

*Town of
Brighton, Vermont*

**ANNUAL REPORT
2004**

*Derry Street to and Pond
in the 1940's*

Photo courtesy of Muriel Leonard

Annual Report
of the Town and the Officers of
Brighton, Vermont



OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge allegiance to the Flag
of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands
one nation under God, indivisible
with liberty and justice for all

For the year ending December 31,

2004

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Community Information

February 28, 2005 - School & Town meeting - School Meeting at 7:00 p.m.; Town Business Meeting at 7:30 p.m., both at Brighton Municipal Building

March 1, 2005 - Town Meeting Elections - 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Brighton Municipal Building

April 1, 2005 - Last day to license dogs

General Information

Date of Charter: August 31, 1781

Population: 1,260

Size: 34,368 acres

2004 Educational Grand list: \$814,161.36

2004 Municipal Grand List: \$815,931.19

Town Clerk Office Hours

Monday through Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Telephone Numbers

Fire Emergency	911
Police Emergency	911
Ambulance Emergency	911
Administrative Assistant	723-4753
Brighton Elementary School	723-4373
Day Care Center	723-6231
Fire Station	723-4444
General Information	723-4405
Health Officer	723-4249
Island Pond Health Center	723-4300
Library	723-6134
North Country Union High School	334-7921
Poison Information	1-802-658-3456
Probate Court	723-4770
Road Foreman	723-6432
Senior Center	723-6130
State Police	723-4343
Town Clerk/Treasurer's Office	723-4405
Town Constable	723-4322
Town Garage	723-5039
Water/Sewer Emergency	723-4424/723-4459
Zoning Administrator	723-4455

Town Officers

		Term Expires
Moderator	Thomas Donnellan	2005
Town Clerk/Treasurer	Lucille Stevens	2006
Ass't. Clerk/Treasurer	Margaret Castonguay	2006
Selectboard	Peter Sprague	2005
	Ouida Testut	2006
	Robert Merchant	2007
First Constable	Theodore Miller	2005
Listers	Charles Schneider	2005
	Muriel Webb	2006
	E. Elizabeth Galunas	2007
Town Grand Juror	Theodore Miller	2005
Town Agent	Joel Cope	2005
Library Trustees	* Krystina Kurzej	2004
	**Lisa Foster	2005
	**Jay Stewart	2005
	Lisa Clarkè	2005
	Elizabeth Cope	2006
	Muriel Webb	2007
	* Margaret Castonguay	2008
Cemetery Commissioners	William Hawkins	2005
	Robert Daniels	2006
	Roger Fletcher	2007
School Directors	Charla Nadeau	2005
	**Michael Bresette	2005
	Marshall Frizzell	2005
	J. P. Gervais	2005
	Muriel O'Gorman	2005
	* Emil Lemay	2007
School Director (NCUHS)	Bernard Henault	2005
Auditors	Muriel Leonard	2005
	Barbara Pratt	2006
	Virginia Wing	2007
Health Officer	**Lydia McMillan	2005
Delinquent Tax Collector	Muriel Webb	2005
Water Commissioners	Reginald Hunt	2005
	Steve Osborne	2006
	Ralph Wilkins	2007

Term Expires

Sewer Commissioners	**Steve Osborne	04/01/05
	**Reginald Hunt	04/01/06
	**Ralph Wilkins	04/01/07
Administrative Assistant	**Joel Cope	
Zoning Administrator	**Albert Goulet	05/02/05
Zoning Board of Adjustment	**Carlisle Whitehill	06/13/05
	**Brian Riggie	06/13/06
	**Alan Wing	06/13/06
	**Cliff Biron	06/13/07
	**Philip Sanborn	06/13/07
Planning Board	**Maurice Connary	09/01/05
	**Alex Alexander	09/01/06
	**Brian Maxwell	09/01/06
	* Marvin Menzel	09/01/06
	**Ouida Testut	06/07/07
	**Donald Breault	09/01/07
	**Samantha Grout	09/01/07
**Allison Sackett	09/01/08	
Justice of the Peace	Lisa Clarke	2006
	* J. P. Gervais	2004
	Gerald Goupee	2006
	Jennifer Hanlon	2006
	Theodore Miller	2006
	Phyllis Riggie	2006
	Virginia Wing	2006
Jodi Gonyaw Worth	2006	
Town Service Officer	**Roger Fletcher	

* resigned

** appointed by Selectboard

Warning for Annual Town Meeting 2005

The legal voters for the Town of Brighton and the Brighton Water System are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Town Hall in said town on Monday, February 28, 2005, at 7:30 P.M. to transact the following business:

Articles 1 through 3 are to be voted by Australian ballot at the polls on Tuesday, March 1, 2005, from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM in the town hall:

1. To elect the following Town and Water System officers: Moderator, First Constable, Town Agent, Town Grand Juror, Delinquent Tax Collector, all for one-year terms; one Selectperson, one Water Commissioner, one Lister, one Auditor, one Cemetery Commissioner and one Library Trustee for the term of three years each; one Library Trustee for four years, and one library Trustee for five years.
2. To elect the following School District officers: Moderator for a one-year term; one School Director for a one-year term; three School Directors for two-year terms, one School Director for a three-year term; and one North Country Union High School Director for a three-year term.
3. Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$452,650?

