

# 149<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 2003



The Town Of  
Whitingham, Vermont

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**The Academy-** Built in 1899 and consumed by fire in 2003.

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We respectfully dedicate this Town Report  
to

## **Martie Fox**

Retired in 2003  
after 40 years of service at the Whitingham School

Martie joined the School in 1963 and worked as an Administrative Assistant until 1997. She then became School Business Manager until she retired in September 2003. Martie was a friend and conscience to all who entered the school. People looked to Martie for her sound advice and counsel. She had the natural ability to command and receive respect from parents, students, staff and the community. The School faculty and students miss her quick wit, friendliness, helpfulness, and selfless dedication to the students and staff.



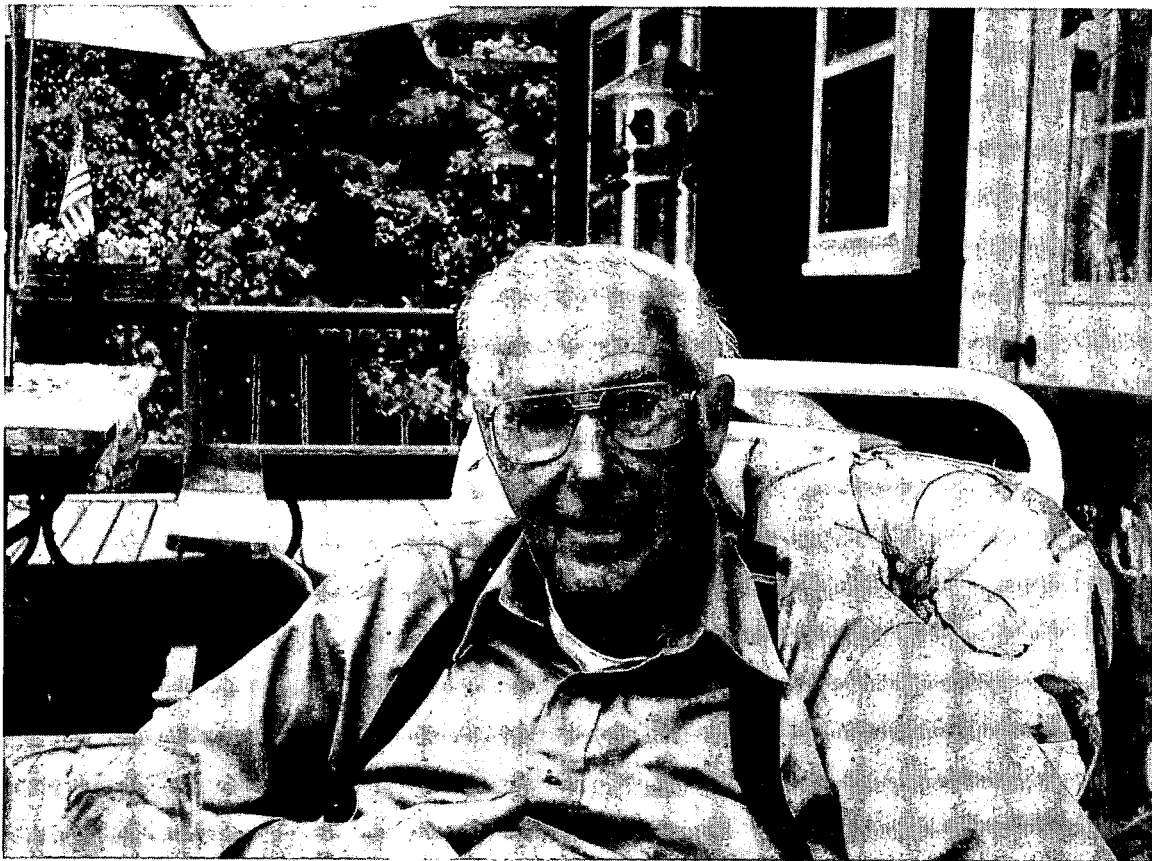
**Martie was Whitingham School.**

**PRENTICE (Peanut) PUTNAM**

**May 12, 1914 – November 20, 2003**

Peanut Putnam was known throughout the area as a “people person.” He was a friend and good neighbor to everyone.

There was not a person, young or old, who Peanut didn’t like or who didn’t like him. He will be missed by one and all.



# **WHITINGHAM TOWN INFORMATION** **HOURS ABOUT TOWN**

## **Health Officer:**

Monday & Wednesday 9am-2pm  
 Other Days As needed or by arrangement

## **Landfill:**

Sunday 12pm – 4pm  
 Tuesday 9am-2pm; 5:00pm-7:00pm  
 Thursday & Saturday 9am-2pm  
 Closed every Holiday

## **Library:**

Monday 10am-4pm  
 Wednesday 2pm-5pm  
 Thursday 2pm-6pm  
 Saturday 10am-2pm

## **Post Offices:**

**Jacksonville** Monday-Friday 7:30am-12:30pm; 2pm-4:30pm  
 Saturday 7:30am-11:30pm

**Whitingham** Monday-Friday 7:45am-12:00pm; 1:30pm-4:30pm  
 Saturday 7:45am-11:30pm

## **Selectboard's Office:**

Monday and Wednesday 9am-2pm

## **Town Clerk's Office:**

Monday-Friday 9am-2pm  
 Wednesday 5:30pm-7:30pm  
 First Saturday of Month 9am-2pm

## **Zoning Administrator:**

Wednesday 5:30pm-7:30pm  
 Friday As needed or by arrangement

## **Telephone Numbers:**

Constable 368-7126  
 Emergency-Statewide 911  
 Fireman's Association 368-2900  
 Health Officer 368-2838 a/h 368-2211  
 Highway Department 368-2466  
 Library 368-7506  
 Selectboard's Office 368-2838/7887  
 Sewer Department 368-7538  
 State Police 254-2382  
 Tax Collector 368-7887  
 Town Clerk 368-7887  
 Zoning Administrator 368-7887 a/h 368-2733  
 Bennington County Sheriff's Department 1-888-289-5654  
 Windham County Sheriff's Department 1-800/521-STAR

**Permits Required:**

**Zoning Permit** for any construction or addition.

Fee Required. See Zoning Administrator.

**Health Permit** for any new or modification to sewage disposal systems.

Fee Required. See Health Officer.

**Driveway Permit** for any new 'curb' cuts. See Road Commissioner.

**Transfer Station Permits and Token Cards** required for use of Town Transfer Station. Fee Required. See Town Clerk for permits and token cards or Whitingham Country Store for tokens only.

**Dogs** must be licensed by April 1st. Fee Required. See Town Clerk.

Delinquent penalties April 2nd.

**TOWN OF WHITINGHAM  
STATE OF VERMONT, WINDHAM COUNTY, SS**

**CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION AND APPOINTMENTS**

**BE IT REMEMBERED,** At meetings of the Selectboard, the following officers and committees were appointed to serve for the term indicated or until another person shall be appointed to serve for the term indicated or until another person shall be appointed in his or her stead.

	Term Expires:
<b>CHAIR, SELECTBOARD</b>	
Norman O. Stevens, resigned	2006
Norman O. Stevens, reappointed	2004
<b>FIRE WARDEN</b>	
Lyman W. Teft, resigned	
Allan L. Twitchell, appointed	2004
<b>FIRE CHIEF</b>	
Stanley Janovsky Jr.	2004
<b>FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF</b>	
Donald R. Boyd	2004
<b>CAPTAINS</b>	
Michael Stevens, David Briggs	2004
<b>LIEUTENANT</b>	
Roy Corse	2004
<b>TREE WARDEN</b>	
Eric G. Boyd	2004
<b>FENCE VIEWERS</b>	
Lee B. Kingsley, Clyde Twitchell and Steven Morse	2004
<b>TOWN HILL COMMITTEE</b>	
Raymond S. Boyd, Keith A. Bronson, Steve P. Betit	
Frank J. Dix, Alan K. Hadley	2004
<b>MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE</b>	
Reginald L. Fox, Stewart B. Reynolds, Donald M. Washburn	2004
<b>CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR</b>	
Allan L. Twitchell	2004
<b>WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES</b>	
Reginald L. Maynard	2004
<b>SERVICE OFFICER</b>	
Blanche Mills	2004
<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b>	
Earle S. Holland Jr. resigned	2003
Lynette Masters, appointed (3 year term)	2006
<b>FIRST CONSTABLE</b>	
Kenneth Hunkler	2004
<b>TOWN NURSE</b>	
Jane Boyd	2004



**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Earle S. Holland Jr., resigned 2004  
Seth Boyd, appointed 2004

**TOWN COUNCIL**

Gale & Corum, Mabie & Cook 2004

**LEGAL NEWSPAPER**

Deerfield Valley News  
Brattleboro Reformer, alternate 2004

**TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION**

Seth D. Boyd, Chair 2006  
Bruce H. Harris 2006  
David R. Briggs 2005  
Karl Twitchell 2005  
Michael T. Hammer 2004  
Jennifer W. Herrick, resigned 2004  
Linda A. Donaghue, appointed 2005  
Reginald L. Maynard 2004  
M. Conrad Lanoue, resigned 2006  
Brad Lackey, appointed 2006

One vacancy

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Dana Friedman 2004  
David L. Lawrence 2004  
Arnold Coombs, resigned 2005  
Lyman Tefft, appointed 2005  
Dana Dix 2005  
Donna Friedman, resigned 2004  
Marshall Dix, appointed 2005  
Carl W. Jillson 2004  
Ken Hunkler 2008

**WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

Wayne C. Corse 2004

**HOUSING REHABILITATION COMMITTEE**

Linda A. Donaghue, Richard M. Tefft 2004

**SEWER COMMISSION**

Richard M. Tefft 2006  
Rosemary Tefft, resigned  
Peter Madden, appointed 2005  
Stewart Reynolds 2005  
Michael Bryant-Brown, resigned  
Lyman Tefft, appointed 2004  
Kimberly Tine, resigned  
One Vacancy 2004

Witness our hand at Whitingham, Vermont, this 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2004.  
*Steven A. Morse, Keith A. Bronson, Allan L. Twitchell, Blanche F. Mills.*  
Selectboard, Town of Whitingham, Vermont.

**OFFICERS FOR THE TOWN OF WHITINGHAM  
FOR THE YEAR 2003**

		Term in Office	Term Expires
<b>MODERATOR:</b>	Leon L. Corse	1	2004
<b>TOWN CLERK:</b>	Earle S. Holland Jr., resigned	3	2004
	Almira L. Aekus., appointed	1	2004
<b>TOWN TREASURER:</b>	Reita L. Havreluk	1	2004
<b>SELECTBOARD:</b>	Norman O. Stevens., resigned	3	2006
	Norman O. Stevens., appointed	1	2004
	Allan L. Twitchell	3	2005
	Steven A. Morse	2	2004
	Keith A. Bronson	3	2005
	Blanche F. Mills	3	2004
<b>LISTERS:</b>	Clyde C. Twitchell	3	2005
	Steven A. Wrathall	2	2006
	Faith E. Powell	3	2004
<b>AUDITORS:</b>	Kenneth Hedberg	3	2005
	Sherry Adams	3	2004
	Vacant		
<b>TAX COLLECTOR:</b>	Almira L. Aekus	1	2004
<b>TOWN AGENT:</b>	Susan Cooke-Johnson	1	2004
<b>TOWN GRAND JUROR:</b>	Susan Cooke-Johnson	1	2004
<b>ROAD COMMISSIONER:</b>	Donald R. Boyd	1	2004
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES:</b>	James A. Cormier	5	2004
	Elizabeth E. Hanlon	5	2008
	Luella F. Thompson	5	2006
	Stella A. Stevens	5	2005
	Heidi W. Lawrence	5	2007
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:</b>			
	Richard S. Allen	3	2004
	Donald M. Washburn	3	2005
	Robert E. Durfey	3	2006
<b>JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:</b>	Earle S. Holland III., Edward J. Mangold, Elizabeth W McKinley, Terry A. Morse, Vanda N. Warner, Donald Washburn and Robert G. Coombs.		

**OFFICERS FOR WHITINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT**

<b>MODERATOR:</b>	Leon L. Corse	1	2004
<b>SCHOOL DIRECTORS:</b>	Linda A. Corse	3	2005
	Douglas W. Bartlett	1	2004
	Seth D. Boyd	2	2005
	Edward C. Metcalfe., Jr	3	2004
	Brent E. Betit	3	2006

**Abstract of Minutes**  
**Annual Town Meeting**  
**March 4, 2003**  
(Prepared by Auditors)

Article 1: Town Officer Reports  
Voted to accept.

Article 2: General Fund  
Voted to appropriate \$449,239.00 for the general use of the Town, \$327,869.00 to be raised by taxes and the balance to be offset by \$121,370.00 in anticipated revenues.

Article 3: Vermont Coalition of Municipalities  
Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,568.00 for the Vermont Coalition of Municipalities.

Article 4: Town Hill Common  
Voted to raise and appropriate \$13,700.00 for the upkeep and improvement of Town Hill Common and Town Recreation Program.

Article 5: Fire Department  
Voted to raise and appropriate \$30,600.00 for the operation of the Fire Department.

Article 6: Fire Department Equipment Fund  
Voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 for the Fire Department Equipment Fund.

Article 7: Highway Department  
Voted to appropriate \$567,735.00 for the maintenance and repair of Town Highways, \$437,179.95 to be raised by taxes, \$30,555.05 appropriated from prior year fund balances and \$100,000.00 to be offset by anticipated revenues.

Article 8: Highway Equipment Fund  
Voted to raise and appropriate \$75,000.00 for the Highway Department Equipment Fund.

Article 9: Join Wilmington vs. State of Vermont  
Voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 to join Wilmington in its suit against the State of Vermont dealing with the deleterious effects of Act 60 on both towns.

Article 10: Tax Payable Date  
Voted that taxes would be due and payable on November 1, 2003, with ninety days notice.

Article 11: Interest on Delinquent Taxes  
Voted to charge interest on delinquent taxes at the rate of one percent (1%) per month for the first three months and one and one-half percent (1 1/2%) per month thereafter.

Article 12: Cemeteries  
Voted to appropriate \$10,500.00 for the operation of the Town Cemeteries, \$9,500.00 to be raised by taxes and \$1,000.00 to be offset by anticipated revenues.

Article 13: Litigation Fund  
Voted to pass over this article.

Article 14: Reappraisal

Voted to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 toward the future cost of the reappraisal of all Town property.

Article 15: Municipal Center Siding

Voted to raise and appropriate \$10,200.00 to add vinyl siding and insulation to the remainder of the Jacksonville Municipal Center.

Article 16: Ambulance Service

Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 for the operation of the Whitingham Ambulance Service.

Article 17: Town Clerk change in compensation

Voted to defeat this article requesting a change in the method of compensation of the Town Clerk from salary and fees to salary only.

Article 18: Tax Collector change in compensation

Voted to pass over this article.

Article 19: Change in Town Fiscal Year

Voted to approve an article changing the fiscal year from January 1 - December 31 to July 1 - June 31. This would necessitate an interim six-month budget from Jan 1, 2004 to June 31, 2004, with the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004.

Article 20: Public Library

Voted to raise and appropriate \$26,900.00 for the operation of the Whitingham Free Public Library.

Article 21: Public Library Addition

Voted to approve the construction of a Library addition to be funded solely by donations.

Article 22: Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont

Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,700.00 to support the services of the Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont.

Article 23: George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council

Voted to raise and appropriate \$50.00 to support the services of the George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council.

Article 24: Women's Crisis Center

Voted to raise and appropriate \$600.00 to the Women's Crisis Center.

Article 25: Green Up Vermont

Voted to raise and appropriate \$100.00 for Green Up Vermont general budget support.

Article 26: WCRSVP

Voted to raise and appropriate \$305.00 to the Windham County Retired Senior Volunteer Program for general budget support.

Article 27: Brattleboro Area Hospice

Voted to raise and appropriate \$250.00 to Brattleboro Area Hospice for general budget support.

Article 28: HCRS

Voted to raise and appropriate \$832.00 to Health Care and Rehabilitation Services for general budget support.

Article 29: Council on Aging

Voted to raise and appropriate \$750.00 to the Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont for general budget support.

Article 30: The Gathering Place

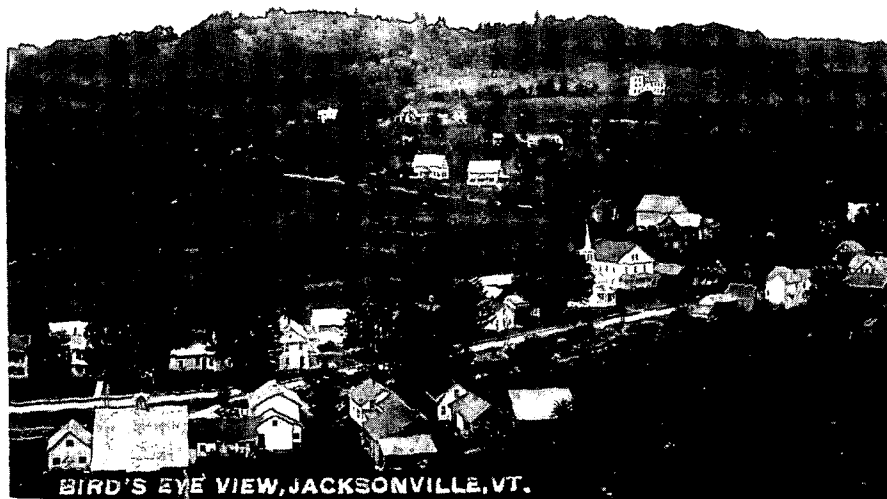
Voted to raise and appropriate \$500.00 to The Gathering Place Adult Day Services for general budget support.

Article 31: United Way Get Info

Voted to raise and appropriate \$250.00 to the United Way Get Info (formerly Helpline) for general budget support.

Article 32: Election of Town Officers

Voted to elect all Town Officers by Australian Ballot from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.



1908

**EARLE S. (Buddy) HOLLAND**

RETIRED IN 2003



Buddy Holland was a loyal servant of the Town and people of Whitingham for over 42 years. He held numerous positions in Whitingham including Town Clerk, Board of Civil Authority, School Director, Health Officer, and Zoning Administrator. The citizens of Whitingham will miss his vast knowledge of State and Municipal law and statutes. It is rare to find someone so dedicated.

