

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN
AND
SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHITING, VERMONT

JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31
2003

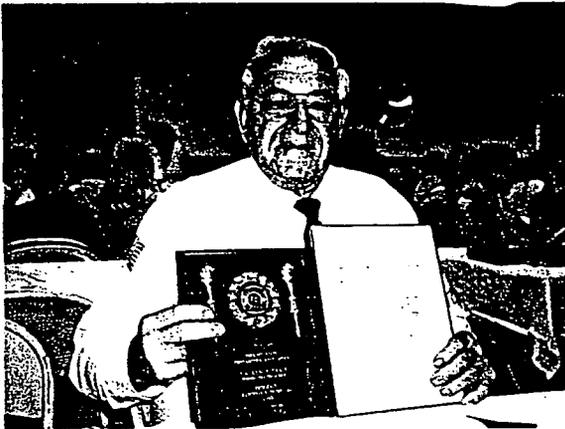
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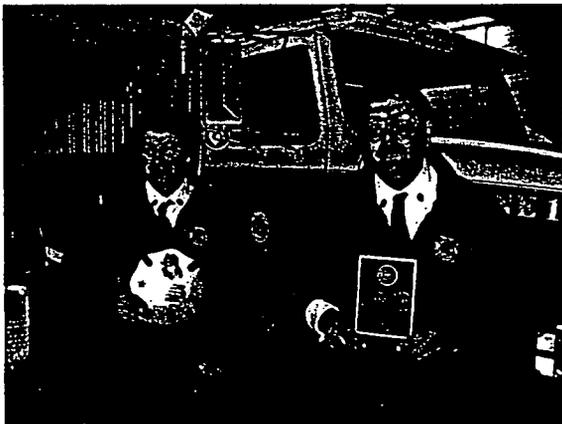
Whiting Volunteer Fire Department



In August, Laurence Denis was recognized as the Emergency Maintenance Technician of the Year by the Vermont State Firefighters Association.



In October, Clarence Birchmore was honored at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland



Larry Wilbur was recognized by the Addison County Firefighters Association for Fire Fighter of the year. because of his commitment to the department and to the community.

The Whiting Fire Department was presented the Paul Turpin Training Award for having the most training hours in the county for the year 2003. Thanks to Tom Bouchard and Larry Wilbur, our Training Officers.

This past year the department purchased a 1992 International Pumper. It has a 1250 gpm pump and carries a 1000 gallons of water. This new truck will improve our capabilities.



The Whiting and Addison Fire Departments purchased a memorial bell, had the stand crafted, and dedicated it to Clarence and Floyd Birchmore which then was given to the Addison County Firefighters Association.



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There will be an Otter Valley vote from 10AM to 7PM March 2th.

DON'T FORGET, BRING YOUR TOWN REPORT TO BOTH THE SCHOOL AND TOWN MEETING.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

We, the undersigned auditors of the Town of Whiting, Vt, hereby certify that we have examined the Accounts of the Town Officers to the best of our abilities and make the following statement of assets and liabilities for the year 2003.

GENERAL TOWN FUNDS

ASSETS:

Now Account #10002480	\$ 943.23
Orwell Savings Account 6728	376.62
Orwell Savings Account 9875 (Hier Property)	1,000.00
Orwell Savings Account 9876 (Lee Property)	650.00
Brandon Savings Account 173831	864.02
Equipment Fund	9,318.34
Act 200	1,688.22
Uncollected Taxes	22,602.18
Town Office & contents	64,000.00
Town Hall & contents	209,720.00
Library & contents	59,460.00
Old School	18,144.00
Sand/SaltShed	56,000.00
Grader purchased in 1997	32,200.00
Truck Equipped - purchased in 1987	62,000.00
Loader - purchased in 2002	89,000.00
Town Garage & Contents	12,400.00
York Rake - purchased in 1995	4,350.00
Recycling Shed	16,200.00
Fire Station	50,000.00

LIABILITIES:

Loader - First Brandon National Bank Acct#40007699	\$38,543.74
Fire Truck - First Brandon National Bank Acct#20677	\$45,000.00

SCHOOL FUNDS

ASSETS:

Cash on hand checking account	\$125,480.47
First Brandon National Bank Account #193250	963.62
CD #5137781 First Brandon National Bank	11,846.27

LIABILITIES:

None

SEXTON FUND

CD # 100330	\$16,117.57
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2002 Grand List
\$179,042.39

2003 Grand List
\$175,355.03

Municipal Tax	\$.58
State Education Tax	1.01
Local Education Tax43
Town Tax	\$2.02

Municipal Tax	\$.63
State Education Tax	1.04
Local Education Tax54
Town Tax	\$2.21

AUDITORS: Janet Quenneville Rani Fallon Ellen Kurrelmeyer

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator	Morris "Sandy" Sanders
Town Clerk	Grace Simonds 2005
Town Treasurer	Grace Simonds 2005
Selectmen	Chairman, Doug Freeguard 2006 Gary Freeguard 2004 Steve Quenneville (appointed) 2004
Road Commissioner	Delwin Fielder
Listers	James Crawford 2006 Garry Roorda 2004 Gloria Bertrand (appointed) 2004
First Constable	Guy Chicoine
Second Constable	Jeffrey Hornbeck
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Marilyn Chicoine
Town Grand Juror	Charlotte Birchmore
Town Agent	Charlotte Birchmore
Auditors	Ellen Kurrelmeyer 2006 Rani Fallon 2004 Janet Quenneville 2005
School Directors	Chairman, Paul Quesnel 2006 Tracy Simonds 2004 Cindy Crawford 2005 Steve Quinn 2004 Carol Brigham 2005
Otter Valley School Director	Ellen Kurrelmeyer 2005
School Treasurer	Heather Bouchard 2004
Justices of the Peace	Charlotte Birchmore 2005 Kenneth Blossom 2005 Jeanne Leno 2005 Vacant 2005 Grace Simonds 2005
Board of Health	Board of Selectmen Health Officer
Board of Civil Authority	Town Clerk Board of Selectmen
Library Trustees	Justices of the Peace Katrina Fielder 2006 Tracy Simonds 2004 John Travis 2004 Tammy Wilbur 2005 Laurence Wilbur 2005

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Health Officer	F. William Sunderman
Planning Commission	Jonathan Heppell 2006 Rick Iffland 2005 Margaret Allen 2005 Steve Quenneville 2004 Michael Wilbur 2004
Town Service Officer	Grace Simonds

Fence Viewers

Tree Warden

Fire Warden

Town Hall Custodian

Green Up Chairmen

Zoning Administrator

Solid Waste District Rep

Solid Waste District Alternate

Board of Zoning Adjustment

State Representative

State Senators

Addison County Solid Waste Representative

Addison County Solid Waste Alternate

Al Ryan

Juanita Hornbeck

Delwin Fielder

Delwin Fielder

Delwin Fielder

Tammy Leno

Tammy Wilbur

Lawrence Wilbur

Fred Chadwick

Robert Mathis

Vacant

Gary Freeguard 2005

Steven Quenneville 2005

Michael Wilbur 2004

Ed Jacobson 2006

Heather Bouchard 2006

Mark Young

Addison/Rutland District 1

Gerry Gosslin

Claire Ayre

Ellen Kurrellmeyer

Jonathan Heppell

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dog Registration - April 1st (Current Rabies Shot)

Taxes Due - Aug 1st - 4% discount

Sept 1st - 3% discount

Nov 1st - 2% discount

Dec 1st - taxes due in hand NO EXCEPTIONS

TOWN MEETING - March 2, 2004 at 7:15PM

Selectmen's Meetings - 2nd Monday & 4th Monday -7PM

School Board Meeting - 2nd Thursday - 6PM

Auditor's meeting - As needed

Planning Commission- 1st and 3rd Thursday - 7:30PM

Fire Department Meeting - 1st Monday

Recycling & Trash - 2nd and 4th Saturday 9:30 - 11AM

NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Town Clerk's hours - Mon & Wed 9-12 & 4-6 Fri 9-12

and by appointment

Town Clerk's number - 623-7813 (office) 623-7811 (home)

Whiting School - 623-7991

Fire Department - (Emergency Only) 623-8222

(non-emergency) 623-8941

Fire House - 623-8220

SOCIAL SERVICES

Meal on Wheels - 247-3121

Home Health Care - 388-7259

Counseling Service - 388-6751

Area on Aging -1-800-642-5119

Parent/Child Center - 388-3171

MVAA - 388-3333

Community Action Group - 388-2285

Hospice - 388-4111

Elderly Services - 388-3983

Humane Society - 388-1100

TOWN TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH GENERAL FUND FOR 2003

Beginning Balance	\$34,468.09
Total Receipts	<u>670,563.98</u>
Subtotal	705,032.07
Disbursements	<u>704,088.84</u>
Ending Balance	

\$943.23

RECEIPTS:

Current taxes	355,065.98
Investments	180,000.00
Line of credit	50,000.00
Balance Forward	34,468.09
State aid for Highways	33,273.60
Current Land Use Hold Harmless	24,752.00
Delinquent Taxes(02)	14,880.56
Office Receipts	5,294.57
Current Land Use Rebate	2,601.80
Vehicle Permits	900.00
Permits	725.00
OV Vote Reimbursement	519.00
Dog Licenses	458.00
Sexton Fund	408.00
Old School Rent	385.00
Town Hall Rent	361.50
State Refund	286.39
E Ryea Funeral	250.00
Interest	222.58
Pilot	80.00
Land Purchase	50.00
<u>Liquor license</u>	<u>50.00</u>

Total Receipts

\$705,032.07

DISBURSED:

Road budget	143,579.62
Salary Budget	19,934.53
Insurance Budget	5,906.00
County Budget	4,738.46
Town Office Budget	8,330.18
Town Buildings Budget	19,679.33
Social Services Budget	1,924.00
Community Budget	13,281.68
<u>Miscellaneous Budget</u>	<u>486,715.04</u>

Total Disbursed

\$704,088.84

Grand List for 2003	\$175,355.03
<u>Times Tax Rate</u>	<u>X 2.21</u>
Total tax billed	\$387,534.62

Paid	\$355,065.98
Delinquent	22,954.19
<u>Discount</u>	<u>9,514.45</u>
Total	\$387,534.62

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Office is still open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9AM-12PM. On Monday and Wednesday, the office will be open from 4PM-6PM for town citizen's convenience. I also am open by appointment. If you have questions, feel free to contact me at home in the evenings. I will surely try to find the answer to your questions.

On Town Meeting Day, March 2nd, there will be an all day balloting for the Otter Valley Union High School budget, Addison County Solid Waste District Bond Issue vote and the Presidential Preference Primary. This will all be by Australian ballot from 10 AM to 7PM.

This year there has been quite a few changes with the resignation of Morris "Sandy" Sanders from all of his positions. We need a moderator, another Justice of the Peace, an assistant Town Clerk, and a selectman which Sandy held. We also need to elect another lister upon the resignation just before town meeting last year. We have had an appointed one, Gloria Bertrand, who was very helpful. If anyone is interested in any of these positions, please either come to town meeting on March 2nd or see me.