The following articles are to be considered at the business-meeting portion of the Annual Town Meeting, to be conducted on Monday, February 28, 2005, at 7:30 P.M. in the town hall:

4. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. To hear the reports of the town officers for the past year and to take action thereon.
6. To hear the report of the Water Commissioners for the past year and to take action thereon.
7. To see if the voters shall fix the number of installments and the payment due dates for the collection of taxes as authorized in Title 32, V.S.A. Section 4872. Recommended payments to be due on August 17, September 16, and November 17.
8. To see if the voters shall authorize collection of 2005 taxes through the treasurer as provided for in Title 32, V.S.A. Sections 4792 and 4793.
9. To see if the voters shall authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow money for the operating expenses of the Town of Brighton in anticipation of taxes—such borrowing not to exceed 90 percent of all anticipated revenues.
10. Will the voters authorize the Selectmen to accept gifts, grants or other income and to make use of such income at their discretion on behalf of the Town?
11. Will the voters authorize an appropriation of \$2,000 to the Brighton Community Forum for civic activities in the town of Brighton?

12. Will the voters authorize an appropriation of \$300 to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont for support services for children and families?
13. To see if the voters will raise money by property taxes to pay the general expenses of the town and if so, how much.
14. To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.

Dated at Brighton, County of Essex and State of Vermont, this 25th day of January 2005.

BRIGHTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Peter Sprague, Chairman

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Robert Merchant

Selectmen's Report 2005

The state of the Town Budget

This year's budget shows increases in some areas that are mostly offset by decreases in other areas. But Long-term debt, (Line Item 928) shows an increase over and above the other increases of \$70,000. The total budget increase is about \$52,000, by comparison (5.66%).

Long-term Debt is the amount of money the Selectmen have to borrow at the end of the year to balance the books, because of tax delinquencies or other shortfalls in revenue, like tax abatements. Tax abatements (which occur after the tax bills are sent out) decrease the projected tax revenue, and this year one large abatement of \$78,000 resulted from a computer error on the Grand List in 2004.

But, strictly speaking, it is not fair to blame the whole budget increase on only one of the increases. Health benefits have increased by 14%. Significant repairs to the municipal building are necessary. The tax-mapping project is a significant expense, but is necessary to resolve inequities and inaccuracies in the Grand List. The Library Trustees seek to sustain the expanded library hours and need to pay an assistant to be there. We think these monies are well-spent, and the investment of town dollars a wise one.

Budget watchers can see that although the budget is up only 5.66%, taxes to be collected are up 10%. Why? The answer is that although the percentages may vary, they both reflect the same number—that portion of the Long-term Debt that results from the abatement of \$78,000. If you take out that amount from the expense portion of the budget, the property tax to be collected also decreases, to the point where the percentage change of taxes and budget are both close to zero.

The state of the town

If the state of a town is measured by improvements to its downtown, then in that regard we are doing well. The face of the downtown has changed dramatically this year, and more changes are under way. Two businesses on Cross Street have expanded, a third has started in an historic building at the main downtown intersection, and the Island Pond Public Library expansion on Main Street is under way and should be complete by Town Meeting day.

Also, the Brighton Community Forum has obtained funding for the proposed Welcomes Center at the foot of Cross Street, in the form of a grant from the Enhancements Program for \$150,000, a grant from the Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) for \$75,000, a legislative appropriation for \$33,000 and local pledges of over \$25,000. This project will help support the investment made in the downtown by businesses and the town government. The Forum group at this time receives no direct financial support from the Town of Brighton, although the Selectmen welcome the Forum's efforts on behalf of the town, and approved the addition of the warning article asking for \$2,000 to support their civic activities.

Going hand-in-hand with those projects is our sidewalk maintenance and improvement plan, which received a big boost with a \$90,000 Enhancements grant for the

design and permitting phase for improved sidewalks on Cross, Main and Railroad streets, including design for a new sidewalk down to the school. This is the second phase of the sidewalk program; the third will be construction. Visitors to the town will be able to park at the Welcome Center, get information, use the facilities, and use the new sidewalks to patronize local businesses.

Visitors and residents alike will be thrilled with the improvements to the Public Library. We wish to thank the Library Trustees past and present for their efforts in conceiving and funding a fine new library that is befitting to the growing stature of the town. The improvements here have been funded by the VCDP in the amount of \$177,000, by the USDA in the amount of \$25,000, \$5,000 from the VPLF-Freeman Foundation, a \$17,000 Legislative appropriation, and many local businesses and individuals.

We are very pleased with the work being done with the new grader, and with the sidewalk cleaning and general good looks of the downtown. Residents in the vicinity of Meadow Street and Clarke Street should benefit by the new culverts installed on Meadow Street to control flooding in that area—done with the help of a state grant of \$13,485 from VTrans. This year we are proposing to install a number of new culverts on Gideon Mill Road to control excessive runoff. We will continue to keep up with replacing gravel lost due to traffic and erosion. Paving is planned for Forest Street and the repairs will be made to the Mose Woods Road bridge.

The black road truck is now nine years old (though it doesn't look it thanks to good maintenance), and should be rotated, as maintenance costs are beginning to climb. We are applying for a grant from the USDA to fund up to 55% of the cost of a new truck, now priced at approximately \$111,000. We have the remainder of the funds necessary in our equipment reserve fund, as well as trade-in value on the old truck.