## **2003 TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE REPORT**

### **Appointments by Earle S. Holland, Jr., Town Clerk--resigned November 30, 2003**

Almira L. Aekus, Assistant Town Clerk

Mark F. Shea, Deputy Registrar

### **Interim Town Clerk Almira L. Aekus appointed December 1, 2003**

Appointments by Almira L. Aekus

Cheree Dix, Assistant Town Clerk

Anita Kingsley, Assistant Town Clerk

Mark F. Shea, Deputy Registrar

### **2003 Dog Licenses Sold:**

Regular            286

**Transfer Station Stickers Sold:**            499

### **UCC Forms Filed and Indexed:**

**Property Transfer Tax Forms Filed and Distributed:**    109

Warranty Deeds:	67
Quit Claim Deeds:	24
Mortgage Deeds:	140
Mortgage Discharges:	149
Mortgage Assignments:	12
Power of Attorney:	48
Vermont Department of Agriculture Land Use Permits:	05
Access Permits:	10
Zoning Permits:	85
Sewage Permits:	09
State Permits:	05
Miscellaneous Recordings:	104

**Land Records Recorded:**            658

### **Vital Records, Recording and Indexing:**

Births:	11
Deaths:	05
Marriages:	15
Civil Unions:	01

**BURIAL PERMITS FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK OF WHITINGHAM —  
2002 & 2003**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE RECEIVED BY TOWN CLERK</u>	<u>CEMETERY</u>
William Ward	24 Jan 2002	Jacksonville
Helen Sigrid Galaske	25 Jan 2002	Sadawga
Florence R. Twitchell	09 Apr 2002	Sadawga
Warren Arlington Evans	09 April 2002	Jacksonville
Phyllis Williams	03 May 2002	Jacksonville
Rita O'Neil Stankiewich	03 May 2002	Sadawga
Alice Farrington Dary	05 Nov 2002	Jacksonville
Flora H. Tracy	06 Nov 2002	Sadawga
Sheila Ann Reynolds	05 Sept 2002	Sadawga
Annie B. Putnam	29 Nov 2002	Jacksonville
Ellen Coleman	17 Jan 2003	Jacksonville
Donald "Donnie" Roy Brown	17 Jan 2003	Sadawga
Dorothy Ellen Hutzelman	03 June 2003	Jacksonville
Dale Kendal Reynolds	03 Sept 2003	Sadawga
Hannie W. Ramsey	03 Sept 2003	Sadawga
Earla Jost	01 Oct 2003	Davidson
Perley Herbert Carruth	18 Dec 2003	Sadawga
Paul Merrill Hamilton	18 Dec 2003	Sadawga
Carrier, Francis N.	18 Dec 2003	Cutting
Prentise Adelbert Putnam	18 Dec 2003	Sadawga



## MARRIAGES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF PARTIES</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
02/03/03	Mark B. Moss Christina O'Neill	Cambridge, MA Cambridge, MA	Whitingham
*02/18/01	Kevin Scott Butler Amanda Jane Cross	Whitingham, VT Wilmington, VT	Whitingham
06/06/03	Jason R. Parsons Kimberly A. Tine	Whitingham, VT Whitingham, VT	Whitingham
06/07/03	John Freeman True Maria Carmella Powers	Whitingham, VT Whitingham, VT	Townshend
*05/23/98	Daniel J. Cunningham Kristy L. Wise	Whitingham, VT Wilmington, VT	Wilmington
07/05/03	James Andrew Walker Rebekah Joy Brigham	Wilmington, VT Whitingham, VT	Bennington
07/19/03	Daniel Guglielmo Cohen Amy Mcfall Kernagis	Whitingham, VT Whitingham, VT	Whitingham
08/05/03	Paul Michael Poissant Monika Shumbo	Whitingham, VT Whitingham, VT	Whitingham
08/19/03	Gregory Smith Brown Darcey Lynn Shepard	Whitingham, VT Whitingham, VT	Whitingham
08/16/03	Richard James Peters Betsy Sue Carlson	Whitingham, VT Whitingham, VT	Whitingham
09/06/03	Rusty Lee Garland Colleen Marie Carey	Whitingham, VT Whitingham, VT	West Dover
09/20/03	Richard A. Williams Clover A. Morse	Poughquag, NY Poughquag, NY	Whitingham
09/20/03	Charles G. Moyer, Jr. Laurie Katherine Smith	Heath, MA Heath, MA	Jacksonville

## MARRIAGES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF PARTIES</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
10/16/03	Frank Edward Roscoe Clarissa Ann Reynolds	Cortland, OH Cortland, OH	Whitingham
11/21/03	David Edmund Griggs Johanna Carol Doyle	W. Springfield, MA Shelburne Falls, MA	Whitingham

\*copy received from town of Wilmington

## CIVIL UNION

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF PARTIES</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>WHERE</u>
07/07/03	Carole Ann Lockhart Elizabeth Jane Watkins	Pensacola, FL Pensacola, FL	Wilmington

## BIRTHS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FATHER</u>	<u>MOTHER</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
Hannah Rose Sullivan	F	12/27/02		Joni Roberta Sullivan	Whitingham
Nicholas Andrew Howe	M	01/02/03		Roxann Howe	Whitingham
Blake Kolten Janovsky	M	02/07/03	Stanley A. Janovsky, Jr.	Lisa A. Birch	Whitingham
Robert Edward Lucier	M	02/10/03	Robert John Lucier	Tracy Pauline Stephens	Whitingham
Leora Jane Longe	F	03/14/03	Richard Scott Longe	Rebecca Jane Plumb	Whitingham
Sadie Jaynith Boyd	F	03/28/03	Seth Donald Boyd	Kerri Lee Deluca	Whitingham
Aidan Dianna Senecal	F	04/26/03	Benjamin David Senecal	Brandice Dianna Williams	Whitingham
Jordan Dale Mikel McNair	M	07/03/03		Ellen Marie Shaw	Whitingham
Justin Iannelli	F	09/06/03	John Michael Iannelli	Marie Theresa Basil	Whitingham
Kaleb Andrew Matyas	M	08/27/03	Kris Andrew Matyas	Amanda Rae Aulis	Whitingham
Emma Gene Dornburgh	F	10/02/03	Frank Edwin Dornburgh, IV	Angela Lynn Moore	Whitingham
Andrew John Lawlor	M	09/17/03	John Archie Lawlor	Colleen Sue Doherty	Whitingham
Arianna Lynn Lazelle	F	10/15/03	Douglas Ray Lazelle, Sr.	Heather Lynn Soskin	Whitingham

## DEATHS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
Dale Kendal Reynolds	M	06/22/03	62	Bennington, VT	Whitingham, VT
John E. Cavanaugh	M	09/02/03	36	Whitingham, VT	Whitingham, VT
Perley Herbert Carruth	M	09/15/03	94	Whitingham, VT	Whitingham, VT
Francis N. Carrier	M	10/26/03	88	Whitingham, VT	Whitingham, VT
Prentise Adelbert Putnam	M	11/20/03	89	Bennington, VT	Whitingham, VT

### LISTERS' SUMMARY (2003)

Real and Personal Property Grand List 2002	\$ 147,753,749
Net change to Grand List 2002	<u>-21,065,871</u>
Real and Personal Property Grand List 2003	\$ 126,688,780
	<u>X .01</u>
Real and Personal Property for Taxation	\$ 1,266,878.78

Current Use	-	\$9,936.00
Pilot Program	-	\$4,855.00
State Money for appraisal		\$8,449.00

Education Grand List                      \$126,453,838

**Clyde C. Twitchell, Steven A. Wrathall & Faith E. Powell**  
**Board of Listers**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Marjorie Bartlett      Whitingham's oldest citizen turned 97 this past October



## 2003 TAX COLLECTOR'S SUMMARY

Municipal Grand List for Taxation Purposes	\$1,266,878.78
Tax Rate of The Dollar	\$ .79
Town Tax	\$1,000,834.23

Capitol Improvement (Roof) Municipal Grand List	\$1,266,878.78
Tax Rate of The Dollar	\$ .05
Capitol Improvement Tax	\$ 63,343.93

School Grand List for Taxation Purposes	\$1,264,538.38
Local Share Tax Rate of The Dollar	\$ .73
Statewide Tax Rate of the Dollar	\$ 1.25
Total Local Share and Statewide School Tax	\$2,503,785.99

Total Town, Local Share School and Statewide School Tax	\$3,567,964.14
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Current Collected and Paid to the Treasurer	\$3,302,251.67
USGen, New England Credit from 2002 settlement	\$ 99,569.80
Leo Barile credit from 2002 tax appeal applied to 2003 taxes	\$ 267.90
Current Delinquent Collected and Paid to the Treasurer	\$ 83,508.87
Cash on Hand December 31, 2003	\$ 571.92
Abated	\$ .00
2003 Delinquent Taxes as of January 1, 2004	\$ 81,793.98
	\$3,567,964.14

	<u>Delinquent Taxes As of Dec. 31, 2002</u>	<u>Collected as of of Dec. 31, 2003</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
2001	\$24,684.14	\$24,684.14	\$ .00
2002	\$85,648.50	\$52,983.72	\$32,664.78

### DELINQUENT TAX LIST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003

<u>PROPERTY OWNER</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Andersen, Sandra Lee	172.96	
Battinelli, Anthony	1,432.56	1,442.72
Bergan, Edmund P., Jr.	586.56	
Bernacki, Peter, Et. Al.	513.24	516.88
Bernard, Raymond	2,706.97	
Bernard, Raymond, Et. Al.	510.42	514.04
Blake, Harley, III	87.42	
Bottass, Ronald, Et. Al.	1,113.90	
Brochu, Kevin, Et. Al.	814.98	
Burkitt, Anita J. (Troemel)	702.18	
Carrier, Park	1,608.74	
Ced, Charles	1,102.62	1,110.44
Coolbrith, George C.	296.10	
Coppola, Lewis J.	2,490.06	638.59
Crawford, Stanley J.	1,112.49	

**PROPERTY OWNER****2003****2002**

Dorflinger, Morgan	724.74	
Draleaus, Kenneth, Et. Al.	2,670.54	
Fanning, Robert	1,852.74	1,865.88
Felisko, Troy	2,109.36	2,124.32
Galaske, John T. Sr.	2,918.70	
Gallagher, Charles, Et. Al.	9,040.92	9,105.04
Gateway Cablevision	84.60	
Gorton, Michael J., Et. Al.	1,020.84	
Goslin, John, Et. Al.	199.68	
Graziano, Louis A.	707.77	
Greene, James D., Et. Al.	896.76	
Hussey, Dale C.	532.98	
Jones, Floyd Edward	1,074.42	
Kinsman, Michael A.	8.78	
Koplar, Sally	126.90	
Lapointe, Robert	1,656.97	
Larberg, Markanne G., Et. Al.	1,579.20	
McCullough, Robert	101.52	102.24
Morgan, George, Et. Al.	143.11	
Nelson, Herbert J.	437.10	
NSSI, LLC	442.74	445.88
O'Brien, Donald R., Et. Al.	814.98	820.76
Oliver, James H.	609.12	
Patton, Joseph P., Et. Al.	203.04	
Perrelli, Vincent, Et. Al.	346.86	
Perrelli, Vincent, Et. Al.	389.16	
Phelps, Joel, Et. Al.		1,167.24
Pike, Dennis, Et. Al.	2,377.26	
Porcello, Frederick, Et. Al.	1,373.34	
Powers, Maria C.	1,009.52	
Price, Ervin D., Jr., Et. Al.	1,164.66	
Rendino, Dominic, Et. Al.	141.00	667.40
Reynolds, Terrance	2,007.84	
Root, Robert E.	1,739.94	
Roy, Joyce L.	688.08	692.96
Rubini, Mary, Et. Al.	586.56	
Russell, Cathy, Et. Al.	808.50	
Russell, Michael, Et. Al.	877.52	
Scanlon, R. Michael	3,127.38	
Schofield, A., Et. Al.	228.42	
Shanaberg, Pete, Et. Al.	1,410.00	1,420.00
Shea, Anne M.	3,271.20	3,287.82
Shultz, Marion	1,452.30	
Smith, Jeffrey, Et. Al.	752.94	
Steuernagel, Werner	49.11	
Tefft, Lyman, Jr., Et. Al.	1,326.36	
Toro, Jeanette	2,389.00	
Troemel, Scott, Et. Al.	676.80	
Tyrrell, William A, Et. Al.	680.40	
Vulpio, Todd S., Et. Al.	3,403.74	3,427.88
Waters, Richard, Et. Al.	676.80	681.60
Wheeler, Sarah P.	1,803.22	
Zaleski, David J., Et. Al.	1,068.78	
Zarba, Paul V., Et. Al.	369.42	372.04
Zarba, Paul V., Et. Al.	<u>389.16</u>	<u>391.92</u>

**TOTAL****\$81,793.98****\$30,795.65**

## TOWN OFFICERS EQUIPMENT

### SELECTBOARD

6	4-dwr Filing Cabinets
1	4-dwr Fireproof Filing Cabinet
1	3-dwr Filing Cabinet
2	2-dwr Filing Cabinets
1	Compaq Desktop Computer & Software
1	HP Deskjet 3420 Printer
12	Conference Chairs
1	Conference Table
1	Portable computer Stand
1	Chair
	Misc. Office Equipment

### TOWN TREASURER

1	Metal Secretarial Desk
2	2-dwr Locking Metal Filing Cabinets
2	4-dwr Metal Filing Cabinets
2	Rolling Printer Tables
1	Computer Stand
1	Rolling Desk Chair
1	Rolling Arm Chair
1	Gateway Computer
1	HP LaserJet Printer
1	Okidata Microline 591 Printer
1	Okidata Microline 320 Printer
1	APC Backups 450
1	Sharp Compet CS-2164H Calculator

### LISTERS

1	Calculator
2	4-dwr Filing Cabinets
1	Gateway Computer
1	Deskject Printer
4	Software Packages
1	Hill Camera
1	Computer Desk
1	Meeting Table
	Misc. Office Equipment

### TOWN TRANSFER STATION

1	Compactor
1	Animal Control Pen
2	Containers

### TOWN CLERK

6	Filing Cabinets
1	1989 Sharp SF8010 Copier
1	1993 Sharp Calculator
1	Gateway Computer & Software 1999
1	IBM Computer 1995 & Software (Not in use)
1	HP LaserJet 1000
1	Okidata Micro 320 Printer
1	Air Conditioner
1	Map Cabinet
1	Paper Shredder
2	Desks
2	Chairs
	Misc. Office Equipment

### CONSTABLE

	Portable Radio & Antenna
	Alco-sensor
	Light Bar
	Bulletproof Vest
	Radar Unit
	Mobil Vision Unit Camera
	Whelen Light Bar
	Sony Cassette Recorder
	Dual Deck VHS Copier
	Wireless Transmitter/Receiver
	AT&T Answering Machine
	Full Uniform
	Animal Cage and Control Pole
	Misc. Office Equipment

### TAX COLLECTOR

	Tax Administration Software
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### ROAD COMMISSIONER

2	4-dwr Filing Cabinets
	Misc. Office Equipment

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1	1978 Fiat Allis Loader
1	Husky Grader
2	1995 Ford Trucks
1	2001 Sterling Truck with Side Dump
4	Frink Snowplows
1	John Deere 410D Backhoe/Loader

## TOWN OFFICERS EQUIPMENT

TOWN PROPERTY		HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT (cont)	
<b>Buildings</b>		1	1996 120H Caterpillar Grader
	Green Mountain Hall	1	2000 350 4x4 Ford Truck
	Town Garage	1	1999 International Truck with Side Dump Sander
	Municipal Center	1	Swanson V-Box Sander
	Whitingham iSchool	1	Swanson Sander
3	Fire Stations	3	Frink Sanders
2	Sewer Plants	1	Trailer & Chlorine Tank
	Shelter, Town Hill	1	1989 5hp Air Compressor
		1	Shoulder Box
<b>Fire Department</b>		2	Brush Trimmers
1	2000 Freightliner Pumper/Tanker	2	Jack Stands
1	Forest Fire Truck	1	Jackhammer
1	1976 Maxum Fire Truck	2	Husquvarna Power Saws
1	1985 Chevy Fire Truck	2	Jonsered Power Saws
1	1990 GMC Rescue Truck	3	Bench Grinders
2	Fire Sirens	2	Air Wrenches
5	Mobile Radios	1	Waterpump
1	Hose Dryer	1	Floor Jack
		1	Hand Grinders
<b>LIBRARY</b>		1	Powerwasher
	Gateway Computer, tower	1	Tire Rack
	CRT	1	Battery Charger
	Keyboard	2	York Rakes
	Gateway Computer, tower	1	Compressor
	CRT	1	Giant Leaf Vac
	Keyboard	1	Hobart Electric Welder
	CompUSA computer	1	Drill Press
	DELL Laptop	1	Shop Press
	Hewlett Packard Laser Jet	1	Power Broom
	Hewlett Packard 693C	1	Eager Beaver Mobart Chipper
	Epson Stylus C82	1	1987 Bomag Vibratory Roller
	Epson C62	1	Hose Making Machine
	Computer Carrel	1	Plate Compactor
	Canon PC430 copier	1	Jack Compactor
	TV RCA		
	VCR – Philco		
	Handheld calculator		
2	Handheld calculator		
	Six (6) task chairs		
	Antique side chair		
	Eleven (11) side chairs		
	Antique Book Stand		
	Librarian's Desk		
	Credenza		
	Small Desk		
	Three (3) typing/TV tables		
		<b>PROPERTY</b>	
		Eames Park	
		Town Hill & Equipment	
		Transfer Station	
		Land behind Municipal Center	
		Chapel Hill Lot (2)	
		Hearst House Lot Route 100	



## **TOWN OFFICERS EQUIPMENT**

### **LIBRARY (cont)**

Three (3) Card Index Files  
Two (2) Large Index Files  
Large Book Cart  
Two (2) small Book Carts  
Two (2) Round Tables  
Newspaper Rack  
Small Book Case  
Couch  
Wrought iron book carousel  
Two(2) telephones  
PhoneMate 6000  
Video re-winder  
Step Stool  
Air Conditioner, window  
Air Conditioner, window  
Standing Globe

### **CEMETERIES**

Blanchard  
Boyd  
Carley  
Coleman  
Cutting  
Davidson  
Gates (Fuller)  
Jacksonville  
Riverview  
Roberts  
Sadawga  
Wheeler (Jewell)

## **AIDS QUILT PROJECT**



**Elizabeth Degnon**

**Elizabeth Rinaldi**

## **AUDITORS' REPORT**

This year has been one of increased financial controls and better reporting from all departments within the town. Many of the bookkeeping method shortfalls have been rectified.

Rod Sherman closed the books for 2003 and certified that they represent an accurate accounting of the finances of the town.

The auditors have examined the financial statements of the Town of Whitingham in accordance with Section 1681 of Title 24, V.S.A., as of and for the year ending December 31, 2003. It is our opinion that these general purpose financial statements present fairly, to the best of our knowledge, the financial position of each of the account groups and fund types on December 31, 2003 and the results of operations of such fund types and the changes in financial position of the proprietary fund types for the year then ended, applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, using a cash basis for accounting.

Kenneth Hedberg, Sherry Adams  
Board of Auditors, Town of Whitingham

## **AIDS QUILT PROJECT**



**Nick Betit**

**Brian Therrien**

**Caleb Cox**

# MUNICIPAL BUDGET

## WAGES

EMPLOYEE		Gross Pay 12 Months
ACHILLES	SHAWN	\$ 1,313.85
AEKUS	ALMIRA	\$ 8,548.62
AEKUS	ALMIRA	\$ 13,877.09
ALFIERI	FRANCIS	\$ 1,839.38
BARTLETT	DOUGLAS	\$ 4,244.83
BERBERIAN	KRISTINE	\$ 16,899.51
BOYD	DONALD	\$ 40,260.30
BOYD	JANE	\$ 11,133.75
BOYD	MICHAEL	\$ 34,574.42
BOYD	SETH	\$ 867.46
BRONSON	KEITH	\$ 1,292.31
BROWN	ROY	\$ 13,917.12
DICANTIO	DAVID	\$ 2,692.04
DIX	CHEREE	\$ 65.15
DONAGHUE	LINDA	\$ 4,928.98
HAVRELUK	REITA	\$ 1,600.95
HAVRELUK	REITA	\$ 3,859.80
HAVRELUK	REITA	\$ 11,674.60
HEDBERG	KENNETH	\$ 737.42
HEILEMAN	DIANE	\$ 2,372.52
HOLLAND	EARLE	\$ 28,313.47
HOLLAND	EARLE	\$ 12,815.38
HUNKLER	KENNETH	\$ 1,024.11
HUNKLER	KENNETH	\$ 35,415.10
JANOVSKY	STANLEY	\$ 33,299.16
JILLSON	CARL	\$ 25,212.92
KINGSLEY	ANITA	\$ 1,820.00
MASTERS	LYNETTE	\$ 7,107.69
MILLS	BLANCHE	\$ 1,292.31
MORSE	STEVEN	\$ 1,292.31
PIKE	DENNIS	\$ 33,872.56
POWELL	FAITH	\$ 506.55
RAPP	KATHY	\$ 2,831.84
STEVENS	NORMAN	\$ 1,292.31
TWITCHELL	ALLAN	\$ 726.92
TWITCHELL	ALLAN	\$ 1,292.31
TWITCHELL	JENNIFER	\$ 279.82
TWITCHELL	JENNIFER	\$ 708.28
TWITCHELL	CLYDE	\$ 59.23
WRATHALL	STEVEN	\$ 1,457.03

# MUNICIPAL BUDGET

## RECEIPTS

RECEIPTS	BUDGET 2003	RECEIVED 2003	6 MO BUDGET 1 Jan 04 to 30 Jun, 04	FISCAL YR BUDGET (1 Jul 04 to 30 Jun 05)
Cemetery Fees	\$ 100.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Cemetery Sale/Care Lots	\$ 900.00	\$ 616.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 600.00
Copier Fees	\$ 60.00	\$ 200.52	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Current Use Tax VT Reimb.	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,938.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
Dog Licences	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,353.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
0.5% for Act 60 Collection Tax	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Health Officer Fees	\$ 400.00	\$ 464.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
Bank Interest	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,389.48	\$ 400.00	\$ 4,000.00
Liquor Licenses	\$ 150.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Sale of Grand List	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ -
Marriage Licenses	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7,027.91	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 5,000.00
Records Preservation Fund	\$ -	\$ 2,737.70	\$ -	\$ -
Municipal Center Use	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,600.23	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,800.00
Ambulance Telephone	\$ 600.00	\$ 44.96	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Delinquent Tax	\$ -	\$ 79,537.00	\$ -	\$ -
Delinquent Tax Interest	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 14,159.91	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Overpayment of Taxes	\$ -	\$ 5,419.51	\$ -	\$ -
Delinquent Tax Penalties	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,997.92	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
State Land Tax Stipend	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,855.00	\$ -	\$ 4,800.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 17,932.20	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Town Clerk Health Ins. Co Pay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 753.00	\$ 1,507.00
Traffic Fines	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 27,526.83	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Transfer Station	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 34,998.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Zoning Building Permits	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,044.40	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 3,400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 122,510.00</b>	<b>\$ 231,217.57</b>	<b>\$ 36,303.00</b>	<b>\$ 119,107.00</b>

**MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS**

<b>WAGES, EXPENSES, OFFICIALS &amp; EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>BUDGET 2003</b>	<b>SPENT 2003</b>	<b>6 MONTH BUDGET (1 Jan 04 to 30 Jun 04)</b>	<b>FISCAL YR BUDGET (1 Jul 04 to 30 Jun 05)</b>
Bookkeeper	\$ 11,400.00	\$ 12,058.39	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
Dir. Civil Defense	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Moderator	\$ 100.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Selectboard, Chr	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,500.00
Selectboard (4)	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 4,800.00
Fire Warden	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 175.00
FICA	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,447.27	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,500.00
Ballot Clerks	\$ 300.00	\$ 794.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Bd of Civil Authority	\$ 400.00	\$ 399.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 20,075.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,479.16</b>	<b>\$ 11,340.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,575.00</b>

**INSURANCE**

Property & Bond	\$ -	\$ 1,700.75	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,500.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 16,035.00	\$ 16,291.75	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Workman's Comp	\$ 11,672.00	\$ 13,395.98	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 27,707.00</b>	<b>\$ 31,388.48</b>	<b>\$ 20,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,500.00</b>

**TAXES**

County Tax	\$ 16,800.00	\$ 16,277.72	\$ -	\$ 17,000.00
VT Dept. E & T	\$ 300.00	\$ 489.96	\$ 200.00	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 17,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,767.68</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,500.00</b>

**TOWN CLERK**

FICA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,920.03	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
Health Insurance	\$ 6,935.00	\$ 6,107.32	\$ 5,516.00	\$ 12,000.00
Retirement	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,109.16	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,200.00
Asst. Town Clerk Salary	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 8,600.00
Town Clerk Salary	\$ 13,700.00	\$ 13,699.92	\$ 6,850.00	\$ 13,700.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,109.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
Town Clerk Training	\$ -	\$ 1,780.20	\$ -	\$ -
Fees - Town Clerk	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 16,297.05	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Telephone	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,443.23	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,400.00
Computer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 52,635.00</b>	<b>\$ 55,065.91</b>	<b>\$ 27,966.00</b>	<b>\$ 58,700.00</b>

**MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS**

<b>WAGES, EXPENSES, OFFICIALS &amp; EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>BUDGET 2003</b>	<b>SPENT 2003</b>	<b>6 MONTH BUDGET (1 Jan 04 to 30 Jun 04)</b>	<b>FISCAL YR BUDGET (1 Jul 04 to 30 Jun 05)</b>
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>				
Health Officer	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,612.50	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 2,500.00
FICA	\$ 250.00	\$ 276.33	\$ 78.00	\$ 155.00
Retirement	\$ 175.00	\$ 307.00	\$ 57.00	\$ 113.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,925.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,195.83</b>	<b>\$ 1,385.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,768.00</b>

**TREASURER**

Salary	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,715.38	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 3,600.00
FICA	\$ 160.00	\$ 295.10	\$ 96.00	\$ 193.00
Retirement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 429.00	\$ 857.00
Postage & Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,336.79	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Mileage	\$ 600.00	\$ 613.50	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
Treasurer Telephone	\$ -	\$ 264.34	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,360.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,225.11</b>	<b>\$ 3,275.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,550.00</b>

**TAX COLLECTOR**

FICA	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,146.41	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Retirement	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 361.42	\$ 839.00	\$ 1,677.00
Salary	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,999.96	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Postage & Supplies	\$ 900.00	\$ 933.15	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Reimburse Tax Penalties	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,091.48	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Taxsale	\$ -	\$ 17,956.31	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 19,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 36,488.73</b>	<b>\$ 5,839.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,677.00</b>

**SELECTBOARD ASSISTANT**

FICA	\$ 540.00	\$ 969.71	\$ 440.00	\$ 880.00
Salary	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 12,676.91	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 20,500.00
Retirement	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ 178.00	\$ 356.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,100.67	\$ 470.00	\$ 950.00
Subscriptions	\$ -	\$ 149.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 149.00
Equipment New	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 515.00	\$ 225.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,045.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,896.29</b>	<b>\$ 11,428.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,060.00</b>

**TOWN NURSE**

Salary	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 11,200.02	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 12,000.00
FICA	\$ 860.00	\$ 856.96	\$ 420.00	\$ 860.00
Expenses	\$ 400.00	\$ 119.61	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
Mileage	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,659.43	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,800.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 14,160.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,836.02</b>	<b>\$ 7,120.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,060.00</b>

**MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS**

<b>WAGES, EXPENSES, OFFICIALS \$ EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>BUDGET 2003</b>	<b>SPENT 2003</b>	<b>6 MONTH BUDGET (1 Jan 04 to 30 Jun 04)</b>	<b>FISCAL YR BUDGET (1 Jul 04 to 30 Jun 05)</b>
<b>TOWN AUDITORS</b>				
Wages x 2	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 42.46	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,800.00
FICA	\$ 120.00	\$ 9.93	\$ 46.00	\$ 90.00
Report - Print & Mail	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 2,823.32	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ -		\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,920.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,875.71</b>	<b>\$ 4,146.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,590.00</b>

**LISTERS**

Wages x 3	\$ 11,001.00	\$ 4,837.33	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
FICA	\$ 500.00	\$ 370.04	\$ 200.00	\$ 500.00
Computer License	\$ 135.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 135.00
Computer Hardware	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
Computer Software	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Computer Training/Convert	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 625.09	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 900.00
Printed Tax Bill Forms	\$ 100.00	\$ 56.64	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Town Map Update	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,967.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 14,486.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,856.10</b>	<b>\$ 8,850.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,085.00</b>

**GENERAL EXPENSES**

	<b>BUDGET 2003</b>	<b>SPENT 2003</b>	<b>6 MONTH BUDGET (1 Jan 04 to 30 Jun 04)</b>	<b>FISCAL YR BUDGET (1 Jul 04 to 30 Jun 05)</b>
Outside Audit of Accounts	\$ -	\$ 2,893.68	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Bank Service Charges	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 848.36	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,000.00
Computer Contract	\$ 960.00	\$ 960.00	\$ 960.00	\$ 960.00
Computer Hardware	\$ -	\$ 137.18	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Computer Software	\$ -	\$ 513.90	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Computer Training/Convert	\$ 500.00	\$ 866.25	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Contracted Services	\$ 100.00	\$ 762.63	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00
Copier Costs	\$ 700.00	\$ 739.39	\$ 300.00	\$ 700.00
Dog Tags	\$ 200.00	\$ 434.81	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Fees to State	\$ 300.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
Legal Notices	\$ 250.00	\$ 521.15	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
Legal Services	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,915.25	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Memorial Day Flowers	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,363.45	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
Mileage - Other Town Office	\$ 200.00	\$ 89.63	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,032.57	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Overpmt of Taxes - Reimb	\$ -	\$ 3,437.45	\$ -	\$ -
Repairs to Equip	\$ 400.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Seminars	\$ 500.00	\$ 565.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 500.00
Street Lights	\$ 7,840.00	\$ 8,594.74	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 7,840.00

**MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS**

<b>GENERAL EXPENSES cont.</b>	<b>BUDGET 2003</b>	<b>SPENT 2003</b>	<b>6 MONTH BUDGET (1 Jan 04 to 30 Jun 04)</b>	<b>FISCAL YR BUDGET (1 Jul 04 to 30 Jun 05)</b>
Telephone - Selectmens Off	\$ 500.00	\$ 563.76	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
Telephone - Ambulance	\$ 600.00	\$ 507.92	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
Town Use School Property	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ -	\$ 110,000.00
VLCT Dues	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 1,620.00	\$ -	\$ 1,174.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 132,370.00</b>	<b>\$ 143,432.12</b>	<b>\$ 15,510.00</b>	<b>\$ 135,974.00</b>

**JUNK ORDINANCE**

Junk Ordinance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>

**INTEREST CHARGES**

Tax Rev Loan Interest	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,363.33	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,363.33</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>

**MUNICIPAL CENTER**

Bottled Gas	\$ 500.00	\$ 867.40	\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00
Electricity	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,664.41	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,700.00
Equipment Replacement	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 420.38	\$ 200.00	\$ 5,000.00
FICA	\$ 320.00	\$ 329.04	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
Heating Oil	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,129.21	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
Mowing	\$ 800.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00
Cleaning - Town Offices	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,578.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Repairs to Equipment	\$ 400.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Repairs and Improvements	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,573.08	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Rubbish Service	\$ 350.00	\$ 339.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
Custodian - D Bartlett	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,299.96	\$ 2,200.00	\$ -
Custodian -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
Bathroom / Cleaning Supplies	\$ 400.00	\$ 371.94	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,790.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 19,070.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,837.92</b>	<b>\$ 9,850.00</b>	<b>\$ 34,100.00</b>

**PLANNING COMMISSION  
EXPENSES**

Duplicating	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
FICA	\$ 680.00	\$ 540.46	\$ 345.00	\$ 700.00
Legal Notices	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
Mileage	\$ 100.00	\$ 69.30	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Print Zoning Ordinance	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -
Postage	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
Print New Town Plan	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 340.00	\$ 147.75	\$ -	\$ -
Seminar - Planning Comm	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00



**MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS**

<b>PLANNING COMMISSION EXPENSES cont.</b>	<b>BUDGET 2003</b>	<b>SPENT 2003</b>	<b>6 MONTH BUDGET (1 Jan 04 to 30 Jun 04)</b>	<b>FISCAL YR BUDGET (1 Jul 04 to 30 Jun 05)</b>
Planning Commision Clerk	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
Supplies - Zoning Admin.	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Zoning Admin - Salary	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 7,063.71	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
Zoning Admin Training	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 105.00	\$ -	\$ -
Windham Regional Member	\$ 1,804.00	\$ 1,804.00	\$ -	\$ 1,804.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 11,424.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,180.22</b>	<b>\$ 3,020.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,954.00</b>

**ZONING BOARD**

Zoning Board Clerk	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
FICA	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00
Legal Notices	\$ 200.00	\$ 307.71	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Legal Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Mileage	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Supplies & Postage	\$ 10.00	\$ 49.23	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 340.00</b>	<b>\$ 356.94</b>	<b>\$ 230.00</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Electricity	\$ 350.00	\$ 264.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>	<b>\$ 264.00</b>	<b>\$ 120.00</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>

**TRANSFER STATION**

Attendent Salary	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 13,999.96	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 15,000.00
Assistant Attendent Wages	\$ 500.00	\$ 351.96	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Ass Retirement - Town Share	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00
FICA	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,075.15	\$ 533.00	\$ 1,065.00
Equipment Purchase	\$ -	\$ 4,110.00	\$ -	\$ -
Waste Disposal - Bratt. Salvage	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 42,113.42	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Electricity	\$ 200.00	\$ 316.23	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 65.96	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.92	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
Pest Control	\$ 913.00	\$ 954.19	\$ 880.00	\$ 880.00
Repairs	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 385.45	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Trash Removal	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 7,842.60	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Windham County Solid Waste	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 3,539.54	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 9,733.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 71,533.00</b>	<b>\$ 74,755.38</b>	<b>\$ 35,498.00</b>	<b>\$ 74,848.00</b>

**MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS**

<b>CONSTABLE</b>	<b>BUDGET 2003</b>	<b>SPENT 2003</b>	<b>6 MONTH BUDGET (1 Jan 04 to 30 Jun 04)</b>	<b>FISCAL YR BUDGET (1 Jul 04 to 30 Jun 05)</b>
Constable	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,037.41	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,200.00
FICA	\$ 115.00	\$ 79.36	\$ 57.50	\$ 115.00
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 75.00	\$ 31.47	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
Mileage	\$ 500.00	\$ 311.77	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Equipment Purch & Maint	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Office Supplies	\$ 50.00	\$ 7.40	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Telephone	\$ 500.00	\$ 576.98	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Uniform	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.05	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,740.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,049.44</b>	<b>\$ 1,407.50</b>	<b>\$ 2,815.00</b>

**CONTRACTED LAW  
ENFORCEMENT**

Hearings	\$ -	\$ 160.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Mileage	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,459.25	\$ -	\$ -
Overtime	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Patrol Coverage	\$ 14,900.00	\$ 22,417.25	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 15,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 19,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,036.50</b>	<b>\$ 7,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,200.00</b>

**SELECTBOARD BUDGET  
SUMMARY**

Employees & Officials	\$ 20,075.00	\$ 21,479.16	\$ 11,340.00	\$ 23,575.00
Insurance	\$ 27,707.00	\$ 31,388.48	\$ 20,400.00	\$ 26,500.00
Taxes	\$ 17,100.00	\$ 16,767.68	\$ 200.00	\$ 17,500.00
Town Clerk	\$ 52,635.00	\$ 55,065.91	\$ 27,966.00	\$ 58,700.00
Board of Health	\$ 3,925.00	\$ 4,195.83	\$ 1,385.00	\$ 2,768.00
Treasurer	\$ 5,360.00	\$ 6,225.11	\$ 5,275.00	\$ 6,550.00
Tax Collector	\$ 19,400.00	\$ 36,488.73	\$ 5,839.00	\$ 17,677.00
Selectboard Assistant	\$ 8,245.00	\$ 14,896.29	\$ 11,428.00	\$ 23,060.00
Town Nurse	\$ 14,160.00	\$ 13,836.02	\$ 7,120.00	\$ 15,060.00
Auditors	\$ 4,920.00	\$ 2,875.71	\$ 4,146.00	\$ 5,590.00
Listers	\$ 14,485.00	\$ 7,856.10	\$ 8,850.00	\$ 14,085.00
General Expenses	\$ 132,370.00	\$ 143,432.12	\$ 15,510.00	\$ 137,134.00
Municipal Center	\$ 19,070.00	\$ 17,837.92	\$ 9,850.00	\$ 34,100.00
Interest Charges	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,363.33	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Junk Ordinance Enforce.	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Planning Commission	\$ 11,424.00	\$ 10,180.22	\$ 3,020.00	\$ 6,954.00
Zoning Board	\$ 340.00	\$ 356.94	\$ 230.00	\$ 350.00

**MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS**

<b>SELECTBOARD BUDGET SUMMARY cont.</b>	<b>BUDGET 2003</b>	<b>SPENT 2003</b>	<b>6 MONTH BUDGET (1 Jan 04 to 30 Jun 04)</b>	<b>FISCAL YR BUDGET (1 Jul 04 to 30 Jun 05)</b>
Historical Society	\$ 350.00	\$ 264.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 250.00
Transfer Station	\$ 71,533.00	\$ 74,755.38	\$ 35,498.00	\$ 74,848.00
Constable	\$ 2,740.00	\$ 2,049.44	\$ 1,407.00	\$ 2,815.00
Law Enforcement	\$ 19,400.00	\$ 25,036.50	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 15,200.00
<b>BUDGET TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 449,239.00</b>	<b>\$ 490,350.87</b>	<b>\$ 179,184.00</b>	<b>\$ 486,716.00</b>

**GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>Appr. 2002</b>	<b>Spent 2003</b>		<b>Requested 2004</b>
Act 60 Suit	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 29,091.35		
Ambulance Operations	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00		
Brattleboro Hospice	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
George Aiken Resource Con	\$ 50.00	\$ -		\$ 50.00
Council on Aging	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00		\$ 750.00
Gathering Place	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Helpline	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00		
Litigation Fund	\$ -	\$ 22,509.54		
Vinyl Siding	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 11,618.96		
Town Property Reappraisal	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 33,600.00		
VT Home Health Agency (HCR)	\$ 832.00	\$ 832.00		\$ 832.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,700.00		\$ 4,070.00
VT Coalition of Mun.	\$ 1,568.00	\$ 1,568.00		\$ 250.00
Green Up Vermont	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Windham County RSVP	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00		\$ 305.00
Woman's Crisis Center	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00		
Outside Audit	\$ -	\$ -		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 51,605.00</b>	<b>\$ 108,174.85</b>		<b>\$ 7,107.00</b>

**TOWN HILL**

Electricity	\$ 100.00	\$ 112.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00
FICA	\$ -	\$ 224.00		
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 471.38	\$ -	\$ 1,400.00
Mowing	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Recreation Activites	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,848.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Toilet Rental	\$ 700.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 900.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,955.38</b>	<b>\$ 10,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,450.00</b>

**CEMETERY**

Operation & Maint.	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 8,605.00	\$ 4,280.00	\$ 9,350.00
Gravestone Repairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 410.00	\$ 1,100.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 9,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,605.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,690.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,450.00</b>

# MUNICIPAL BUDGET

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>BUDGET 2003</b>	<b>SPENT 2003</b>	<b>6 MONTH BUDGET (1 Jan 04 to 30 Jun 04)</b>	<b>FISCAL YR BUDGET (1 Jul 04 to 30 Jun 05)</b>
Association Services	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Dues & Course Fees	\$ 600.00	\$ 421.55	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
Dispatch Services	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 5,532.65	\$ -	\$ 10,600.00
Electricity	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,296.52	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment Purchase	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,879.73	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
FICA	\$ 280.00	\$ 279.24	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
Gasoline & Diesel	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
Heating Oil	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 2,060.75	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 3,400.00
Insurance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Repairs to Equip	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 693.69	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,400.00
Facility Repair	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 455.16	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Vehicle Repairs & Maint	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,739.10	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Captain 1 Salary	\$ 456.25	\$ -	\$ 274.00	\$ 548.00
Captain 2 Salary	\$ 456.25	\$ 456.25	\$ 274.00	\$ 548.00
Assistant Chief Salary	\$ 821.25	\$ 821.25	\$ 458.00	\$ 915.00
Fire Chief Salary	\$ 1,551.25	\$ 1,551.25	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,600.00
Lieutenant Salary	\$ 365.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 228.00	\$ 456.00
Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 312.66	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 650.00	\$ 485.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
Telephone	\$ 720.00	\$ 749.56	\$ 375.00	\$ 350.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 30,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,599.36</b>	<b>\$ 12,059.00</b>	<b>\$ 34,417.00</b>

# MUNICIPAL BUDGET

## LIBRARY

<b>WHITINGHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>	<b>BUDGET 2003</b>	<b>RECEIVED 2003</b>	<b>6 MONTH BUDGET (1 Jan to 30 Jun 04)</b>	<b>FISCAL YR BUDGET (1 Jul 04 to 30 Jun 05)</b>
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### RECEIPTS

Book Sales/Fund Raising	\$ 300.00	\$ 341.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Donations	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 11,263.33	\$ 4,610.00	\$ 9,000.00
Interest Earnings	\$ 235.00	\$ 164.54	\$ 75.00	\$ 200.00
F.O.W.L		\$ 4,662.84		
Grants	\$ 10,150.00	\$ 10,150.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Miscellaneous Income		\$ 551.22		
Tax Appropriation	\$ 26,900.00	\$ 26,900.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 33,000.00
Reserve Fund		\$ 469.07		
Halifax Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 41,585.00</b>	<b>\$ 55,502.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,735.00</b>	<b>\$ 49,300.00</b>

### EXPENSES

Advertising	\$ 100.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Association Dues	\$ 200.00	\$ 521.95	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Books/Magazin/Audio/Video	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 14,633.56	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Cleaning Service	\$ -	\$ 969.95	\$ 520.00	\$ 1,040.00
Computer Maint	\$ 400.00	\$ 642.95	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
Computer Software	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00
Contract Services	\$ 1,100.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment		\$ 2,151.78		
Equipment Service	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
FICA	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,708.26	\$ 1,532.00	\$ 2,112.00
F.O.W.L.		\$ 4,648.16		
Library Assistant	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 5,329.75	\$ 3,783.00	\$ 7,800.00
Librarian Salary	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.10	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 19,818.00
Mileage/ Prof Training	\$ 300.00	\$ 917.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00	\$ 243.45	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Periodicals	\$ 300.00	\$ 925.85	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Postage	\$ 600.00	\$ 653.41	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
Programs/ Activities	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,989.55	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,000.00
Supplies	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,131.17	\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00
Telephone	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,842.41	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,600.00
VT on Line Library	\$ 85.00	\$ 83.00	\$ -	\$ 80.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 41,585.00</b>	<b>\$ 55,502.30</b>	<b>\$ 23,735.00</b>	<b>\$ 49,300.00</b>

# MUNICIPAL BUDGET

## SEWER COMMISSION

SEWER COMMISSION	BUDGET 2003	SPENT 2003	6 MONTH BUDGET (1 Jan 04 to 30 Jun 04)	FISCAL YR BUDGET (1 Jul 04 to 30 Jun 05)
<b>LABOR</b>				
FICA	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 2,465.92	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 2,550.00
Reimb. User Penalties	\$ -	\$ 147.12		
Retirement - Town Share	\$ 1,230.00	\$ 866.31	\$ 650.00	\$ 1,300.00
Clerk	\$ 325.00	\$ 310.00	\$ 188.00	\$ 375.00
Commissioners	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 575.00	\$ 1,150.00
Chief Operator	\$ 25,363.00	\$ 25,363.00	\$ 13,125.00	\$ 26,250.00
Assistant	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 2,785.75	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
Treasurer	\$ 1,877.00	\$ 1,985.29	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Operator	\$ 750.00	\$ 805.50	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 35,695.00</b>	<b>\$ 35,568.89</b>	<b>\$ 18,313.00</b>	<b>\$ 36,625.00</b>