Now as to the transfer of property in Whiting from April 1st 2003 to January 1st 2004, we had quite a few. Also several new houses will be going up in the next year. The transfers are as follows:

Fontaine, Steve to Rebecca Schoolcraft mobile home and 2 Acres

Trombley, Brenda and Darlene Kratavil to Brenda Trombley - mobile home and 1.7 Acres

DeRepentigny, Sylvia to Rusty and Carol Brigham - log cabin and 17 acres

Town of Whiting to Whiting School District - straightened bountaries

Whiting School District to Town of Whiting - straightened bountaries

Quenneville, Justin to Tony and Carol Quenneville - easement

DeRepentigny, Sylvia to David and Phoebe Carlson - acreage to their lot

White, Stephen to Stephen and Cady White - Quit Claim

Quenneville, Tony and David to David and Gale Quenneville - mobile home and lot

Sanders, Morris and Rita to Jay and Amanda Sheldrick - House and lot

Hornbeck, Ronald and Juanita to Vermont Land Trust - Farm

Supernaw, Roger and Christine to Brian and Michelle Sherwin - House and lot

Colby, Ira and Evelyn to Jennifer Ponder - House and land

Freeguard, James and Beverly to Lawrence and Charity Bassett - 36 acres

Freeguard, James and Beverly to Nicholas and Bethany Iocco - 54 acres

Blossom, Kenneth and Claire to Donald and Debra Ohlinger - house and lanc

DeRepentigny, Sylvia to David and Phoebe Carlson - acreage of 45.7 acres

Grace Simonds, Town Clerk

WHITING PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Board drafted a revision of the town zoning by-laws during 2003 with assistance from the Addison County Regional Planning Commission. The funds from our municipal planning grant made it possible to hire the Addison County Regional Planning Commission.

No significant changes were made to the bylaws. We updated the wording, made sure they met state statute and town plan.

The draft should be available for review in the near future. Public hearings will be scheduled.

We acted on several subdivision applications throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Marguerite Allen, Chair

1-19-04	2003 BUDGET	2003 ACTUAL	2004 BUDGET
BALANCE FORWARD	34468.09	34468.09	943.23
STATE AID	30000.00	33273.60	30000.00
OFFICE RECEIPTS	4000.00	5294.57	4500.00
PERMITS	1000.00	725.00	650.00
DOG LICENSES	300.00	458.00	350.00
LIQUOR LICENSE	0.00	50.00	0.00
TOWN HALL RENT	100.00	361.50	100.00
OLD SCHOOL	420.00	385.00	420.00
DEL TAXES FOR 2003	0.00	0.00	20000.00
DEL TAXES FOR 2002	15000.00	14880.56	
O V VOTE REIMB	159.00	519.00	150.00
SEXTON FUND	500.00	408.00	400.00
INTEREST	1000.00	222.58	150.00
RECEIPTS SUB TOTALS	86947.09	91045.90	57663.23
E RYEA FUNERAL		250.00	0.00
INVESTMENTS		180000.00	0.00
LAND PURCHASE		50.00	0.00
LINE OF CREDIT FOR 2004		25000.00	10000.00
LINE OF CREDIT FOR 2003		25000.00	0.00
VEHICLE PERMITS		900.00	0.00
STATE BRIDGE GRANT	16500.00	0.00	16500.00
STATE REFUND		286.39	0.00
PILOT		80.00	0.00
CURRENT LAND USE REBATE		2601.80	0.00
CURRENT LAND USE	15000.00	24752.00	20000.00
CURRENT TAXES 03		355065.98	0.00
RECEIPTS SUB TOTALS	31500.00	613986.17	46500.00
GRAND TOTAL	118447.09	705032.07	104163.23

DISBURSED	2003 BUDGET	2003 ACTUAL	2004 BUDGET
ROAD LABOR	25500.00	38284.83	25500.00
ROAD SALT	6000.00	7749.88	6000.00
WINTER SAND	4500.00	7140.30	4500.00
GRAVEL	10000.00	6564.57	10000.00
LIQUID CHLORIDE	6000.00	0.00	6000.00
CONTRACT LABOR/TRUCK	5500.00	-3313.98	5500.00
EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES	8500.00	8731.40	8500.00
DIESEL	3000.00	4560.31	3000.00
GARAGE	2500.00	3571.09	2500.00
CULVERT/DITCHING	6000.00	0.00	6000.00
LOADER PAYMENT	13000.00	13000.00	13000.00
ROAD SIDE MOWING	5000.00	3300.00	5000.00
BRIDGE (STATE GRANT)		27397.05	
CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION	28000.00	22245.56	28000.00
EQUIP REPLACEMENT	7000.00	4348.61	7000.00
ROAD BUDGET	130500.00	143579.62	130500.00
TOWN CLERK	9360.00	9360.00	9360.00
TOWN CLERK'S INS	0.00	0.00	2184.00
TREASURER	3500.00	3500.00	3500.00
SELECTMEN	2160.00	2160.00	2160.00
AUDITORS	400.00	345.00	400.00
LISTERS	1000.00	480.00	500.00
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	126.00	153.00	378.00
BALLOT CLERKS	126.00	153.00	378.00
PRESIDING OFFICER	63.00	153.00	189.00
TRAVEL & COUNTING	20.00	60.00	208.00
FICA	2200.00	3570.53	2500.00
SALARY BUDGET	18955.00	19934.53	21757.00
WORKMEN'S COMP	1800.00	1787.00	2071.00
OFFICIERS' BOND	150.00	150.00	150.00
TOWN LIABILITY	3850.00	3819.00	4158.00
ERRORS & OMISSION	920.00	150.00	943.00
INSURANCE BUDGET	6720.00	5906.00	7322.00

EQUIPMENT FUND

Now Account #1002887

Balance Forward \$ 9,299.73
Interest 18.61
Total on hand \$ 9,318.34

DISBURSED	2003 BUDGET	2003 ACTUAL	2004 BUDGET
COUNTY TAX	1725.00	1626.97	1725.00
PLANNING COMMISSION	450.00	363.40	400.00
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	1800.00	2243.38	2500.00
ADVERTISEMENT	250.00	100.21	150.00
LISTERS' SUPPORT	500.00	404.50	450.00
COUNTY BUDGET	4725.00	4738.46	5225.00
STREET LIGHT	625.00	661.37	700.00
CVPS	750.00	786.95	800.00
TELEPHONE	500.00	542.68	550.00
PROPANE	300.00	681.32	700.00
WATER	60.00	60.00	60.00
SUPPLIES	1500.00	1766.23	1700.00
COPIER	500.00	514.21	550.00
VLCT	275.00	505.00	525.00
TRAINING	500.00	17.50	200.00
BOOK REPAIRS	500.00	0.00	1000.00
ACCAG DUES	240.00	223.74	240.00
LEGAL FEES	500.00	500.00	1000.00
TOWN REPORT	600.00	674.80	700.00
OFFICE REPAIRS	2000.00	881.08	1000.00
FIRE WARDEN	0.00	15.30	20.00
CUSTODIAN	260.00	260.00	260.00
CLERK OF SELECTMEN	240.00	240.00	240.00
TOWN OFFICE BUDGET	9350.00	8330.18	10245.00
CVPS	450.00	717.67	750.00
FUEL	1500.00	2833.06	3000.00
WATER	60.00	60.00	60.00
SUPPLIES	100.00	1159.87	750.00
REPAIRS	3500.00	3636.25	3500.00
CUSTODIAN	500.00	500.00	500.00
TOWN BUILDING FUND	20000.00	10772.48	10772.48
TOWN HALL ETC BUDGET	26110.00	19679.33	19332.48
UNITED WAY	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
FLAGS FOR GRAVES		24.00	24.00
WHITING FOOD SHELF	400.00	400.00	400.00
COMMUNITY FESTIVAL	500.00	500.00	500.00
SOCIAL SERVICE BUDGET	1900.00	1924.00	1924.00

ACT 200
Account #1003063

Balance Forward	\$1,672.92
By-Laws Grant	5,950.00
<u>Interest</u>	<u>15.30</u>
Total	\$7,638.22
Paid for By-Laws	5,950.00
Total on hand	\$1,688.22

DISBURSED	2003 BUDGET	2003 ACTUAL	2004 BUDGET
FIRE DEPARTMENT	7500.00	7500.00	7500.00
MVAA	667.00	589.00	667.00
ANIMAL CONTROL	250.00	25.00	250.00
GREEN UP	100.00	0.00	200.00
RECYCLING	5000.00	4967.68	5000.00
LITTLE LEAGUE	200.00	200.00	200.00
COMMUNITY BUDGET	13717.00	13281.68	13817.00
TOWN MOWING	300.00	142.46	300.00
VEHICLE PERMIT REFUND	0.00	845.00	0.00
LAND USE PENALTY		751.70	0.00
RYEA FUNERAL	0.00	1587.00	0.00
MEMORY TREE	130.00	231.30	130.00
WHITING SCHOOL 2003		277164.43	0.00
DEL TAX COLLECTOR'S FEE	0.00	1216.58	0.00
TAX REFUND	0.00	54.63	0.00
LOAN	0.00	25119.36	0.00
TAX SALE	0.00	330.58	0.00
SEXTON FUND	500.00	272.00	300.00
INVESTMENTS	0.00	179000.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS BUDGET	930.00	486715.04	730.00
GRAND TOTALS	212907.00	704088.84	210852.48

YTD RECEIPTS	705032.07	104163.23
YTD DISBURSEMENTS	704088.84	210852.48
YTD BALANCE	943.23	-106689.25

TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	106689.25
GRAND LIST FOR 2003	175355.03
POSSIBLE TOWN TAX RATE	0.61
2003 TOWN TAX RATE	0.63

DOG REGISTRATION FOR 2003

SPAYED/NEUTERED	59 X \$ 5.00 =	\$295.00
FEMALE/MALE	18 X \$ 9.00 =	\$162.00
CONSTABLE COLLECTING	5 X \$12.00 =	\$ 60.00
LATE SPAYED/NEUTERED	21 X \$ 7.00 =	\$147.00
LATE FEMALE/MALE	1 X \$14.00 =	\$ 14.00
TOTAL	104	\$678.00
CONSTABLE'S FEE		25.00
CLERK'S FEE		214.00
TOTAL PAID		\$439.00

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 4, 2003 at 7:45PM

Before the school meeting was called to order, Representative Mark Young was asked to speak on some of the issues going on in Montpelier.

After the school meeting at 7:55 Town Clerk Grace Simonds called the Annual Town Meeting for 2003 to order at 7:55PM.

Article 1 was read and Morris "Sandy" Sanders was elected moderator for the ensuing year.

At this time, the new Moderator, Morris Sanders, asked for a moment of silent prayer for the past Moderator, Clarence Birchmore.

Article 2 was for the town to receive the reports of the town officials. Doug Freeguard, chairman of the Select Board, asked for any questions from the voters. None were asked so a motion was made and seconded to accept the reports of the town officers. The report of the town officials was then accepted as presented.

Article 3 (a) was the election of a selectman for three years which was to be done by secret ballot. Doug Freeguard, an incumbent, was nominated, seconded and elected with the casting of one ballot by the clerk.

Article 3 (b) was the election of a lister for three years which was to be done by secret ballot. James Crawford, an incumbent, was nominated, seconded and elected with the casting of one ballot by the clerk.

Article 3 (c) was the election of an auditor for three years which was to be done by secret ballot. Ellen Kurrelmeyer was nominated, seconded and elected with the casting of one ballot by the clerk.

Article 3 (d) was the election of a collector of Delinquent Taxes. Marilyn Chicoine, an incumbent, was nominated and seconded. She was so elected.

Article 3 (e) was the election of a Library Trustee for 3 years. Katrina Fielder, an incumbent, was nominated, seconded and elected by a voice vote.

Article 3 (f) was the election of a Road Commissioner. Delwin Fielder, an incumbent, was nominated, seconded and elected by a voice vote. He was then commended for the nice job he is doing on the road. This was followed by an applause by those present.

Article 3 (g) was the election of a First Constable. Guy Chicoine, an incumbent, was nominated, seconded and elected by a voice vote.

Article 3 (h) was the election of a Second Constable. Jeff Hornbeck, an incumbent, was nominated, seconded and elected by a voice vote.

Article 3 (i) was the election of a Grand Juror. Charlotte Birchmore was nominated, seconded and elected by a voice vote.

Article 3 (j) was the election of a Town agent. Charlotte Birchmore, an incumbent, was nominated, seconded and elected by a voice vote.