Finally, we wish to thank all our employees, town officers, and the members of our many volunteer boards, commissions and departments, all of whom must perform increasingly difficult tasks in the complex environment of municipal government.

2005 Proposed Budget & 2004 Budget Report

	APPROVED 2004	ACTUAL 2004	PROPOSED 2005
DEPARTMENTAL BREAKDOWN			
010 PERSONNEL			
020 Wages	\$ 73,174.40	\$ 74,999.26	\$ 73,174.40
025 Overtime	10,000.00	7,949.26	10,000.00
030 Health & Life Ins.	23,055.99	23,861.40	26,322.34
040 Social Security	6,362.84	6,345.39	6,362.84
050 Retirement	7,901.57	7,880.14	7,901.57
060 Mileage	1,600.00	1,751.95	1,600.00
070 Training	100.00	0.00	100.00
099 Total Personnel Costs	122,194.80	122,787.40	125,461.15
125 ROADS & STREETS			
126 Gravel	4,500.00	4,500.00	7,500.00
127 Salt & Chloride	10,000.00	9,721.01	10,000.00
128 Sand	4,000.00	2,408.70	4,000.00
129 Asphalt Patch	450.00	0.00	450.00
130 Paving	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
130A Paving loan	4,906.97	5,168.94	4,900.00
131 Culverts	7,600.00	1,641.14	5,000.00
132 Survey & Engineering	0.00	1,050.57	0.00
133 Bridge & Rd Cnstrct.	14,000.00	9,577.33	10,000.00
134 Sidewalks	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
135 Supplies & Materials	2,500.00	3,745.61	2,500.00
136 Street Signs	500.00	327.98	500.00
137 Foot Bridge	3,400.00	6,418.56	3,400.00
138 Contracted services	7,600.00	8,592.50	8,600.00
139 Total Roads & Streets	75,456.97	69,152.34	72,850.00
175 GARAGE			
176 Heating Fuel	2,000.00	2,485.80	2,500.00
177 Electricity	1,450.00	1,130.41	1,450.00
178 Water & sewer	416.00	416.00	416.00
180 Bldg. Maint. & Rep	4,000.00	3,484.22	3,000.00
186 Telephone	500.00	487.58	500.00
189 Total Garage	8,366.00	8,004.01	7,866.00
190 EQUIPMENT			
191 Equipment Purchase	2,474.00	3,861.16	2,500.00
192 Maint. & Repair	10,000.00	10,060.87	10,000.00
193 Fuel	12,000.00	11,355.51	12,000.00
194 Grader	15,507.39	15,507.39	15,507.39
195 Equip. Reserve Fund	27,000.00	27,000.00	27,000.00
196 Red truck payment	22,856.12	23,798.57	23,659.12
198 Total Equipment	89,837.51	91,583.50	90,666.51
199 TOTAL ROAD DEPT.	295,855.28	291,527.25	296,843.66

	APPROVED 2004	ACTUAL 2004	PROPOSED 2005
200 TOWN CLERK & TREASURER			
220 Clerk & Asst. Salary	39,715.21	39,715.00	39,715.21
225 Treas. & Asst. Salary	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
230 Health Insurance	7,311.41	7,157.36	8,010.56
240 Social Security	3,803.21	3,803.41	3,803.21
250 Retirement	4,722.94	4,722.92	4,722.94
260 Mileage	100.00	105.30	100.00
270 Training	100.00	95.00	200.00
296 Telephone/FAX	900.00	789.72	900.00
299 TOTAL CLERK & TREAS.	66,652.78	66,388.71	67,451.93
300 ADMIN ASS'T			
320 Salary	24,900.00	24,960.00	24,900.00
330 Health Insurance	8,966.78	9,867.22	10,240.60
340 Social Security	1,904.85	1,909.54	1,904.85
350 Retirement	2,365.50	2,371.20	2,365.50
360 Mileage	1,000.00	1,005.41	1,000.00
370 Training	50.00	149.08	50.00
390 Equipment	200.00	31.79	600.00
396 Telephone	1,500.00	1,250.27	1,500.00
308 TOTAL ADMIN ASS'T	40,887.13	41,544.51	42,560.95
400 POLICE DEPARTMENT			
420 Wages	25,747.87	25,747.80	25,747.87
430 Health Insurance	7,076.35	7,300.08	8,053.77
440 Social security	1,969.71	1,969.76	1,969.71
450 Retirement	2,446.05	2,446.09	2,446.05
470 Training	100.00	0.00	100.00
490 Equip. Repair & Purchase	400.00	686.95	500.00
491 Car Expense	7,800.00	7,800.00	7,800.00
495 Special Police	0.00	0.00	0.00
496 Telephone	600.00	769.62	700.00
499 TOTAL POLICE DEPT.	46,139.98	46,720.30	47,317.40
500 MUNICIPAL BUILDING			
580 Supplies	2,500.00	2,421.61	2,500.00
581 Heating Fuel	7,000.00	10,355.13	9,000.00
582 Water	825.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
583 Sewer	735.00	980.00	980.00
584 Electricity	4,800.00	5,942.82	5,400.00
585 Bldg. Maint & Repair	7,000.00	7,761.02	10,000.00
586 Rubbish Removal	1,400.00	819.78	1,400.00
587 Porch & Roof Project	8,551.67	13,999.90	8,907.25
599 TOTAL MUN. BLDG.	32,811.67	43,380.26	39,287.25
600 RAILROAD STATION			
680 Supplies	450.00	298.63	450.00
681 Heating Fuel	5,200.00	6,403.20	5,500.00
682 Water	220.00	232.00	220.00
683 Sewer	196.00	212.80	196.00
684 Electricity	1,600.00	1,450.87	1,600.00
685 Maint. & Repair	5,000.00	5,645.74	7,000.00
686 Snow Removal	850.00	640.75	850.00