## INSURANCE

Health Insurance	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 5,795.72	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 6,500.00
Liability Insurance	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00		
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 38.00	\$ 75.00
Workmens Compensation	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,275.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,795.72</b>	<b>\$ 4,288.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,575.00</b>

## SEWER PLANT EXPENSES

Administrative Services	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
Bookkeeper	\$ 310.00	\$ -	\$ 175.00	\$ 350.00
Chemicals	\$ 500.00	\$ 54.55	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Contracted Services	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,261.95	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 2,500.00
Electricity	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,592.63	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 15,000.00
Equipment Purchases	\$ -	\$ 846.20	\$ -	\$ -
20 Yr Evaluation Study	\$ -	\$ 3,850.00	\$ -	\$ -
Legal Notices	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Legal Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mileage - Chief Operator	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 2,352.05	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 2,650.00
Mileage - Assistant	\$ 500.00	\$ 479.50	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
Mileage - Operator	\$ -	\$ 28.00	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 300.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
Plant Operating Fee - VT	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Postage	\$ 700.00	\$ 7.31	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Repairs - Facility & Equip.	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 798.05	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Repairs - Line & Pump	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,152.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Repairs - Meters	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sludge Removal	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 17,765.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 451.33	\$ 375.00	\$ 750.00
Telephone	\$ 750.00	\$ 508.64	\$ 225.00	\$ 450.00
Outside Testing	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,157.20	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,500.00
Training	\$ 400.00	\$ 248.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
Uniforms/Safety Glasses	\$ 450.00	\$ 333.09	\$ 225.00	\$ 450.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 47,660.00</b>	<b>\$ 43,249.50</b>	<b>\$ 24,225.00</b>	<b>\$ 48,450.00</b>

# MUNICIPAL BUDGET

## SEWER COMMISSION

SEWER COMMISSION	BUDGET 2003	SPENT 2003	6 MONTH BUDGET (1 Jan 04 to 30 Jun 04)	FISCAL YR BUDGET (1 Jul 04 to 30 Jun 05)
<b>SEWER BUDGET SUMMARY</b>				
<b>LABOR</b>	\$ 35,695.00	\$ 35,568.89	\$ 18,313.00	\$ 36,625.00
<b>INSURANCE</b>	\$ 8,275.00	\$ 7,795.72	\$ 4,288.00	\$ 8,575.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	\$ 47,660.00	\$ 43,249.50	\$ 24,225.00	\$ 48,450.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$ 91,630.00	\$ 86,614.11	\$ 46,826.00	\$ 93,650.00

## SEWER REVENUE

Capital Improvement Income	\$ -	\$ 94,190.47		
Current User Fees	\$ 89,000.00	\$ 1,023.32		
Interest on Fees	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 25.00		
Miscellaneous	\$ 630.00	\$ 2,213.91		
Sewer Hook-up Income	\$ -			
Penalties	\$ 1,000.00			
<b>SEWER REVENUES</b>	\$ 91,630.00	\$ 97,452.70		

**MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

<b>HIGHWAY</b>	<b>BUDGET 2003</b>	<b>RECEIVED 2003</b>	<b>6 MONTH BUDGET (1 Jan 04 to 30 Jun 04)</b>	<b>FISCAL YR BUDGET (1 Jul 04 to 30 Jun 05)</b>
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**REVENUE**

Highway Health Ins. Co Pay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,280.00	\$ 6,550.00
State Aid	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 110,797.68	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00
State Paving Grant	\$ -	\$ -		
Previous Year Balance	\$ 30,555.05	\$ 30,555.03		
Current Taxes	\$ 437,197.95	\$ 437,197.93		
Diesel Rebate		\$ 4,208.91		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 567,753.00</b>	<b>\$ 582,759.55</b>	<b>\$ 3,280.00</b>	<b>\$ 106,550.00</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

<b>WAGES</b>	<b>BUDGET 2003</b>	<b>SPENT 2003</b>	<b>6 MONTH BUDGET (1 Jan 04 to 30 Jun 04)</b>	<b>FISCAL YR BUDGET (1 Jul 04 to 30 Jun 05)</b>
Road Commissioner	\$ 40,500.00	\$ 40,499.94	\$ 20,600.00	\$ 40,500.00
Highway Crew (5)	\$ 136,000.00	\$ 141,155.35	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 144,000.00
FICA	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 13,870.04	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 12,000.00
Retirement	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 6,501.64	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 7,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 199,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 202,026.97</b>	<b>\$ 97,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 203,500.00</b>

**INSURANCE**

Health Insurance	\$ 28,935.00	\$ 31,958.35	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Life & Accident Ins	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,221.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 30,335.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,179.35</b>	<b>\$ 19,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 41,200.00</b>

**HIGHWAY EXPENSES**

Chains	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,220.15	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
Chloride	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Cold Patch	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,051.40	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Culverts	\$ 700.00	\$ 10,963.29	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,600.00
Cutting Edges	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,269.81	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Diesel Fuel	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 7,117.38	\$ 7,250.00	\$ 14,500.00
Electricity	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,628.20	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,600.00
Equipment Hired	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 15,806.35	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Equipment Purchased	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Gasoline	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,408.17	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 3,800.00
Gravel	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 23,187.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Heating Oil	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 238.93	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,800.00
Mileage	\$ 300.00	\$ 157.30	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
CDL, Drug Test, Post, Misc	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,565.29	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Paving	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 139,370.32	\$ -	\$ 135,000.00
Facility Repairs	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,472.96	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Vehicle Repairs & Maint.	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,504.44	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 15,000.00



**MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

<b>HIGHWAY EXPENSES</b>	<b>BUDGET 2003</b>	<b>SPENT 2003</b>	<b>6 MONTH BUDGET (1 Jan 04 to 30 Jun 04)</b>	<b>FISCAL YR BUDGET (1 Jul 04 to 30 Jun 05)</b>
Salt	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 17,815.78	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Winter Sand	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 39,349.85	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 45,000.00
Stone	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,742.50	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
Garage/Equipment Supplies	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 10,097.39	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Sewer Usage Fee	\$ 300.00	\$ 251.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00
Telephone	\$ 600.00	\$ 582.40	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
Uniforms	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,633.17	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 2,600.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 337,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 303,433.08</b>	<b>\$ 82,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 342,150.00</b>

**HIGHWAY SUMMARY**

<b>WAGES</b>	<b>\$ 199,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 202,026.97</b>	<b>\$ 97,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 203,500.00</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>	<b>\$ 30,335.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,179.35</b>	<b>\$ 19,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 41,200.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 337,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 303,433.08</b>	<b>\$ 82,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 342,150.00</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 567,735.00</b>	<b>\$ 538,639.40</b>	<b>\$ 199,950.00</b>	<b>\$ 586,850.00</b>

## SELECTBOARD'S REPORT

The Selectboard felt it was in the best interest of the Town to have Rod Sherman and Company prepare a year-end financial statement this year and for the January 2, 2004 – June 30, 2004 leading to the fiscal year basis. This action will give the Town a firm understanding of its financial condition at the end of each year. Reita Haverluk was hired as Bookkeeper and elected Treasurer. It us a daunting task to learn the Town Accounts System. We appreciate the effort Reita has given the Town in the past year.

The Town reached a settlement with USGEN over the assessed value of their property. For purposes of settlement only, the value of the property was dropped to about 30 Million Dollars. The taxes already paid into the Education Fund and sent to the State in 2002 were credited to this year's taxes, decreasing the tax rate considerably. USGEN also made a gift of the overpaid taxes to the Town Municipal Tax. We hope the new Act 68 without the 'sharkpool' will make our property taxes even lower, however, there is much to be learned about exactly how the new Act 68 will impact the Town of Whitingham. We do know that the Municipal Tax Rate should go down when the reappraisal is published in the spring of 2004. That is the good news, the fact that the value of home property will probably increase may or may not offset the drop in the Municipal Rate.

The Selectboard felt there was a real need to get some help with the business of the Town, as the volume of information and new regulations has increased dramatically. The Selectboard was fortunate that Lynette Masters applied and was hired for this position. This is a developing position, but the Selectboard is confident that this is a good move for the Town of Whitingham.

The Town made an effort to clean up some of the junk cars that litter parts of the Town. An offer in the Newsletter brought in over 30 vehicles for disposal. A problem developed when a place for the junk cars disappeared in late summer. Leblanc Auto Recycling and Salvage of Bennington finally was located and agreed to pick up the cars for \$100.00 each. A donation of \$35.00 was collected from the owner prior to picking up the cars leaving the Town with a balance of \$65.00 to have the cars removed. There are still several locations in Town that have an accumulation of Junk and Junk Vehicles that need to take action to move into compliance with this ordinance. Special thanks goes to Dave Briggs for supplying the equipment and to Allan Twitchell for gathering the vehicles to be sent to salvage. This service was supplied without charge to the Town.

The Selectboard recognizes the major contributions of the many people that serve on the committees or work for the Town. The Selectboard also recognizes that some feel the Selectboard is the opponent. It is the strong feeling of the Selectboard that we all need to work together to improve our town.

**Selectboard:**  
**Blanche F. Mills**

**Norman O. Stevens Chr.**  
**Steven A. Morse**

**Keith A. Bronson**  
**Allan L. Twitchell**

## **ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT 2003**

The winter season brought a substantial amount of snow in 2003. This was followed by a wet spring, leading to a long mud season. It is the duty of the highway crew to maintain the town's roads year around, despite the weather. 2003 saw more moisture than usual. This caused delays in paving during the summer and interfered with fall grading. A great deal of time was spent repairing wash outs on various roads.

The following projects were completed:

Gates Pond Rd.	A corner was widened prior to paving.
Parsons Rd.	Culverts were changed to prepare for 2004 paving.
Holbrook Rd.	A retaining wall was placed to prevent wash out to North River.
Stimpson Hill Rd.	A new 36"x350' plastic pipe replaced the old occluded stone culvert from Stimpson Hill to the brook.

Paving took place on Gates Pond Rd., Kentfield Rd., Town Hill Rd., and Ginny Morse Rd.

October- the new John Deere backhoe arrived. Thanks to those who supported this.

December- Paul Poissant replaced Ken Humkler who retired December 31, 2003. Ken has worked for the town of Whitingham Highway Department for 16 years. I would like to thank Ken for his many years of service and wish him the best during his retirement.

An appreciative thanks is extended to the highway crew for their valued knowledge and service. I will not be seeking re-election this year. However, I would like to thank the community for their continued support over the last seven years. **THANK YOU.**

**DONALD BOYD**

**ROAD COMMISSIONER**

## **Town of Whitingham Planning Commission 2003 Annual Report**

The Planning Commission was kept busy during 2003 reviewing a large number of Permits that were issued by the Zoning Administrator. The Town Plan that was updated in 2002 was approved by the Windham Regional Commission. The Commission is still actively working with the Windham Regional Commission regarding the Village Designation Grant program and we hope to develop a specific direction for this project in the near future. The Village Designation program is aimed at promoting village revitalization projects – our initial focus will be in the Whitingham Village.

In November the select board adopted a cell tower ordinance that was prepared and presented by the members of the planning commission. State statutes do not allow for towns to deny cell tower development. The purpose of the ordinance is to assist in regulating their placement locations, upkeep, and removal when they are no longer in use. The board would like to thank Reg Maynard for his time and research on this issue.

Bud Holland retired in November as Zoning Administrator. For many years he has provided guidance, advice, and support to the Planning Commission. His experience and historical knowledge was valuable in leading positive development in the Town of Whitingham. The Board wishes him well in his retirement.

Seth Boyd – Chair  
Dave Briggs  
Mike Hammer  
Bruce Harris  
Reg Maynard

Linda Donaghue  
Karl Twitchell  
Conrad Lanou – resigned  
Brad Lackey - appointed

### **AIDS QUILT PROJECT**



**John Brigham**

**Dominic Metcalfe**

## **2003 ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

84 permits were applied for in 2003, bringing a substantial increase over previous years. 2002 – 57, 2001-47, 2000 – 45, 1999 – 60, 1998 – 65, 1997 – 67.

Permits issued include:

18 Garages, 10 New Homes, 7 Subdivisions, 6 Barns, 1 Demolition, 18 Sheds, 1 Mobile Home, 8 Additions, 3 Decks, 2 Porches, 1 Pool, 1 Wind Turbine, 3 Change of use, 2 Fences, 1 Greenhouse, 1 Parking Lot.

8 permits were turned over to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. 6 were ultimately granted and 2 were denied. 1 permit was appealed to the State of VT Environmental Court and was granted after a hearing.

40 properties, permits, and records were researched and reviewed and issued Bianchi letters as required by the Bianchi Law.

I would like to thank Bud Holland for passing on his knowledge and for establishing an efficient system of Zoning Administration. Also, Thank You to the residents for continued voluntary compliance with Whitingham's Zoning Bylaws.

**Earle S. Holland, Jr – retired November**  
**Seth Boyd – Appointed**  
**Zoning Administrator**

## **HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT**

As the newly appointed Health Officer I would like to introduce myself and also pay my respects to my predecessor Mr. Earle Holland who was Health Officer until November 2003.

In 2003 there were a total of 22 Health Permits issued. 19 permits for new engineer-designed systems and 3 permits for replacement or upgrading existing systems. Investigations into Rental Complaints and Animal Bites have been ongoing and time consuming, with positive outcomes.

2004 will see upgrading of the Health Permit System through the creation of a database enabling years of information to be in a more user-friendly format. This will provide an even more efficient service to the community

Special thanks to the Whitingham Selectboard who also serves as the Town's Board of Health. Their knowledge and support have been appreciated and invaluable.

**Lynette Masters**  
**Health Officer - appointed until December 2006**

## **TOWN NURSE REPORT 2003**

It is always difficult reflecting on the previous year. The status of some individuals has changed and the reality of the loss of some of our very dear residents stimulates emotional memories for many.

A celebration occurred in October when our oldest resident, Marjorie Bartlett, turned 97. We could all benefit from the healthy attitude and enthusiasm for life that Marjorie displays every day. She is living proof that "laughter is the best medicine."

5,353 miles were logged to cover 989 visits and travel for supplies. The majority of visits made during 2003 were routine to cover the following; blood pressure checks, injections, foot care, diabetes monitoring, dressing changes, post hospitalization assessments, liaison, advocate and support for patient/families. It is often the town nurse who is seen in the home following discharge from other outside services (Home Health). 2003 revealed an increase in pre and post operative assessment and care, foot care and injections.

The Deerfield Valley Health Center sponsored two 1 hour flu clinics at the Whitingham School in November. Forty brave individuals ventured out in the 7 a.m. elements to receive flu vaccine. Thank you Kori Deluca for your concern and time. At the time of this writing, a number of our residents and students have a confirmed diagnosis of flu.

The select board approved of the purchase of a pulse oximeter which has proven to be a valuable and reassuring tool to community members on oxygen. I want to thank the members of the board who did not hesitate to provide this to the town nurse service.

A number of donations were made to the "adaptive devices closet." There are several items available for loan. Please call with any questions or need for crutches, bedpans, walkers, shower chair, wheel chair and miscellaneous medical supplies.

I marvel at the tenacity of many people living alone, most are over the age of 85. A great deal of credit is given to families, neighbors, friends, and outside agencies that have been able to provide the tools for independent living. The Council on Aging (including our wonderful meal site), The Nurses Alliance, and Hospice are very important and active organizations in our community. Please continue to support these worthwhile agencies.

As always, I thoroughly enjoy being your town nurse. The senior citizens in this community provide me with such satisfaction. It warms my heart and gives me immeasurable rewards to be part of this service.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jane Boyd, R.N.

## **CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT**

There were ten burials in town lots during the year 2003: Sadawga (6), Jacksonville (2), Davidson (1) and Cutting (1). Three lots were sold in the Fuller Cemetery.

Repairs are needed in several of our cemeteries and the Cemetery Commission is looking into a program with the Vermont Old Cemetery Association (VOCA) and the Youth Conservation Corp. (YCC), which is a cooperatively funded venture. The Cemetery Commission would provide a portion of the funds for the repair work. This joint venture repair program would be performed during 2004; however, repairs to town cemeteries will be a continuous process.

### **Cemetery Commission**

**Richard Allen**  
**Donald Washburn**  
**Robert Durfey**

## **TOWN HILL COMMITTEE 2003 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Town Hill Committee worked this year to keep the park in good appearance. With the budget restraints, we were unable to do som much needed repairs and maintenance. We are hopeful to have enough money in the budget this year to get back on track. We would like to thank the volunteers who helped do repairs and clean up.

## WHITINGHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

The Librarian and the Trustees of the Whitingham Free Public Library are pleased to report that 2003 was a notable year for the library.

### Adult Programs

- Plant swap
- Bite-sized (hors d'oeuvres) Program by Jane Givens
- Margaret MacArthur of Marlboro, musical program
- Belinda West as "Mrs. John Hancock" in collaboration with the Historical Society
- Monthly book discussion group on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month.
- Winter outreach: scrabble and books to shut-ins

### Children's Services

In June, Kathy Rapp came on board as children's library assistant. Under her leadership the children's programming has experienced an exceptional year. During the summer months, she led weekly story hours for 3-7 year olds and crafts events for 8-12 year olds. Special summer programs for families included:

- *Dinosaurs and Dinoman* by the National Theater for Young Audiences
- *Rock and Read* with Jane Hosford
- *Life without Utensils*, a Look at Beaks and Teeth, by the Nature Museum of Grafton
- *African Drums* by Jay Cook of Brattleboro

In the fall/winter she continues with story hours at 10:30 a.m. on Monday and Saturday mornings for 3-7 year olds; rhyme-time at 9:30 a.m. on Mondays for infants; and story times at daycare facilities in Whitingham and Halifax. Special children's programs have included Teddy Bear Tea, Pajama Parties, Halloween Party, and the *Harry Potter* Party, under the direction of Isabelle Hadley and members of the *Hogwarts* staff.

A *New Babies* program has been instituted, with presentation of books for all newborns.

### Collaboration with Schools and Groups

- Dog Day Program with US Humane Society in Jacksonville
- Community Reads program planning with WINGS, Whitingham and Wilmington Schools.
- DCF reading program with Whitingham School Library
- Story times at Halifax School by library volunteer, Edie Fenton

### Grants

- Vermont Dept. of Library's *Freeman Fund* – 2<sup>nd</sup> year of support for children's programs.
- *Council on Aging* Grant for Genealogy classes with 15 participants.
- *CLiF* Grant --for children's books, in cooperation with Whitingham School Library.

### Friends of Whitingham Library

The creation of Friends of the Whitingham Library (F.O.W.L.) was realized. This organization was created to stimulate the use of the library's resources and services, to receive and encourage gifts and bequests to the library, and to focus on a major fund-raising effort to realize a much-needed expansion. Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. A successful Book/Bake Sale in October was its first fund-raiser. A Valentine's Lunch took place in February.

Watch for more planned events.

Special thanks to our loyal group of regular volunteers who give an average of 35 hours each week, and to Lee Peters who designs the posters for our programs and events. We also thank our many patrons who donate funds, books and videos, enabling us to supplement our growing collection.

Continue to use and support the library, it is one of the Town's greatest resources.

Kris Berberian, Librarian

Lucy Thompson, Chairman  
Board of Trustees



**Town Constable  
2003 Annual Report**

2003 was a very busy year. I had a total of 130 Incidents.

**INCIDENTS**

Animal Complaints	72
Dog Bites	5
Vandalism Incidents	6
Assist State Police	4
Assist Sheriff	2
ATV Complaints	10
Snowmobile Complaints	5
Calls to School	9
Trespass Complaints	2
Neighbor Disputes	3
Hit and Run Complaints	2
Welfare of Persons Check	6
Unwanted Person on Property	3
Court Appearances	1

On November 8<sup>th</sup> I attended the State Police Academy and completed a workshop on Investigating Animal Cruelty in Vermont.

Respectfully

Kenneth S. Hunkler  
1<sup>st</sup> Constable

**Whitingham Fire Department**  
Annual Report 2003

This year the Whitingham Fire Department responded to 74 calls. There were 12 MVA's, 2 automatic fire alarms, 4 brush fires, 5 chimney fires, 4 electrical problems, 3 carbon monoxide, 3 flooding, 1 LP gas, 1 hazmat, 10 MT/test, 8 mutual aids, 1 phone call to unit, 1 search party, 2 service calls, 3 smoke investigations, 2 structure fire, and 11 chimney checks. This comes to a total of 853.5 man hours.

I would like to thank the people of Whitingham for their support of the Fire Department. It is nice to know we live in a town where people believe in protecting their families and neighbors without hesitation.

I would like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for their help and support over the last year. I would also like to thank the area businesses that let volunteers who are their employees leave work without a hassle to respond to calls. This means a lot to our community.