Article 4 was to have the town give the Delinquent Tax Collector the power to collect the delinquent taxes. This was voted in the affirmative with a voice vote.

Article 5 was to give the Treasurer the power to collect real property taxes to the Treasurer on or before December 1, 2003. This was voted in the affirmative with a voice vote.

Article 6 was to grant a discount not to exceed 4% on or before August 1st, 3% - September 1st, 2% - November 1st a taxes to become delinquent after December 1st. This was voted in the affirmative with a voice vote.

Article 7 was voting on the budget as presented by the Select board. After it was moved and seconded, the new budget of \$212,907.00 was then moved, seconded and voted in the affirmative. \$110,970.00 was to be raised by taxes. There was no discussion.

Article 8 was to discuss any non binding issue to be done at this time. It was noted by Selectman Doug Freeguard that a new lister will be needed for the ensuing year.

This meeting adjourned at 8:15PM. submitted by Grace Simonds, Town Clerk

TOWN OF WHITING

DELINQUENT TAXES FOR 2003

Bergevin, John & Andrea	1571.31
Burnham Builders	596.70
Burt, Randall & Rhonda	2901.73
Conway, Daniel & Theresa	1113.84
Hatch, Roberta	2448.68
Hier, Marshall & Nora	103.87
Hutchins, Edward	1626.56
Marshall, Karen & Linda Quinn	1133.73
Pierce, Thomas & Donna Halliday	1023.23
Pratt, Alan & Cindy	6523.92
Riendeau, Leonard	758.03
Salengo, Joseph	19.89
Specialized Community Care	1566.89
Treadway, Richard & Joan	337.51
Wadsworth, Robert	851.98
<u>Wright, Herbert & Katherine</u>	<u>24.31</u>
Total	22,602.18

All Delinquent Taxes for the Town of Whiting have been collected. Please see the figures below:

Delinquent Tax for 2002	\$14,637.14
8% Penalty	1,170.94
Interest	691.43
<u>Cost</u>	<u>1,012.51</u>
Total Collected	\$17,512.02

Please contact me at 923-8611 if you will be unable to pay your taxes in full before the due date, December 1, 2004. I can help you by setting up a payment plan. This will avoid a tax sale but you must contact me before taxes are due.

Marilyn Chicoine, Delinquent Tax Collector

WHITING ZONING REPORT FOR 2003

During 2003, a total of 35 local projects received zoning permits and reviews, as follows:

Replace structure or trailer	2
House Additions	1
Porches or decks	3
Barns or sheds	7
Subdivision of land/lot line realignment	2
New residences/seasonal camps	5
Road access	1
Permit to reopen store and apartment	1
Temporary construction permit	1
File Memo	1
Demolition permit	1
Permit reviews	7
Reapplication to replace trailer	1
Non formal notice of violation/junkyard complaint	2

Townspeople are reminded they should check with the Zoning Administrator prior to proceeding with any construction project. Allow enough time for the permit process and to determine the type of permit required for the project. The Zoning Administrator is Fred Chadwick who may be reached at 247-3355.

The Town of Whiting continues to have no sewage ordinance in place but you should check with the Department of Environmental Conservation, Rutland, Vt at 786-5900 to verify the status of your property with regard to state wastewater permits, or contact Fred Chadwick, Zoning Administrator.

Farm Structure (as defined by statute) remain under the jurisdiction of the Vermont Department of Agriculture, except for any farm residence. The town must be notified in writing of the intent to build a farm structure and a site sketch showing location of the structure and setbacks must be included. No local permit is required for a farm structure that qualifies.

The zoning ordinance allows two unregistered vehicles to be stored on the owners property--- the presence of three (3) or more constitutes a violation.

Zoning searches are still being done for refinanced properties. Searches are done by the Zoning Administrator for \$25.00 plus the \$7.00 recording fee in the Land Records.

The Town of Whiting Zoning By Laws have been through revision and will be through public hearings and hopefully approved within the next couple of months. During hearings and until final statute appeal periods have run, both old and new bylaws will be used as standards for review of projects. Again, it is very important to be in touch with the Zoning Administrator with all questions regarding your project.

Respectfully Submitted
Frederick B. Chadwick, Whiting Zoning Administrator

2003 TOWN HALL REPORT

In 2003, the Whiting Town Hall was used on 27 occasions at no charge. This included Town meetings (1), 4-H functions (8), Whiting Elementary School functions (7), Fire Department (3) and Whiting Water Corp (1). The Town Hall was rented for a total of \$75 during the first 8 months of 2003.

The tables and chairs may be rented to town residents for \$2.50 per table and \$.25 per chair. This year \$197.50 was received for these rentals.

The town hall is available, at no charge, for town group meetings (school, fire department, church, 4-H, little league etc) and for public meetings and hearings.

Morris (Sandy) Sanders, Town Hall Custodian for the first 8 months.

After Sandy's resignation, Tammy Leno was appointed to be Custodian of the Town Hall. People are to call her at 623-6197 for rentals of either the hall or tables and chairs.

Tammy's report is the Town hall was used on 15 occasions. 8 times at no charge: 6 to the 4-H, 1 to the Whiting School, 1 to the First Response meeting and 1 to the Whiting Water Corporation. The Town Hall was rented for a total of \$190.00 during the past year. The tables and chairs were rented out for a total of \$7.00

In the year of 2004, Tammy's plans are to get the floor fixed, the walls fixed and painted if it is in the town's budget.

Tammy Leno, Town Hall custodian for the last 4 months.

RULES FOR TOWN HALL RENTALS

The town hall is available for rent, by Whiting town residents, for showers, parties, weddings, reunions, and dances, but not for stag parties. A deposit of \$30.00 and a \$5.00 fee for the key paid in addition to rental fee, will be returned if the building has been left clean and in good order after use.

Guidelines for renting the town hall, established by Whiting Selectmen include:

1. Responsible Whiting adults are to be in charge of any event taking place at the town hall.
2. A constable must be present at all adult dances where alcoholic beverage is served.
3. Tables and chairs are to remain within the town.
4. To use the building, one needs to contact the custodian before hand to insure that it will be available.

A contract needs to be signed by anyone renting the hall to protect our liability and property.

TOWN OF WHITING
VITAL STATISTICS FOR 2003

BIRTHS:

Timothy Moses Curran born February 26, 2003 son of Elizabeth
(Mitzimberg) and Richard Curran
Payton Cole Thurston born March 5, 2003 son of Michele (Miller) and Jeffrey
Thurston
Grant Xavier Thurston born March 5, 2003 son of Michele (Miller) and Jeffrey
Thurston
McKenna Coryn White born April 2, 2003 daughter of Cady (Collette) and Stepher
White Jr
Emelia Helen Keely born June 11, 2003 daughter of Heather Cahill and Josue
Keely
Ross Wayne Fiske born August 18, 2003 son of Robyn Rheaume and Thomas Fiske
Carlie Amelia Roorda born October 12, 2003 daughter of Shaina (Davignon) and
Thomas Roorda
Cody Michael Anderson born Sept 18, 2003 son of Kristina (Daignault) and
Justin Anderson
Dylan Matthew Anderson born Sept 18, 2003 son of Kristina (Daignault) and
Justin Anderson
Ashley Marie Murray born November 23, 2003 daughter of Danielle Morin and
Jason Murray

MARRIAGES:

Bryce Bertrand and Rebecca Sumner on July 26, 2003
Justin Anderson and Kristina Daignault on September 12, 2003
Lyndon Martin and Rebecca Burt on November 9, 2003

DEATHS:

Nancy Kurrelmeyer on February 1, 2003
Ernest Ryea on February 26, 2003
Claudette Ouenneville on April 14, 2003
Philip Tracy on August 8, 2003
Henry Bertrand on August 28, 2003
Stephen Sheldon on October 21, 2003

Whiting Community Festival

The second Whiting Community Festival was held September 6, 2003 on the fields behind the school and firehouse. People entering the festival through our welcoming tent enjoyed making crafts, petting zoo, and hayrides. Children participated in carnival games, a dunking booth, pony rides, clowns, balloons and free books. The Whiting Fire Department trucks were on display. They also displayed two campsites; one safe and one unsafe for children to compare. The fire department also provided the dunking booth. Visitors were entertained by a variety of music and dance from old time fiddlers, square dancing, to a DJ playing rock n' roll.

Thanks to the generosity of many local businesses and organizations, people enjoyed snacking on apples, cheese, spring water, and popcorn from our own popcorn popper donated to the Town of Whiting through Healthy Communities Committee and the Vermont Department of Health Community Tobacco Control Grant.

The Whiting School Board presented Sue Kellogg with a plaque to honor her for 25 years of exemplary service at the Whiting School.

We had a fantastic potluck buffet featuring barbecue beef cooked by Ed Hornbeck. Thanks to all the people who brought dishes to share. The bringing and sharing of these potluck dishes makes it truly a community meal. Donated ice cream made a great dessert.

This event would not have been possible without the generous support of many community members. This included the many donations of time, equipment, and materials. A special thank you to the Whiting Volunteer Fire Department for all their help with this event which included, setting up and taking down, lights, and parking.

The overwhelming response to this event has been gratifying to those who worked on the Whiting Community Festival Committee. Putting on an event like this festival is very labor intensive. There are many hours of planning and organizing needed leading up to the event, as well as, the working hours needed on the day of the festival and cleaning up the next day. With this in mind, the Whiting Community Festival Committee has decided that the Festival should be held every two years. Our next Festival meeting will be held March 8th at the Whiting School at 7:00 p.m. We welcome your ideas and support.

This free event was made possible in part by support from the Town of Whiting, a grant from Healthy Communities Committee and the Vermont Department of Health Community Tobacco Control Grant, and many private donations.

Whiting Community Festival Committee

WHITING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

We began the year with a checkbook balance of \$8,840.42 and \$7,528.54 in our saving's account #4305. Our expenses for the year were \$41,702.37. The breakdown is as follows:

Raffle	\$ 1,800.00
Truck Repair	2,428.94
Utilities	2,718.81
Insurance	7,409.00
Gas/Oil	58.00
Building	180.64
New Equipment & Repairs	19,362.44
ACFA-USFA	1,058.50
Miscellaneous	6,662.04
<u>Checking Service Charge</u>	<u>24.00</u>
TOTAL	\$41,702.37

We had an income of \$36,579.52. We ended the year with \$3,717.57 in the checkbook and \$3,427.92 in the saving account #4305 as of December 31, 2003. Our income was from the following sources:

Town of Whiting	\$7,500.00
Town of Sudbury	1,800.00
50-50 Raffle	3,326.00
Donations	15,233.15
Coin Drop	1,346.17
Rabies	100.00
Dance Revenue	5,186.00
Memory tree	1,223.00
<u>Reimbursements</u>	<u>5,865.20</u>
Total	\$41,579.52

ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 2004

Town of Whiting	\$ 7,500.00
Town of Sudbury	3,500.00
50-50 raffle	3,600.00
Coin Drop	600.00
Memory Tree	900.00
Dance	2,000.00
<u>Donations</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	\$19,100.00

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 2004

Truck Payment	\$ 5,000.00
Insurance	6,000.00
Raffle Payments	1,800.00
Utilities	2,400.00
Vehicles(gas & oil)	500.00
Maintenance of building	1,000.00
Maintenance of trucks	3,000.00
Dues & fees	550.00
New Equipment	4,000.00
Memory Tree	300.00
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>1,800.00</u>
Total	\$26,350.00

This year the fire department had an excellent year. We had two firefighters receive state & county awards as did the whole department for the most training hours in the county. I'd like to thank all the members for there time and effort.