	APPROVED 2004	ACTUAL 2004	PROPOSED 2005
Railroad Station con't.			
687 Alarm System		1,436.86	1,170.28
699 TOTAL RR STATION	13,516.00	16,320.85	16,986.28
700 FIRE DEPT.			
710 Wages	3,500.00	3,497.90	3,500.00
711 Officers	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
720 Electricity	900.00	880.86	1,000.00
725 Heating Fuel	2,000.00	2,355.19	2,000.00
730 Telephone	500.00	490.81	500.00
770 Water	216.00	220.00	216.00
771 Sewer	196.00	196.00	196.00
773 Training	3,500.00	343.86	2,500.00
774 Accident/Disability Ins.	880.00	912.00	1,162.00
775 Equip. Purchase	5,000.00	6,814.84	5,000.00
776 Maint. & Repair Bldg.	4,000.00	3,744.65	3,000.00
781 Equip. Maint. & Rep.	4,474.00	3,448.24	4,500.00
782 Equipment Fuel	500.00	24.60	200.00
783 Fire Watch	250.00	0.00	250.00
784 Mutual Aid	60.00	200.00	200.00
785 Banquet & Awards	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
791 Miscellaneous	2,600.00	1,097.00	0.00
792 Forest Fire Warden	150.00	150.00	150.00
793 Fire Truck	14,828.12	14,828.12	14,828.12
796 Paging System	500.00	152.88	500.00
799 TOTAL FIRE & RESCUE	46,854.12	42,156.95	42,502.12
800 MAINTENANCE DEPT.			
820 Wages	20,800.00	20,800.00	20,800.00
825 Overtime			1,600.00
830 Health Insurance	7,076.35	7,271.90	8,022.45
840 Social security	1,591.20	1,591.28	1,591.20
850 Retirement	1,976.00	1,976.00	1,976.00
899 TOTAL MAINT. DEPT.	31,443.55	31,639.18	33,989.65
000 ROAD DEPARTMENT			
010 Personnel	122,194.80	122,787.40	125,461.15
125 Roads & Streets	75,456.97	69,152.34	72,850.00
175 Garage	8,366.00	8,004.01	7,866.00
190 Equipment	89,837.51	91,583.50	90,666.51
199 TOTAL ROAD DEPT.	295,855.28	291,527.25	296,843.66
900 GENERAL FUND			
901 Town Clerk & Treas.	66,652.78	66,388.71	67,451.93
902 Admin. Asst.	40,887.13	41,544.51	42,560.95
903 Police Protection	46,139.98	46,720.30	47,317.40
904 Municipal Building	32,811.67	43,380.26	39,287.25
905 Railroad Station	13,516.00	16,320.85	16,986.28
906 Maintenance Dept.	31,443.55	31,639.18	33,989.65
907 Fire & Rescue	46,854.12	42,156.95	42,502.12
908 Selectmen	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
909 Board of Civil Authority	1,400.00	1,200.00	1,400.00
910 Listers	15,000.00	16,302.80	8,157.00

	APPROVED 2004	ACTUAL 2004	PROPOSED 2005
General Fund con't.			
911 Tax Mapping			15,000.00
912 Auditors	1,800.00	1,645.00	1,800.00
913 Zoning Administrator	3,750.00	3,750.00	3,750.00
914 Planning Commissioners	2,100.00	1,750.00	2,100.00
915 Zoning Board	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
916 Health Officer	750.00	750.00	750.00
917 Library Wages	14,857.50	13,136.81	24,022.87
918 Library Service	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
919 Unemployment Ins.	3,170.00	3,542.70	3,234.00
920 General Insurance	24,557.74	27,244.37	24,853.00
921 Social Security	3,500.00	4,154.59	2,316.84
922 Town Officers Mileage	350.00	314.19	350.00
923 Town Officers Training	900.00	785.00	900.00
924 Dog Control	1,500.00	1,327.55	1,500.00
925 Street Lights	13,000.00	12,220.96	14,300.00
926 Recreation	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
927 County Tax	28,257.36	28,408.88	30,000.00
928 Long Term Debt	60,000.00	60,000.00	130,000.00
929 Interest Expense	8,000.00	7,148.40	7,200.00
930 RR Station Debt	18,056.00	18,056.25	18,056.00
931 Town Meeting-Elections	3,000.00	2,519.50	2,500.00
932 Office Supplies	10,000.00	12,108.30	12,000.00
933 Legal Services	6,000.00	5,332.75	6,000.00
934 CPA & Consultants	6,500.00	8,150.00	0.00
935 Waste management	16,000.00	19,393.22	18,500.00
936 Advertising	700.00	634.10	900.00
937 Clockwinder	156.00	156.00	156.00
938 VLCT	1,178.00	1,178.00	1,454.00
939 NVDA	643.00	643.00	643.60
940 NEK Mental Hlth	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
941 Home Health Services	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
942 Adult Education	200.00	200.00	200.00
943 Area Agency on Aging	800.00	800.00	800.00
944 STEP ONE	125.00	125.00	125.00
945 VT. Independent Living	150.00	150.00	150.00
946 Re-pointing project	4,307.67	4,307.67	0.00
947 Miscellaneous	1,000.00	1,516.86	1,500.00
948 Resource & Cons. Dist.	50.00	50.00	75.00
949 911 Emergency Service	0.00	500.00	500.00
950 Restoration of Records	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
951 Forest Management	0.00	0.00	0.00
952 Rescue Squad Approp.	26,000.00	20,000.00	10,000.00
953 Ambulance		0.00	
954 Emergency Mgmt.	0.00	0.00	0.00
955 Red Cross	0.00	0.00	0.00
956 Green-Up Day	100.00	100.00	100.00
957 VABVI	500.00	500.00	500.00
958 NEK Youth Corps	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
959 Fireworks for July 4th	500.00	500.00	500.00