Lastly, our thirty year old truck is in very poor condition. The pump leaks, the cabinets are falling to the ground, and after the last structure fire we had to replace the primer pump on the truck for a cost of \$1400. The truck is not NFPA certified. It is recommended that any truck older than 25 years of age not be used and may be unsafe to operate. This year I am again asking for \$20,000.00 to be put into the Fire Department Equipment Fund which would increase the balance to \$80,000.00, leaving only another \$80,000.00 that will be needed to replace the truck.

Thank you again for your support of the Whitingham Fire Department.

Sincerely,  
Stanley A. Janovsky Jr.

## WHITINGHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The year 2003 has been wonderful for the Whitingham Historical Society. We now have electricity in the #9 School House. New trim has been installed and mop boards in the ante room. The school also has had a new security system that is connected to the museum. Eight new lights have been installed in the museum that are like old fashioned chandeliers, which lighten up our displays very much. Our security system has been upgraded with a telephone service to the Security Company and Police.

The Amos Brown house had an open house and dedication on June 1, 2003. Over 150 people attended and a good time was enjoyed by all. The Brown House was of such significance that it was reported in many papers all over the country. It is now being rented out by the week for anyone who wants a great vacation in the back woods of Vermont. For more information on this please contact Landmark Trust, 707 Kipling Road, Dummerston, Vt.--telephone 802-254-6868.

The house was recently rented for several days by the family of Roger and Janice (Stone) Kingsley for their 55th wedding anniversary. Most of their family and many friends and relatives visited them during their stay. Roger and Janice had lived in the house during their early years of marriage.

We, at the Historical Society, have traded some land with the Whitingham Church as of December 3, 2002. This land trade gave the church the land on which their front walk, oil tank and water well were located. In turn we received the upper portion on which on which used to be their horse sheds.

The new bookcases have been made and installed in the library room of the museum.

The museum purchased two new Fire Proof File Cabinets in which we keep our Genealogy and other valuable records.

All of the trustees and several others have spent many hours volunteering their time and energy to keep the museum cleaned and open during the summer.

At our October 14th meeting we enjoyed the movie video "In Days Gone By" with comments of older Vermont by Vermonters. It was enjoyed by everyone present.

At the April 15th meeting we enjoyed a movie by "The Dutton Family", which was one of the shows that they presented at the Branson, Mo. Theater.

Our July 15th meeting was a very nice presentation of Dorothy Quincy Hancock, wife of John Hancock, and featured Mrs. Belinda West who did the portrayal, and was sponsored in part by the "Vermont Humanities Council". This was a joint program of the Whitingham Library and the Historical Society.

The Historical Society was very pleased and grateful for the contributions bequested in the will of the late Arthur D. Wheeler, Jr. He left everything in his home and office to the Historical Society. Hundreds of items that could be displayed in the museum were retained and the other items were sold at Auction. This generous contribution will greatly enhance our displays and financial status. It took several people 1 1/2 years to go through everything he had, much of it dating back to his Father and Mother and both the Butterfield and Wheeler Grandparents.

I would like to personally thank everyone who has helped to make our society such a great success. Many people spend hours and days of their time and effort to make things happen. For this I am very grateful.

The Whitingham Historical Society welcomes new members at any time. Please join us to learn more about our Town and its history.

We would also like to thank all of our members, trustees, officers, friends and visitors for their interest and support and assistance.

Robert G. Coombs, President

## **HOUSING REHABILITATION COMMITTEE**

### **Halifax-Marlboro-Whitingham**

The Housing Rehabilitation Committee, a consortium of our three towns, continues to distribute funds in low-interest loans to income-eligible residents for a variety of projects, ranging from septic and well installation, heating, and roofing, to plumbing and electrical repairs and upgrade. The Committee approved several new loans in the past year and has been working with our new treasurer to improve administration of existing loans.

Our Committee is one of the few in Vermont that remains active and self-sufficient in the administration of funds recycling from repaid loans. The Committee has funds to lend and invites the residents who may have a necessary rehabilitation project of our three towns to apply to see if they meet eligibility guidelines. Please contact us through any of the Committee members listed below. Applications are also available from the three Town Clerks.

Andy Rice, Chair  
257-7982

Al Dacey  
368-2643

Richard Tefft  
368-7737

T. Hunter Wilson  
464-5129

Patty Webster  
464-8153

Linda Donaghue  
368-2313

## **AIDS QUILT PROJECT**



**Nate Felton**

**Jeff "Chevy" Waldron**

**Vermont Department of Health  
Annual Report – Town of Whitingham 2003**

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

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

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

**West Nile Virus (WNV) Surveillance:** WNV first appeared in the U.S. in New York City in 1999 and has become well established in the United States. Birds, mammals and people can get WNV from the bite of an infected mosquito. The Vermont Departments of Health and Agriculture conduct surveillance for WNV each year from June until cold weather limits mosquito activity in the fall. In 2003, five Town Health Officers in different parts of the state also participated in the program, assisting primarily with mosquito trapping. As of November 17, 2003, 450 mosquito pools were tested with none positive for WNV. In Windham County, there were 132 dead bird reports, 52 were tested and 23 were found to be infected with WNV. Three humans were positive (two from Addison County and one from Windham County). Four horses have tested positive (three from Addison and one from Windham.)

**Food & Lodging Inspections:** National surveys show that more people are eating out more often. Public health sanitarians inspect eating establishments (restaurants, schools, fairs) to decrease the risk of food borne disease outbreaks. The five greatest risks for food borne outbreaks are: keeping food too long at improper temperatures, inadequate cooking, contaminated equipment, food from an unsafe source, and poor personal hygiene among food handlers. Inspections include review of a 44-item checklist to evaluate food storage, preparation and handling as well as to identify where there is a high likelihood of practices contributing to illness if left uncorrected. Of the 8 establishments in Whitingham, 4 inspections were completed by a sanitarian during 2002.

**Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (“WIC”):** One of the most effective ways to improve the health of the overall population is to improve nutrition and physical activity. WIC improves the health of pregnant and postpartum women, infants and young children by assuring access to health care, teaching families about good nutritional practices, and providing an individually designed package of nutritious food to eligible individuals. During 2002, 71 women, infants and children living in Whitingham received foods as well as health screening and individualized nutrition education through this program. The average value of foods provided is \$35.00 per person per month.

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

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



P.O. Box 933 • Brattleboro, VT 05302 • Telephone: Business 802-257-7364 • Crisis 254-6954

## WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER

### Statement of Services

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Friedelson  
Administrative Coordinator



A United Way Agency



Whitingham Wings unites the community and the school by providing afterschool enrichment and homework support. The Wings program is in its last year of funding by a federal 21st Century grant. Its staff lives in the community and provides services to both children and adults.

We have seen an increase in student need and involvement in all of our programs. We continue to offer popular themes and programs; robotics, elementary drama, Girls on Track, Zoom Club, career interest trips. We are experiencing a gain in interest and participation from the teachers and staff of the school as well as community members. Our adult classes are becoming even more popular. Wings is engaged in many of the discussions and student participation in the light of the vote for collaboration. We are excited by the increase of the number of students we will be able to serve in the new middle school.

In addition to the large number of students utilizing Wings' programming, teachers within have overwhelmingly felt that Wings contributes to student improvement. An annual teacher survey is distributed to teachers that have direct contact with Wings' participants, and the results clearly indicate that teachers see positive changes as a result of Wings' programming. Ten indicators of academic improvement are tracked through the teacher surveys and the results indicate that Wings' participants consistently improved in all areas. Examples of improvement include: 91% of Wings' participants improved in turning in his/her homework on time, 80% improved in participating in class, and 76% improved in coming to school ready/prepared to learn.

The general body of research on out-of-school time programming indicates that those who participate in quality programs during non-school hours improve academically. Wings serves a large, and increasing, number of students in programming modeled on research-based principals. Wings has laid the foundation for academic improvement in the community and data reflecting the community-wide changes are likely to be seen as Wings becomes an integrated component of school programming.

Our sustainability plans call for licensing the Eagle program this was completed in the fall. We will be instituting a fee schedule, which will have reimbursement from SRS. We will continue to grant scholarships as NO CHILD WILL BE DENIED PROGRAMMING DUE TO INABILITY TO PAY.

Transportation continues to be a very real problem for Whitingham students wanting to take advantage of opportunities in the afterschool setting or in nearby communities. Whitingham Wings has spent a good deal of energy forming collaborative partnerships with organizations providing services that complement those offered by Wings. Through these collaborative efforts more programming is being brought to Whitingham by outside organizations, but a need remains for an organization such as Wings to be a presence in the community, pull in outside resources, and continue development of local programs.

As we continue to grow, so does the need to have community members volunteer as reading partners, chaperones, mentors, and project leaders. The Advisory Board has been hard at work trying to work on keeping these valuable programs alive and well in Whitingham. Thank you to the WSSU, Town of Whitingham, Administration and Staff of Whitingham School and our community partners: DVCP, Whitingham Free Public Library, University of Vermont Extension(4H), Whitingham PTG, Jacksonville Store, Boy Scouts, Sr. Meal Site, Families First and RSVP. Most of all thank you to a most professional and dedicated staff that work with your children every day and inspire me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth McEwen, Director



*Providing the information  
and assistance necessary  
to enable seniors to  
achieve a safe, healthy,  
rewarding and fulfilling life,  
in a setting of their choice*



## 2003 ANNUAL REPORT

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

- ◆ **Information and Assistance** – through the Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 – Providing resources, tips, applications for benefits, and assistance with health insurance information.
- ◆ **Senior Nutrition** – Home delivered meals are arranged and congregate meals have been expanded to three times a week at the Municipal Center.
- ◆ **Transportation** – Door to door accessible transportation is provided through a contract with the Deerfield Valley Transit Association to go shopping, get to medical appointments and attend the twice a week congregate meals.
- ◆ **Case Management** – Providing one on one case management to those wishing to stay in their community and by managing the Medicaid Waiver program which provides nursinghome like care. With self-neglect referrals we assist the individual to become aware of and access services thus regaining control of their lives. 26 Clients are currently receiving these services at an annual cost of \$20,306.
- ◆ **Advocacy** – Assisting with accessing a wide array of benefits such as VHAP pharmacy, fuel assistance, food stamps, telephone lifeline, tax rebates, and Supplemental Security Income. These services are provided through home visits.
- ◆ **Care Giver Respite** – Through grants we are able to provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia and other chronic diseases.
- ◆ **Senior Companion Program** – Providing friendly visiting as well as a stipend employment opportunity for older, limited income workers.
- ◆ **Planning** – for seniors is accomplished by working with legislators, other agencies, and the communities we serve.
- ◆ **Successful Aging Initiatives** – Providing a series of small community grants for groups and organizations to create and expand their programs.

Your town contribution of \$750 generates \$4,250 in Federal matching funds. Services are provided at no cost but participants are encouraged to make anonymous, voluntary contributions. The support of Whitingham citizens as well as that of the hundreds of volunteers and dedicated staff make these services possible.

*Submitted by Marie Saunders, Executive Director*

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(800) 642-5119 (802) 885-2655 Fax (802) 885-2665

## Vermont Coalition of Municipalities

### Annual Report – 2003

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

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

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

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

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

**We will also work through the legislature and the administration to correct the inequities in the education equalization system and the problems caused in the way property values are determined.**

## **Windham Solid Waste Management District FY03 Annual Report**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## **WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION 2003 REPORT**

The Windham Regional Commission works with 27 towns in southeastern Vermont to address regional issues and help towns to provide effective local government. Each town annually appoints two representatives to the commission. Whitingham's current representative is Reg Maynard with one vacancy. Commissioners serve on a number of committees that mirror the concerns of the region, including both standing committees and ones that are formed on an ad hoc basis to address specific issues.

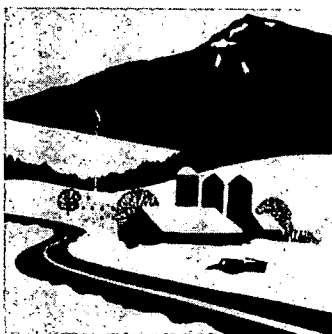
2003 brought with it some new and extensive work for the WRC. Fitting those tasks into our already full schedule has not been easy, but we have nonetheless worked to address those important issues, and we will continue those efforts in the coming year. Examples of new and unanticipated tasks have included:

- **Energy issues:**
  - Catamount Energy, Inc.—a Central Vermont Public Service subsidiary—is seeking to develop up to 50 megawatts of wind power on Glebe Mountain in Londonderry and Windham, which may mean construction of up to twenty-seven wind turbines. To date, the WRC has convened a series of public meetings to review and discuss major issues and worked with state and other regional organizations to better understand the potential impacts involved. We currently are participating in a series of community-based discussions, led by others, that are aimed at resolving some of the difficult conflicts that such a development presents.
  - On a later schedule and therefore consuming less WRC staff time at present, is an anticipated proposal by Green Mountain Power to significantly expand the Searsburg wind farm, currently consisting of eleven turbines rated at about 6 megawatts, potentially adding up to 19 new turbines and 34 additional megawatts of rated power.
  - Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee filed an application for Vermont Public Service Board approval to increase its power output by approximately 20%, from 540 to about 650 megawatts. The WRC is participating in this proceeding, which began in January 2003 and is expected to continue into spring 2004. At the same time, we anticipate that Entergy will apply in 2004 for approval of dry cask, on-site storage of spent nuclear fuel, which will extend this higher level of involvement well into 2005 or 2006.
- **Public Transportation:**
  - This region, along with most of Windsor County, received public transportation services from Town and Village Transportation Services (TVTS) for several years. Also known as "Town & Village Bus," TVTS experienced severe financial difficulties and ceased to exist as a non-profit transit provider at the end of 2003. Throughout the fiscal year, the WRC and our counterpart to the north worked with the Vermont Agency of Transportation, at the Agency's request, to try and save the troubled transit provider, which efforts were not successful. Since that time, we have helped to form a new corporate entity, Connecticut River Transit, Inc. which is filling the important role of providing transportation for human services, medical needs, and travel to work.

Other on-going work has included:

- Regional transportation efforts, which included work with many towns to conduct Road Surface Management System inventories; identification of bridge and culvert issues; helping the Vermont Agency of Transportation to develop and implement its highway access management system; continued work on the West River Trail project; continued management of the Route 121 reconstruction project in Rockingham and Grafton (with phase 1 being completed in 2003 and phase 2 to follow with bids in December 2003); help to towns on lower-scale but important projects like sidewalks and other bicycle/pedestrian improvements; and others.
- Natural resource planning, which is at the core of the WRC's mission and has included work with the West River Watershed Alliance and other "basin planning" groups, review of state programs and policies aimed at improving energy efficiency in Vermont; work to improve local and regional programs and policies that affect water quality, such as stormwater management and wastewater disposal rules; and others.
- Community development and related planning work, which included major efforts like the WRC's Brownfields Reuse Initiative which now has completed assessments on 14 of over 20 nominated sites (the Brownfield program received its 3<sup>rd</sup> block of funding from the USEPA this year) and will continue through 2004; municipal planning and land use regulation assistance, which included help with municipal planning and land use regulation projects in eleven towns; increased work to provide education and information for local officials, including five "Cross-Town Talks" educational sessions, four Zoning Administrator Workshops, sponsorship and participation in three state-wide sessions over Vermont Interactive Television; help to the Vermont Environmental Board as it considered changes to its rules and procedures; the "Livable Communities" education program which wrapped up later in calendar year 2003 with a highly successful two-day course for forty-six participants; continued help on Connecticut River Scenic Byway projects, including the now completed Bellows Falls Waypoint Interpretive Center; and others.
- Support of regional emergency planning and preparation efforts, which included continued work with towns and support of the Local Emergency Planning Committee; increased efforts to assist local governments to coordinate their responses to ever-increasing federal and state-sponsored security and emergency preparedness programs; efforts to continually improve homeland security and pre-disaster mitigation planning, which aim to minimize damage or disruption from reasonably predictable events, such as floods and severe storms; and others.

The WRC's core budget is partially funded by member town assessments, which are essential to receiving other state and federal support. The \$1.39 per resident rate for 2004, based on 2000 population estimates, results in a total assessment of \$1,804.00 from Whitingham for the new fiscal year. For information on the WRC and its programs, contact your Town Representative or the WRC office at 139 Main Street, Suite 505, Brattleboro, (802) 257-4547; e-mail [wrc@sover.net](mailto:wrc@sover.net). Visit our website at [www.rpc.windham.vt.us](http://www.rpc.windham.vt.us).



**George D. Aiken Resource  
Conservation & Development Council, Inc.**

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*"A non-profit non-partisan network of local people  
dedicated to helping communities conserve and develop  
their natural and human resources."*



**Town Report Information**

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

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

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

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

*"Helping to Make Things Happen"*

## **For Your Town Report**

For the past fifteen years, The Gathering Place has provided adult day services for local residents who are frail, isolated or disabled. TGP is committed to helping participants remain respected community members by encouraging their independence, and challenging them to reach and maintain their maximum levels of physical strength and mental well-being. TGP is both a cost-effective way to minimize the stress of providing home care, and an affordable alternative to nursing home placement.

TGP offers on-site physical and occupational therapies, counseling and a daily exercise program. Personal services include hairdressing, showers, podiatry and assistance with the activities of daily living. Our professional staff includes a full-time nurse, recreational therapist and occupational therapist. We can also arrange transportation to and from doctors' appointments.

Scholarships are available based on an income-sensitive, flexible fee schedule; we are a Medicaid and VA provider. Our program is opened Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm. Transportation is available via wheel-chair accessible vans.

The Gathering Place is located in downtown Brattleboro in a lovely Victorian home with a large deck and outside area for games, relaxation and gardening. Our program includes stimulating and varied activities, entertainment, lectures, socials, field trips and local walks to places such as the Farmers Market and library. We serve a light breakfast, mid-day meal and afternoon snack.

Aside from respite, TGP offers caregivers support, education, assistance with outreach and the ability to remain employed. TGP sponsors a monthly Parkinson's Disease Support Group and facilitates a monthly Caregivers Support Group— both free and open to the public.

The Gathering Place— a good place to be!

Lynn Bedell, Executive Director  
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## REPORT FOR INCLUSION IN 2003 WHITINGHAM TOWN REPORT

December 9, 2003

**RSVP** recruits people 55 and older and matches them with volunteer jobs at non-profit organizations throughout Windham County. By doing so, we help solve local problems and improve the quality of life in all of our communities. Volunteers receive training, assessment, supplemental insurance coverage, and recognition for their contributions. RSVP's affiliated "Volunteer Connection" (VC) refers people under 55 who wish to volunteer.


**RSVP** is a part of the National Senior Service Corps, is a United Way member agency, and is sponsored by Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont, Inc.

Last year 496 RSVP volunteers contributed 76,928 hours of service in Windham County through 129 non-for-profit community agencies. Whitingham residents received an estimated 2,231 hours of service through the work of those volunteers, which in dollars equates to approximately \$33,285. We are asking Whitingham voters to consider providing \$305 in funding, the same amount as last year, to RSVP for FY 2005.

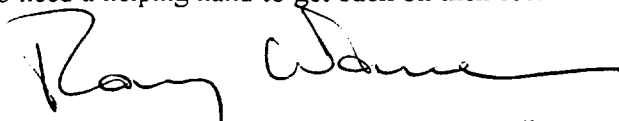
### Examples of how RSVP volunteers make a difference for Whitingham residents:

- Help improve children's reading skills, as RSVP America Reads Literacy Volunteers at Whitingham Elementary School, and help introduce children and their families to kindergarten through support work for Early Education Services' "Teddy Bear Teas."
- Ensure that people who lack transportation are able to get to medical appointments, senior nutrition programs and other necessary places by serving as drivers for organizations such as the Council on Aging, Deerfield Valley Nutrition Program and Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.
- Enable Families First to spend more time providing direct services, by assisting with office work.
- Support independent living and alleviate loneliness and isolation, by volunteering at the Deerfield Valley Nutrition Program, delivering "meals-on-wheels," or assisting elderly citizens with their tax forms through AARP's Tax Aide Program.
- Help people get through tough times by volunteering at Twice Blessed thrift shop and by knitting or crocheting sweaters, mittens and baby sets for local children through the Reformer Christmas Stocking.

**RSVP** would like to thank Whitingham voters for your investment in our program for the past twenty-one years. With your renewed support, RSVP will continue to make a difference for school children, frail elders, struggling families, and those who need a helping hand to get back on their feet.



Virginia A. Milkey, Director



Ray Warren, Deerfield Valley Coordinator



**WHITINGHAM AMBULANCE SERVICE INC  
P.O. BOX 963  
JACKSONVILLE VT 05342**

8 January 2004

The Whitingham Ambulance Service had 191 calls this year which is a drop from the previous years. In light of this it has been a trying year for our Service to meet all of these calls.

The reason being is that we are low in our numbers for squad members and for members who might be available to take the calls during the day due to peoples work schedules. This is why you have seen other Ambulance Services coming in to our area for Mutual Aid for us. The Mutual Aid has been approximately 25% +- of our total calls.