Your present firemen are:

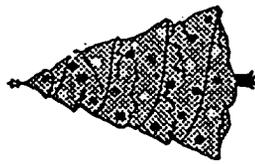
Mike Wilbur, Chief	David Bilodeau
Roger Desabrais, Assistant Chief	Rusty Brigham
Eric Leno, Captain/Treasurer	Brian Denis
Randy Denis, Captain/Secretary	Delwin Fielder
Steve White, Lieutenant	Jerry Fielder
Tom Bouchard, Training Officer	Doug Freeguard
Larry Wilbur, Training Officer	Bob Leno
Lawrence Quesnel	David Quenneville
Steve Quinn	Jeremy Quenneville
Mark Simonds	Gerald Quenneville
Brian Thomas	Steve Quenneville
Bob Woods	Tony Quenneville
Gary Freeguard	

Laurence Denis - Life Member
 Jacob Emmons - Life Member
 Guy Chicoine - Life Member

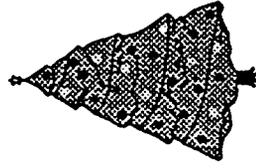
If you have a problem or question other than a fire, please call me personally at 623-8941 or Roger Desabrais at 623-7271. Please do not use the fire number except in emergencies. Call 911 for emergencies in our area for fire, medical or police to respond.

Thank you for your support
 Respectfully submitted,
 Mike Wilbur, Chief

The Whiting Fire Department thanks all who purchased bulbs on our 8th Annual Memory Tree.



Thank You



The Memory Tree lighting took place on December 7, 2003. Thanks to Kjell Thompson for the donation of the lovely tree in the name of Clarence Birchmore. Those remembered were:

Josie Alle	1	Olive Baldwin Crane	1	Ethel Knight	1	James Sampson Jr	2
Margaret Anzalone	23	Bowman Crosby	1	Marie Lamoureux Kuhn	2	James Sampson Sr	2
Laura Lee Arnold	1	Curtis B Crosby	16	Nancy Snow Kurrelmeyer	26	George Sanders	2
Maurice Arnold	1	Jessie Crosby	1	Leon Ladaibouche	1	Marie Sanders	2
Frank & Hazel Bailey	1	Charles Currier	2	Mrs Leon Ladaibouche	1	Marion Sanders	2
Cushman Baker	4	Wayne Currier	12	Hilda LaDuc	2	Oris Sanders	2
Ellen Baker	4	Jessie Dahlin	1	Reginald LaDuc	2	Otis Sanders	2
Ellen & Cushman Baker	1	Bertha Dalley	1	August Lamoureux	1	Clayton & Thelma Sawtelle	1
Julius Baker	1	Leon Day	1	Helene Lamoureux	1	Dick Scammon	1
Marguerite Baker	3	Virginia Day	1	Tristan Lamoureux	6	Norm Scarborough	1
Nellie Baker	1	Jo Dayton	1	Nancy Lash	1	Aimie Seguin	2
Russell Baker	1	Alberta Denis	2	Emery Leno	1	Gracia Seguin	2
Olive Baldwin	1	Alphorse Denis	2	Bea Little	1	George Senecal	2
Russell Baldwin	10	Marcel Denis	2	Beck Little	1	James G Shaw	25
Walter G Bel	1	Mr & Mrs Oscar Denis	1	Edward Lowell Jr	1	Olive Shaw	1
Henry Bertrand	8	Paul P Denis	3	Ellen E Malone	5	Mary Schroeder	1
Lawrence Bertrand	8	Sherry A Denis	2	Dell Managan	1	Victor Sminario	1
Noella Bertrand	2	Debbie DeReperigny	3	David Marcelle	4	Frances Simonds	10
Paul Bertrand	2	Leo DeReperigny	3	Pat Hayes Martin	4	Lillian Simonds	4
Shirley Bertrand	2	Mildred DeRosier	3	Archie W McCarty	1	Rich Simonds	1
Theresa Bertrand	2	Maurine Desautel	2	Gloria McCarty	2	William Simonds	4
Aristide Bloudeau	3	Gary Desrouche	1	Grace H McCarty	2	Jason Smith	1
Diane Bloudeau	3	Jamie Devoid	1	Patrick McCarty	2	David Stevens	3
Germain Bloudeau	20	Marion Doope	1	Sipha McCarty	1	Evelyn Stevens	2
Justin Bloudeau	2	Virginia Dodge	1	Bernice McCormick	2	Harold Stevens	2

Michael Bodeau	2	William Donovan	1	Daren McCoy	2	Carolyn Sunderman	10
Clarence Birchmore	133	Emie Doria	1	Ela McGinn	1	Bill Taylor	1
Eise Birchmore	3	Evelyn Elliott	1	Evelyn Mead	1	William Tenzer	3
Floyd Birchmore	3	Bob Elliott	2	Dave Mills	1	Bill Thomas	7
Luke Birchmore	3	George Elliott	1	Madeline Mills	1	Eileen Thomas	2
Raymond Birchmore	3	Cathleen C. Elmore	5	Catherine Mitchell	1	Joan Thomas	5
Kenneth Bissonette Sr	1	Alex Emmons	1	Earylan Moffatt	1	William Thomas	5
Carnie Blake	1	Bill Emmons	1	Merle Moffatt	1	Alice Torrey	2
Gene Blake	1	Gilbert Emmons	1	Kristoffer Mulcahy	2	Charles Torrey Sr	1
Blaney Bloodgett	1	Louise Emmons	1	Floyd Munger	3	Anna Mae Toto	2
Charlie Bordeleau	1	Morgan Emmons	1	Lucy Munger	3	Jose Trombley	2
Pierre Bordeleau	1	Stephanie Emmons	1	Hod Murray	8	Allie Trudo	1
Amy Bratz	2	Aime Ethier	3	Darwin (Pat) Maylor	1	Fred Trudo	1
George Brownell	1	Julie Fedore	3	Sara Maylor	1	Joseph Trudo	1
Sonny & Rosemary Bryant	1	Leonard Fontaine	3	Dee Novins	1	Mamie Trudo	1
Tom & Anna Boyard	1	Ramona Forand	1	Deia Oulette	2	Merrell Trudo	1
Lola Bull	8	Johnny Fougues	1	Pege Family	10	Paul Turpin	1
Delta Burke	1	Eddie Fuxton	1	Mr & Mrs Richard Pain	1	US Troops	33
Raymond Bushley	1	Marion Flogg Foynes	1	Sister Arlene Pain	1	Diana Viets	1
Jim Buder	1	Thomas N. Foynes	1	Bill Palmer	1	Richard Wadsworth	2
Buddy Butterfield	1	Lorenzo Gagnon	3	Henry & Jessie Palmer	1	George S Walker	10
Dora Butterfield	1	Marie Seguin Gifford	7	Irene Pals	1	Skip Walker	10
Stub Butterfield	1	Raymond Gill	28	Barbara Paquette	1	Florence Warren	2
Charles Cameron	8	Vicky Grandchamp	8	Conrad Paquette	1	George Warren	2
George Charbonneau	1	Grandpa & Grandma Hagan	2	Ashley Quenneville	33	Brian Westmore	1
Georgys Charbonneau	1	Philip C Hargraves	1	Claudette Quenneville	28	Geraldine White	1
Little Grandma Charbonneau	1	James Hamey	1	Lucille Quenneville	5	Annette Wilbur	5
Robert Charbonneau	1	Carrie Harriman	1	Roger Quenneville	15	Bob Wilbur	29
Estelle Charon	2	Nellie Hoard	3	Vincent Quenneville Sr	2	Grampa Wilbur	2
Lucian Charon	2	Beth Hagan	5	Dominique & Clara Quesnel	2	Roscoe Wilbur	5
Richard Charon	1	Charles Hombek	3	Ida Quesnel	1	Roy Wilbur	1
Hene Chartrand	28	Danny Hornbeck	4	Terry Quesnel	1	Benjamin Williams	4
Chessa Clark	1	Marie Hornbeck	3	Mr & Mrs Oliver Roche	1	Lillian Williams	5
Charles Clough	1	Dominic Iffland	12	David Rossey	25	Arleen Wmnett	3
Leona Clough	1	Joseph Isabelle	2	Curt Rawson	1	Bruce Young	2
Philip Clough	1	Mary Isabelle	2	Margret Rawson	1	Rozalind Young	3
Mable Conant	1	Rosario Isabelle	2	Robert Rawson	2	*Paul A Brotherton	10
Peter Conant	1	Sherry Jacobson	10	John Raymond	1	*Timothy P Jackson	10
Elizabeth & Stephen Condon	1	Vivian James	2	Jerry Reynolds	1	*Jeremiah M Lucey	10
Stephen Condon Jr	1	Dwain Keeler	2	Garry Roorda	37	*James F Yons	10
Victoria Cooke	2	Wilson Keeler	1	Andrew Ryan	1	*Thomas E Spencer	10
Walter Cooke	2	Sherry A Kerr	1	Florida Ryan	1	*In Memory of Worcester, Mass. firefighters who lost their lives on December 3, 1989	
Barbara Costello	5	Annabelle Ketcham	1	Irene Ryan	1		
Arthur Cota	3	Lena Ketcham	1	Leo Ryan	1		
George & Rita Cousineau	3	Clifford Kitchell	1	Karen Sabatini	8		

WARNING

ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING – MARCH 2, 2004

The legal voters of the Towns of Addison, Bridport, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting, being the legal voters of the Addison County Solid Waste Management District, are hereby notified and warned to meet on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at the times and places stated below, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article of business:

ARTICLE

Shall the bonds of the Addison County Solid Waste Management District in an amount not to exceed \$1,375,000 be issued for the purpose of paying the District's share of the costs of acquisition of equipment and construction of capital improvements to the Transfer Station for various solid wastes collected for disposal and recycling; the total estimated cost of such improvements is \$1,375,000.

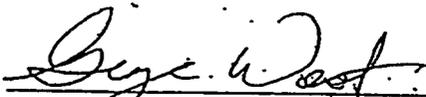
The legal voters of the District may vote in the respective municipalities of their residences at the polling places and during the hours listed below:

Municipality	Polls Open – Polls Close	Location
Whiting	10 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Whiting Town Hall

The legal voters of the Addison County Solid Waste Management District are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of the Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated, and Sections 46 and 47 of No. M-6 of the Acts of 1989.

The ballots cast in each member municipality shall be commingled and counted by a member(s) of the Board of Supervisors of the District with the Town Clerk from each member municipality or his or her designee, as required by Section 36(b)(4) of the District Agreement.

Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Addison County Solid Waste Management District held on December 18, 2003.


George West, Chair, Board of Supervisors

Filed with the District Clerk this 18th day of December, 2003.

Attest: 
Teresa A. Kuczynski, Clerk of the District

WHITING ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

March 4, 2003

This meeting was opened at 7:30 PM on March 4th with Town Clerk Grace Simonds reading the warning and Article 1.

Article I (a) was the election of a Moderator in which Morris Sanders was elected with no opposition.

Article I (b) was the election of a school treasurer. Heather Bouchard, an incumbent, was elected with no opposition.

Article I (c) was the election of a school director for 3 years. Paul Quesnel, an incumbent, was nominated and elected school director for 3 years.

Article I (d) was the election of a school director for 2 years. Cindy Crawford and Jeanne Lamoureux were both nominated and seconded for this position. A secret ballot was then requested with the results of Cindy receiving 25 votes and Jeanne receiving 13. The newly elected school director for 2 years was Cindy Crawford..

Article II was accepting of the school report. Paul Quesnel, chairman of the school board, then reviewed the budget as presented to the voters. He explained where they had cut in the various categories. This meant that the budget presented was down from last year. He then thanked the people for their participation in the Whiting Community Day and for all the help that has been given to the school.

A question about no busing for the elementary school. Otter Valley busses our school children .

The School Board's report was then accepted as presented and voted in the affirmative.

Article III was to move the bus sinking fund into the general fund to cover the expenses of the Otter Valley busing of the elementary school children. The motion was made and seconded to do this. It was then voted by a voice vote to move this money into the general fund to cover the busing expenses.