	APPROVED 2004	ACTUAL 2004	PROPOSED 2005
General Fund con't.			
960 Parade	0.00	0.00	0.00
961 Home & School Assoc.	500.00	500.00	500.00
962 Reappraisal	8,640.00	8,640.00	0.00
963 Frontier Animal Society	500.00	500.00	500.00
964 Essex Co. Nat. Res. Dist	200.00	200.00	0.00
965 RCT	201.00	201.00	385.50
966 Sewer study	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
967 Holiday lights	8,000.00	5,109.54	0.00
968 Preservation Trust	0.00	0.00	25.00
969 Cemetery repair	500.00	500.00	0.00
970 TOTAL GENERAL FUND	621,754.51	629,453.20	673,849.39
971 TOTAL ROAD FUND	295,855.28	291,527.25	296,843.66
972 TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$917,609.79	\$920,980.45	\$970,693.05

2005 EXPECTED REVENUES & 2004 REVENUES

	APPROVED 2004	ACTUAL 2004	PROPOSED 2005
973 ROAD DEPARTMENT			
974 State Aid for Roads	\$ 69,243.66	\$ 70,797.75	\$ 70,797.75
975 Two-for-one program			
976 Equipment Rental			
977 Miscellaneous			
978 Property Tax	226,611.62	226,611.62	226,045.91
979 Total - Road Dept.	295,855.28	297,409.37	296,843.66
980 GENERAL FUNDS			
981 Building Rents	43,608.56	42,874.19	40,530.71
982 Railroad Tax	1,693.56	1,620.81	1,693.56
983 Town Clerk's Fees	10,000.00	14,232.23	13,000.00
984 Sewer Service Fee	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
985 Water Service Fee	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
986 Police Fines	20,000.00	36,050.50	20,000.00
987 Licenses	5,000.00	7,535.00	9,000.00
988 Dog Licenses & Fees	800.00	776.00	700.00
989 Delinquent Taxes	65,000.00	135,730.39	75,000.00
990 Del. Tax Interest	2,500.00	4,305.37	5,000.00
991 Other Earned Interest	2,500.00	5,267.60	5,000.00
992 Refunds & Reimbursements	36,180.00	36,395.76	13,000.00
993 Misc. Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
994 Property taxes	411,726.46	186,972.05	477,487.41
995 Long term loan	0.00	130,000.00	
996 Beginning Cash on Hand	10,248.53		937.71
997 Total - General Funds	621,757.11	614,259.90	673,849.39
998 Total - Roads	295,855.28	297,409.37	296,843.66
999 TOTAL REVENUES	\$917,612.39	\$911,669.27	\$970,693.05

Statement of Taxes Raised

	Tax Rate	Grand List	Total Raised
Non-residential - School Tax	\$1.5201	\$542,755.25	\$825,042.21
Homestead - School Tax	1.1640	271,406.11	315,916.68
Highway Tax	0.2770	815,931.19	226,013.51
Town Tax	0.4690	815,931.19	382,659.97
Total Tax			\$1,754,136.06
Amount billed	\$1,754,095.12		
State (Hold-Harmless)	25,760.00		
Pilot Program	3,187.00		
State Land	5,883.00		
Total to be collected		\$1,788,925.12	
Collected	\$1,554,542.56		
Abated	84,280.72		
Late homestead declaration	1,829.76		
Tax Credit - Ethan Allen	6,078.09		
Tax Credit for 2004 Abatement ..	105.00		
Delinquents turned over to tax collector	141,863.25		
Total		\$1,788,699.38	

Tax Rate Breakdown

	2001	2002	2003	2004 Resident	2004 Non-Resident
Town	0.669	0.681	0.440	0.469	0.469
Highway	0.356	0.384	0.260	0.277	0.277
School	1.459	1.523	1.050	1.164	1.5201
Total Tax Rate	2.484	2.588	1.750	1.910	2.2661