This is why you saw a flyer in the subscription letter looking for volunteers.

We have also had meetings with Deerfield Valley Rescue to discuss this issue along with having joint meetings with Deerfield Valley Rescue, Select Boards of WHITINGHAM, Halifax & Readsboro , along with the Fire Chiefs of the above Towns. We met twice as a group to discuss the problem. What came out of these meetings was a consensus to look into hiring a paid person to be available during the day time hours. The Board of WASI has sat down and have come up with figures for a paid person, and a job description. The Select Boards have the figures to be put out at Town Meeting in March. In the mean time WASI will be advertizing this position internally and externally for this position and will be interviewing people for this position.

Hiring a paid person will only solve part of this problem we will still need to **INCREASE OUR NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS TO PICK UP THE SLACK WHETHER IT BE DRIVERS BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY PEOPLE TO BE TRAINED TO BE IN BACK OF THE AMBULANCE DOING PATIENT CARE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED CALL PETER MADDEN @ 368-2004, DANA DIX @ 368-7612, LARRY KINGMAN @ 368-2493/380-0300.**

WHITINGHAM TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

JUNE 30, 2003

WHITINGHAM TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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August 1, 2003

Board of School Directors  
Whitingham Town School District  
Whitingham, Vermont 05361

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of Whitingham Town School District as of and for the year then ended June 30, 2003, as listed in the Table of Contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of Whitingham Town School District management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

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

As discussed in Notes 1 and 2, the School District has valued equipment at estimated replacement cost. Accounting principles, generally accepted in the United States of America, require equipment to be valued at cost, or estimated cost. The difference between the carrying amount and cost is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the general purpose financial statements of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Whitingham Town School District as of June 30, 2003, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

WHITINGHAM TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS  
JUNE 30, 2003

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Groups			Total
	General	Special (Memorandum Revenue)		General Long-Term	General Fixed	Assets	
Assets	Fund		Agency	Debt		Only	
Cash \$ 338,080	\$ 0	\$ 24,009	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 362,089		
Accounts receivable, net	0	184	0	0	0	184	
Inventory	0	587	0	0	0	587	
Due from other governmental units	9,013	10,597	0	0	0	19,610	
Due from other funds	2,602	2,136	432	0	0	5,170	
Prepaid expense	21,887	0	0	0	0	21,887	
Property and equipment	0	0	0	0	1,647,402	1,647,402	
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Assets	\$ 371,582	\$ 13,504	\$ 24,441	\$ 33,506	\$ 1,647,402	33,506	\$ 2,090,435
Liabilities And Fund Balance							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable	\$ 49,817	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 49,817	
Accrued salaries	120,838	0	0	0	0	120,838	
Employees' withholding and other accrued expenses	17,862	0	0	0	0	17,862	
Due to student groups and others	0	0	24,441	0	0	24,441	
Due to other governmental units	24,899	0	0	0	0	24,899	
Due to other funds	2,568	2,602	0	0	0	5,170	
Deferred revenue	0	2,030	0	0	0	2,030	
Capital lease obligations	0	0	0	19,676	0	19,676	
Accrued compensated absences	0	0	0	13,830	0	13,830	
Total Liabilities	215,984	4,632	24,441	33,506	0	278,563	
Equity And Other Credits:							
Invested in general fixed assets	0	0	0	0	1,647,402	1,647,402	
Fund Balance:							
Reserved for subsequent year's expenditures	83,397	0	0	0	0	83,397	
Reserved for prepaid expense	21,887	0	0	0	0	21,887	
Reserve for inventory	0	587	0	0	0	587	
Undesignated	50,314	8,285	0	0	0	58,599	
Total Equity And Other Credits	155,598	8,872	0	0	1,647,402	1,811,872	
Total Liabilities And Fund Balance	\$ 371,582	\$ 13,504	\$ 24,441	\$ 33,506	\$ 1,647,402	\$ 2,090,435	

WHITINGHAM TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

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	General	Governmental Fund Types		Total		
		Special Fund	Revenue	(Memorandum Only)		
<u>Revenues:</u>						
Local sources:						
Property taxes	\$	1,613,427	\$	0	\$	1,613,427
Tuition		175,870		0		175,870
Interest		10,751		0		10,751
Rentals		99,500		0		99,500
Food sales		0		36,426		36,426
Miscellaneous		2,219		0		2,219
Private donations		0		5,215		5,215
State sources:						
Regular education		1,261,782		1,241		1,263,023
Vocational education		20,339		0		20,339
Special education		621,069		0		621,069
Teachers retirement		71,664		0		71,664
Federal sources		<u>31,288</u>		<u>158,853</u>		<u>190,141</u>
Total Revenues		<u>3,907,909</u>		<u>201,735</u>		<u>4,109,644</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>						
District-wide		1,561,305		0		1,561,305
Elementary		843,911		0		843,911
Middle		87,419		0		87,419
Secondary		1,434,048		0		1,434,048
Food Service		0		71,973		71,973
Other		<u>71,664</u>		<u>122,297</u>		<u>193,961</u>
Total Expenditures		<u>3,998,347</u>		<u>194,270</u>		<u>4,192,617</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures		( 90,438)		7,465		(82,973)
Fund Balance - July 1, 2002		<u>246,036</u>		<u>1,407</u>		<u>247,443</u>
Fund Balance - June 30, 2003	\$	<u>155,598</u>	\$	<u>8,872</u>	\$	<u>164,470</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

WHITINGHAM TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Revenue:</b>			
Tax Revenues	\$ 875,499	\$ 1,613,427	\$ 737,928
Tuition	147,000	162,487	15,487
Special Education excess costs	0	13,383	13,383
Interest Income	38,000	10,751	(27,249)
User Fees	99,500	99,500	0
General State Support Grant-Property Taxes	1,162,404	1,162,348	(56)
State aid - Transportation	47,301	47,836	535
State aid - Construction	0	0	0
Small Schools aid	50,094	50,094	0
State grants:			
Vocational Education Transportation	5,700	20,339	14,639
Driver Education	1,500	1,504	4
Intensive reimbursement	344,298	364,130	19,832
Extraordinary reimbursement	58,600	106,180	47,580
Mainstream block grant	60,528	60,528	0
EEE Block Grant	8,532	8,549	17
State-placed student	0	81,682	81,682
Federal Title I	35,930	31,288	(4,642)
Insurance recovery	0	0	0
Private Donations	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	2,219	2,219
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>2,934,886</u>	<u>3,836,245</u>	<u>901,359</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
District-wide:			
Payments to State Education Fund	0	737,872	(737,872)
School board services	25,899	30,814	(4,915)
Superintendent's office	196,231	196,207	24
Principal's office	198,096	189,499	8,597
Maintenance of plant	208,181	205,262	2,919
Pupil transportation	162,273	129,158	33,115
Technology	69,334	69,774	(440)
Food service	5,000	0	5,000
Debt service - interest	0	2,719	(2,719)
<b>Total District Wide</b>	<u>865,014</u>	<u>1,561,305</u>	<u>(696,291)</u>
Elementary:			
Instruction	435,743	426,991	8,752
Special Education:			
Instruction	242,232	289,048	(46,816)
Professional services	53,040	52,663	377
Transportation	12,000	15,630	(3,630)
Remedial Specialist	47,836	59,579	(11,743)
<b>Total Elementary</b>	<u>790,851</u>	<u>843,911</u>	<u>(53,060)</u>
Middle School:			
Instruction	91,335	87,419	3,916
Secondary:			
Instruction	46,449	77,483	(31,034)
Art	61,695	59,893	1,802
Business education	37,700	38,051	(351)
English	118,978	117,951	1,027

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

## STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

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BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Expenditures: (continued)</u>			
Foreign language	39,719	39,604	115
Physical education	25,625	26,601	(976)
Driver education	15,261	14,073	1,188
Home economics	19,954	15,309	4,645
Industrial arts	575	257	318
Mathematics	47,346	47,529	(183)
Music	53,472	52,512	960
Science	51,169	49,525	1,644
Social studies	48,832	48,891	(59)
Health education	13,495	7,325	6,170
Choices Department	26,343	25,584	759
Vocational education	14,903	15,694	(791)
Student activities	8,472	7,009	1,463
Athletics	47,635	48,427	(792)
Adult diploma program	0	0	0
Guidance	110,305	104,320	5,985
Health services	43,147	41,518	1,629
Psychological services	5,800	37	5,763
Inservice Education	7,680	4,809	2,871
Library services	47,433	45,548	1,885
Special Education:			
Instruction	404,294	477,460	(73,166)
Professional services	15,800	30,904	(15,104)
Transportation	11,250	27,315	(16,065)
Remedial specialist	<u>26,993</u>	<u>10,419</u>	<u>16,574</u>
Total secondary	<u>1,350,325</u>	<u>1,434,048</u>	<u>(83,723)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>3,097,525</u>	<u>3,926,683</u>	<u>(829,158)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditures	(162,639)	(90,438)	72,201
Fund Balance - July 1, 2002	<u>162,639</u>	<u>246,036</u>	<u>83,397</u>
Fund Balance - June 30, 2003	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 155,598</u>	<u>\$ 155,598</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.



WHITINGHAM TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2003

Note 1: **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Whitingham Town School District is a legally separate Vermont entity which consists of Whitingham School, which provides educational services from kindergarten through grade twelve and provides assistance for vocational education outside the District. The voters of the Town of Whitingham elect five (5) members of the Town School Board at large. The District is a member of the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union from which it receives superintendent and business services.

Except where noted, accounting policies of the Whitingham Town School District conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

**A. THE REPORTING ENTITY**

The School District, for financial purposes, includes all of the funds and account groups relevant to the operations of the Whitingham Town School District. The financial statements presented herein do not include agencies which have been formed under applicable state laws or separate and distinct units of government apart from the Whitingham Town School District.

The financial statements of the School District include those of separately administered organizations that are controlled by or dependent on the School District. Control or dependence is determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, funding and appointment of the respective governing board.

**B. FUND ACCOUNTING**

The accounts of the School District are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenue and expenditures. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are grouped, in the financial statements in this report, into three generic fund types and three broad fund categories as follows:

**Governmental Funds**

**General Fund** - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the School District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**Special Revenue Funds** - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than special assessments, expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

**Fiduciary Funds**

**Trust and Agency Funds** - Trust and Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the Schools in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments and/or other funds. These include Expendable Trust and Agency Funds. Expendable Trust Funds are accounted for in essentially the same manner as governmental funds.

**General Long-Term Debt Account**

Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from Governmental Funds are accounted for in the General Long-term Debt Account Group, not in the Governmental Funds.

WHITINGHAM TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2003

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

The account group is not a "fund." It is concerned only with the measurement of financial position. It is not involved with measurement or results of operations.

Because of their spending measurement focus, expenditure recognition for Governmental Fund types is limited to exclude amounts represented by noncurrent liabilities. Since they do not affect net current assets, such long-term amounts are not recognized as Governmental Fund type expenditures or fund liabilities. They are instead reported as liabilities in the General Long-term Debt Account Group.

**General Fixed Assets Account Group**

The General Fixed Assets Account Group is used to account for fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations for control purposes. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated replacement cost if actual historical cost is not available. No depreciation is recorded on general fixed assets. The account group is not a "fund". It is concerned only with the measurement of financial position. It is not involved with measurement or results of operations.

**C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financial uses) in net current assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed by the governmental fund types and the agency fund. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures, other than principal and interest on long-term debt, are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Principal and interest on general long-term debt is recognized when due.

Revenues from local sources consist primarily of property taxes. Property tax revenues and revenues received from the State of Vermont are recognized when susceptible to accrual. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned since they are measurable and available.

Cost reimbursement grant funds are considered to be earned to the extent of expenditures made under the provisions of the grant and , accordingly, when such finds are received they are recorded as deferred revenues until earned.

**D. BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING**

The school District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. The School Coordinator of Business Services submits to the School Board in November a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. The School Board reviews the school budget and adopts it with or without revisions.
3. In February, an informational meeting is held to present the budget to the taxpayers, and the taxpayers then vote on the budget in Town Meeting in March.

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Note 1: **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

4. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund.
5. The budget is prepared based on generally accepted accounting principles, except that interfund transfers, including transfers to food service, are budgeted as revenues and expenditures, and payments on behalf of the District by the State of Vermont to Vermont Teachers Retirement System as further explained in Note 4 are not budgeted for and are included as revenue and expenditures only in Exhibit B.

**E. INVENTORY**

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market. Inventory in the Special Revenue Fund consists of food and expendable supplies held for consumption.

**F. CASH**

At June 30, 2003 the carrying amount of the School District's deposits was \$362,089 and the bank balance was \$418,836. Of the bank balance, \$25,751 was covered by federal depository insurance and the balance was collateralized by securities held by the bank.

**G. COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

The School District allows teachers to accumulate unused sick leave to a maximum of 120 days. Upon retirement, up to 120 days of accumulated sick leave will be paid to the employee at a rate equal to one half the current substitute teachers rate. Sick leave is not paid upon termination, other than for retirement but will be paid only upon illness while in the employment of the School District.

As of June 30, 2003, the liability for accrued sick leave is \$13,830.

**H. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

Purchased general fixed assets are accounted for at historical cost or estimated replacement cost. The replacement cost values do not reflect either historical cost or estimated historical cost of general fixed assets owned by the District. Donated fixed assets and property and equipment are accounted for at their estimated fair value on the date received. Purchased general fixed assets are recorded as expenditures in the government type funds and capitalized (recorded and accounted for) in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenditures; renewals and betterments are capitalized. No depreciation has been provided on such assets.

**I. FUND BALANCES**

The District utilizes reserves to denote that portion of fund balance, which is not appropriable for expenditures or is legally segregated for specific use. Reserves are as indicated on the balance sheet.

**J. REVENUES**

The District receives a per pupil general state support grant and other state grants for education costs. Budgeted expenditures in excess of the general state support grant and other anticipated revenues are raised from local property taxes, which are levied in behalf of the District by the Town of Whitingham. The Town is required by State Statute to annually remit this amount to the District.

In addition, the District may receive from, or be required to contribute to, the state education fund an amount calculated by the State Commissioner of Education using the statewide equalized yield funding formula established under Title 16, Sec. 4027.

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JUNE 30, 2003

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**J. REVENUES - (Continued)**

The Whitingham Town School District's payment to the state education fund based on the state formula was \$737,872.

**K. TOTAL COLUMNS ON COMBINED STATEMENTS - OVERVIEW**

Total columns on the combined statements are captioned "memorandum only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in cash flows in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

**Note 2: CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS:**

The following is a summary of changes to the general fixed assets account groups for the year:

	Balance July 1, 2002	2002 Additions	Retirements	Balance June 30, 2003
Land and improvements	\$ 12,672	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 12,672
Buildings	836,399	22,880	0	859,279
Equipment <u>748,742</u>	<u>31,074</u>	<u>(4,365)</u>	<u>775,451</u>	
Total	<u>\$ 1,597,813</u>	<u>\$ 53,954</u>	<u>\$ (4,365)</u>	<u>\$ 1,647,402</u>
Investments in fixed assets				
From debt	\$ 738,757	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 738,757
From intergovernmental revenue	36,702	24,165	0	60,867
From current revenue	<u>822,354</u>	<u>29,789</u>	<u>(4,365)</u>	<u>847,778</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,597,813</u>	<u>\$ 53,954</u>	<u>\$ (4,365)</u>	<u>\$ 1,647,402</u>

**Note 3: DEBT:**

The District borrowed and repaid \$500,000 in tax anticipation debt during the year.

Long-term debt consist of:

Capital Lease Obligation

Non-cancellable capital lease obligation for a bus which provides for annual lease payments of \$7,507, including 5% interest.

Year Ended June 30	
2004	\$ 7,507
2005	7,507
2006	<u>7,507</u>
	22,521
Less - Interest	<u>2,845</u>
Present value of future payments	<u>\$ 19,676</u>

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JUNE 30, 2003

Note 3: **DEBT - (Continued)**

**Accrued Compensated Absences**

The District is liable for up to 120 days unused sick leave for certain retiring teachers at a rate equal to one-half the current rate paid to substitute teachers per day.

Changes in long-term debt are summarized as follows:

	<u>Capital Lease Obligations</u>	<u>Accrued Compensated Absences</u>
Balance, July 1, 2002	\$ 25,390	\$ 7,980
Increase in capital lease obligations	0	0
Increase in accrued compensated absences	0	5,850
Payments on capital lease obligations	<u>5,714</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance, June 30, 2003	<u>\$ 19,676</u>	<u>\$ 13,830</u>

Note 4: **PENSION PLANS**

Of the District's total payroll of \$1,693,326, \$979,018 was covered under the Vermont State Teacher's Retirement System, and \$295,952 was covered under the Vermont Municipal Employee Retirement System, Group A, which are public employee retirement systems (PERS).

**Vermont State Teachers Retirement System**

*Plan Description* - The Vermont State Teachers Retirement System (System) is a multi-employer plan administered by an autonomous board, is funded by contributions from the State of Vermont, and, effective July 1, 2001, contributions of 3.54% of annual compensation from eligible employees. Eligible employees include teachers and licensed professional educational support staff. There is no waiting period for participation in the plan. Eligible employees are fully vested after five years. (There is no partial vesting). The District has no liability for contributions or benefits under this plan. Benefit and contribution provisions are established by Chapter 55 of Title 16 Vermont Statutes Annotated, and the System is administered by a Board of Trustees. The System issues a publicly available financial report which may be obtained from the Vermont State Treasurer's Office, Montpelier, Vermont 05602.

For the year ended June 30, 2003 the State of Vermont contributed payments estimated at 7.32% of covered payrolls to the plan (\$71,664) on behalf of the District.

**Vermont Municipal Employees Retirement System**

*Plan Description* - The District contributes to the Vermont Municipal Employees Retirement System (VMERS), a cost sharing multiple employer plan administered by a Board of Trustees. The VMERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost of living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members who are municipal employees other than teachers and licensed professional education support staff, and their beneficiaries. Chapter 125 of Title 24 Vermont Statutes Annotated established VMERS and its benefit levels. The Board of Trustees establishes contribution rates based on advice of actuaries. Vermont municipalities, including school districts, may voluntarily participate in the plan. There are three levels of contributions and benefits in VMERS called Group A, Group B and Group C. The District participates in Group A. VMERS issues a publicly available financial report which may be obtained from the Vermont State Treasurer's Office, Montpelier, Vermont 05602.

*Funding Policy* - Currently, both employees and employers contribute a fixed percentage of employees' gross earnings. The rates, adopted by VMERS's Board of Trustees, and the actuarially determined minimum funding rates for the year were:

WHITINGHAM TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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Note 4: **PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

	<u>Adopted Rates</u>		
	<u>Group A</u>	<u>Group B</u>	<u>Group C</u>
Employer contributions	4.0%	5.0%	6.0%
Employee contributions	<u>2.5%</u>	<u>4.5%</u>	<u>9.0%</u>
Total	6.5%	9.5%	15.0%

The District's contributions to VMERS for the years ended June 30, 2003, 2002 and 2001 were \$11,838, \$11,302, and \$9,329, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

Note 5: **RISK MANAGEMENT/CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

Whitingham Town School District participates in a number of federally assisted grant programs which are subject to program compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. The audits of these programs for or including the year ended June 30, 2003, have not yet been completed. Accordingly the District's compliance with applicable grant requirements will be established at some future date. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although the District expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

The District receives tuition revenue from other districts and private individuals. Tuition rates are limited to the District's net cost per pupil as defined by the Vermont Department of Education. Excess charges are refundable. The net cost and allowable tuition are not determinable until the subsequent year. Amounts refundable, if any, are accounted for as expenditures in the subsequent year.

The District covers its significant risks of loss, which are identified with the assistance of insurance agents, by commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage or settlement amounts exceeding insurance coverage for the current or three (3) prior years.

Note 6: **S.T. DAVENPORT FUND**

The Whitingham Town School District is an income beneficiary of the S. T. Davenport Fund invested by the Town Treasurer in 50 shares of the George Putnam Mutual Fund. The School District earned \$19 and received income of \$19 for the year ended June 30, 2003.

Note 7: **BUS TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT**

The School District entered into a transportation contract expiring June 30, 2005. Future payment required under the contract as of June 30, 2003 are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year End</u>	
<u>June 30</u>	
2004	\$ 79,700
2005	<u>81,692</u>
Total	<u>\$ 161,392</u>

## School Directors Report

The past year has been an exciting year for the School Board. Over the past year, the Board held many meetings to work out a Joint agreement with Wilmington to combine our two schools in a Joint School District. Since the positive vote in November, our meeting schedule has increased, in order to respond to the significant challenge of creating a new school entity, creating a staffing and curriculum plan, developing a budget, and managing the extensive logistical details in such a transition.