Article IV was to vote on the budget. A motion was made and seconded to vote the budget for 2003-2004 of \$324,465.31. This was approved by a voice vote.

Article V was amended to read "as approved under Article IV" instead of how it was warned "as approved under Article III". The amendment was approved and then it was moved, seconded and voted in the affirmative to allow the School Board to borrow money if needed to meet the school's cash demands.

Article VI was for any other nonbinding items to be brought before the people at this time.

This meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM. Submitted by Grace Simonds, Town Clerk.

Whiting Elementary School Principal's Report

All of us at Whiting Elementary School continue to stress traditional family values, yet teach for the 21st century. We use current, best practices to implement district curriculum and goals while fostering individual growth and creative expression.

Our **Whiting Community Preschool** had a great first year. This present year we have ten students, five from Whiting, one from Sudbury, and four from Leicester. This registered preschool is held Mon., Wed, and Fri. mornings from 8:00 – 11:30. We have had teachers from other areas who have visited because they are considering setting up a preschool and they see ours as a great example of a successful preschool.

This year's **Whiting Week** (held in May) will focus on the Westward Expansion of our country. We continue to produce a yearly musical in which all our students participate. This year's musical was *Tall Tales and Heroes*.

P. E., with instructor, Chad Chamberlain is held Friday mornings. Most of our 4th – 6th grade students participated in the after school soccer program offered last fall. **Art and music** are taught a half a day a week each. All our 5th and 6th graders participate in instrumental music. For the second half of the year, they will combine with Sudbury's band. Our *Pig in a Blanket*, painted by our students with the help of our Art and Music teacher, Sandy Button, is now back at school (thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Moffat and Mrs. Kline). An after school homework club is offered two afternoons a week and is open to any student in grades 3 – 6.

All of our students have formal computer lessons twice a week, in addition to using our computers for a variety of projects. Our students are right on target with the district's new technology benchmarks. We hope that everyone continues to enjoy our school **Moosletter**, which is mailed to everyone in town several times a year.

Educational field trips enhance our curriculum. Last fall the 3rd & 4th graders participated in several field trips with Leicester's 4th graders connected with the study of Geology. This spring the students will be attending a performance at the Paramount Theater in Rutland. The 5th and 6th graders attended a natural science field day held at the Addison County Fair Grounds. The younger students also enhanced their curriculum through local field trips.

Many of our students take advantage of our Breakfast Program. We have been able to provide breakfast for a quarter (cereal, bagel, or muffin and milk & juice) with the help of parents who are great coupon shoppers and donations from the Community Cupboard, the food shelf in Whiting. Microwaves are available for students who need to heat their lunches.

Our **school nurse** (Tatiana Green) is in our school on Thursdays and always available by phone. Ms. Green is also our representative to the district Crisis Planning Team.

Yearly, our students complete several formal required assessments, the DAR (2nd grade reading test), the Terra Nova (a national achievement test for 3rd, 5th, and 6th grades), the NRSE (a state test for 4th grade) and a the 6th grade PASS (a science test), as well as more informal classroom tests. Our daily attendance average last year was 72.6%. (This was due to frequent absences by older students and our low student count.)

Communication between parents and the school is very important to us. Two formal conferences are held with students and parents twice a year, a goal setting conference in the fall and a portfolio review conference in the spring. Informal visits with parents are frequent and interim reports for grades 3 – 6 are sent home on a regular basis. We also encourage parents and community members to stop by and visit the school any time, or to help with projects.

WHITING SCHOOL STAFF

Kindergarten & Grades Pre-K - 2	Kelli Zauli
Grades 3 & 4	Sue Kellogg
Grades 5 & 6	Sandra Ketcham
Music/Art	Sandra Button*
Librarian Assistant& Child Supervisor	Tammy Wilbur*
School Nurse	Tatiana Green**
Special Education	Rick Ohanian*/**
Speech Language Pathologist	Jean Fifield*/**
Physical Education/Health	Chad Chamberlain*
Classroom Assistant/Technology Coordinator	Suzanne Denis
* Part-time employee	
** RNESU Employee	

WHITING SCHOOL STAFF SALARIES
2003-2004
(as of January 1, 2004)

NAME	POSITION	FTE	SALARIES	HEALTH	DENTAL
Sandra Button	Music & Art	20%	\$ 8,500.00	-0-	-0-
Chad Chamberlain	Physical Education	10%	\$ 2,202.00	-0-	-0-
Susan Kellogg	Grade 3/4	100%	\$52,644.00	\$8,324.04	\$ 291.96
Sandra Ketcham	Grade 5/6	100%	\$36,700.00	\$8,324.04	\$ 291.96
Kelli Zauli	Grade PreK - 2	67%	\$21,942.50	\$7,477.20	\$ 195.61
Suzanne Denis	Classroom Assistant	80%	\$10,271.90	\$11,160.00	\$ 291.96
Suzanne Denis	Technology Coor.	20%	\$ 3,527.05	-	-
Tammy Wilbur	Child Supervisor	14%	\$ 1,838.30	\$1,562.40	\$40.87

Whiting School District
School Enrollment

Year/Grade	PreK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
00/01	-	1	2	1	7	7	4	8	4	6	7	3	5	7	62
01/02	-	2	1	4	1	6	7	5	8	4	6	7	4	5	58
02/03	6	1	2	1	3	1	6	8	5	8	4	6	7	4	62
03/04	5	3	2	6	1	4	1	5	8	5	7	3	5	7	62
* 04/05	5	4	3	2	6	1	4	1	5	8	5	7	3	5	59

Preschool

Year/Age	0	1	2	3	4	5	Total
01/02	2	2	3	4	2	5	18
02/03	3	7	6	5	5	4	30
03/04	5	6	4	6	7	6	34
* 04/05	5	5	6	4	6	7	33

	01/02	02/03	03/04	*04/05
Preschool Age	18	30	34	33
Attending Preschool	-	-	6	**5
Elementary	27	22	22	21
Secondary - OVUH	43	34	35	34
Private/Home/Other	5	13	15	15

*Estimate

** Preschool consist of 5 students from Whiting
1 student from Sudbury
4 students from Leicester

WHITING TOWN SCHOOL LEGAL NOTICES

School Board - The school board welcomes your input on all issues. The school board meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM at the school. Please call the school in advance (623-7991) in order to assure time for you on the agenda and to see if there have been any date changes, postponements or cancellations.

Equal Opportunity - The Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union insures equal employment and educational opportunities regardless of race, color, handicap, national origin, or sex.

Students with Disabilities - The Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union is required by federal laws IDEA-B (Formerly EHA-B) and Section 504 and state regulations to identify and locate all persons with disabilities between the ages of birth and 21 who may be in need of regular education, special education services or accommodations in accessing public education. If you know of any individual residing in the town of Whiting who you suspect of having such needs, but who is not currently receiving them, please contact the special education coordinator, Michele LaRouche, at (802) 247-5757 or the school principal for your town.

Records Review - As provided under federal and state laws and regulations, all parents and legal guardians are hereby notified that the school records for their children are available for inspection. Please contact your school and set up an appointment if you wish to exercise this right.

Asbestos - The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act [40 CFR 763.93 (g) (4)] requires that written notice be given that the following schools have Management plans for the safe control and maintenance of asbestos-containing materials found in their buildings. These Management Plans are available and accessible to the public at the administrative offices of each facility listed below. Please contact the building Principal if you wish to read this plan.

	<i>School Address</i>	<i>Designated Person</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
1.	Whiting School 87 South Main Street Whiting, VT 05778	Sue Kellogg	623-7991
2.	Otter Valley Union H. S. 2997 Franklin Street Brandon, VT 05733	David Mitchell	247-6833
3.	Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union 49 Court Drive Brandon, VT 05733	Brenda Fleming	247-5757

Audit Reports - Certified Public Accountants audit reports are available for public inspection. Call the business office at (802) 247-5757.

Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union
Summary of Discipline Policy
(Annual Report required by Safe Schools Act, 16 VSA 165 (J))

The school is a community. It is responsible for education of those children who attend and, therefore, it must establish and enforce guidelines and procedures that provide for an orderly learning atmosphere. There must be a set of procedures for dealing with inappropriate student behavior; including ones for detention, suspension, and expulsion.

Principals and teachers shall have the authority to establish and enforce such rules and procedures as are consistent with state laws, regulations, local policies and board directives.

Among these actions are:

Immediate removal: A student may be summarily removed if there is an imminent danger to the student, other school personnel, or the school property. Due process rights will be accorded as soon as practical following the summary suspension.

Short Term Suspension: The Superintendent, principal, or a teacher (in the absence of the principal), may suspend a student from the school as a reasonable form of punishment, or for the purpose of securing or maintaining order in the school. Suspensions under this section shall not exceed 10 consecutive days. Due process rights are provided to the student.

Long Term Suspension: Long term suspension is defined as exclusion from school for ten days or more, but for a set period of time, not to exceed 90 days. Due process rights provided to the student are the same as those provided under expulsion.

Expulsion: The dismissal of a student for the remainder of the school year, or up to 90 days, (or in the case of a weapons violation, one year) shall occur only upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and concurrence of a majority of the Board of School Directors. Due process rights shall be available to a student whose dismissal is under consideration.

2003 Student Assessment Results

Terra Nova Assessment

The Terra Nova Multiple Assessment is a norm-referenced, standardized test, in its fourth year of use in Rutland Northeast. A great advantage of this test is that it allows citizens to see how Rutland Northeast achievement test scores compare to the nation. Further, you can see whether a group of students is improving as compared to the nation.

In looking at the scores for your school, the national average is 50. If your grade level scores increase as you read across a line, that means that class of students improved, as compared to the national average, as they moved from one grade to the next. The bold printed number is the grade the students were in when tested in Spring, 2003. The regular print numbers are the grade levels for earlier year scores. A score of 60 for a grade level grouping is excellent and a score of 70 or above is exceptional.

Cautions: Standardized tests are important but they do not measure all the important things that we teach. They also do not test the various skills and talents of individual students. Further, attitudes, behaviors, school tone and the like are not well represented by standardized tests.

Also, year-to-year comparisons become less reliable as the number of children tested within a grade level goes down. Twenty is about the lowest stable class size and classes of less than ten show erratic score patterns.

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TerraNova Scores - Total Reading MNCE

Grade	Class Year	Spring 00	Spring 01	Spring 02	Spring 03
3	Class of 2012				59.0
3, 4	Class of 2011			63.0	
3, 4, 5	Class of 2010		71.4		62.6
3, 4, 5, 6	Class of 2009	51.8		45.3	54.3

TerraNova Scores - Total Language MNCE

Grade	Class Year	Spring 00	Spring 01	Spring 02	Spring 03
3	Class of 2012				49.3
3, 4	Class of 2011			70.0	
3, 4, 5	Class of 2010		57.4		58.4
3, 4, 5, 6	Class of 2009	49.8		46.6	46.6

TerraNova Scores - Total Math MNCE

Grade	Class Year	Spring 00	Spring 01	Spring 02	Spring 03
3	Class of 2012				57.3
3, 4	Class of 2011			63.0	
3, 4, 5	Class of 2010		65.8		58.4
3, 4, 5, 6	Class of 2009	50.2		51.9	45.3

New Standards Reference Examination

The New Standards Reference Examination is required by the State of Vermont and is administered in reading and mathematics in grades 4, 8, and 10.

The test results indicating the percent of students who "mastered" the examinations are available on the state education department's site and are not reported here. State mastery levels are not consistent from grade to grade or from year to year due to changes in test forms.

The scores below show how local students scores in relation to national averages over the past four years. The national average is set at 50, a score of 60 is excellent and a score of 70 is exceptional.