Statement of Delinquent Taxes

Year	Beginning Bal.	Collected	Abated	as of 12/31/04
2002	\$ 2,934.77	\$ 2,934.77	\$ -	\$ -
2003	66,170.01	66,014.28	155.73	-
2004	141,863.25	66,781.36	-	75,081.89
Total	\$210,968.03	\$135,730.41	\$ 155.73	\$ 75,081.89

Delinquent Property Taxes

(AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004)

2004

Akstin, Calvin	\$	1,062.78
Allen, Paul		863.37
Belmore, Richard		972.18
Bizzaro, Robert		393.65
Bone, James		841.44
Bonnett, Edward		721.98
Breault, Donna		2,265.09
Buoniconti, Kyle		1,386.84
Castrogiovanni, Beatrice		1,117.35
Chesney, Roger		559.71
Chingris, Dean		1,020.39
Christman, Dan		38.52
Colcombe, Craig		1,501.26
Costa, David		2,640.12
Desrochers, Est. of Maude		584.64
Deslandes, Jeffrey		517.17
Dezotell, Jeff		207.35
Dittner Properties		4,373.55
Dwyer, Stephen		427.54
Flanders, James		79.29
Garfield, Walter		966.45
Gazzaille, Barbara		365.53
Gendron, Dustin		760.17
Gerstel, David		3,327.63
Griggs, Wanda		475.88
Hand, Shirley c/o Todd Marsh		1,121.70
Hand, Dean		203.94
Hannington, Kendall		1,375.20
Hawkins, William		773.55
Heath, Cora		1,049.94
Hicks, Gena		23.50
Horne, Marcia		2,272.89
Hunt, Mary		131.43
Isaacson, Jeannette		673.02
Kinney, Alson		622.44
Knipe, Est. of John		1,855.92
Knox, Linda		1,086.78
Labelle, Louis		1,980.57
Maloney, Gloria		3,089.44
Marcus, Catherine		758.25
Marsden, Dianne		1,513.74

Marsh, Allen	1,644.51
Martin and Lyon	251.52
Martin, Earl & Francine	884.31
Maxwell, Paul	255.06
McMillan, Lydia	189.93
Morey, Estate of Rachel	759.12
Moses, Gloria	1,033.29
Nagle, Stephanie	291.68
Nickerson, Stephen	1,572.66
Noyes, David	20.37
O'Keefe, Cecil	1,249.14
Osgood, George	3,134.01
Page, David	74.76
Perry, Debra	158.61
Pillsbury, Francis	74.76
Pratt, Christopher	632.22
Quigley, Louis	662.22
Reilly, Glenn	1,590.78
Reilly, Cheryl	528.00
Royston, Byron	351.24
Royston, Jody	1,627.05
Sackaris, James	792.49
Santaw, Raymond	602.79
Schneider, Charles	645.32
Shartner, Paul	7.74
Sloan, Judith	796.02
Smith, Larry	278.73
Stacey, Verna	790.74
Stone, Michelle	134.45
Tardif, Simon	1,657.86
Tatro-Moralle, Lynda	920.02
Tillinghast, Alan	208.48
Tucker, Paulina	411.92
Verge, Adam	1,143.62
Weed, Connie	38.52
Wentworth, Barry	3.77
Widmer, Tom & David	548.37
Widmer, Tom & David	1,627.05
Willhauck, Robert	1,423.68
Worth, William	62.89
Total 2004 Delinquent Taxes	\$ 75,081.89
Grand Total Delinquent Taxes	\$ 75,081.89

Brighton Revolving Loan Fund

PSB Savings Acc #1107000003

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004 \$ 2,421.19
 Interest earned \$19.67

2004 Payments:

Loan

#	Borrower	Original Loan/Date	Payments
1	Mahoney, Michael & Rolinda	\$4,000.00 - Feb 96	\$589.16
2	Pepin, Rachel	3,000.00 - May 96	0 *
3	Doyon, Nancy (Bowman)	1,500.00 - July 97	0 *
4	Maxwell, Christopher	2,500.00 - Feb 01	447.12**
5	Glover, Leona	2,000.00 - Jan 02	400.00
6	Glover, Leona	2,000.00 - May 03	0 *

Total 2003 Payments **\$1,436.28**

Total Income **\$1,455.95**

* Delinquent

**Paid in Full

Expenses 0.00

Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004 **\$3,877.14**

Water Department Report

For the past several years, the Water Department has been engaged in the process of upgrading its water supply facilities, and the year 2004 was no exception. It started in 1988 when we rebuilt both intake dams on the north and south brooks.

In 2003, we replaced nearly 1 mile of old cast iron pipe with plastic pipe from the north intake. This significantly increased the flow of water into the reservoir because there were so many leaks in that old pipe.

This left approximately 2,000 feet of old cast iron pipe from the upper north intake dam that had leaks in it. We found that we were able to pay for the clearing of the right-of-way through the sale of wood harvested from the cutting needed to get access to lay the pipe and to get concrete in place to rebuild the upper dam. Our thanks also go to the weatherman for his help in holding off any rain while we were in the process of completing this project. It reduced the bottom line cost considerably.

