6,865.48	6,334.70#	1,370.79
Bolster, Cleon & Theresa	1,896.10		
Boston & Maine Corp.	828.68		
Bourne, Victoria & Standish	1,711.30*		
Brattleboro Area Community Land Trust	214.81*		
Campbell, Michael		13.32	249.90
Childs, Edward & Anita	4,050.86*		
Cooke, Richard & David	507.64*		
Fetterman, Denise	672.28*	584.97	
Fisk, Arthur R. Jr.	373.18	362.44	900.73
Gendron, Morris & Cynthia	730.33*		
Kohout, Michael & Diamondstone, Jessica	2,420.20*		
Koski, David et al		835.37	
Laughton, Kenneth & Dorothy	545.68*		
Lawrence, Brenda	1,539.38	691.01	
Lewis, Brian & Laurie	1,784.97*		
Matava, Gary & David	850.64		
Mathewson, M. Et al	1,013.16*		
McGahan, Glenn E.	982.34*		
Meyer, Thomas R.	2,585.75	4,738.36	
Mullen, Laura M.	1,717.74	1,668.28#	471.46*
Murano, Janet	5,136.76	2,494.44#	
Powers, Edward & Catherine	769.99#		
Privee, Alan & Barbara	1,229.30#	128.72*	
Rice, Lori	3,438.22		
Romanoff, Richard & Keefe, Beverly	1,157.97*		
Shevchenko, Nikita	186.58	90.61	
Short, Howard & Clarice	2,350.86*		
Sparks, James et al	603.68	586.30	
Sparks, James et al	225.00	218.52	
Tuttle, Richard & Sharon	2,154.04#	89.01*	
White, Charles & Stella	3,451.94	3,352.56	
Winter, Harold Jr. & Sharon	612.24		
	\$54,128.06	\$22,188.61	\$2,992.88

\* paid in full by December 31, 2003

# partially paid by December 31, 2003

## STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

GRAND LIST April 1, 2002

Education Grand List		
Real Estate	\$128,530,300	
Personal Property - Cable	96,000	
Value of Town Voted Exemptions	264,500	
Education Grand List (1% of Appraised Value)		\$1,288,908.00

Municipal Grand List		
Real Estate	\$128,530,300	
Personal Property - Cable	96,000	
Personal Property - Machinery & Equipment	1,124,100	
Municipal Grand List (1% of Appraised Value)		\$1,297,504.00

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### TAXES ASSESSED AND BILLED

Education Taxes			
Statewide Tax	GL \$1,288,908 x Tax rate	\$1.139	\$1,468,066.21
Local Share Tax	GL \$1,288,908 x Tax Rate	<u>1.308</u>	<u>1,685,891.66</u>
	Total Education Tax Rate	\$2.447	3,153,957.87
Education Tax Shortfall			
	Voted Exemptions LV \$2,645 x Tax Rate	\$2.447	<u>-6,472.32</u>
Education Taxes Billed			\$3,147,485.55

Municipal Taxes			
Municipal Taxes GL	\$1,297,504 x Tax Rate	\$ .292	\$ 378,871.17
Education Shortfall			
	On Voted Exemptions GL \$1,297,504 x Tax Rate\$ .005		<u>6,487.52</u>
Municipal Taxes Billed			\$385,358.69
	Fractional Difference		<u>-4.34</u>

TOTAL ANTICIPATED TAX REVENUE	<u>\$ 3,532,839.90</u>
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### TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR

Collections	3,376,313.57
Distribution of Taxes	
State Education Property Tax	\$1,470,227.00
Local Share Property Tax	1,687,527.00
Municipal Tax	<u>218,559.57</u>
	3,376,313.57

Delinquent Taxes to Collector	<u>156,526.33</u>
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TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR	<u>\$ 3,532,839.90</u>
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**General Fund**  
**Statement of Receipts & Disbursements**  
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

<b>Beginning Cash Balance July 1, 2002</b>	<b>\$170,294.21</b>
<b>ADD: Receipts</b>	
<b>Tax Revenue</b>	
Current Taxes	118,559.57
State Current Use Payment	21,700.00
State Pilot Program	2,395.00
State Agency of Natural Resources	804.00
Delinquent Taxes	148,874.40
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	10,726.63
Penalty on Delinquent Taxes	<u>11,909.93</u>
	314,969.53
<b>State Funds</b>	
Highway State Aid	116,843.24
VTTC-Local Share of Fines	1,419.50
Railroad Corp. Tax	813.55
EOC Pager Service	2,400.00
EOC Phone Reimbursement	897.74
EOC Response Fund Award	20,850.00
EOC Radiological Officer Stipend	500.00
EOC Management Director Stipend	500.00
Act 60 Equalized Grand List Assistance	<u>1,052.00</u>
	145,276.03
<b>Permits &amp; Licenses</b>	
Zoning Fees	2,140.00
Dog Licenses	1,056.00
Trailer Park Licenses	480.00
Liquor Licenses	350.00
Vehicle Overweight Permits	205.00
Junkyard Permit	<u>25.00</u>
	4,256.00

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*Statement of Receipts & Disbursements - Continued*

**Fees & Charges for Services**

Town Clerk Fees	20,848.90
Record Restoration	2,784.00
Sale of Tax Maps	13.00
Charges for Use of Copier	88.00
Fees Collected for State Agencies	521.00
Miscellaneous Fees & Charges	<u>136.80</u>
	24,391.70

**Other Receipts**

Transfer from Capital Fund	157,983.84
Interest on Savings	4,254.96
School District for Services (FY02 & 03)	2,600.00
Lien Repayment	500.00
Accts. Rec. FY02 Cemetery Funds	670.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>168.49</u>
	166,177.29

**Refunds**

Putney-Expenses on Screening Plant & Crusher	2,655.88
Installation of Culverts	1,399.10
LTP Library-Salary, Benefits & Insurance	7,703.17
MSHA Seminar	1,736.00
Community Center Insurance	599.00
Tax Double Payment (Ret'd to Taxpayer)	821.83
Miscellaneous Refunds	<u>300.31</u>
	15,215.29

**Total Receipts** 670,285.84

**Total Available Cash** \$ 840,580.05

**DEDUCT: Disbursements** 745,010.45  
    Selectboard Orders

**Ending Cash Balance June 30, 2003** \$ 95,569.60

**General Fund**  
**Statement of Revenue - Estimated and Actual**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003**

	Budget 7/1/02 - 6/30/03	Actual 7/1/02 6/30/03	Adopted 7/1/03 6/30/04	Proposed 7/1/04 6/30/05
<b>TAX REVENUE</b>				
Current Taxes	301,489	143,458.57	362,949	412,410
Delinquent Taxes	-0-	148,874.40	-0-	-0-
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	9,000	10,726.63	9,000	8,000
Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	<u>7,000</u>	<u>11,909.93</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	317,489	314,969.53	381,949	430,410
<b>OTHER REVENUE</b>				
State Funds				
Highway State Aid	112,000	116,843.24	116,000	116,700
VTTC-Local Fines	3,000	1,419.50	3,000	3,000
Railroad Corp. Tax	650	813.55	800	800
Emergency Management	3,250	25,147.74	3,250	3,400
Equalized GL Study	1,050	1,052.00	1,050	1,000
Permits and Licenses	4,000	4,256.00	4,000	4,000
Fees & Charges for Services	15,000	21,086.70	17,000	20,000
Interest on Savings	7,000	4,254.96	5,000	2,000
School District Reimbursement	1,300	2,600.00	1,300	1,300
Lien Repayment	-0-	500.00	-0-	-0-
Culvert Installation	-0-	1,399.10	-0-	-0-
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>-0-</u>	<u>168.49</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
	147,250	179,541.28	151,400	152,200
<b>FUNDED PROJECTS</b>				
Transfer from Reappraisal Fund	-0-	-0-	-0-	30,000
Transfer from Capital Fund	<u>167,000</u>	<u>157,983.84</u>	<u>32,000</u>	<u>115,000</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$631,739</b>	<b>\$652,494.65</b>	<b>\$565,349</b>	<b>\$727,610</b>

**SUMMARY OF MUNICIPAL TAXES**

	<u>Voted 2003</u>	<u>Proposed 2004</u>
General Fund - Operating Budget	\$357,449	\$412,410
Additional Articles		
250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	2,000	
Reappraisal Fund	<u>3,500</u>	
	362,949	
Capital Plan Fund	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Total Municipal Taxes	\$462,949	\$512,410

**General Fund**  
**Statement of Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003**

	<u>Budget</u> 7/1/02- 6/30/03	<u>Actual</u> 7/1/02- 6/30/03	<u>Adopted</u> 7/1/03- 6/30/04	<u>Proposed</u> 7/1/04- 6/30/05
Fund Balance beginning of FY	\$104,754	\$158,431.64	-0-	-0-
Surplus FY 02			\$ 53,677	
Surplus FY 03				\$ 20,371
ADD: Revenues	<u>631,739</u>	<u>652,494.65</u>	<u>565,349</u>	<u>727,610</u>
Total Cash	736,493	810,926.29	619,026	747,981
DEDUCT: Expenditures	<u>736,493</u>	<u>736,878.30</u>	<u>619,026</u>	<u>747,981</u>
Fund Balance, end of FY	-0-	74,047.99	-0-	-0-
Reserve FY 02 Surplus to be used in FY04		<u>53,677.14</u>		
Surplus 6/30/03		\$ 20,370.85		