Cautions: Remember that each fourth grade class is different. These tests do not compare the same students over time like the TerraNova tests. Thus, scores will not always show a consistent pattern. Twenty is about the lowest stable class size and classes of less than ten show erratic score patterns.

New Standards Reference Exam- Grade 4 -- MNCE

	N*	Spring 2000	N*	Spring 2001	N*	Spring 2002	N*	Spring 2003
Reading	4	51	7	60	5	78	1	87
Math	4	48	7	52	5	85	1	97

*N = Number of Students Tested

Vermont Developmental Reading Assessment

The Vermont Developmental Reading Assessment is required by the State for students in Grade 2. It is a performance-based test that reports the percentage of students who met the state's second grade standard for reading.

Vermont Developmental Reading Assessment

Whiting	State
100%	82%

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools
Whiting Town School District**

Next school year brings the beginning of Act 68, the new state aid formula. This law, passed with broad bipartisan support, is seen by most folks as a significant improvement to Act 60. While exact numbers are not available as this report goes to press, early estimates show significant decreases in your school property taxes. However, the law now places technical (vocational) education costs in your local town school budget. This makes your town school budget appear to increase more than it actually does. However, rest assured that we get other revenues from the state to offset these costs.

Across the state, school enrollments are going down and we are no exception. Consequently, your board is keeping a careful eye on staffing levels and is managing this decline. Rutland Northeast schools are very close to state averages on teacher to student ratios. Whiting has offset student loss by accepting outside tuition students to our pre-school program. The teachers and school board have done a marvelous job in making this program a success. A couple of new move-ins should also help get our numbers back up.

Blue Cross/ Blue Shield rates went up 9.75%. This is a lower level of increase than in earlier years but this is still a serious problem. Many of us are disappointed that the federal and state governments have not moved on this nationwide crisis. Comprehensive health care reform is beyond the scope of school districts, businesses and most citizens to solve. For your information, our employees must pay deductibles as well as co-pay 20% of their medical expenses.

This year, we implemented a new k-12 transportation system. After the start-up problems were sorted out, the system is working well. Bus behavior is generally better for all students. (This was a concern for many parents). We still have work to do and will continue to make refinements and improvements as time goes on.

As part of our goals, we have expanded our early education programs, as noted above. Money spent in the early years is returned four-fold in later school and adult years. We now have solid options available to students throughout the supervisory union.

Another major goal is the implementation of the new federal education law. While the intentions were certainly noble, the law is drastically underfunded. What this means is an "unfunded mandate" where the costs are passed on to state and local governments. Despite Vermont's scoring an average of thirty percentile points higher than the nation (and our lead is increasing) every school in the state will ultimately be declared a "failure" due to flaws in the law. We continue to work with our state and federal governments on these issues. The Rutland Northeast board asked us to look at whether we should reject the federal money because the costs outweigh the benefits.

We can take justifiable pride in many of our stellar student performances. They match the best in the nation. At the same time, we are just as concerned with giving the best opportunities to all children. Thus, we have focused on alternative settings. Our goal is for every child to be a productive contributing member of society.

In service, we have concentrated on improving our classroom assessment practices. We have good performance on standardized tests but the numbers we test each year are so small that it is hard to draw conclusions. However, if active community support and a good learning environment are our measure, then we are certainly succeeding.

The Whiting board meets on the second Thursday at 6:30pm at the school. We welcome your participation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any of your board members.

Respectfully Submitted,

William J. Mathis
Superintendent of Schools

Whiting Treasurer in Account with School Fund
 July 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003

Balance Forward	\$ 25,438.26
<u>Receipts</u>	<u>572,868.38</u>
Total Receipts	598,306.64
<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>472,826.17</u>
Total on hand Jan. 1, 2004	\$125,480.47

WHITING SCHOOL PROPOSED BUDGET 2004-2005

ACCOUNT NAME	2001-2002 ACTUAL	2002-2003 ACTUAL	2003-2004 BUDGET		2004-2005 PROPOSED
EST. FUND BALANCE FWD.	0.00	16,559.83	0.00	<u>DUE TO</u>	0.00
PROPERTY TAX	73,663.00	77,543.00	105,853.00	<u>ACT 68</u>	0.00
INTEREST EARNED	1,980.96	843.71	799.83	<u>CHANGES,</u>	800.00
				<u>REVENUES</u>	
TUITION INCOME	0.00	0.00	0.00	<u>CANNOT</u>	0.00
HOMESTEAD REVENUE TO TOWNS				<u>BE</u>	171,585.89
GENERAL STATE SUPPORT GRANT/ EDUCATIONAL SPENDING REVENUES FROM STATE	401,899.00	395,465.00	393,931.00	<u>DIRECTLY</u>	383,743.59
NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAXES				<u>COMPARED</u>	77,488.01
GRANT FOR TECHNICAL CENTERS					17,174.00
REVENUE FROM THE EDUCATION FUND	55,187.00	57,327.00	71,198.00		0.00
SPECIAL ED	76,946.16	68,630.18	80,990.27	<u>WITH</u>	90,267.37
TRANSPORTATION AID	11,447.00	13,440.00	9,033.30	<u>PRIOR</u>	10,343.00
DEBT SERVICE AID	984.00	960.00	786.00	<u>YEARS</u>	0.00
SMALL SCHOOLS GRANT	34,250.00	44,016.00	37,250.00		35,750.00
PRIOR YEAR REFUNDS/VSBIT REFUND	7,268.68	1,704.05	0.00		0.00
TOTAL WHITING TOWN SCHOOL REVENUES	663,625.80	676,488.77	699,841.40		787,151.86

WHITING SCHOOL PROPOSED BUDGET 2004-2005

CODE NBR.	ACCOUNT NAME	2001-2002 ACTUAL	2002-2003 ACTUAL	2003-2004 BUDGET	2004-2005 PROPOSED
24-001-2011	BOARD SALARIES	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00
24-001-2089	MISC BOARD EXPENSE/VSBA	587.50	1,210.05	500.00	500.00
24-001-2010	TREASURER	300.00	300.00	550.00	550.00
24-001-2012	TREASURER SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
24-001-2036	LEGAL SERVICES	275.62	3,857.32	100.00	0.00
24-001-2037	AUDIT SERVICES	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
24-001-2055	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	194.91	256.76	200.00	200.00
24-001-2509	OFFICE SUPPLIES	248.88	19.90	200.00	0.00
SUB-TOTAL		2,656.91	8,194.03	2,650.00	2,300.00
24-001-2511	TEACHER SALARIES	111,788.04	107,050.24	112,269.00	115,282.50
24-001-2516	SUMMER SCHOOL & PROJECT NORTHLANDS	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00
24-001-2514	TEACHER ASSISTANTS	14,205.10	14,346.73	13,932.92	14,212.92
24-001-2528	TEACHER ASSISTANTS - BUSING SUPER.	0.00	1,369.98	1,911.83	1,893.45
24-001-2512	TEACHER SUBSTITUTE SALARIES	2,441.07	535.76	415.00	415.00
24-001-2558	SCHOOL SECRETARY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24-001-2563	TEXTBOOKS	304.02	817.93	250.00	250.00
24-001-2566	LEARNING RESOURCES MATERIAL	4,106.39	3,747.02	2,000.00	2,000.00
24-001-2569	COMPUTER SOFTWARE/HARDWARE	647.22	3,293.24	500.00	500.00
24-001-2515	GUIDANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24-001-2589	PHYSICAL ED SUPPLIES	0.00	35.25	200.00	0.00
24-001-2531	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	932.12	1,115.03	400.00	400.00
24-001-2532	IN-SERVICE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24-001-2560	LIBRARY BOOKS	656.19	1,079.19	500.00	500.00
24-001-2506	PHYSICAL EDUCATION SALARIES	3,953.68	3,750.32	3,670.00	4,400.00
24-001-2507	CO-CURRICULAR/PLAYGROUND	659.72	400.00	750.00	400.00
24-001-2513	MUSIC /ARTS	8,072.48	8,286.72	8,500.00	8,800.00
24-001-2528	LIBRARY SALARIES	0.00	1,664.54	750.00	750.00
24-001-2510	PRINCIPAL SALARIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUB-TOTAL		147,766.03	147,491.95	146,198.75	149,803.87
24-001-2519	NURSE SALARY	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
24-001-2530	NURSE SUPPLIES	63.15	31.42	75.00	75.00
24-001-3033	PHYSICALS & FLU SHOTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24-001-3058	TRAVEL - HEALTH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUB-TOTAL		63.15	31.42	75.00	6,075.00
24-001-3516	DRIVER SALARIES	381.94	416.53	0.00	0.00
24-001-3521	DRIVER BENEFITS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24-001-3428	DRIVER DRUG TESTING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24-001-3518	DRIVER-SUBS SALARIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24-001-3520	DRIVER BENEFITS	29.21	487.05	0.00	0.00
24-001-3543	MAINTENANCE	226.16	0.00	0.00	0.00
24-001-3552	BUS INSURANCE	778.16	0.00	0.00	0.00
24-001-3562	GASOLINE	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24-001-3573	BUS REPLACEMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24-000-1-666	TRANSPORTATION ASSESSMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,350.04
24-001-3355	OVUHS TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT	4,088.47	6,765.76	1,844.00	0.00
SUB-TOTAL		5,563.94	7,669.34	1,844.00	7,350.04

WHITING SCHOOL PROPOSED BUDGET 2004-2005

CODE NBR. ACCOUNT NAME	2001-2002 ACTUAL	2002-2003 ACTUAL	2003-2004 BUDGET	2004-2005 PROPOSED
24-001-4053 TELEPHONE	1,366.67	878.70	200.00	200.00
24-001-4067 ELECTRICITY	3,343.69	2,945.34	3,200.00	3,000.00
24-001-4068 HEATING FUEL	2,421.70	6,842.65	2,500.00	2,500.00
24-001-4011 CUSTODIAL SALARIES	5,657.03	6,473.33	6,237.50	7,400.00
24-001-4012 VACATION CUSTODIAL	0.00	0.00	515.00	0.00
24-001-4043 REPAIR OF BUILDING	3,715.00	10,720.98	2,265.00	1,265.00
24-001-4061 CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	1,527.68	1,090.91	1,000.00	1,000.00
24-001-4045 RUBBISH	651.00	688.75	700.00	500.00
24-001-4046 UPKEEP OF GROUNDS	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
24-001-4042 CONTRACTED SERVICES	2,584.21	1,499.00	1,600.00	1,500.00
24-001-4044 REPAIR OF EQUIPMENT	369.00	39.79	0.00	0.00
24-001-4552 PROPERTY INSURANCE	2,607.40	2,461.72	2,800.00	4,460.85
SUB-TOTAL	24,243.38	34,641.17	22,017.50	22,825.85
24-001-4521 HEALTH INSURANCE	30,044.16	33,438.97	37,296.54	40,563.82
24-001-4522 SOCIAL SECURITY	6,766.87	6,751.90	8,260.41	7,085.34
24-001-4513 MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	640.07	717.03	634.79	684.25
24-001-4525 WORKMAN'S COMP	917.58	299.97	1,198.31	485.56
24-001-4526 UNEMPLOYMENT	82.00	73.79	89.66	28.99
24-001-4535 DENTAL INSURANCE	1,019.04	1,154.68	1,463.11	1,499.80
SUB-TOTAL	39,469.72	42,436.34	48,942.82	50,347.77
24-001-6582 INTEREST	129.50	68.88	350.40	100.00
SUB-TOTAL	129.50	68.88	350.40	100.00
TOTAL ELEMENTARY BUDGET	219,892.63	240,533.13	222,078.47	238,802.52
24-001-6656 SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT	61,247.71	52,099.39	63,481.86	58,988.38
24-001-6057 RNESU ASSESSMENT	25,323.66	23,722.48	27,142.89	28,070.54
24-001-6500 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	11,467.74	13,258.69	11,762.09	28,522.80
TOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURES	98,039.11	89,080.56	102,386.84	115,581.72
TOTAL WHITING ELEMENTARY DISTRICT	317,931.74	329,613.69	324,465.31	354,384.24
TOTAL OTTER VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL	335,128.77	331,818.71	375,376.09	432,767.62
TOTAL WHITING TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT	653,060.51	661,432.40	699,841.40	787,151.86

**RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION
2004-2005 ASSESSMENT CALCULATION**

TOTAL ASSESSMENT TO BE CALCULATED FY 2005

\$787,455.96

SCHOOL DISTRICT	40-DAY ADM-10/03	PERCENT	AMOUNT
BRANDON	708.51	39.19%	308,584.30
CHITTENDEN	155.46	8.60%	67,709.02
GOSHEN	30.47	1.69%	13,270.90
LEICESTER	165.01	9.13%	71,868.42
MENDON	138.86	7.68%	60,479.06
PITTSFORD	471.26	26.07%	205,252.49
SUDBURY	73.98	4.09%	32,221.23
WHITING	64.45	3.56%	28,070.54
	1808.00	100.00%	787,455.96

TOTAL ASSESSMENT CALCULATED FY 2004

\$773,912.68

SCHOOL DISTRICT	40-DAY ADM-10/02	PERCENT	AMOUNT	CHANGE	PERCENT
BRANDON	736.74	40.00%	309,554.99	(970.68)	-0.31%
CHITTENDEN	144.60	7.85%	60,756.37	6,952.64	11.44%
GOSHEN	33.91	1.84%	14,247.92	(977.02)	-6.86%
LEICESTER	173.22	8.40%	72,781.60	(913.18)	-1.25%
MENDON	134.80	7.32%	56,638.72	3,840.33	6.78%
PITTSFORD	475.55	25.82%	199,811.16	5,441.33	2.72%
SUDBURY	78.49	4.26%	32,979.03	(757.80)	-2.30%
WHITING	64.60	3.51%	27,142.89	927.65	3.42%
	1841.91	100.00%	773,912.68	13,543.28	1.75%

**RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION
2004-2005 BUDGET WORKSHEET**

ACCOUNT NAME	2001/2002 ACTUAL	2002/2003 ACTUAL	2003/2004 BUDGET	2004/2005 PROPOSED
EST. FUND BALANCE FWD.	34,984.77	23,811.96	8,000.00	29,114.94
ASSESSMENTS	722,030.71	769,746.16	773,912.68	787,455.96
INTEREST INCOME	15,324.33	6,293.01	10,000.00	6,000.00
GRANT REIMBURSEMENTS (TITLE 1 & CSR)	8,015.00	8,015.00	37,531.00	35,215.00
PRIOR YEAR REFUNDS	0.00	1,434.63	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	780,354.81	809,300.76	829,443.68	857,785.80

EXPENDITURE RECAP

TOTAL PUPIL SUPPORT	23,395.97	17,802.30	28,400.00	28,400.00
TOTAL CURR & STAFF DEVEL	197,900.41	199,385.60	238,775.47	247,630.39
TOTAL BOARD EXPENSES	6,928.54	14,674.61	12,700.00	20,500.00
TOTAL SUPT'S. OFFICE	156,421.44	161,390.25	166,717.87	171,407.42
TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS	105,142.55	101,314.19	109,911.71	119,104.96
TOTAL BUSINESS OFFICE	182,375.83	184,240.74	192,227.03	198,618.85
TOTAL MAINT./REPAIRS	86,014.47	93,378.13	80,711.60	72,124.27
GRAND TOTALS	758,179.21	772,185.82	829,443.68	857,785.90

**RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION
2004-2005 BUDGET WORKSHEET**

ACCOUNT NAME	2001/2002 ACTUAL	2002/2003 ACTUAL	2003/2004 BUDGET	2004/2005 PROPOSED
PUPIL SUPPORT				
BB PATH ADVANCE	457.40	733.70	400.00	400.00
STANDARDIZED TESTING	22,938.57	17,068.60	28,000.00	28,000.00
TOTAL PUPIL SUPPORT	23,395.97	17,802.30	28,400.00	28,400.00
CURR & STAFF DEVEL				
SECRETARY	22,088.30	22,972.18	23,660.94	24,370.77
TECHNOLOGY	34,284.84	35,100.00	57,440.80	63,448.00
CURRICULUM FICA	10,334.81	10,829.61	12,643.14	13,350.16
CURRICULUM HEALTH	26,293.00	20,294.25	29,593.73	28,433.90
CURRICULUM DENTAL	658.13	1,045.08	1,478.68	1,605.78
CURRICULUM WORKERS COMP	0.00	0.00	743.71	506.08
CURRICULUM UNEMPLOYMENT	213.13	233.20	304.00	128.00
CURRICULUM RETIREMENT	3,290.73	3,533.83	4,599.61	4,951.79
DIRECTOR SALARIES	65,865.54	68,500.12	70,555.11	72,671.76
TUITION/WORKSHOP REIMBURSEMENT	4,656.42	3,675.38	7,500.00	7,500.00
TRAVEL- C & SD OFFICE	2,797.37	4,061.47	4,000.00	4,000.00
DUES	615.78	335.00	500.00	500.00
DISTRICT FESTIVALS	1,274.44	0.00	500.00	500.00
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	218.13	0.00	250.00	250.00
IN-SERVICE - INSTRUCT STAFF	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
MEDIA CLERK	14,518.08	16,936.58	13,613.00	14,021.39
DISTRICT MULTI MEDIA SUPPLIES	10,791.71	11,868.90	10,892.75	10,892.75
TOTAL CURR & STAFF DEVEL	197,900.41	199,385.60	238,775.47	247,630.39
BOARD EXPENSES				
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HONORARIA	700.00	2,400.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
MANDATORY EMPLOYMENT TESTING	648.00	552.00	900.00	900.00
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EXPENSE	1,567.90	837.35	1,100.00	1,100.00
LEGAL SERVICES	1,445.96	2,417.26	2,000.00	2,000.00
DUE PROCESS INSURANCE COVERAGE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PLAN	0.00	1,318.00	1,700.00	6,000.00
NEGOTIATING EXPENSES/PORTFOLIO TRAINING	330.11	0.00	500.00	4,000.00
COMMUNITY SURVEY/WEB DESIGN	236.57	0.00	0.00	0.00
DISTRICTS FIXED ASSET INVENTORY	0.00	5,050.00	0.00	0.00
AUDIT	2,000.00	2,100.00	2,900.00	2,900.00
TOTAL BOARD EXPENSES	6,928.54	14,674.61	12,700.00	20,500.00
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE				
SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	91,324.74	94,977.74	97,827.18	100,762.00
PERSONNEL OFFICER	27,301.56	28,393.56	29,245.35	30,122.71
SUPERINTENDENT ADMIN ASST	27,301.56	27,655.29	29,245.35	30,122.71
SUPT OFFICE - SUBSTITUTES	0.00	1,436.00	500.00	500.00
SUPERINTENDENT PROFESSIONAL DEV.	746.50	1,387.95	1,200.00	1,200.00
SUPERINTENDENT - TRAVEL & WORKSHOPS	4,165.69	3,890.77	4,000.00	4,000.00
SUPERINTENDENT DUES	1,281.00	539.94	700.00	700.00
GRANT WRITING COSTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
VSA SERVICE FEE	3,104.00	3,109.00	3,100.00	3,100.00
PUBLICATIONS	1,196.39	0.00	900.00	900.00
TOTAL SUPT'S. OFFICE	156,421.44	161,390.25	166,717.87	171,407.42

**RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION
2004-2005 BUDGET WORKSHEET**

ACCOUNT NAME	2001/2002 ACTUAL	2002/2003 ACTUAL	2003/2004 BUDGET	2004/2005 PROPOSED
FRINGE BENEFITS SUPT & BUS OFFICES				
HEALTH INSURANCE	67,997.11	64,079.70	66,851.32	76,207.89
SOCIAL SECURITY	20,759.59	22,244.51	23,506.15	24,510.92
ADMIN. INSURANCE	2,896.29	2,513.01	2,900.00	2,900.00
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	9,745.40	9,986.35	10,910.89	11,418.21
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	1,317.64	907.80	1,422.20	954.47
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	428.91	418.70	486.40	204.80
DENTAL INSURANCE	1,652.56	1,004.56	2,334.75	2,408.67
CLERICAL IN-SERVICE/WORKSHOPS/CLASSES	345.05	159.56	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS	105,142.55	101,314.19	109,911.71	119,104.96
BUSINESS OFFICE				
POSTAGE	5,956.56	2,989.64	5,000.00	4,000.00
ADVERTISING	6,639.06	5,612.14	6,000.00	6,000.00
SUPPLIES	9,660.03	8,224.52	11,500.00	10,500.00
OFFICE EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	2,139.60	1,800.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
SOFTWARE/HARDWARE	4,415.20	5,998.98	4,000.00	4,000.00
BUSINESS MANAGERS SALARY	61,537.06	63,998.48	65,918.43	67,895.98
MANAGER SECRETARY SALARY	4,352.40	9,399.69	9,324.52	9,604.27
TUITION/DUES BUSINESS MGR.	887.19	895.58	1,000.00	1,000.00
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	33,184.84	34,512.40	35,547.71	36,614.14
BOOKKEEPER SALARIES	26,837.44	21,817.52	22,242.51	22,909.79
BOOKKEEPER SALARIES	24,919.70	25,916.28	26,693.86	31,094.68
PRINTING	670.00	1,397.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
TRAVEL - OFFICE STAFF	1,176.75	1,678.51	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOTAL BUSINESS OFFICE	182,375.83	184,240.74	192,227.03	198,618.85
MAINT./OPERATIONS				
TELEPHONE	5,974.49	6,153.68	8,000.00	7,000.00
ELECTRICITY	8,532.52	8,861.60	9,000.00	9,000.00
LEASE/PURCHASE PAYMENT	32,100.00	32,100.00	1.00	0.00
PARKING LOT RESURFACING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HEAT	3,401.13	4,793.51	6,000.00	6,000.00
UPKEEP OF GROUND (PLOW/MOW)	2,970.60	3,511.00	2,500.00	3,500.00
WATER & SEWER	468.84	406.25	500.00	500.00
GARBAGE REMOVAL	1,097.40	1,172.16	1,100.00	1,100.00
CUSTODIAN SALARIES	6,476.04	7,744.50	7,438.50	8,536.76
CUSTODIAN FICA	495.27	592.43	569.05	653.06
CUSTODIAN HEALTH	0.00	0.00	1,569.41	1,766.58
CUSTODIAN DENTAL	0.00	0.00	102.76	102.76
CUSTODIAN UNEMPLOYMENT	0.00	54.80	56.53	25.60
CUSTODIAN WORKERS COMP	195.57	297.40	392.75	293.66
CUSTODIAN RETIREMENT	254.80	297.56	371.93	426.84
ASBESTOS MAINTENANCE	0.00	2,000.00	300.00	300.00
BUILDING REPAIRS	10,682.01	11,734.25	23,500.00	15,000.00
CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	552.07	791.49	800.00	800.00
MAINT. CONTRACTS/EQUIP. REPAIR	11,600.05	11,229.21	16,500.00	14,000.00
INSURANCE - PROPERTY/LIABILITY	1,213.68	1,638.29	2,009.67	3,120.00
TOTAL MAINT./REPAIRS	86,014.47	93,378.13	80,711.60	72,124.27
GRAND TOTALS	758,179.21	772,185.82	829,443.68	867,785.90

**Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union
Proposed FY2005
Special Services Funding - Grant Revenues and Assessments**

**FY2005 Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union
District Wide Transportation
Proposed Budget and Assessments**