We negotiated an agreement with the select board to borrow the necessary money from the Sewer Department reserves at the same rate of interest it was earning from the bank. This project was completed in 2004 and has been working well all during the past winter, and we have already started to pay back the loan.

So that we could complete the project at the least possible cost, we owe our gratitude to our operators, Marty Frizzell and Kean Galunas. Thanks a million, Guys.

Respectfully submitted,

Reginald Hunt, Steve Osborne, Ralph Wilkins
 Brighton Water Commissioners

Water Department Proposed Budget

	2004 Budget	2004 Actual	2005 Budget
Income			
Cash on hand			
PSB Chkg Acct #5107000072	\$ 2,362.01	\$ 2,362.01	\$ 11,525.22
Water Rents	147,000.00	153,578.89	155,000.00
Interest from Sinking Fund	5,000.00	1,002.98	1,000.00
New Connections	7,000.00	3,000.00	7,000.00
Sale of Materials	2,000.00	3,049.84	3,000.00
Camp Lease	200.00	25.00	200.00
Interest from Delinquencies	1,000.00	831.94	1,000.00
Logging Operations	-	7,850.00	2,000.00
Refunds	-	4.00	-
Loan from Sewer Capital	-	30,000.00	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
Total Income	\$164,562.01	\$201,704.66	\$180,725.22
Expenses			
Labor	\$7,000.00	\$2,970.00	\$7,000.00
Social security	800.00	410.79	800.00
Commissioners stipend	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
Operating Supplies	7,000.00	7,018.16	7,000.00
Insurance	3,820.00	3,820.00	3,820.00
Equipment maintenance	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Equipment hire	5,000.00	2,516.00	5,000.00
Tools	750.00	-	750.00
Paving	5,500.00	7,281.02	5,500.00
Electricity	3,000.00	2,215.13	3,000.00
Legal fees	500.00	-	500.00
Town service fee	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Advertising	200.00	-	200.00
Plant Operations	63,300.00	63,300.00	69,408.00
Forestry Management	-	-	-
Rent	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Equipment purchase	1,500.00	29.99	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	2,500.00	2,341.37	2,500.00
Bond payment -FMHA	54,100.00	54,100.00	54,100.00
Hydrant repair	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
Water testing	2,000.00	1,721.14	2,000.00
Permit fees	1,500.00	1,732.55	1,800.00
Loan Payment to Sewer Account	-	-	15,000.00
New Water Line	-	11,377.89	-
DAM Project	-	18,645.40	-
Total Expenses	\$172,170.00	\$190,179.44	\$193,578.00

Water Sinking Fund

CNB Savings Acct #402649718		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004		\$ 8,170.77
Interest earned	\$ 29.80	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004		\$ 8,200.57
CNB CD Acct #449410570		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004		\$100,087.08
Interest earned	\$ 994.17	
Transfer to PSB Chkg. Acct. #5107000072 ..	<u>(1,002.98)</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004		\$100,078.27
Total of Water Sinking Fund		\$108,278.84

Water Capital Improvement Account

PSB Savings Acct. #1105000241

(opened 02/17/04)

Income from logging operations	\$ 7,882.74	
Interest earned	9.56	
Trans. to Water PSB Chkg.Acct. #5107000072	<u>(7,850.00)</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004		\$ 42.30

Sewer Department Proposed Budget

	2004 Budget	2004 Actual	2005 Budget
Income			
Cash on hand			
PSB Chkg. Acct. #5107000073	\$ 418.66	\$ 418.66	\$ 1,679.28
Sewer rents	87,500.00	94,812.42	95,000.00
Interest from Delinquencies	2,000.00	3,139.46	3,000.00
Sewer Capital Improvement	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
Sewer permits	300.00	225.00	225.00
Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	\$ 90,218.66	\$108,595.54	\$ 99,904.28
Expenses			
Labor	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,145.00	\$ 5,000.00
Social Security	550.00	370.65	550.00
Plant Operations	63,300.00	63,300.00	69,408.00
Commissioners stipend	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
Town service fee	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
General Insurance	3,125.00	3,125.00	3,125.00
Electricity	10,500.00	9,900.09	10,000.00
Equipment purchase	3,000.00	15,702.02	3,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	3,701.64	1,000.00
Supplies	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Water rent	275.00	275.00	275.00
Discharge Permits	0.00	196.88	200.00
Capital Improvements	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 97,950.00	\$106,916.28	\$103,758.00

Brighton Sewer Capital Improvement Fund

CNB CD Acct #449661270		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004		\$ 46,837.89
Interest earned	\$ 407.23	
Trans. to Sewer Dept.PSB Chkg. #5107000073	(10,000.00)	
Loan to Water Dept. PSB Chkg.#5107000072	(30,000.00)	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004		7,245.12
CNB CD Acct #449662070		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004		47,923.73
Interest earned	1,189.66	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004		49,113.39
Total Sewer Capital Improvement Fund		\$ 56,358.51

Brighton Planning Grant

(SEPTIC AROUND LAKE)

PSB Svgs. Acct. #1105000270

Income:

State of Vermont	\$ 17,496.00	
Interest earned	13.76	
Total Revenue		\$ 17,509.76
Expenses:		
Forcier Aldrich & Assoc.	\$ (13,580.00)	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004		\$ 3,929.76