Notes

## GENERAL FUND

## Actual and Estimated Expenditures

Account	Budget FY-2003	Actual FY-2003	Budget FY-2004	Budget FY-2005
<b>100-30 SELECTBOARD</b>				
100-3000-10.00 Selectboard Salaries	2,550.00	2,550.00	2,550.00	2,550.00
100-3000.10.01 Wages-Clerical	6,500.00	6,648.77	6,700.00	6,900.00
100-3000-20.00 Selectboard Expenses	400.00	113.26	300.00	200.00
100-3000-30.00 Legal Notices	500.00	883.32	600.00	600.00
100-3000-40.00 Meetings	300.00	340.00	300.00	300.00
100-3000-40.01 V.L.C.T. Assmt	1,245.00	1,245.00	1,533.00	1,632.00
100-3000-40.02 WRC Assmt	2,604.00	2,604.00	2,662.00	2,662.00
100-3000-40.03 WSWMD Assmt	10,445.00	10,444.12	14,367.00	14,292.00
100-3000-60.00 Legal Services	7,000.00	3,580.00	7,500.00	6,000.00
100-3000-60.01 Audit & Accounting	1,000.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
100-3020-15.01 FICA & Medicare	13,800.00	14,511.18	14,239.00	16,700.00
100-3020-15.02 Retirement	6,600.00	6,715.63	6,806.00	6,900.00
100-3020-15.03 Health Insurance	17,500.00	16,889.22	20,000.00	25,300.00
100-3020-15.04 Unemployment Insurance	350.00	399.88	478.00	341.00
100-3020-15.05 Workers Compensation	8,500.00	7,927.00	8,500.00	11,000.00
100-3040-48.01 Public Official Liability	1,800.00	2,110.00	1,600.00	2,400.00
100-3040-48.02 Property Owners Policy	6,200.00	3,228.00	5,400.00	5,300.00
100-3040-48.01 Officers Bonds	350.00	334.00	350.00	350.00
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Total SELECTBOARD	87,644.00	80,523.38	94,385.00	103,927.00
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<b>100-33 ELECTIONS</b>				
100-3310.10.00 Ballot Clerks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-3310.21.00 Operating Supplies	150.00	129.95	100.00	200.00
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Total ELECTIONS	150.00	129.95	100.00	200.00
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<b>100-34 ADMINISTRATION</b>				
100-3400-10.00 Salary-Clerk & Treas.	23,700.00	23,699.52	24,300.00	24,900.00
100-3400.10.01 Wages-Clerical	9,100.00	6,115.32	9,300.00	9,500.00
100-3400-20.00 Supplies & Postage	3,000.00	3,519.40	3,000.00	3,500.00
100-3400-40.00 Dues & Meetings	200.00	55.00	200.00	300.00
100-3400-62.00 Record Restoration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-3420-10.00 Wages-Auditors	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
100-3420-10.01 Wages-Clerical	600.00	700.00	700.00	700.00
100-3420-20.00 Supplies	50.00	15.00	50.00	50.00
100-3420-40.00 Meetings	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
100-3420-62.00 Town Report-Print		2,200.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
	1,800.00			
100-3420-62.01 Town Report-Postage	500.00	350.00	450.00	450.00
100-3430-10.00 Wages-Listers	13,500.00	17,249.54	14,200.00	16,200.00
100-3430-10.01 Listers-Clerical	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-3430-20.00 Supplies & Postage	900.00	521.09	600.00	600.00
100-3430-40.00 Meetings & Training	500.00	255.00	500.00	500.00
100-3430-50.00 Reappraisal	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	33,500.00
100-3430-60.00 Mapping	700.00	172.50	500.00	500.00
100-3430-74.00 Travel Expenses	500.00	599.40	600.00	600.00
100-3440-10.00 Wages-Tax Collector	900.00	900.38	900.00	900.00



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Account	Budget FY-2003	Actual FY-2003	Budget FY-2004	Budget FY-2005
100-3440.20.00 Tax Collector Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-3440-60.00 Legal Fees	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Administration	56,900.00	56,402.91	61,150.00	94,550.00
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100-36 PLANNING/ZONING				
100-3620-10.00 Wages-Zoning Admin.	2,500.00	1,825.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
100-3620-10.01 Wages-Clerical	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
100-3620-20.00 Supplies & Postage	250.00	443.23	250.00	250.00
100-3620-30.00 Legal Notices	400.00	366.74	400.00	400.00
100-3620-40.00 Meetings & Training	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
100-3620-60.00 Legal Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-3620-60.01 Consulting & Technical	300.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
100-3620-62.00 Printing	450.00	231.00	250.00	250.00
100-3620-74.00 Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-3630-00.00 Farm Protection Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total PLANNING/ZONING	4,300.00	2,865.97	4,300.00	4,300.00
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100-37 MUNICIPAL BUILDING				
100-3710-21.00 Municipal Bldg-Supplies	200.00	115.27	200.00	200.00
100-3710-34.00 Telephone	1,200.00	828.55	1,200.00	1,450.00
100-3710-56.00 Janitor Service	400.00	230.00	350.00	350.00
100-3710-68.00 Building Maintenance	1,500.00	1,438.32	1,000.00	1,000.00
100-3710-68.01 Lawn Care & Snow Removal	900.00	868.61	1,000.00	1,000.00
100-3710-76.00 Electricity	1,700.00	1,886.53	1,700.00	1,900.00
100-3710-76.01 Water	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
100-3720-20.00 Copier Expenses	900.00	602.70	900.00	900.00
100-3720-20.01 Computer Expenses		2,200.00	1,992.33	2,200.00
	2,000.00			
100-3720-68.00 Equipment Repair	100.00	55.00	100.00	100.00
100-3720-83.00 New Equipment	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>884.98</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
Total MUNICIPAL BUILDING	10,200.00	9,002.29	9,750.00	15,000.00
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100-41 PUBLIC SAFETY				
100-4100-00.00 Police Protection		12,000.00	12,388.85	12,000.00
		12,000.00		
100-4160-00.00 Rescue Inc Asst	<u>7,660.00</u>	<u>7,660.00</u>	<u>8,617.00</u>	<u>10,054.00</u>
Total PUBLIC SAFETY	19,660.00	20,048.85	20,617.00	22,054.00
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100-45 Fire Department				
100-4500-00.00 Fire Protection	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	34,000.00
100-4580-00.00 Fire Apparatus Fund	<u>33,000.00</u>	<u>32,983.84</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total FIRE DEPARTMENT	63,000.00	62,983.84	30,000.00	34,000.00