The new district will officially open on July 1, 2004, with students entering the new schools in September. High school students will attend classes in the Wilmington building, and all middle school students will attend classes in the Whitingham building.

We developed a budget which was voted on at a Joint Town Meeting, which was held on January 15. A support staff policy has been developed. Classes have been established and the teachers have been offered an opportunity to apply for positions in the new school district. A student group has been formed to address their concerns and ideas to prepare them for the transition. A charge has been developed for the building committee, which will be formed in the near future, to study whether to renovate the Wilmington facility, partially rebuild it, or consider a new building.

This past year, Principal Jurg Jenzer resigned, and the board hired Marilyn Williams as our interim Principal.

We would like to thank the community for supporting the board, the faculty and staff, and the school.

Whitingham School Directors

Whitingham School  
2003-2004

My first six months at the Whitingham School have been busy and exciting! The summer months allowed me to familiarize myself with the building, policies and procedures, test results and many other issues critical to day to day life at Whitingham School. July and August were spent cleaning and decorating the school. Thanks to our great custodial staff the building was clean, cheery, and organized when our staff and children arrived. Many folks stopped by to say hello. I learned a great deal about the school and its acknowledged strengths and weaknesses.

The start of the school year was remarkably smooth. Student schedules were ready, staff hired, supplies and texts available. We also welcomed many new faculty members. Geri Golet, last year's long term substitute, was appointed as a middle school math and science teacher. Amy Estes joined us in middle school language arts and math. Sally Richardson, who has over two decades of experience, joined us as a Family Consumer Science and health teacher. Two of our paraprofessionals, Francesca Palumbo and Danette Littleton, became teachers in our REACH program. Stephanie Reid has two part-time roles this year: night custodian and Title I tutor, and Shirley Fachini changed positions and now works with our Title I and 504 students. Last but not least, Katherine James has returned to us as Guidance Counselor.

In November, the voters of Whitingham and Wilmington agreed to go forward with the collaboration of a middle/high school. An exciting event! Since that date, I have been working with Dr. M. Peter Wright, WSSU superintendent, Frank Spencer, principal of Wilmington Middle High School and the new Joint Board on how to best accomplish the enormous, exciting task of the collaboration. The joint budget was passed on January 16<sup>th</sup>. We are now proceeding with the areas of staffing, scheduling, and curriculum. There is much to be accomplished before the schools open in August.

School climate, discipline and morale has improved. The staff and administration must continue to consider these areas as critical to the healthy development of our children. We will maintain our focus on further improvement. Academic success is our ultimate goal. We, teachers, administrators, and parents, must continue to stress the importance of learning to our students/children. It is our obligation to provide them with the essential skills in reading, writing, math, problem solving and critical thinking which will prepare them for life in the twenty-first century.

Whitingham School currently has 226 students, including 25 tuition students from Halifax and Readsboro. Eighteen of our high school students now attend the Southeastern Vermont Career Educational Center (SVCEC) in Brattleboro. They are enrolled in construction trades, electronics, acting, law enforcement, business communication technology, dance, digital editing, medical and human services, natural resources and the "Youth Career Awareness Program (YCAP)". Seven students are taking college courses at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and Greenfield Community



College. Twenty-nine (29) students graduated in June of 2003 and eighteen (18) entered kindergarten in September of 2003; eight (8) students receive their education in out-of-district placements.

The Whitingham Wings Community Program continues to thrive. Elementary, middle and high school students take daily advantage of the after school activities and homework assistance. Although federal funding expires in May, Director Elizabeth McEwen and her staff are formulating a plan to ensure that the program continues once the grant has ended. The Wings program is a tremendous opportunity for our children. Run by a caring, creative and talented staff, it offers a safe environment and unique learning experience.

Finally, thank you to all who have welcomed me. I am truly fond of Whitingham School, its students, parents, and community. I am looking forward to the months ahead when the collaboration becomes a reality. Please feel free to drop by my office to say hello. The door is always open.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Williams  
Principal

## WHITINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

As measured by the 2003 State of Vermont New Standards Reference Exams (NSRE), the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA), and the locally administered Stanford 9 Comprehensive Test of Academic Skills.

### NEW STANDARDS REFERENCE EXAMS – MATHEMATICS

SUBJECT	CRITERIA	CATEGORY			CATEGORY			CATEGORY		
<b>MATH GRADE 4</b>		MATHEMATICAL SKILLS			MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS			PROBLEM SOLVING		
		School	WSSU	State	School	WSSU	State	School	WSSU	State
	Achieved the Standards with Honors	9%	16%	18%	0%	6%	12%	9%	17%	17%
	Achieved the Standards	87%	55%	55%	30%	32%	34%	26%	19%	24%
	Nearly Achieved the Standards	4%	20%	20%	57%	38%	29%	9%	7%	8%
	Below the Standard	0%	9%	7%	13%	25	25%	57%	54%	45%
	Little Evidence of Achievement	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	7%
<b>MATH GRADE 8</b>		School	WSSU	State	School	WSSU	State	School	WSSU	State
	Achieved the Standards with Honors	0%	17%	24%	4%	17%	16%	0%	8%	11%
	Achieved the Standards	48%	54%	43%	4%	25%	24%	26%	45%	37%
	Nearly Achieved the Standards	30%	17%	20%	26%	21%	21%	22%	13%	13%
	Below the Standard	22%	12%	12%	43%	27%	26%	39%	25%	25%
	Little Evidence of Achievement	0%	1%	1%	22%	10%	13%	13%	8%	14%
<b>MATH GRADE 10</b>		School	WSSU	State	School	WSSU	State	School	WSSU	State
	Achieved the Standards with Honors	7%	14%	27%	4%	3%	9%	4%	8%	6%
	Achieved the Standards	29%	37%	35%	11%	24%	33%	18%	21%	36%
	Nearly Achieved the Standards	4%	5%	6%	32%	41%	32%	0%	3%	8%
	Below the Standard	36%	32%	24%	46%	29%	22%	39%	43%	35%
	Little Evidence of Achievement	25%	13%	8%	7%	3%	4%	39%	25%	15%

## NEW STANDARDS REFERENCE EXAMS – ENGLISH

LANG. ARTS GRADE 4	CRITERIA	READING						WRITING					
		BASIC UNDERSTANDING			ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION			EFFECTIVENESS			CONVENTIONS		
		School	WSSU	State	School	WSSU	State	School	WSSU	State	School	WSSU	State
	Achieved the Standards with Honors	5%	14%	23%	0%	7%	10%	0%	1%	3%	0%	1%	4%
	Achieved the Standards	77%	62%	57%	73%	62%	60%	32%	43%	57%	55%	55%	58%
	Nearly Achieved the Standards	9%	13%	11%	18%	25%	23%	32	23%	17%	9%	12%	11%
	Below the Standard	9%	10%	8%	9%	6%	7%	36%	32	23%	36%	32%	27%
	Little Evidence of Achievement	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
LANG. ARTS GRADE 8		School	WSSU	State	School	WSSU	State	School	WSSU	State	School	WSSU	State
	Achieved the Standards with Honors	0%	2%	2%	4%	7%	7%	0%	7%	2%	0%	7%	4%
	Achieved the Standards	26%	64%	60%	17%	31%	29%	35%	67%	64%	39%	56%	48%
	Nearly Achieved the Standards	61%	28%	29%	57%	52%	47%	57%	21%	29%	48%	31%	35%
	Below the Standard	13%	6%	9%	22%	11%	17%	9%	4%	4%	9%	4%	10%
	Little Evidence of Achievement	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	4%	2%	3%
LANG. ARTS GRADE 10		School	WSSU	State	School	WSSU	State	School	WSSU	State	School	WSSU	State
	Achieved the Standards with Honors	7%	5%	5%	0%	0%	1%	4%	3%	5%	22%	18%	24%
	Achieved the Standards	22%	35%	50%	33%	35%	43%	22%	27%	39%	30%	45%	52%
	Nearly Achieved the Standards	48%	43%	34%	44%	37%	38%	37%	42%	44%	44%	30%	17%
	Below the Standard	22%	17%	10%	22%	28%	18%	37%	22%	13%	4%	7%	6%
	Little Evidence of Achievement	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	1%	0%	0%	0%

## **THE VERMONT DEVELOPMENTAL READING ASSESSMENT-GRADE 2**

<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>WSSU</b>	<b>STATE</b>
Achieved the Standards with Honors	44%	44%	47%
Achieved the Standards	33%	38%	35%
Nearly Achieved the Standards	22%	10%	10%
Below the Standard	0%	5%	4%
Little Evidence of Achievement	0%	3%	4%

## **STANFORD 9 ACHIEVEMENT TESTS – LOCAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

Note: These Percentile Rank Scores compare the students' performance at each grade level with the same grade across the nation.

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>GRADE 3</b>	<b>GRADE 5</b>	<b>GRADE 6</b>	<b>GRADE 7</b>	<b>GRADE 9</b>	<b>GRADE 11</b>
Reading Total	42.5	66.6	59.5	58.5	50.5	51.5
Vocabulary	33.4	62.6	60.6	53.5	52.5	46.5
Reading Comprehension	47.5	66.6	59.5	60.6	46.5	52.5
Mathematics Total	32.4	47.5	47.5	63.6	36.4	41.5
Problem Solving	44.5	51.5	56.5	59.5	43.5	-
Procedures	24.4	41.5	38.4	70.6	23.4	-
Language (Usage)	43.5	46.5	50.5	60.6	37.4	47.5
Spelling	29.4	37.4	48.5	56.5	35.4	29.4
Study Skills	-	46.5	50.5	53.5	25.4	33.4
Science	38.4	60.6	55.5	47.5	40.5	43.5
Social Science	41.5	55.6	50.5	55.5	37.4	28.4
Listening	52.5	40.5	64.6	54.5	20.3	-
Using Information	38.4	44.5	54.5	55.5	27.4	31.4
Thinking Skills	42.5	52.5	60.6	67.6	32.4	30.4
Basic Battery	41.5	49.5	55.5	66.6	35.4	41.5
Complete Battery	41.5	50.5	56.5	64.6	36.4	40.5

# **WHITINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT**

(as of December 31, 2003)

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>RESIDENT</b>	<b>NON-RESID</b>	<b>HALIFAX</b>	<b>READSBO.</b>
K	9	9	18	18			
1	11	5	16	16			
2	5	9	14	14			
3	6	4	10	10			
4	3	12	15	15			
5	9	9	18	18			
6	6	2	8	8			
7	8	15	23	23			
8	4	10	14	14			
9	14	10	24	23	1	0	1
10	14	13	27	20	7	6	1
11	11	15	26	20	6	2	4
12	7	6	13	11	2	2	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>119</b>	<b><u>226</u></b>	<b>210</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>

Home schooled students attending some classes: 3

## **Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

### **Windham Southwest Supervisory Union**

#### **2002 – 2003**

Two of the major and significant highlights of the 2002-2003 year involved the passage of the Joint Contract by the Whitingham and Wilmington Town School Districts and the passage of Act 68 replacing Act 60.

The Joint School District Contract was passed by a plurality of both the Towns of Whitingham and Wilmington on 4 November 2003. This event was the watermark of over two years of meetings, negotiations and planning between both school boards and the school administration. The passage of the Joint Contract Agreement was historically significant not only because of several efforts to combine the school districts in the past decade but also because of over fifty years of on and off debate regarding the merits of combining both school districts. The combining of grades 6-12 was manifested in the impracticality of having two small high schools eight miles apart and the increased academic and extra curricular opportunities that are possible.

The 2003 legislature finally dealt with the financial inequities inherent in Act 60 for the past six years especially for the school districts of Halifax, Whitingham, Wilmington and Searsburg. The technical revisions in Act 68 essentially eliminated the “shark pool” for the towns and the potential for a favorable impact on property tax rates.

In spite of the continued financial penalties of Act 60 on the towns of Halifax, Searsburg, Whitingham and Wilmington their FY '04 budgets were all approved. Readsboro approved a budget amount that was actually lower than the school budget in 2002-2003. This was attributable to a major shift in tuition costs with a large twelfth grade graduation class and a small eighth grade graduating class.

The Wilmington School District, matched by Federal and State grant monies, approved \$427,000 in WMHS building renovations as well as \$200,000 in technology improvements including a “state of the art” wireless computer laboratory. Whitingham, while passing their budget, also approved an additional \$57,000 for a roof replacement and a new fire alarm system. The Halifax School Directors’ were assisted by a group of volunteers called the “Friends of Halifax” who raised \$10,600 to renovate and rebuild the Halifax School playground. Searsburg, also struggling under Act 60, debated the issue of withholding state education payments to the state and the costs of special education.

Seven new board members also joined the WSSU, two each from Searsburg, Whitingham and Wilmington and one to Halifax.

Academically much progress was made with the second year of implementation of alternative special education programs at the WSSU level (grades K-5) and the Pioneer Program at WMHS (grades 9-12). With the passage of the Joint School District the intent is to restructure alternative special education programming at the middle school level with the objectives of improving services as well as cost effectiveness.

In respect to student performance and progress our WSSU scores on the New Standards Reference Exams (NSRE’s) remained equal or better than the state averages. However, some

uneven scores in certain areas have precipitated a chosen examination and we have already begun an analysis and have begun working with some schools which are intended to lead to interventions designed to remedy any weaknesses in our curriculum and instruction.

The Whitingham Wings Program, initiated and directed by Elizabeth McEwen, and funded by a federal 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant, is also an example of programming which has united the community and school providing after school enrichment and homework support has been instrumental for laying the foundation for academic improvement in the community which is supported by data from teacher surveys.

Extensive training for teachers, as well as paraeducators across the districts in the supervisory union, has also been provided in the areas of Thinking Maps and Portfolio Scoring.

An Asian Studies Program has been initiated in most of the schools in the WSSU through a Freeman Foundation shared with Brattleboro (WSESU) and has provided the services of two Chinese teachers to work with our children in the areas of Chinese language and culture.

There continues to be new educational, financial and human resource challenges every year and the implementation of the federal mandate of No Child Left Behind and the measures of determining "highly qualified" teachers and support staff will be most challenging across the supervisory union as well as the state and country in 2004-2005.

The integration of the two school districts of Whitingham and Wilmington grades 6-12 will be probably our greatest challenge locally and hopefully our greatest success

Special thanks to Arnold Coombs, Ann Betit, Susan Andrews, Lorraine Janowski, David Wheeler and Matthew Yakovleff for their service to their respective communities over the past years which ended in 2003.

Special thanks to the members of the Whitingham Board of School Directors: Douglas Bartlett, Chairperson, Ed Metcalfe, Vice-Chair, Linda Corse, Clerk, Brent Betit and Seth Boyd.

I would also like to thank the Town Selectboard: Norman Stevens, Chairperson, Blanche Mills, Alan Twitchell, Steven Morse and Keith Bronson.

Ongoing thanks to Town Clerk Almira Aekus and the Town Treasurer for their continued cooperation with the school district.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. M. Peter Wright  
Superintendent of Schools  
Windham Southwest Supervisory Union

WHITINGHAM STAFF LIST				
NAME	POSITION	PROF TRAINING	YEARS EXP	SALARY 2003-2004
Marilyn Williams	Principal	M. Ed.		\$67,500
Francis Alfieri	Phys. Education	MS+15	24	\$47,576
Jane Boyd	Nurse	BS	23	\$34,157
Elisabeth Brooks	Art	B+75 (M+30)	22	\$51,236
Laurie Cole	Elementary	B	2	\$30,545
Angelique Colford	Dean of Students	B+45 (M)	18	\$53,279
Casey Deane	HS Social Studies	M	9	\$37,304
Michael Degnon	Elementary	B	2	\$26,838
William Devino	MS/HS Eng/For.Lang.	MA+45	34	\$51,236
Linda Donaghue	Special Education	M+30	10	\$41,477
Amy Estes	Middle School	M	3	\$30,498
Shirley Fachini	Special Education	B+30	7	\$34,157
Richard Ferencek	HS Science	B+15	7	\$32,937
Geraldine Golet	Middle School	BS+30	27	\$43,916
Karen Horton	Instr. Music	MA+15	15	\$46,356
Katherine James	Guidance	M	19	\$49,650
Melissa Jutras (.50 FTE)	Kindergarten	BS+15	7	\$16,469
David Kolkebeck (.575 FTE)	Internship Supervisor	M	17	\$25,953
Judith Lepel	Elementary	BA+30	30	\$43,916
Danette Littleton	Special Education	B	0	\$24,398
Susan Maddern (.50 FTE)	Choral Music	BA+15	23	\$18,909
Lester Matathias	MS/HS English	MS+30	33	\$51,236
Carol Millett	Elementary	MS+30	26	\$51,236
Francesca Palumbo	Special Education	BS+15	0	\$25,618
Pedro Pereira	Spanish	M	6	\$34,157
Mary Peterson (.875 FTE)	Business	M+15	25	\$41,629
Ramona Putnam	Librarian	B+30	8	\$35,377
Daniel Radin	HS Math	M	11	\$40,257
Sally Richardson (.50FTE)	Family Consumer Science/Health	M+30	22	\$25,618
Garrett Speer (.25 FTE)	Drivers Ed	MA+30	20	\$12,809
Charlene Switz	Elementary	BS+30	26	\$43,916
Angela Yakovleff	Elementary	MS+30	25	\$51,236
<b>Support Staff</b>				
Julie Betit	Guidance Sect.		6	\$15,400
John Bolner	Custodian		15	\$34,063
Leon Boyd	Custodian		11	\$28,080
Stephanie Reid	Custodian			\$10,400
Katie Boyd	Accounts Manager		1	\$10,400
Sandra Sprague	Recep/Admin.Assist.		19	\$25,083
Alan Nartowicz (.80 FTE)	Technology Coord.		4	\$29,414
Tutors				\$22,348
Sherry Adams	Paraprofessional		3	\$12,218
Heather Berry	Paraprofessional		4	\$12,896
Carrie Blake	Paraprofessional		6	\$14,254
Virginia Cunningham	Paraprofessional		7	\$15,928
Kathy Ernest	Paraprofessional		6	\$14,254
Michelle Gramlin	Paraprofessional		7	\$15,928
Darcy Haggerty	Paraprofessional		3	\$12,218
Annette Lee	Paraprofessional		7	\$14,933
Traute Mueller	Paraprofessional		6	\$16,657
Muriel Phelps	Paraprofessional		2	\$11,539
Robin Stevens	Bus Driver			\$17,835
Sharon Berry	School Board Secretary			\$1,440
School Board Salaries				\$4,760
Substitutes				\$16,900
				<b>\$1,578,341</b>
Gail Beauregard	Food Service Manager		10+	\$22,800
Linnea Conway	Assistant Cook		2	\$10,413
Sheila Hilton	Assistant Cook		1	\$5,250



**WHITINGHAM ANTICIPATED REVENUES COMPARISON**

	<u>2002-2003</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>Proposed 2004-2005</u>	
Tuition	\$ 147,000	\$ 133,000	\$ -	
Interest Income	\$ 38,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 15,000	
User Fees	\$ 99,500	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000	
Private Donation	\$ -	\$ 410,748	\$ -	
Title I	\$ 35,930	\$ 29,362	\$ 25,530	
Fund Balance	\$ 162,639	\$ 83,397	\$ 72,200	
<u>Special Education</u>				
Mainstream Block Grant	\$ 60,528	\$ 62,173	\$ 65,588	
EEE Block Grant	\$ 8,532	\$ 8,522	\$ 7,291	
Intensive & Extraordinary	\$ 402,898	\$ 455,853	\$ 494,752	
<u>Other State Revenues</u>				
Small Schools Grant	\$ 50,094	\$ 51,989	\$ 46,790	
Transportation	\$ 47,301	\$ 46,820	\$ 39,532	
Vocational Transportation	\$ 5,700	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	
Other State-Drivers Ed, etc	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,059,622</b>	<b>\$ 1,430,864</b>	<b>\$ 885,683</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ 3,097,525</b>	<b>\$ 3,202,967</b>	<b>\$ 1,754,805</b>	
Joint School District Assessment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,595,266	
Block Grant to Tech Center	\$ 46,643	\$ 52,522		
Preschool Article			\$ 20,526	
Gross Act 68 Budget	\$ 3,144,168	\$ 3,255,489	\$ 3,370,597	
<b>Anticipated Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,059,622</b>	<b>\$ 1,430,864</b>	<b>\$ 885,683</b>	
Fund Raising	\$ -	\$ 410,748	\$ -	
Less: Adjusted Revenues	\$ 1,059,622	\$ 1,020,116	\$ 885,683	
<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$ 2,084,546</b>	<b>\$ 2,235,373</b>	<b>\$ 2,484,914</b>	
Equalized Pupils	217.21	216.15	221.74	
Spending Per Pupil	\$ 9,597	\$ 10,342	\$ 11,206	
<b>Estimated School Tax Rate FY'2005</b>	<b>FY'2004</b>	<b>FY'2004</b>	<b>ESTIMATED****</b>	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Without \$410,748</u>	<u>FY'2005</u>	<u>Increase</u>
School Tax	\$ 1.250	\$ 1.250	\$ 2.305	\$ 1.055
School Local Share Tax	\$ 0.730	\$ 1.250	\$ -	\$ (0.730)
Act 144 Construction Tax	\$ 0.050	\$ 0.050	\$ -	\$ (0.050)
Town Tax (Level Funded)	\$ 0.790	\$ 0.790	\$ 0.790	\$ -
Total Tax	\$ 2.820	\$ 3.340	\$ 3.095	\$ 0.275
<b>FY 2005 Tax rate is figured at a Common Level of Appraisal of 81.47%.</b>				
<b>**** Tax rate estimates are based on pending legislature bill H.540. The bill is expected to proceed through the House &amp; Senate in the next two weeks. If the bill does not pass, estimated tax rates will change, new information will be available at town meeting but it may not be possible to estimate the tax rate accurately. The Town of Whitingham is currently conducting a re-appraisal of properties that would affect the adjusted rate.</b>				
	<u>State Rate</u>	<u>CLA</u>	<u>Adjusted Tax Rate</u>	
Non-residential School Tax Rate	1.59	81.47%	\$ 1.95	
Residential School Tax Rate (\$1.10)	1.878	81.47%	\$ 2.305	
<b>Additionally, included in H.540 is a decrease in the base rate of .05 as refelected below and if passed would result in a tax rate savings.</b>				
	<u>State Rate</u>	<u>CLA</u>	<u>Adjusted Tax Rate</u>	
Non-residential School Tax Rate	1.54	81.47%	\$ 1.89	
Residential School Tax Rate (\$1.05)	1.79	81.47%	\$ 2.201	

WHITINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET							
	Actual	Budget		Budget		Proposed	
	2002-2003	2002-2003		2003-2004		Budget	
						2004-2005	
<b>PERSONNEL COSTS:</b>							
Salaries	1,521,998.05	1,498,836		1,533,740		624,910	
FICA	111,479.68	114,663		117,037		47,740	
Hospitalization	188,517.30	198,914		229,152		113,455	
Non-professional Retirement	10,120.76	10,738		10,855		5,626	
Workmen's Compensation	6,645.48	10,139		12,648		5,434	
Unemployment Compensation	16,950.84	3,000		4,000		2,000	
Credit Reimbursement	14,782.00	5,700		7,400		4,020	
Life & Disability Insurance	6,913.18	7,910		8,179		3,314	
Dental	20,607.13	21,583		22,405		8,698	
Subtotal	1,898,014.42	1,871,483	60.4%	1,945,416	59.7%	815,197	46.5%
<b>INSTRUCTIONAL &amp; SUPPORT RELATED COSTS:</b>							
Extra Curricular Athletics							
& Activities (Salaries)	38,224.51	36,643		27,500		0	
Professional Services	14,628.64	9,722		8,862		5,283	
Repairs & Maintenance	13,721.26	18,259		17,030		5,560	
Athletic & Activities Trips	12,842.63	13,900		12,150		0	
Field Trips	1,483.18	3,690		2,590		600	
Printing	1,208.28	1,450		1,450		440	
Travel	1,012.62	4,958		2,718		570	
Supplies	39,415.27	36,118		34,617		8,237	
Books & Periodicals	12,144.85	19,870		21,987		4,969	
Audio Visual	3,039.19	4,402		4,079		647	
Manipulative Devices	178.76	1,345		768		613	
Software	5,335.54	8,375		5,276		1,300	
Equipment	25,309.55	28,466		24,909		6,343	
Dues & Fees	16,403.67	17,469		17,189		2,609	
Misc. Expense	1,967.47	1,550		2,250		1,490	
Postage	2,267.11	4,050		3,650		980	
Inservice Training	4,520.00	5,500		3,500		1,600	
College Courses	4,780.09	6,000		6,000		0	
Drivers Ed Gas & Rental	250.10	1,250		1,250		0	
Subtotal	198,732.72	223,017	7.2%	197,775	6.1%	41,241	2.4%
<b>TRANSPORTATION: (Regular)</b>	102,487.20	134,373	4.3%	117,062	3.6%	100,312	5.7%
<b>WSSU ASSESSMENT:</b>	196,207.00	196,231	6.3%	229,479	7.0%	87,734	5.0%
<b>PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES:</b>	37.26	5,800	0.2%	7,000	0.2%	3,250	0.2%
<b>CAFETERIA:</b>	0.00	5,000	0.2%	5,000	0.2%	0	0.0%
<b>SCHOOL BOARD EXPENSE:</b>	18,929.79	16,300	0.5%	16,300	0.5%	6,050	0.3%
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION MISC:</b>	610,408.95	483,001	15.6%	518,845	15.9%	529,548	30.2%
<b>VOCATIONAL EDUCATION:</b>							
Tuition	15,694.14	14,903		31,070		114,114	
Transportation	13,902.79	14,900		15,518		8,295	
Subtotal	29,596.93	29,803	1.0%	46,588	1.4%	122,409	7.0%
<b>PROPERTY &amp; BUILDING MAINTENANCE:</b>							
Repairs & Maintenance	24,422.02	29,750		29,400		10,000	
Travel	-69.00	220		450		180	
Supplies	7,062.99	7,100		7,100		2,840	
Equipment	14,628.75	11,000		1,500		600	
Utilities	69,301.67	69,119		63,100		27,540	
Site Improvement	0.00	0		0		0	
Lawn Mowing	7,140.00	7,200		7,300		3,000	
Multi-peril/Property Insurance	6,689.84	5,578		8,027		3,774	
Pick-up Rental & Gas	1,547.78	1,350		1,425		650	
Water Testing & Misc Fees	954.00	1,200		1,200		480	
Roof Replacment & Alarm	0.00	0		57,000		0	
Subtotal	131,678.05	132,517	4.3%	176,502	5.4%	49,064	2.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,186,092.32</b>	<b>3,097,525</b>		<b>3,259,967</b>		<b>1,754,805</b>	
Interest on Loan	2,718.75						
Local Share Payment to State	737,872.00						
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,926,683.07</b>						
<b>Preschool Article</b>						<b>20,526</b>	
<b>Joint School District Assessment</b>						<b>1,595,266</b>	

**Whitingham-Wilmington Joint Budget Summary 2004-2005**

As Voted 1/15/04	<b>04-05</b>
	<b>Budget</b>
MS Core Instruction	487,546
MS Art	31,905
MS Foreign Language	30,085
MS Physical Ed/Health	52,972
MS Family & Consumer Science	26,709
MS Industrial Arts	30,295
MS Music	69,279
MS Technology	72,931
MS Student Activities	2,434
MS Athletics	35,000
MS Guidance	48,472
MS Health Services	27,510
MS Psychological	7,500
MS Library	30,794
MS Inservice	2,300
MS School Board	12,996
MS SU Assessment	131,600
MS Principal	142,287
MS Plant Maintenance	132,825
MS Special Education	252,493
MS Remedial Education	51,269
<b>Total Middle School</b>	<b>1,679,202</b>
HS General Instruction	118,470
HS Art	73,512
HS Business	40,909
HS English	189,623
HS Foreign Language	130,363
HS Physical Ed/Health	78,701
HS Driver Ed	64,836
HS Family & Consumer Science	38,121
HS Industrial Arts	27,376
HS Mathematics	128,605
HS Music	80,915
HS Science	141,247
HS Social Studies	145,486
HS Technology	84,216
HS Choices/Internship	60,619
HS Student Activities	11,000
HS Athletics	122,535
HS Guidance	119,849
HS Health Services	41,135
HS Psychological Services	26,500
HS Inservice	5,000
HS Library	70,839
HS School Board Services	13,496
HS SU Assessment	234,913
HS Principal	213,956
HS Plant Maintenance	257,610
HSBD Transportation	34,861
HS Athletic Transportation	22,000
HS Special Education	216,743
HS Pioneer Program	190,996
HS Remedial Education	42,531
HS Food Service	16,000
<b>Total HS</b>	<b>3,042,963</b>
<b>Total Whitingham-Wilmington Joint Budget</b>	<b>4,722,165</b>
<b>Less Transition Costs</b>	<b>(125,000)</b>
<b>Budget without Transition Costs</b>	<b>4,597,165</b>

# Three Prior Years Comparisons

PRELIMINARY

District: **Whitingham**  
County: **Windham**

LEA: **242**  
S.U.: **Windham Southwest**

## Expenditures

<b>Budget</b> (local budget approved in prior years)	
82% of base payment per FTE paid to tech centers by the State on behalf of the district in FY2005	
S.U. assessment (included in local budget)	
Deficit (if included in local budget)	
+ Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years	
+ 1. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	
+ 2. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	
+ 3. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	
- Act 144 Expenditures, (excluded from "Education Spending")	
<b>Act 68 local adopted budget</b>	
+ Union school or joint school district assessment	
+ Deficit if not included in budget or revenues	
+ Special programs expenditures (if not included in local budget)	
<b>Gross Act 68 Budget</b>	
Act 144 expenditures (if any - excluded from "Education Spending")	

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005
1.	2,710,823	3,096,525	3,259,967	1,754,805
2.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	59,607
3.	161,840	196,231	229,479	87,734
4.				not applicable
5.	47,016	46,643	52,522	20,526
6.	35,000	1,000		
7.				
8.				
9.			57,000	
10.	2,792,839	3,144,168	3,255,489	1,775,331
11.				1,595,266
12.				
13.	109,989	151,114	148,967	
14.	2,902,828	3,295,282	3,404,456	3,370,597
15.			57,000	

## Revenues

+ Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including Act 144 revenues)	
+ Capital debt aid	
+ Special program revenues (if not included in local budget)	
- Deficit if not included in budget or expenditures	
- Act 144 revenues	
<b>Total revenues</b>	
- Fund raising (if any)	
<b>Adjusted local revenues</b>	

16.	757,676	1,059,622	1,430,864	885,683
17.				
18.	109,989	151,114	148,967	
19.				
20.				
21.	867,665	1,210,736	1,579,831	885,683
22.			410,748	
23.	867,665	1,210,736	1,169,083	885,683

**Education Spending** (Act 68 definition)

24.	2,035,163	2,084,546	2,235,373	2,484,914
25.	222,62	217,21	216,15	221,74

**Education Spending per Equalized Pupil**

26.	9,142	9,597	10,342	11,206
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Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil (if any)  
Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment

27.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	406
28.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	11,612

**District spending adjustment** (minimum of 100%)  
(\$11,612 / \$6,800)

29.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	170.771%
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**Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized**  
(170.771% x \$1.10)

30.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	\$1.878
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**Household Income Percentage for income sensitivity**  
(170.771% x 2.0%)

31.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	3.42%
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**FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF WINDHAM SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION  
GENERAL FUND**

	Actual <u>2002-2003</u>	Budget <u>2003-2004</u>	Budget <u>2004-2005</u>
Revenues:			
Interest	705.29	1,500	1,000
Federal Revenues	22,184.00	24,542	25,204
Assessments	748,569.00	824,301	802,698
<u>Misc. Income</u>	<u>33.81</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
General Fund Revenues:	771,492.10	850,343	828,902
Fund Balance	<u>39,759.16</u>	<u>24,310</u>	<u>86,173</u>
Total Gen Fund Revenues:	811,251.26	874,653	915,075
Expenditures:			
Curriculum Development	62,727.63	66,826	72,251
Superintendent's Office	256,654.65	267,029	273,979
Fiscal Services	67,258.05	73,002	77,418
Speech Services	110,131.78	118,911	123,887
Alternative Program	58,585.74	200,930	210,682
EEE Program	66,618.09	65,457	70,836
Title I Administration	7,656.25	7,911	8,213
Special Education	<u>71,135.92</u>	<u>74,587</u>	<u>77,809</u>
Total Gen Fund Expenditures	700,768.11	874,653	915,075
Excess/(Deficiency)	110,483.15	0	0

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The Windham Southwest Supervisory Union expects the financial budget for the current year (2003-2004) to be as budgeted.

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**FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF WINDHAM SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Actual 2002-2003</u>	<u>Budget 2003-2004</u>
Revenues:		
BEST Grant	7,500.00	0
New Directions State Grant	92,399.22	76,056
Other State Revenues	<u>4,426.62</u>	<u>5,024</u>
	104,325.84	81,080
Expenditures:		
BEST Grant	7,500.00	0
New Directions State Grant	53,094.03	76,056
<u>Other State Grants</u>	<u>1,821.12</u>	<u>5,024</u>
Total State Expenditures	62,415.15	81,080
Excess/(Deficiency)	41,910.69	0

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<u>Federal Funds:</u>	<u>Actual 2002-2003</u>	<u>Budget 2003-2004</u>
Special Programs Fund Revenues:	921,788.16	742,735
Local & Private Funds:	<u>25,950.76</u>	<u>24,675</u>
Total Revenues:	947,738.92	767,410
Special Programs Fund Expenditures:	616,032.73	742,735
Local & Private Expenditures:	<u>13,734.35</u>	<u>24,675</u>
Total Expenditures:	629,767.08	767,410
Excess/(Deficiency)	317,971.84	0
Title I Fund Revenues:	83,816.64	203,543
Title I Fund Expenditures:	7,090.00	143,513
Title I Transfer to Towns:	<u>75,926.00</u>	<u>60,030</u>
Excess/(Deficiency)	800.64	0
Title V Fund Revenues:	17,850.00	21,479
Title V Fund Expenditures:	<u>10,287.77</u>	<u>21,479</u>
Excess/(Deficiency)	7,562.23	0

Federal Revenues for 2002-2003 include carryover from 2001-2002.

Budgeted Federal Revenues for 2003-2004 include carryover from 2002-2003, and are restricted for use in those programs only.

1.15.2004

## **WARNING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The inhabitants of the Town of Whitingham, Vermont, who are legal voters in Town Meeting are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Whitingham School, in said Town of Whitingham, March 2, 2004, at 10.00am Eastern Standard Time to act on the following business, to wit:

### **Article 1**

To hear the reports of the Town Officers and act thereon.

### **Article 2**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$177,184.00** for the general use of the Town for the six month budget (January 1, 2004 – June 30, 2004); **\$140,881.00** to be raised in taxes, the balance to be offset by **\$36,303.00** in anticipated revenues.

### **Article 3**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$10,150.00** for the upkeep and improvement of Town Hill Common and the Town Recreation Program for the six month budget. **\$6,405.38** to be raised in taxes and **\$3,744.62** appropriated from the prior year's fund balance.

### **Article 4**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$12,059.00** for the operation of the Town Fire Department for the six month budget. **\$7,058.36** to be raised in taxes and **\$5,000.64** appropriated from the prior year's fund balance.

### **Article 5**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$199,950.00** for maintenance and repairs of Town Highways for the six month budget; **\$152,549.85** to be raised in taxes **\$44,120.15** appropriated from the prior year's fund balance and **\$3,280.00** to be offset by anticipated revenues.

### **Article 6**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$4,690.00** for the operation of Town Cemeteries for the six month budget; **\$2,849.00** to be raised in taxes and **\$1,541.00** appropriated from the prior year's fund balance and **\$300.00** to be offset by anticipated revenues.

### **Article 7**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$14,000.00** for the operation of the Whitingham Free Public Library for the six month budget.

### **Article 8**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** as the final payment in the Town reappraisal in the six month budget.

#### **Article 9**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$50,000.00** to offset the deficit incurred in the Operating Budget of the Municipal Sewer Fund in the 2001 audit of Town Accounts in the six month budget.

#### **Article 10**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$4,326.00** for the Town Ambulance Fund to assist in the employment of a full-time person to operate and do the accounting and billing for the Whitingham Ambulance Service in the six month budget.

#### **Article 11**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate an amount, and if so, how much to continue participation in the suit with Wilmington against the State of Vermont due to the inequalities of Act 60 and 68 with reference to the distribution of Special Education Funds as well as other funding in the six month budget.

#### **Article 12**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$489,716.00** for the general use of the Town in the fiscal year July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005. **\$370,609.00** to be raised in taxes the balance to be offset by **\$119,107.00** in anticipated revenues.

#### **Article 13**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$250.00** as Whitingham's contribution to the Vermont Coalition of Municipalities for fiscal year 2005.

#### **Article 14**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$4,450.00** for the upkeep and improvement of the Town Hill Common for fiscal year 2005.

#### **Article 15**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$34,417.00** for the operation of the Town Fire Department for fiscal year 2005.

#### **Article 16**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$20,000.00** for the Fire Department Equipment Fund for fiscal year 2005.

#### **Article 17**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$586,850.00** for the maintenance and repair of Town Highways in fiscal year 2005. **\$480,300.00** to be raised in taxes and offset by **\$106,550.00** in anticipated revenues.

#### **Article 18**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$100,000.00** for the Highway Equipment Fund in fiscal year 2005.

#### **Article 19**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$10,450.00** for the operation of Town Cemeteries for fiscal year 2005. **\$9,750.00** to be raised in taxes and **\$700.00** offset by anticipated revenues.



#### **Article 20**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$35,000.00** for the operation of the Whitingham Free Public Library for fiscal year 2005.

#### **Article 21**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate an amount, and if so, how much to continue participation in the suit with Wilmington against the State of Vermont due to the inequalities of Act 60 and 68 with reference to the distribution of Special Education Funds as well as other funding for fiscal year 2005.

#### **Article 22**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$8,652.00** for the continuing support of the Whitingham Ambulance Service for fiscal year 2005.

#### **Article 23**

To see if the Town will make taxes due and payable on or before November 1, 2004 with ninety days notice.

#### **Article 24**

To see if the Town will charge interest of delinquent at a rate of one percent (1%) per month for the first three months and one and one-half percent (1 ½ %) per month thereafter for both the six month and fiscal year taxes.

#### **Article 25**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$40,000.00** to the Litigation Fund for the purpose of defending reappraisal decisions.

#### **Article 26**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$4,070.00** to support the home health care and hospice care of patients in their homes by staff and volunteers of the Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc.

#### **Article 27**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$50.00** to support the services of the George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council Inc.

#### **Article 28**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$600.00** to the Women's Crisis Center to provide assistance to women and children who have been harmed by domestic violence and sexual assault.

#### **Article 29**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$100.00** for the Green Up Vermont for general budget support.

#### **Article 30**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$305.00** to the Windham County Retired Senior Volunteer Program for general budget support.

**Article 31**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$250.00** to Brattleboro Area Hospice for general budget support.

**Article 32**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$832.00** to Health Care and Rehabilitation Services for general budget support.

**Article 33**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$750.00** to support the Council on the Aging for Southeastern Vermont to provide services to the elderly.

**Article 34**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **\$500.00** to The Gathering Place Adult Day Services, which provides a safe and supportive day center five days per week to adults who are isolated, frail, or disabled who live in Windham County and southwestern New Hampshire.

**Article 35**

Whereas the rising cost of Health Insurance is placing an increasingly unsupportable burden on town and school budgets, the voters of the Town of Whitingham call upon the Selectboard, the Governor and our State Legislators to support and actively work for the creation of a Universal and Comprehensive Health Insurance System which is publicly financed and accountable to the citizens of Vermont, and which will reduce costs by eliminating most current administrative expenses.

**Article 36**

Shall the Town of Whitingham raise and appropriate the sum of **\$250.00** to support Windham County Reads Program.

**Article 38**

To elect all Town Officers and fill all vacancies.

**Article 39**

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

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2004.

**Norman O. Stevens, Chair**

**Steven A. Morse**

**Keith A. Bronson**

**Allan L. Twitchell**

**Blanche F. Mills**

**Selectboard, Town of Whitingham, Vermont**

**Attest:**

**WARNING  
WHITINGHAM TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2 MARCH 2004**

The inhabitants of the Town of Whitingham, Vermont who are legal voters of the Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Whitingham School, so-called in said Town of Whitingham on Tuesday, March 2, 2004. The Annual Town School District Meeting is called at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot between the hours of 10:00 a.m. (at which time the polls open) and 7:00 p.m. (at which time the polls will close) on Article I. **All other Articles to be taken up immediately following the town meeting which will begin at 10:00 a.m.**

**ARTICLE I**

To elect all Town School District officers required by law to be elected at the Annual Town School District Meeting. (Australian Ballot Polls open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.)

**ARTICLE II**

Shall the voters of the Whitingham Town School District appropriate \$1,754,805 necessary for the support of its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2004?

**ARTICLE III**

To see if the Whitingham Town School District will vote to appropriate \$20,526 for Preschool Program costs for the year beginning July 1, 2004?

**ARTICLE IV**

To see if the Town School District will vote to authorize the School Directors to borrow money on the notes of the Town School District or otherwise in anticipation of taxes.

**ARTICLE V**

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Whitingham, Vermont this 20th day of January 2004.

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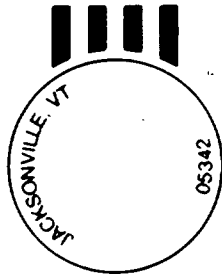
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School Directors

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