	Budget FY2004	Proposed FY2005
Driver Coordination	30,000.00	30,400.00
Drivers Salary	189,447.51	188,679.28
Drivers Subs	18,178.48	21,388.00
Drivers Health Insurance	37,271.44	30,786.71
Drivers FICA	18,648.39	18,395.69
Driver Retirement	5,112.24	6,043.64
Driver Workers Comp	16,713.67	20,314.51
Driver Unemployment	2,784.00	551.17
Driver Dental	1,447.55	1,282.14
Driver Physical/Licensing/Rx Testing	2,500.00	2,500.00
Bus Office Supplies	0.00	500.00
Bus Miscellaneous	2,000.00	2,000.00
Bus Maintenance 1-24	69,750.00	72,000.00
Insurance	28,738.00	21,840.00
Fuel Storage	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bus Fuel	35,000.00	35,000.00
Bus Leases	112,204.01	84,000.00
YR 1 Rounding Assessments	3,408.73	
	552,204.02	546,659.02

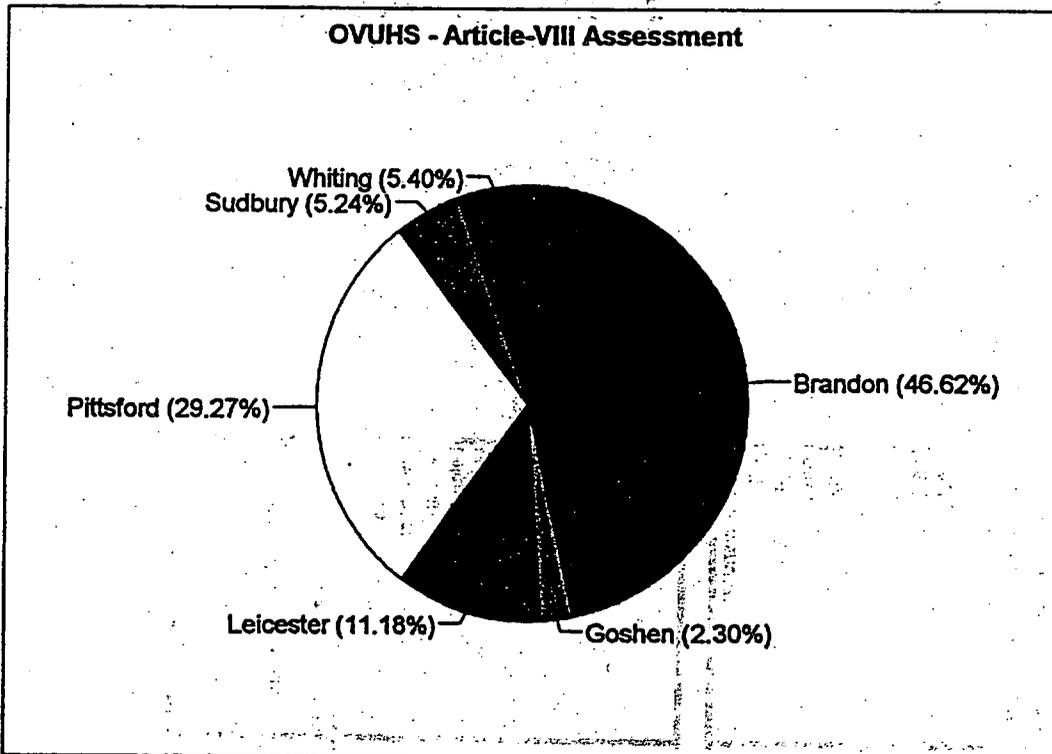
	40 Day ADM	ADM Percentage	FY2004 Assessment	FY2005 Assessment
Assessments -With ALL Lease Payments			552,204.02	546,659.02
Brandon	328.85	23.04%	125,583.07	125,928.81
Goshen	12.00	0.84%	6,394.67	4,593.77
Lelcester	73.65	5.16%	31,939.84	28,194.28
OVUHS	745.67	52.22%	283,575.51	285,453.24
Pittsford	216.63	16.10%	82,992.89	82,548.28
Sudbury	32.90	2.30%	13,519.74	12,594.60
Whiting	19.20	1.34%	8,198.30	7,350.04
	1428.00	100.00%	552,204.02	546,659.02

Total Sped Assessments	\$4,127,513.26	FY2005 Proposed Total Assessments	\$4,127,513.26
Brandon			\$978,731.23
Chittenden			\$34,724.55
Goshen			\$32,467.98
Lelcester			\$199,024.84
Mendon			\$31,864.17
Pittsford			\$616,769.31
Sudbury			\$85,070.02
Whiting			\$88,888.38
OVUHS			\$1,817,697.69
Barstow			\$371,274.80
			\$4,127,513.26

Grant Revenues:	\$30,639.33
EI	\$20,376.00
EEE-IDEA/B	\$645,807.48
Title I	\$350,749.20
IDEA/B	\$215,851.74
Medical	\$12,614.07
EPSDT	\$210,707.42
CSR	\$85,860.02
C&C	\$1,482,604.26
	\$5,610,117.53
Total Special Services	\$5,610,117.53

**OTTER VALLEY ASSESSMENT CALCULATION
ARTICLE VIII - 2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR**

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>40 Day Average Daily Membership</u>	<u>Percent of Assessment</u>	<u>Town Assessment</u>
Brandon	347.6	46.62%	23,307.90
Goshen	17.15	2.30%	1,149.97
Leicester	83.36	11.18%	5,589.60
Pittsford	218.23	29.27%	14,633.15
Sudbury	39.08	5.24%	2,620.46
Whiting	40.25	5.40%	2,698.92
	745.67	100.00%	50,000.00

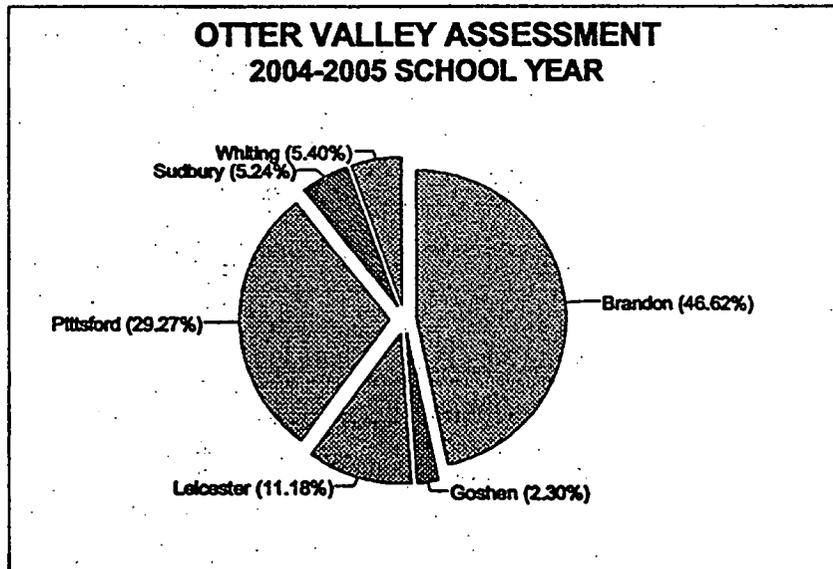


**OTTER VALLEY ASSESSMENT CALCULATION
2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR**

TOWN	40 Day Average Daily Membership			PERCENT OF ASSESSMENT		
	2002	2003	CHANGE	2002	2003	CHANGE
Brandon	362	347.6	-14.4	47.95%	46.62%	-1.33%
Goshen	16	17.15	1.15	2.12%	2.30%	0.18%
Lelcester	77	83.36	6.36	10.20%	11.18%	0.98%
Pittsford	223	218.23	-4.77	29.54%	29.27%	-0.27%
Sudbury	39	39.08	0.08	5.17%	5.24%	0.08%
Whiting	38	40.25	2.25	5.03%	5.40%	0.36%
	755	745.67	-9.33	100.00%	100.00%	-0.00%

TOWN	2003-2004	2004-2005	CHANGE	%
Brandon	3,575,951.18	3,737,391.89	161,440.71	4.51%
Goshen	158,053.09	184,396.64	26,343.55	16.67%
Lelcester	760,630.50	896,285.93	135,655.43	17.83%
Pittsford	2,202,864.95	2,346,406.88	143,541.93	6.52%
Sudbury	385,254.41	420,187.79	34,933.38	9.07%
Whiting	375,376.09	432,767.62	57,391.53	15.29%
	7,458,130.22	8,017,436.73	559,306.51	7.50%

TOWN	2004-2005 DEBT SERVICE	2004-2005 REGULAR	2004-2005 TOTAL ASSMT
Brandon	52,338.59	3,685,053.30	3,737,391.89
Goshen	2,582.30	181,814.34	184,396.64
Lelcester	12,551.62	883,734.30	896,285.93
Pittsford	32,859.18	2,313,547.70	2,346,406.88
Sudbury	5,884.33	414,303.46	420,187.79
Whiting	6,060.50	426,707.12	432,767.62
	112,276.51	7,905,160.22	8,017,436.73



WHITING TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARNING

The legal voters of Whiting Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in Whiting, Vermont on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 7:15 p.m. to transact the following business.

- ARTICLE I To elect the necessary School District Officers:
 - a. A Moderator
 - b. A school district Treasurer for a term of one year.
 - c. A Town school director for a term of three (3) years.
 - d. A Town school director for a term of two (2) years.

- ARTICLE II To receive and act upon the report of the School District Officers.

- ARTICLE III To see if the voters of the Whiting Town School District will vote to exempt the Whiting Town School from the requirement to operate a school breakfast and lunch program.

- ARTICLE IV To see if the voters of the Whiting Town School District will appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and Twenty- Four Cents (\$354,384.24) for the 2004-2005 school year. The amount of such sum to be raised by taxes to be offset by special education revenues, state aid and other incomes.

- ARTICLE V To see if the Whiting Town School District will authorize its Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of taxes to meet the obligations of the Whiting Town School District as approved under Article III.

- ARTICLE VI To transact any other business proper to be done when met.

Dated at Whiting, Vermont, this 8th day of January 2004.

WHITING BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

- Paul Quesnel, Chair 2006
- Tracy Simonds, Clerk 2004
- Carol Brigham 2005
- Cindy Crawford 2006
- Steve Quinn 2004

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Whiting, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Whiting, Vermont on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 7:15 o'clock PM or immediately following the school meeting to transact the following business.

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To receive and act upon the report of the Town Officers.

Article 3. Will the Town elect the Officers as required by law in the following order:

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| A. Selectman for 3 years | G. Library Trustee for 3 years |
| B. Selectman for 1 year | H. Road Commissioner |
| C. Lister for 3 years | I. First Constable |
| D. Lister for 1 years | J. Second Constable |
| E. Auditor for 3 years | K. Grand Juror |
| F. Collector of Delinquent Taxes | L. Town Agent |
| F. Library Trustee for 3 years | |

Article 4. Will the Town give the Delinquent Tax Collector the power to collect the delinquent taxes?

Article 5. Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real property taxes to the Treasurer on or before December 1, 2004?

Article 6. Will the Town vote to grant a discount not to exceed 4% on all taxes if paid in hand (to the Town Treasurer) by the following dates: rates of discount on various dates to be 4% on or before August 1st, 3% - September 1st, 2% - November 1st, and taxes to become delinquent after December 1st?

Article 7. Will the Town appropriate \$300 to the Selectmen to pay for training an EMT in memory of Morris "Sandy" Sanders?

Article 8. Will the Town appropriate \$210,852.48 expenses and indebtedness of the Town of which \$106,689.25 will come from taxes?

Article 9. To transact any nonbinding business deemed necessary and proper when met.

SELECTMEN

Gary Freeguard - Chairman
Doug Freeguard
Steve Quenneville

[Handwritten signatures and dates]
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Montpelier, Vt 05602