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Account	Budget FY-2003	Actual FY-2003	Budget BY-2004	Budget FY-2005
<b>100-47 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>				
100-4700-00.00 Emergency Management	200.00	22,180.75	200.00	1,000.00
100-4700-34.00 EOC Telephone	650.00	308.77	650.00	0.00
100-4700-60.00 Pager Services	<u>2,400.00</u>	<u>2,400.00</u>	<u>2,400.00</u>	<u>2,400.00</u>
<b>Total EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>3,250.00</b>	<b>24,889.52</b>	<b>3,250.00</b>	<b>3,400.00</b>
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<b>100-51 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE</b>				
100-5110-10.00 Wages-General Maint.	53,500.00	40,845.60	54,824.00	54,900.00
100-5110-10.01 Wages-Clerical	2,000.00	1,851.50	2,100.00	2,200.00
100-5110-15.00 Personnel Expenses	2,000.00	1,983.28	2,000.00	2,000.00
100-5110-22.00 Culverts	3,000.00	487.60	4,000.00	4,000.00
100-5110-22.01 Gravel	10,000.00	9,761.90	10,000.00	10,000.00
100-5110-22.02 Chloride	9,500.00	7,471.77	10,000.00	9,000.00
100-5110-56.00 Contract Services		16,000.00	9,449.36	16,000.00
8,000.00				
100-5110-56.01 Retreatment	60,000.00	60,226.11	60,000.00	60,000.00
100-5110-68.00 Bridge Repairs	1,000.00	81.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
100-5110-68.01 West River Crossing Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-5110-68.02 Temporary Bridge Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-5110-79.00 Road Signs	1,000.00	160.02	1,000.00	500.00
100-5110-79.01 Miscellaneous	1,000.00	563.80	1,000.00	1,000.00
100-5140-10.00 Wages-Winter Maint.	68,000.00	87,550.77	71,300.00	72,900.00
100-5140-22.00 Salt	9,000.00	11,042.62	9,000.00	9,500.00
100-5140-22.01 Sand	18,700.00	16,237.40	18,000.00	19,000.00
100-5140-56.00 Contract Services Winter	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
<b>Total HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>259,800.00</b>	<b>247,712.73</b>	<b>261,724.00</b>	<b>255,500.00</b>
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<b>100-52 STREET LIGHTS</b>				
100-5280-00.00 Street Lights	<u>5,200.00</u>	<u>5,067.55</u>	<u>5,300.00</u>	<u>5,300.00</u>
<b>Total STREET LIGHTS</b>	<b>5,200.00</b>	<b>5,067.55</b>	<b>5,300.00</b>	<b>5,300.00</b>
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<b>100-53 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>				
100-5300-48.00 Package Policy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-5300-48.01 Vehicle & Equip Insurance	7,800.00	5,845.00	6,800.00	8,000.00
100-5310-21.00 Garage-Supplies	1,200.00	1,179.52	1,500.00	1,500.00
100-5310-21.01 Fuel Oil	700.00	528.75	700.00	700.00
100-5310-21.02 Computer Expenses		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00		
100-5310-34.00 Telephone	1,000.00	828.81	1,000.00	1,000.00
100-5310-68.00 Building Maintenance	1,000.00	1,505.62	1,500.00	1,500.00
100-5310-76.00 Electricity	1,100.00	1,179.13	1,200.00	1,200.00
100-5310-21.00 Gasoline	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
100-5310-21.01 Diesel Fuel	13,000.00	16,069.50	13,000.00	13,000.00
100-5310-21.02 Motor Oil and Grease	1,000.00	1,500.18	1,250.00	1,000.00
100-5330-22.00 Maintenance and Repairs	30,000.00	26,430.22	25,000.00	25,000.00
100-5330-83.00 New Equipment	125,000.00	128,210.00	32,000.00	115,000.00
100-5360-00.00 Radios and Radio Repair	500.00	120.00	500.00	500.00
100-5360-23.00 Small Tools & Equipment	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>2,267.51</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
<b>Total HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>184,300.00</b>	<b>185,664.24</b>	<b>86,950.00</b>	<b>170,900.00</b>
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Account	Budget FY-2003	Actual FY-2003	Budget FY-2004	Budget FY-2005
<b>100-54 WASTE COLLECTION</b>				
100-5420-00.00 Collecting Waste	200.00	426.20	500.00	500.00
100-5420-00.01 Green Up .	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total WASTE COLLECTION</b>	300.00	526.20	600.00	600.00
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<b>100-61 HEALTH &amp; WELFARE</b>				
100-6110-10.00 Wages-Health Officer	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
100-6110-21.10 Health Officer Expenses	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
100-6110-60.00 Visiting Nurse Alliance	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
100-6110-60.01 Health Care & Rehab Servs	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
100-6115-00.01 Retired Sr. Vol. Program	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
100-6115-00.02 VT Center Indep. Living	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
100-6115-00.03 Council on Aging	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
100-6115-00.04 United Way/GET INFO	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
100-6115-00.05 Morningside Shelter	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
100-6115-00.06 Womens Crisis Center	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00
100-6115-00.07 SEVCA	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
100-6115-00.08 Brattleboro Area Hospice	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
100-6115-00.09 Bratt. Area Drop In Ctr	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
100-6115-00.10 Gathering Place	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
100-6115-00.11 Vermont Adult Learning	400.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
100-6115-00.12 Aids Project of So. VT	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
100-6115-00.13 Community Action (CABA)	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
100-6115-00.14 Grace Cottage Foundation	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>
<b>Total HEALTH &amp; WELFARE</b>	9,250.00	8,800.00	8,850.00	8,350.00
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<b>100-68 CEMETERIES</b>				
100-6820-00.00 Cemeteries	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
<b>Total CEMETERIES</b>	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,000.00	2,000.00
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<b>100-71 RECREATION</b>				
100-7100-00.00 Recreation	1,200.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
100-7120-00.00 Community Center	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total RECREATION</b>	6,200.00	6,000.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
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<b>100-78 LIBRARY</b>				
100-7800-00.00 W.D. Library	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>8,400.00</u>	<u>8,800.00</u>
<b>Total LIBRARY</b>	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,400.00	8,800.00
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<b>100-81 CONSERVATION</b>				
100-8190-00.00 Aiken Res. Cons. Area	<u>50.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
<b>Total CONSERVATION</b>	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
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Account	Budget FY-2003	Actual FY-2003	Budget FY-2004	Budget FY-2005
100-9100-00.00 Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-93 COUNTY TAX				
100-9300-00.00 County Tax	<u>14,289.00</u>	<u>14,772.10</u>	<u>16,000.00</u>	<u>16,500.00</u>
Total COUNTY TAX	14,289.00	14,772.10	16,000.00	16,500.00
100-94 TOWN OBSERVANCES				
100-9400-00.00 Memorial Day Expenses	400.00	230.40	400.00	350.00
100-9400-00.01 250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total TOWN OBSERVANCES	400.00	230.00	2,000.00	350.00
100-95 ANIMAL CONTROL				
100-9500-00.00 Dog Damages	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
100-9500-56.00 Listing Dogs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-9500-56.01 Constable Expenses	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-9500-60.00 Veterinary Services	0.00	18.90	0.00	0.00
100-9500-60.01 Windham Co. Humane Soc.	<u>500.00</u>	<u>370.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Total ANIMAL CONTROL	700.00	388.90	600.00	600.00
100-99 MISCELLANEOUS				
100-9900-00.00 Miscellaneous	<u>400.00</u>	<u>319.47</u>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>
Total MISCELLANEOUS	<u>400.00</u>	<u>319.47</u>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	 <u>736,493.00</u>	 <u>736,878.30</u>	 <u>619,026.00</u>	 <u>747,981.00</u>

**Capital Fund**  
**Statement of Revenue & Expenditures Estimated and Actual**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003**

	<u>Budget</u> 7/1/02- 6/30/03	<u>Actual</u> 7/1/02- 6/30/03	<u>Adopted</u> 7/1/03- 6/30/04	<u>Proposed</u> 7/1/04- 6/30/05
Beginning Fund Balance	\$148,378	\$159,552.09	\$ 83,006	\$164,207
Surplus FY 02			11,174	
Surplus FY 03				8,530
ADD: Revenue				
Taxes Voted	100,000	100,000.00	100,000	100,000
Interest Earned	<u>1,628</u>	<u>1,141.44</u>	<u>2,027</u>	<u>1,104</u>
Total Cash	250,006	260,693.53	196,207	273,841
DEDUCT: Expenditures	<u>167,000</u>	<u>157,983.84</u>	<u>32,000</u>	<u>115,000</u>
Transfer to General Fund				
Ending Balance				
June 30, 2003	\$ 83,006	\$102,709.69	\$164,207	\$158,841
Anticipated Ending Balance		<u>83,006.00</u>		
Capital Fund Surplus (Total)		\$ 19,703.69		

## CAPITAL BUDGET PLAN

EQUIPMENT	LIFE SPAN	04/05	05/06	08/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	12/14
99 Ford 1-Ton & 9' Hosafonic plow	10 years										
99 JD Backhoe	15 years					\$55,000					
02 Mack R69OP (dump&sander)	10 years								\$105,000		
01 Ford 1-ton & 10' Hosafonic plow	10 years							\$60,000			
97 Frink plow	7 years		\$3,500								
94 Everest plow	10 years				\$4,000						
00 2 Viking plows	10 years					\$10,000					
00 York Rake	15 years										
02 JD Grader	15 years										
94 Mack R69OP (dump&sander body)	10 years			\$75,000							
90 Rawson Screening Plant	15 years										
90 Flat Loader	15 years	\$115,000									
96 Mack R69OP (dump)	10 years		\$90,000								
96 Mack R69OP (dump)	10 years				\$95,000						
Replace Town Office Roof							\$6,000				
Structure to Cover Salted Sandpile											
Additional Capital Costs		\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Firetruck						\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000
Estimated yearly spending		\$115,000	\$103,500	\$85,000	\$109,000	\$97,000	\$58,000	\$102,000	\$147,000	\$42,000	\$10,000
Taxes raised		\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Estimated cash on hand		\$157,737	\$155,341	\$171,429	\$163,629	\$167,774	\$210,948	\$210,425	\$164,896	\$224,052	\$315,621
Estimated interest earnings @.007		\$1,104	\$1,087	\$1,200	\$1,145	\$1,174	\$1,477	\$1,473	\$1,154	\$1,568	\$2,209
Estimated balance forward		\$172,737	\$156,429	\$172,629	\$164,774	\$168,948	\$212,425	\$211,898	\$166,052	\$225,621	\$317,830

For the 2004/2005 Capital Budget Plan, the Selectboard needs to rise \$100,000. We would like to spend \$115,000 on a new loader.

The Capital Plan helps us to keep the "Taxes raised" figure at an even amount every year despite the highs and lows of capital purchases.

**TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT WITH PROPOSED REPLACEMENT DATES****PURCHASE DATE   REPLACEMENT DATE****TRUCKS**

1994 Mack	1993	2003-2005
1996 Mack 10 yr guarantee buy back	1995	2005-2006
1998 Mack 10 yr guarantee buy back	1997	2007-2008
1999 Ford F350-4x4	1999	2009-2010
2001 Ford F550-4x4	2000	2010-2011
2002 Mack 10 yr. Guarantee buy back	2001	2011-2012

**LARGE EQUIPMENT**

1974 Eagle Crusher Model 10-24 owned w/Putney		
1985 52" Stacking Conveyor		
1986 Morbark Wood Chipper Model 13		
1990 Fiat Loader FR15B	1990	2006-2007
1990 Rawson Screening Plant owned w/Putney		2004
2000 Caterpillar Backhoe	1999	2015
2000 York Rake Model HT	2000	
2002 John Deere Grader Model 770CH	2002	2017

**PLOWS: Replacement as needed**

1970 Ross V Plow  
 1994 Everest One-Way Plow  
 1997 Frink 9' Reversible Plow  
 1997 Housatonic 9' Reversible One-Way Plow  
 2000 Housatonic 10' Reversible One-Way Plow  
 2000 (2) Viking HSEQ One-Way Plows

**OTHER EQUIPMENT: Replacement as needed**

1986 Campbell Hausfeld 7.5 hp Air Compressor in the garage  
 1986 Guest Asphalt Cutter Model 16  
 1989 Drill Press Model 8100A  
 1991 Purox L- Tec Torch Set  
 1994 Plate Vibrator (used)  
 1996 Milleromatic 250 Welder  
 1997 Lincoln Shop Grease Gun Model 917-989  
 1997 Makita Portable Generator Model G5711R  
 Surplus: 25 KW Generator-stationary-in the garage  
 1991 Chain Saw, Husqvana Model 61  
 1995 Chain Saw, Dolmar Model 120 SI  
 1995 Chain Saw, Husqvana, used, Model 44  
 2000 Chain Saw, Husqvana Model 345  
 2000 Trimmer, Husqvana Model 325 RX 36 inch woodsplitter constructed by highway department

Cemetery Funds

Balance July 1, 2002		\$40,596.24
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## Add:

Interest on Money Market	60.78	
Interest on Certificate of Deposit	271.10	
Sale of Lots	800.00	
From General Fund	2,500.00	
Increase in Putnam Fund	<u>558.42</u>	
		<u>4,190.30</u>
		44,786.54

## Deduct:

Mowing & Maintenance		<u>2,530.00</u>
Balance June 30, 2003		
Money Market Account	6,881.53	
Certificate of Deposit	16,508.35	
Putnam Fund	<u>18,866.66</u>	
		\$42,256.54

Trust Funds - Principal Account

Cemetery Funds - Town of Dummerston, Trustee  
Income to be used to care for lots

Balance in Fund July 1, 2002	\$17,131.00
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## Add Cemetery Funds:

Stephen Booth	Dummerston Hill	500.00	
James Gaffney	Wilder	<u>300.00</u>	
			<u>800.00</u>
			17,931.00

Permanent Funds	<u>225.00</u>
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Balance in Trust Funds June 30, 2003	\$18,156.00
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**Analysis of Notes Payable**

Note Outstanding July 1, 2002	\$31,948.40
Paid July 2002 (Principal)	<u>31,948.40</u>
Note Outstanding June 30, 2003	\$ -0-

**Farmland Protection Fund**

Balance in Fund July 1, 2002	\$11,617.81
Interest Earned	<u>128.54</u>
Balance in Fund June 30, 2003	\$11,746.35

**West River Crossings Fund**

Balance in Fund July 1, 2002	\$79,450.64
Interest Earned	<u>1,236.81</u>
Balance in Fund June 30, 2003	\$80,687.45

**Prospect Hill Pasture Fund**

Balance in Fund July 1, 2002	\$11,272.69
Interest Earned	<u>239.37</u>
Balance in Fund June 30, 2003	\$11,512.06

**Reappraisal Fund**

Balance in Fund July 1, 2002	\$35,520.94
Income:	
04/10/03 State Act 60 Funds	6,312.00
Interest Earned	<u>789.51</u>
	<u>7,101.51</u>
Balance in Fund June 30, 2003	\$42,622.45

**Fred Miller Fund**

Balance July 1, 2002		\$116,723.79
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## Add:

Interest on Money Market	53.04	
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Interest on Certificate of Deposit	<u>1,866.51</u>	
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		<u>1,919.55</u>
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		118,643.34
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## Deduct:

Youth Services	955.00	
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Dr. Ambler	<u>251.00</u>	
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		<u>1,206.00</u>
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Money Market Account	4,039.98	
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Certificate of Deposit	113,397.36	
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Balance June 30, 2003		\$117,437.34
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**War Memorial Fund**

Beginning Balance July 1, 2002		\$ 2,419.00
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Interest Earned		<u>48.60</u>
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Balance of Investment and Income June 30, 2003		\$ 2,467.60
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## **Notes**

## **TOWN BOARDS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Selectboard Report**

Celebrating with an undaunted enthusiasm worthy of our Town ancestors, participants in Dummerston's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday program refused to let it rain on their parade and demonstrated the spirit of our citizens with a successful anniversary commemoration in May 2003. The widespread participation in the historical activities was once again testimony to a close-knit community that came together to honor the importance of rural traditions maintained and protected by local government for two and one-half centuries. The present Selectboard remains dedicated to preserving those rural values that the populace has defined as the number one issue in the quality of small town life.

The Board spent many hours in the past year reviewing and critiquing the Emergency Management Evacuation Plan. The plan could be implemented in case of an emergency at the Entergy Nuclear Plant, a natural disaster, chemical spill or any other dangerous event. After a graded drill on April 8<sup>th</sup>, the Board met in May with Steve Goldsmith, area Emergency Management Coordinator and listed among our concerns, the need for:

- Extra personnel & equipment.
- Information on bus schedules for the school.
- Testing by the Fire Department of rural alert routes.

The Selectboard needs to have a viable and workable evacuation plan to insure the safety of Dummerston residents. Until these and other issues can be addressed satisfactorily, the Board cannot approve the Plan. We will continue to give this matter high priority attention.

The Camp Arden Road problems that began with a serious washout in April, 2000 have finally been successfully corrected. Further stabilization of the steep slope was needed to protect the rebuilt roadway. Additional FEMA funds were available to finance most of the project. The low bidder, Renaud Brothers Construction, was awarded the contract to complete the repairs. The Board appreciated the cooperation and patience of the residents beyond the work site as well as the fine job accomplished by Renaud Brothers.

The Listers began the lengthy reappraisal process that is scheduled to be completed by April, 2006. The State requires periodic reappraisals to correct errors and discrepancies, address unfinished credits and depreciation and to keep up with sales, fair market values and appraisals on property. The cost of this process was estimated to be \$71,000. The Town has approximately \$41,800 in a special reappraisal fund and expects to receive \$6,300 per year for the next 3 years for a total of \$60,700. At Town Meeting in March, 2003, residents voted to allow the Selectboard to raise \$3,500 per year for three years to meet the estimated cost. The Board thanks the Listers for tackling this project and saving the Town the additional expense of hiring costly outside assistance.

Another project, initiated by Board member Shorty Forrett, was successfully completed when the State Agency of Transportation transferred to the Town of Dummerston a parcel of land west of the covered bridge and adjacent to Route 30. The Board has been concerned with the unauthorized use of this area for sales of used vehicles and other items. Not only does this activity detract from the beauty of the bridge, but cars coming out directly onto Route 30 have created dangerous traffic problems. The Town agreed to place an earthen berm along the parcel preventing access to the highway. The Conservation Committee will also be involved in constructing an access to the West River that will eliminate erosion and beautify the area. The Town has agreed to locate an educational kiosk at the site that will highlight the history of the covered bridge.

Road Foreman Wayne Emery and Dummerston Highway employees Dick Hickey, Joe Newton and Wayne Holden participated in various seminars that taught First Aid training, equipment safety and methods of road stabilization and dust control. Wayne continued work on the Town culvert inventory which will eventually catalog all culverts in Town and help the Board determine which are due for repair or replacement. He hopes to complete the project this year. A perennial drainage problem was repaired and corrected on Old Ferry Road by the crew during the summer. The Board is interested in addressing similar road problems that seem to crop up each year and would welcome suggestions for projects from residents. The Highway Department was commended at Town Meeting for an excellent job on snow removal and sanding during last years snowy winter. The crew would like to remind residents to drive slowly especially during winter storms on snow and ice-covered roads to help prevent collisions and possible injuries.

Thanks again this year to Town Clerk, Janice Duke for her hard work, dedication and assistance to the Selectboard. Anyone visiting the Town Office can see the mountain of paperwork she has to deal with daily. The Town has been fortunate to have Pam McFadden helping out with the numerous Town Clerk duties this past year. Her energy and enthusiasm are appreciated. Thanks also to Listers Beverly Knapp, Jean Newell and Doug Hamilton for agreeing to tackle the reappraisal as well as managing their regular Lister responsibilities. Dummerston is lucky to have such qualified and quality conscious employees in the office as well as the Town Garage. Please let them know we appreciate their efforts.

The Selectboard would like to remind residents of the existence of the Miller Fund which was set up by the will of Fred Miller many years ago to provide assistance to "the needy children of Dummerston". Funds from the interest of this account are available for possible health, educational or recreational needs of qualifying children. Please contact the Selectboard if you have any suggestions as to how these funds might be applied.

## **TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S REPORT**

It has been another extremely busy year in the town office with an increase in documents received for recording due to the drop in interest rates and mortgage refinancing. We filled three land record books in the year 2002 and five in the year 2003. In June I appointed Pamela McFadden as Assistant Town Clerk on a part time basis to help me with the backlog of recording.

At that time we also installed a computer program for indexing of the land records and are now receiving and processing documents within a couple of weeks.

We received 80 real estate transfers of which 49 were actual sales totaling \$10,424,000. Property transfer taxes collected and remitted to the Vermont Department of Taxes on these sales totaled \$102,427.50. Also two transfers were recorded for land located in Dummerston and adjoining towns totaling \$760,000.

I believe the 2003 Town Meeting was one of the longest meeting on record, not adjourning until 5:30 p.m. This year the Presidential Primary will be held on Town Meeting Day. The polls will be open from 10 AM until 7 PM at the Dummerston School.

In July we mailed 1,050 tax bills totaling \$3,698,762. There will be changes this year in the education property tax structure under the new Act 68. This will be a learning process for all of us in the town office, add administrative costs and possible delays in billing. All resident Vermont homeowners are required to file the new Declaration of Vermont Homestead form HS-131 on or before April 15<sup>th</sup>. You should have received a form in the mail, however, if you didn't there is one included in your state income tax booklet.

Reminders - Dog licenses are available at the first of the year. Under Vermont law all dogs six months of age and older must be licensed each year with the Town Clerk on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>. Hunting and fishing licenses are also available in this office.

## **DUMMERSTON COMMUNITY CENTER**

The Dummerston Community Center has had a busy year serving the community. The Community Center is home for many local organizations including the Lydia Taft Pratt Library, Cub Scout Troop #421 and the local homemakers group. Many other organizations use the building throughout the year including the Dummerston Conservation Commission, Vermont Theater Group, the Girl Scouts, and the Windham County Homemakers. Many private parties and family gatherings have been held at the Center. Halloween trick or treaters enjoy the warmth, heat and treats at the Center.

To keep the Community Center in operation and open to the public we continue to fund-raise. We host an annual Pampered Chef Party, tag sales, the homemakers quilt fund raiser, and in the fall Archer Mayor presents his latest book. The year is brought to a close with our Holiday Sing-a-long featuring Muriel Taylor and local youth.

We are very excited this year because the Town has been awarded an accessibility grant from the Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Community Center. This award will allow us to construct an exterior ramp, porch, railings and renovate the existing bathrooms. Construction would also include a small interior ramp in the basement area, making the kitchen accessible. The Community Center is responsible for 21% of the total cost of the project. Monetary donations specifically for this project would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you to everyone who has helped make the Community Center a vital part of our town. Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. We welcome new members to keep the Community Center up and running.

Many thanks also to the Planning Commission, Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment and all other town volunteers who help keep the Dummerston community spirit strong and vibrant. If you have an interest in participating in town government or community service, please contact the Selectboard at the Town Office by phone, 257-1496 or send us a note at our email address: [dummrstn@sover.net](mailto:dummrstn@sover.net). The Selectboard welcomes comments and suggestions that can help improve fiscal management and the quality of rural life. Democracy only works when you participate. For 250 years, Dummerston has set an example of citizen involvement. Please help us to continue this American tradition.

## **DUMMERSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**“The mission of the Conservation Commission is to promote community responsibility and awareness of our conservation needs and to encourage stewardship of the natural habitat.”**

The Dummerston Conservation Commission worked on several projects in 2003:

- \* The view from Prospect Hill continues to be enhanced through several workdays – one in the spring, one in the fall. Current member Charlie Richardson and Prospect Hill neighbor Don Hazelton continue to be instrumental in this endeavor.

- \*The Conservation Commission continues to encourage “Foot Travel Only” on the Prospect Hill trail. Wheels of any kind cause damaging trail erosion.

- \*The Wildlife Map posted at Town Meeting continues to provide us with interesting and valuable information. Please take the time to share your sightings from 2003.

- \*We hope to begin to create some wildlife corridor maps in conjunction with the Windham Regional Commission.. These maps could be useful in future town planning.

- \*The Conservation Commission sponsored several educational programs related to local wildlife: Patty Smith from BEEC (salamanders), local forester Lynn Levine (tracking), Fred Homer (local Wildlife Rehabilitation) and local gardening specialist Ruth Marx (invasive plants in Dummerston). All programs were held at the Community Center and were well attended. We plan to repeat several of the programs and add new ones each year. Look for announcements in the Views of Dummerston and the school newsletter.

- \*The Conservation Commission helped to promote and organize Green-Up Day. We encourage all community members to clean up a stretch of road and meet for a picnic and ice cream at the town center the first Saturday in May.

- \*There are several work days planned for this year: continued work on Prospect Hill as well as working to rid several areas of DUMMERSTON of invasive plants such as buckthorn and wild mustard.

- \*We are working with the West River Watershed Alliance to improve the swimming hole at the covered bridge (contain erosion, new access path/steps, address run-off issues, picnic tables, address traffic issues). The plan is currently in the beginning stages.

In the coming year the Conservation Commission plans to sponsor several educational programs, continue work on Prospect Hill as well as other areas of Dummerston and work on various projects that support wildlife and natural habitats.

Everyone is welcome to come to meetings and workdays. We meet the third Thursday of every month. Please contact any member if you would like to join us or join us for a meeting.

Conservation Commission Members:

Ed Anthes  
Mary Ellen Copeland  
Cami Elliot-Knaggs, Chair  
Charlie Richardson

Bill Schmidt  
Carrie Walker  
Cheryl Wilfong  
Connie Woodbury

## **DUMMERSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Society celebrated its 27<sup>th</sup> year with an extensive program celebrating Dummerston's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of its Charter as Fullum. The Town remained legally Fullum until 1937 when the citizens petitioned the Vermont Legislature to amend the Charter to Dummerston (named after William Dummer, the oldest proprietor!)

Cindy Wilcox, Art Avery, Jody Normandeau and Tom Johnson agreed to serve as co-chairs for the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration and received overwhelming support from a host of others who served on over ten sub-committees.

The first event was a self-guided tour of the maple sugar houses in Dummerston where we believe the first maple tree was tapped by white men!

Dummerston Old Home Day was held on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> under the incredible leadership of Chair Art Avery. It would take pages to describe the many successful activities of the day starting with a Fire Department breakfast, a spectacular parade, dozens of exhibits and ending with a delicious Grange supper and dance!

It is impossible to describe all the activities taking place this year but we must mention the photography project and committee and Stuart Brown who have all worked so hard to provide photo exhibits of Dummerston and its people.

We will culminate our 250<sup>th</sup> celebration with the presentation of Joe Greenhoe's play, "The Equivalent Lands", a story about the early settlement of Fullum sometime in May of 2004. Help is needed for this production. Please contact Betty Greenhoe if you would like to help.

Dwight Miller, Program Chairman, presented the following programs at our quarterly meetings:

- January - Stuart Brown presented his extensive photographs of the faces of Dummerston.



- April - Dwight Miller spoke on the Miller family tree
- July - Summer camps in Dummerston
- October - Gary Carrier, logging in Vermont.

The extensive work on the Schoolhouse building renovation is now complete!

We would like to encourage everyone to join the Society – dues are only \$5.00 for individuals. To join send checks to Treasurer, Dummerston Historical Society, P.O. Box 8064, Brattleboro, Vermont 05304-8064.

Finally, we apologize for not acknowledging all of the people who worked on the many activities this year. It would take up too much room but you and the Society know who you are! Thank you!

## **DUMMERSTON 250<sup>th</sup> REPORT**

2003 was the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the charter for our Town, known then as Fullum. The actual date of the signing of the charter was December 27, 1753.

A group of folk interested in commemorating this occasion got together at the beginning of the year to ascertain what Dummerstonians wanted to do; and they, through a series of three informal forums, decided to celebrate over a period of sixteen months or so, in order to sponsor a variety of events and projects appropriate for the occasion and of value to townspeople in the future. Four co-chairs were selected to coordinate activities, and the Town recommended that the Historical Society be the “umbrella” organization under which official business would be conducted. The four co-chairs are Jody Normandeau, Tom Johnson, Art Avery and Cindy Wilcox, who serve as liaisons to the three major events and projects, and generally co-ordinate other related activities. The informal 250<sup>th</sup> committee grew with each project and program to include many generous and hard-working volunteers and their committees; and is still ongoing today.

The very first event was a sugar-house tour of 12 sugaring operations on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The extremely cold winter of 2002-3 delayed the sap run this year; but fun was had by all who took the self-guided tour. This was such a success we may do it again in March of 2004. Our research for this tour leads us to believe that land, now owned by Sweet Tree Farm, in Dummerston was the first sugaring operation conducted by settlers in the state.

“Old Home Day” on May 24<sup>th</sup> was a birthday party to be remembered for generations. It all started with a fabulous breakfast at the Grange put on by the Fire Department and chaired by Lester Dunklee. Out on the green the huge “Apple Pie Festival” tent was up under which were a variety of activities throughout the day – from children’s games and pony rides to pet contest – the former arranged by Priscilla Svec and the latter judged by Ron Svec. Behind the mike, Art Avery kept folks informed of what was going on and kept events moving on time; and under another part of the tent Gail and Lew Sorenson peddled “250<sup>th</sup>” memorabilia ranging from pins, hats, t-shirts and coffee mugs with our covered bridge as a logo to reproduction cards of Will

Moses' Dummerston painting. Upstairs in the Grange, was a "Sheep to Shawl" demonstration and other handicrafts while, across the road, the Church vestry displayed a magnificent exhibit of Stuart Brown's photos of Dummerston people over the years. After breakfast, Rev. William Warriner conducted a short ecumenical service in the Church, which was followed by a presentation of the history of the signing of the Charter by 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dummerston school children, with the help of teachers Jen Brown and Cynthia Daly. After the service Tom Johnson cut the ribbon at the door of the newly renovated Dummerston Center Schoolhouse, dedicating it and opening the Historical Society's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary exhibit which included quilts, tools, documents, Kipling memorabilia, and the loan of Will Moses' painting of Dummerston Center. Under the guidance of Bob Glennon, box lunches were made by sixth-graders and were served mid-day in the kitchen of the church.

Perhaps the high point of the day was the Parade with marching band, horseback riders and lots of antique cars, trucks and tractors. The grand marshals, Caroline and Isabel Ranney, rode up front in a convertible – and that is just when it began to rain. The gala crowd marched from Hazleton's down to Johnson's (where some got stuck turning around) and back again – just in time to see the rain stop! But that was only the first half of the day. Activities continued through the afternoon including a student presentation of "Casey at the Bat", contests such as climbing a slippery tree, demonstrations such as canoe building, chair caning and basket weaving, until everyone was ready for a famous Grange Buffet Supper, organized by Marion Gassett. If anyone had energy left – many did – supper was followed by Round and Square Dancing with Alan Bills and an Ice Cream Social supplied by the Church Youth Group. WHAT A DAY! Thanks to Art, his committee of 22 and 50 or more volunteers beyond that!

Simultaneously with the events of planning, another committee of the "250<sup>th</sup>" has been working hard on a multi-faceted photography project under the co-chairmanships of Margaret Everitt and Chuck Fish. This committee of 10-12 includes many photographers, both amateur and professional, who are donating their time not only to document the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary festivities, but also to leave a photographic legacy for the Town to enjoy in the future. They are doing three separate projects. The first is to scan both old and current photographs loaned or donated to the Historical Society to start to build a photographic archive for Dummerston. A new scanner was purchased from a donation and Dan Marx has been doing much of the scanning. A second project is to try to document all Dummerston dwellings and their occupants this year as a portrait in time of the Town. Our volunteer photographers are out on the roads taking pictures and making appointments with residents for their "house portraits". A third project is a professional exhibit in the spring of 2004 at the Center School House of Dummerston photos taken by Catherine Dianich Gruver over the past year. During the Apple Pie Festival this fall, and as a precursor of the Spring Show, Margaret Everitt mounted a lovely exhibition of current and historic scanned photographs from several Dummerston residents, entitled "Scenes of Dummerston". Committee members also demonstrated the scanning process at this show. The Photograph committee's hard work will be a treasure in the future and an archive the Historical Society is proud to own.

The third big project of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is still to come. Under the direction of Betty Greenhoe and production by the Vermont Theater Company, *The Equivalent Lands* will be restaged at Landmark College in May 2004. Six performances, plus a student matinee, will tell of the trials and tribulations of the settlers of Dummerston and Putney with the conflicting land

grants from New Hampshire and New York at the eve of the Revolution. Written for the American Revolution Bicentennial in 1976 by Joe Greenhoe, *The Equivalent Lands* tells the story of real settlers, and will be performed in combination of staged action and choral reading. It was a sell-out in 1976, and we hope its revival will be too. What a fun way to learn Dummerston history and enjoy a rousing theatrical performance at the same time!

The Dummerston 250<sup>th</sup> committee also thanks and acknowledges many other contributions which have been made by the Town of Dummerston, other organizations and individuals. Although we are probably not aware of them all, we do want to mention the lovely quilt depicting all of Dummerston's churches done by Louise Ripley and Patty Blomgren and the Old Fashioned Supper put on by Marion Gassett and the Grange in November. Many thanks to the dedicated work of hundreds of citizen volunteers throughout the year!

Cindy Wilcox

Jody Normandeau

Art Avery

Tom Johnson

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Selectboard in the Town of Dummerston in cooperation with Vermont Emergency Management have developed a plan to provide a timely warning of any impending danger to any persons who may be located in Dummerston at the time of any emergency including an emergency at Entergy Nuclear. Such emergencies include but are not limited to train derailments, chemical spills, natural disasters or power failures.

Public Information on what to do in case of an emergency at Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee is available on a calendar developed by Vermont Yankee, Vermont Emergency Management, and the Vermont Department of Health. A calendar was mailed to every postal customer within the Emergency Planning Zone for Vermont Yankee. If you did not receive a calendar for some reason or need additional copies call Emergency Management Director Larry Lynch or call Vermont Yankee at 258-4118.

Persons in our town will be alerted to an emergency at Vermont Yankee by a tone signal from a weather alert radio, broadcasts from loudspeakers on emergency vehicles, and special announcements on EAS radio stations. (The EAS radio station for this area is WTSA 96.7 FM or 1450 AM. Always keep a battery operated radio on hand to keep updated on emergency information). Persons needing a TDD Message should register with the Emergency Manager or fill out a special needs card located on the back of the calendar. All other people needing assistance in an emergency should also fill out the card and send it to the address on the front. All information is kept in strictest confidence. Call the Emergency Manager if you need help filling it out.

Weather Alert Radios and replacement batteries are available by making an appointment with your Emergency Management Director also. Emergency Team Members participated in a full scale Exercise of our existing Town Plan in April 2003. Dummerston was found to have no deficiencies by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

There is now a full time Radiological Emergency Response Planner available to help with any questions or concerns that anyone might have around emergency planning. You may contact Steven Goldsmith at 230 Main Street, Suite 306, Brattleboro, Vt., or call him at 251-2172.

Dummerston's Emergency Manager, Larry Lynch may be reached at 254-2517. Feel free to call him with any questions you may have or to schedule an appointment to receive a Weather Alert Radio or new batteries. Lester Dunklee is the Assistant Director and can be reached at 257-0546.

Larry Lynch, Emergency Management Director  
Lester Dunklee, Assistant Director

## **DUMMERSTON FARMLAND PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

At the 1998 Dummerston Town Meeting, voters authorized the Selectboard to "establish a Farmland Protection Fund to assist in the protection of agricultural lands from development." A sum of \$10,000 was appropriated to set up the program. Presently, an organizational committee is working on guidelines and policy by reviewing models created in other Vermont towns. A completed draft is available for comment and the committee is working on the adoption process.

Organizational Committee members:

Vern Grubinger  
Nelson Jillson  
Jack Manix  
D. Read Miller  
Bill Schmidt

## **DUMMERSTON/NEWFANE HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

The Dummerston-Newfane Home Improvement Program is supervised by a committee of volunteer citizens who meet as needed to implement, manage and administer loans for rehabilitation activities involving housing repairs. Principal beneficiaries are low and moderate income residents who reside within the two towns.

In 1998, the Committee completed the closeout agreement with the State of Vermont in regard to the original implementation period. At present the Loan Review Committee is addressing emergency requests and would be happy to consider additional qualified projects. The program balance as of September 30, 2003 was approximately \$80,123.00.

The Committee met twice in 2003 to assess and approve a request from a qualifying applicant. If you think you may qualify for participation in the program and would like to be considered when funds are appropriated, please call Jack Manix at 254-2476.

Some of the previous rehabilitation projects have included:

- Energy saving weatherization and insulation
- Lead paint abatement
- Repair of roofs and foundations
- Repair of electrical and plumbing systems
- Replacement or repair of heating systems

Many thanks to the volunteers who donate their time and expertise to this worthy program.

Newfane Representatives:

Sandra Dowley  
Fred Jenness  
Carlton Chaffee

Dummerston Representatives:

Jack Manix  
Larry Cassidy  
Floyd (Pal) Turner

### **Fire Warden Report**

During 2003 there were two grass and/or brushfires reported in Dummerston.

The 2003 fire season proved to be a wet one, keeping fire occurrence low statewide. They received 101 reports of fire that burned 100 acres.

Permits to burn brush, grass, and leaves need to be obtained before burning. Call anyone of us listed below. If possible, call in advance so the possibility of reaching us is greater. When there is complete snow cover a permit is not needed but we would appreciate a call so that fire apparatus might not respond to a reported smoke (fire) when it isn't needed.

#### **STATE OF VERMONT FIRE STATISTICS FOR 2003**

Number of human caused fires	100
Number of lightning caused fires	1
Number of acres burned caused by humans	92.7
Number of acres burned caused by lightning	3
Total number of fires	101
Total number of acres burned	95.47
10-year total average number of fires	142
10-year total average number of acres burned	243

Thank you for being fire safety conscientious.

Fire Warden	Martin Forrett	387-2180 home 254-9877 work
Deputy Warden	Charlie Richardson	254-6963 home
Key Man	Laurence Lynch, Sr.	254-2517 home
Key Man	Wayne Emery	254-8708 home 254-2411 work
Fire Chief	Allen Pike	254-3552 home

## **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

The Friends of the Library are celebrating 30 years of joyous service to the Dummerston School and the students of the school.

Since 1973, when Frank and Peg Irsch asked Principal Art Avery to their home to discuss an "idea" they had for adding books to the school library, the "Friends" have, year after year, contributed hundreds of books to the library through the adopt-a-book program and also provided services such as shelving, book-covering and year-end inventory.

Hoping to expand our mission even further, in 2003 we held a used children's book sale with profits going to fund authors and illustrators coming to the school.

We have a dedicated group of volunteers, some of whom have been involved since the beginning 30 years ago, and some who have joined us this year. We always welcome new volunteers to help us ensure that our school library remains one of the finest in Vermont.

## **LISTER'S REPORT**

During the past year the listers have been busy updating and correcting information on property cards. There was an increase of 3 parcels and 111 acres in the Current Use Program. We now have 85 parcels and 7,348 acres in the program. The Town receives \$21,700 from the State of Vermont to fund this program.

Real estate prices continue to climb and Dummerston properties continue to grow in value.

We started work on the town wide reappraisal in August. We purchased a software program from Property Valuation and Review, digital cameras and other related equipment. We managed to accomplish this under budget. In the next two years we will visit every parcel in Dummerston, including open land. The new appraisal figures will not be calculated until all the parcels have

been appraised. We will also do our regular yearly grand list maintenance at the same time and these appraisals will be applied during the appropriate tax year.

Due to the every changing regulations put forth by the state, we regularly attend seminars given by the Department of Property Valuation and The Vermont Association of Listers and Assessors.

Please remember we are here to answer any question you may have on your Dummerston property. We can be reached at the Town Office at 257-1496.

Beverly A. Knapp  
Douglas B. Hamilton  
Jean M. Newell

## **LYDIA TAFT PRATT LIBRARY**

**(Your Local Public Library)**

This has been a busy year at the library, and if you haven't stopped by you should! Our hours are Tuesdays from 2:30 - 7:00, Thursdays from 10:00-5:00, and Saturdays from 9:30 - noon. This gives patrons daytime, weekend, and evening hours to visit. We also bring books to the Congregate Meals at the Evening Star Grange twice a month. Inter-Library Loan is also available through the library.

We de-accessioned books and this gave us more room on the shelves for lots of new books. We acquired bookcases for displaying our new young adult and picture books, and a wonderful new bookcase was built by a volunteer for our children's section as we were outgrowing our old shelf space.

In rearranging our shelves, we created a display area for our archives. We were able to find many of the books listed in the original Accession Book of 1913, as well as many older books by some of Dummerston's famous authors. Stop by and see the display soon.

We were able to apply for a second year of the Freeman Grant and used it to pay part of the librarian's salary.

The summer reading program theme was "Summer Feast". Lots of children and their families joined us as we "feasted" on great books and activities at the Library. We painted plates, painted with vegetables, planted pizza gardens, and finished up our summer fun with a make-your-own sundae party. Next year's program will be in July again and open to everyone. Come have fun with us.

A program of books to "Celebrate the Birth" of babies born in Dummerston was started this year. Any child listed in the annual report will find a new book with your special bookplate and their

name on it at the library. These books are catalogued so that years from now the book will be able to be found by the child's birth year.

The following programs continue at the library, all these programs are open to the public at no charge: Thursdays at 10 a.m. is our preschool story time. We read a book and do a craft project. The Genealogy Group is meeting the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. from October to May and the Book Group meets one Tuesday a month, also from October to May. If you want more information on any of these programs please call the Library at 258-9878.

To celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of Dummerston, we have created a catalog of 250 favorite books by 250 Dummerston residents. If you need a suggestion for a book to read, this is a great resource from your neighbors.

We want to thank all of our volunteers and all the residents of Dummerston for their continued support. Come visit the library in the Dummerston Community Center on West Street in the west village.

Trustees:      Judy Enello    Wendy Hayward      Laurie Frechette  
                 Paula Bristol              Heidi Davis

Librarian: Susan Dunnington



## LTP LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT

	GENERAL FUND	MEDIA CRAFTS	MEDIA BOOKS	SPECIAL PROGRAMS	ARCHIVAL PRESERVATION	WEDGWOOD FUND	TOTAL BALANCE
Balance							
07/01/02	12510.53	0.00	619.97	152.18	500.00	1939.88	15722.56
Income:							
Town Assess	8000.00						8000.00
Interest	176.76					29.05	205.81
Deaccessioned							
Inter Library Loan							
Book Sales			66.00				66.00
Geranium Fest			379.80				379.80
Donation Letter			824.10				824.10
Donations			10.00				10.00
Voided Checks	0.00		122.78				122.78
Dummerston Comm.	400.00						0.00
Chest							400.00
Reallocate Funds		200.00			-200.00		
Reallocate Funds	-571.00		571.00				
Reallocate Funds	-250.00			250.00			
<b>TOTAL AVAIL</b>	<b>20266.29</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>2593.65</b>	<b>402.18</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>1968.93</b>	<b>25731.05</b>
Disbursements:							
Expenses	10037.27	5.49	2053.91	197.60	0.00	0.00	12294.27
	<b>10229.02</b>	<b>194.51</b>	<b>539.74</b>	<b>204.58</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>1968.93</b>	<b>13436.78</b>
Freeman Grant	5000.00						5000.00
6/25/02 Disbursement	-2023.81						-2023.81
1/16/03 Disbursement	-2976.19						-2976.19
3/21/03 Freeman Grant	5000.00						5000.00
<b>Bal. 6/30/2003</b>	<b>\$15,229.02</b>	<b>194.51</b>	<b>539.74</b>	<b>204.58</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>1968.93</b>	<b>\$18,436.78</b>

# **LYDIA TAFT PRATT LIBRARY** **PROPOSED BUDGET FOR BUDGET FOR 2004-2005**

	PROPOSED FY02/03	ADJ. FY02/03	ACTUAL FY03/03	PROPOSED FY03/04	ADJ. FY03/04	PROPOSED FY04/05
LIBRARIAN	6261.00	5770.00	7100.00	6261.00	5770.00	6261.00
TRAINING	500.00	250.00	10.00	500.00	50.00	150.00
UTILITIES	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00
EQUIPMENT	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	50.00	50.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	150.00	0.00	131.88	150.00	100.00	150.00
BOOKCASE/SHELVING			0.00		0.00	0.00
SNOW EMOVAL & MAINT.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INSURANCE	30.00	30.00	60.00	30.00	30.00	60.00
POSTAGE & MISC.	325.00	50.00	100.18	325.00	325.00	325.00
TECHNOLOGY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
SUMMER READING PROGRAM			0.00		100.00	244.00
AUDIT	25.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00	0.00
TELEPHONE	750.00	700.00	694.87	750.00	750.00	750.00
TOTAL	\$9,441.00	\$8,000.00	\$9,296.93	\$9,441.00	\$8,400.00	\$9,240.00
MEDIA-BOOKS	0.00	0.00	1590.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
MEDIA-CRAFTS	0.00	0.00	5.49	0.00	0.00	0.00
ARCHIVAL PRESERVATION	*	*	0.00	*	*	*
SPECIAL PROGRAMS	*	*	197.60	*	*	*
TOTAL	\$9,441.00	\$8,000.00	\$11,090.54	\$9,441.00	\$8,400.00	\$9,240.00

\*Any monies remaining in the Media-Craft Fund at the end of the year will be transferred into the Archival & Special Programs Funds 50/50.

Freeman Grant rec'd 2/02	\$5,000.00
Draw for Librarian Salary 6/25/02	2023.81
Draw for Librarian Salary 1/16/03	2976.19
Balance	\$0.00
2nd Freeman Grant rec'd 3/21/03	\$5,000.00

## **DUMMERSTON PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Planning Commission is an 8 member board, appointed by the Select Board, responsible for the development and implementation of the Town Plan and the Town's Zoning By-Laws. The Commission also acts on permit applications with responsibility to assure proper resolution of such issues as harmonious relationship between development and the surrounding areas, safety of traffic circulation (both on-site and between the development area and the road network), landscaping, screening, lighting and setbacks to achieve maximum compatibility with and protection of adjacent property.

As described in the Town Plan: "The...Plan is designed to provide guidelines for planning the future of the Town of Dummerston so that community actions, whether private or public will 1) conform to the wishes of its citizens, 2) avoid the adverse and sometimes irreversible effects often associated with purely random development, and 3) be in harmony with the planning measures of the State, the Windham Region, and neighboring towns."

We are required by statute to update the Town Plan by 2005. Following up the town-wide survey, we held a pot luck dinner in February to discuss some of the results. We had a large and enthusiastic turnout with many useful suggestions and comments to add to our results. The survey's questions focused on what residents value or would change about the town today, and on what we want our town to look like in the future, which is the heart of planning. We are continuing to work on sifting the results.

We also met with the Windham Regional Commission who will provide us with technical assistance as we proceed with the Town Plan update.

The Planning Commission meets in the Town Office at 5 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month unless otherwise warned. Warnings of meetings and hearings usually appear in the Brattleboro Reformer meetings box. Hearing warnings will be posted also in the Town Office. Anyone is welcome to attend meetings. Also, anyone with comments may send them to The Planning Commission, Town of Dummerston, 1523 Middle Road, East Dummerston, VT 05346.

### **2003 PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Steve Mindel, Chair  
Christie Herbert, Vice Chair  
Steve Booth, Clerk  
David Ryan

Milt Gilmore  
Elizabeth Catlin  
Cynthia Wilcox  
Bob Wainwright

**West Dummerston Volunteer Fire Department**

<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	
Structure	2	2
Brush Fires	4	5
Auto Accidents	22	33
Vehicles Fires	2	3
Chimney Fires	2	5
Rescue Calls	59	56
Power Lines Down	7	3
Miscellaneous	5	7
Fire Alarms	6	4
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	2	0
False Alarms	1	1
Person in River	2	1
Mutual Aid Given	12	22
Mutual Aid Received	5	5
Odor Investigation	1	1
Smoke Investigation	6	2
Haz-Mat	3	3
Electrical Fires	1	3
Total, Excl. Mutual Aid Received	<u>136</u>	<u>151</u>

The West Dummerston Fire and Rescue responded to 151 calls in the past year. There were two structure fires, which claimed three lives. This is the greatest number of fire-related fatalities for a single year in the history of Dummerston. Although our primary work is in response to emergencies, we are also concerned with educating our community about fire safety in the home. Fire prevention awareness is our best tool in helping reduce property damage and personal injury as well as avoiding the loss of additional lives to fire. Please contact us and we will be glad to help you answer any questions you may have about fire prevention in your home.

In the past year we received over \$70,000 in financial assistance through a variety of grants. The programs ranged from those providing 100% of a project's cost to a matching grant of \$9,000.

The following is a list of some of the items we have received through the grant programs:

Dry Hydrant System for the West Village  
Town Water Supply

Mobile and Portable Radio Equipment  
Two Thermo Imagers  
Multi Gas Meter  
Structural Fire Fighting Gear  
Wildland Fire Fighting Gear  
Medical Equipment  
30 kw Generator for the West Station

If you would like information about the Fire Department or you are interested in becoming a member, please call one of the officers listed below. If you would like to become a volunteer and work with us in helping our community, we have a place for you.

The members and officers of the Department thank you for your support and proudly look forward to serving you for another year.

Chief:	Allen J. Pike	254-3552
President:	Peter Wrenn	254-8677
Vice President	Larry Lynch	
Secretary:	Dennis Tier	
Treasurer:	Tina Emery-Howe	

## **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

In 2003 four Land Development permits were approved, creating 13 lots. Sixty-four Zoning permits were issued, including permits for seven single family houses.

Five public hearings were held by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Planning Commission reviewed and approved three Site Plans and two Sign Plans.

A Zoning Permit is required for the construction, reconstruction, conversion, structural alteration, relocation or enlargement of any building or other structure, or of any mining, excavation of landfill and any change in the use of any building or other structure, or land or extension of use of land.

For zoning applications, questions regarding zoning, contact the Town Office at 257-1496 or 254-9212.

Jean Momaney  
Zoning Administrator

## VITAL STATISTICS

### MARRIAGES 2003

DATE	PLACE	NAME	RESIDENCE
February 14	Dummerston	David Matthew Hellus Ellen Bolster Asbury	Dummerston Dummerston
March 14	Brattleboro	James Michael Wilmott Laura C.K. Luk	New York, NY New York, NY
May 7	Whitingham	Ernest James Hunter Melissa Elaine Howe	Dummerston Dummerston
June 28	Brattleboro	Scott Kelly Shippee Katherine Eileen Perusich	Dummerston Dummerston
July 8	Dummerston	James Robert Ballen Elizabeth W. Bowditch	Dummerston Dummerston
June 14	Dummerston	Michael Cole Chamberlin Melanie Leigh Roden	Dummerston Dummerston
August 9	Dummerston	Richard Fournier Bristol Erin Marie Putnam	Dummerston Dummerston
September 20	Dummerston	Courtney Hamilton Boyd Katharyn Lynn Tervorrow	Dummerston Dummerston
September 20	Dummerston	Michael Joseph Koehler Andrea Joan Bontrager	Dummerston Dummerston
September 27	Guilford	Andrew Paul Bacon Heather Julien Petersen	Dummerston Dummerston
November 1	Dummerston	Timothy Earl Mackin Wendi L. Boudreau-Camolli	Erving, MA Erving, MA
November 1	East Dover	Matthew Jon Reed Angela Eve Sweeney	Dummerston Dummerston
November 22	Dummerston	Herbert Azor Meckle Christine Marie Murray	Rome, GA Dummerston
December 27	Putney	Mark John Lane Kimberly Jean Babbit	Dummerston Dummerston

### DEATHS FILED IN 2003

				Place of Death	Residence
Dale Elizabeth Chamberlin	F	51	January 18	Brattleboro	Dummerston
George Daniel E. Olmstead	M	85	January 9	Vernon	Dummerston
Gary W. Clement	M	24	February 10	Dummerston	Dummerston
Frank Harry Little	M	59	February 10	Dummerston	Dummerston
Agnes Mary Riley	F	97	February 16	Dummerston	Brattleboro
Melvin Armin Wittler	M	74	February 27	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Theron Lyle Lackey	M	77	February 27	Bennington	Dummerston
Harry Hanum Gasset	M	85	March 25	Bennington	Dummerston
Gordon G. Stacy	M	74	April 14	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Margery Bunker	F	72	April 21	Dummerston	Dummerston
Beatrice Estey	F	95	May 9	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Brian Theodor Tkaczyk	M	44	May 11	Dummerston	Dummerston
Pauline L. Ryan	F	93	June 22	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Elena Agnes Raicht	F	92	June 27	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Shirley Ethel Denyou	F	71	July 8	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Leora Derby Howe	F	72	August 2	Dummerston	Brattleboro
Elizabeth Wilkins Bowditch	F	62	August 22	Dummerston	Dummerston
John Harry Evans Jr.	M	75	September 29	Dummerston	Dummerston
Joan Ellean Nutbrown	F	75	December 16	Dummerston	Dummerston
Stella Elizabeth Herbert	F	89	December 29	Vernon	Dummerston
Beatrice M. Baker	F	98	December 30	Dummerston	Dummerston

### BIRTHS FILED IN 2003

Emily Rose Bacon	F	January 28	Heather Julien Petersen Andrew Paul Bacon
Adeline Rose Bateman	F	February 10	Rebecca W. Bateman Mark W. Bateman
Sidney Strummer Beasley	M	March 29	Alicia Marie Beasley Samuel John David Beasley
Ruby Louisa Powers	F	April 21	Catherine Louvenia Powers Edward David Powers
Brianna Nichole Paul	F	April 22	Heidi Anne Shepard Michael James Paul
Matthew Michael Sorensen	M	April 24	Julia Bowen Sorensen Michael Sean Sorensen

Nicholas Andrew Lawrence	M	May 3	Lynda Allison Lawrence Peter Andrew Lawrence
Kamren James Amezcua	M	May 6	Melisa Christine Amezcua Joshua James Carter
Trevor Alan McMahon	M	May 9	Amanda Mary Wrublewski Jesse Raymond McMahon
Zander Mitchell Jenkins	M	June 3	Michelle Renee Jenkins David Mitchell Jenkins
Andrew William Flood	M	June 26	Christina Lynn Flood William Reginald Flood
Lucy Elizabeth Flynn	F	July 3	Elizabeth Johnson Catlin Jared Patrick Flynn
Chloe Grace Learey	F	July 24	Chloe Elisabeth Learey Kristin Klare Gottschalk
Livia Catherine Marie Lewis	F	July 1	Sherie Lynne Lewis
Noah Unwin White	M	August 11	Melissa Jean White Lewis Arthur White Jr.
Sean Michael Simeon	M	September 11	Laura Lee Simeon
Zebediah Metlei Frederck Knapp	M	September 24	Kara Lynn Garvey Brian Curtis Knapp
Caroline Michelle Bark	F	November 6	Michelle Nicole Bark David Lyon Bark
Reese Olivia Miner	F	December 15	Stacy Lynn Miner Kyle Brennen Miner
Kyle Anderson Foster	M	December 17	Leslie Dawn Wood Jeffrey Alan Foster

NOTE: In an effort to reduce printing cost, reports from the agencies below are not included in the Town Report. For your information, the individual reports are available at the Town Clerk's Office and will be on display at Town Meeting:

AIDS Project of Southern VT  
Brattleboro Drop In Center  
Brattleboro Area Hospice  
Council on Aging for SE VT  
The Gathering Place  
Windham Cty. Humane Society  
Windham Regional Comm.  
Windham Solid Waste Mgmt.

United Way  
VT Department of Health  
CT River Joint Comm.  
VNA  
George D. Aiken R&D Council  
Grace Cottage Foundation  
Green Up Vermont

Women's Crisis Center  
Morningside Shelter  
911  
Rescue, Inc.  
RSVP  
SEVCA  
HCRS



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