Brighton Sewer Sludge Removal Fund

CNB CD Acct #448981070

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004		\$ 25,065.11
Interest earned	\$ 305.96	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004		25,371.07
CNB CD Acct #440366570		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004		15,712.36
Interest earned	233.84	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004		15,946.20
Total Sludge Removal Fund		\$ 41,317.27

Water-Sewer Operations Account

	2004 Budget	2004 Actual	2005 Budget
Income			
Cash on hand			
CNB Chkg Acct #456302601	\$ 4,702.61	\$ 4,702.61	\$ 492.32
Water payments	63,300.00	633,00.00	69,408.00
Sewer payments	63,300.00	63300.00	69,408.00
Refund - Miscellaneous	0.00	26.49	0.00
Total Income	131,302.61	131,329.10	139,308.32
Expenses			
Contract Operations	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 96,957.37	\$102,000.00
Labor & Overtime	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Administration	1,000.00	104.00	1,000.00
Utilities	2,500.00	2,822.01	3,000.00
Propane	2,500.00	2,950.78	3,000.00
Vehicle Allowance	2,300.00	1,800.00	2,300.00
Maintenance	8,000.00	9,038.24	8,000.00
Line Maintenance	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Supplies	3,000.00	3,210.07	3,000.00
Chemicals	8,000.00	7,330.02	8,000.00
Truck Expenses	4,000.00	1,981.07	4,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	1,235.00	1,000.00
Total Expenses	\$131,300.00	\$128,928.56	\$139,300.00

Delinquent Water & Sewer Users
(AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004)

	Water	Sewer
Akstin, Calvin	\$ 55.00	\$ 0.00
Allen, Paul	55.00	49.00
Badali, Edward	55.00	0.00
Badali, Edward	55.00	0.00
Belmore, Richard	784.36	550.25
Bingham, Howard, Jr.	120.52	109.25
Bone, James	1,065.76	969.94
Bonnett, Edward	1,040.32	843.41
Castonguay, Francis	36.35	0.00
Castrogiovanni, Beatrice ..	1,717.80	2,094.22
Colcombe, Craig	108.61	57.01
Deslandes, Jeffrey	681.10	607.53
Desrochers Estate	77.70	244.38
Dittner Properties	698.34	509.84
Farrar, Constance	55.00	0.00
Frizzell, Marshall	58.14	52.84
Garfield, Walter	879.54	857.75
Gendron, Dustin	121.56	110.69
Glover, William	368.95	0.00
Griggs, Wanda	117.38	97.73
Hawkins, William	233.27	207.73
Hicks, Gena	186.72	150.36
Higgins, Eric	288.80	256.76
Hinton, James	57.20	50.96
Johnson, James	126.52	0.00
Kinney, David	587.36	411.81
Letourneau, Marc	69.36	68.54
Marcus, Catherine	688.88	573.60
Marsden, Dianna	436.02	383.39
Marsh, Allen	568.48	396.97
Marsh, Todd	201.43	162.53
Martin, Earl Jr.	739.39	0.00
Meredith, Katherine	1,347.59	820.76
Morey, Estate of Rachel	709.49	0.00
Nagle, Stephanie	55.00	0.00
O'Keefe, Cecil	63.24	59.98
O'Keefe, Jonathan	57.21	50.97
O'Keefe, Vicky	62.79	59.06
O'Keefe, William	1,180.90	1,661.15
Oest, Annemarie	56.10	49.98
*Quick, Monica	1,017.83	1,356.45

	Water	Sewer
Random House Inn	172.30	102.98
Raymond, Walter	56.10	49.98
Santaw, Raymond (Dale Ave.)	59.10	54.26
Schneider, Charles	59.16	8.45
Sharon, Michael	58.65	51.47
Stebenne, Normand	53.08	0.00
The Avalon	61.20	57.12
Verge, Aaron	27.09	0.00
Warner, David	55.00	0.00
Wilhauck, Robert	174.37	0.00
*Williamson, Martin	168.96	836.32
Totals	\$ 17,830.02	15,035.42

*Water has been shut off.

Miscellaneous Funds

BRIDGE & ROAD CONSTRUCTION

CNB Savings Acct #446255618

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004		\$ 28,448.77
Interest earned	78.59	
Pmt. toward Foot Bridge Loan (to General Fund)	<u>(28,527.36)</u>	
Balance as of Oct. 19, 2004		\$ 0.00

FOOT BRIDGE REPORT

CNB Grant/Revenue Anticipation Note

#611187416

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004		\$ 599,131.10
Interest earned	\$ 18,409.09	
State of Vermont	159,694.74	
Bridge & Road Const. CNB Savings #446255618	28,527.36	
Foot Bridge Savings PSB Savings #1106000088	7,284.50	
Town General Fund-CNB Chkg. #450115213	<u>4,056.09</u>	
Total Revenues		\$ 817,102.88
Expenses:		
R. C. Construction	(75,603.49)	
Community Nat'l. Bank (Pd. off Ba. of Loan)	<u>(741,499.39)</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>\$(817,102.88)</u>
Balance as of Oct. 19, 2004		\$ 0.00

FOOT BRIDGE SAVINGS ACCOUNT

PSB Savings Acct. #110600088

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004		\$ 7,247.95
Interest earned	\$ 36.55	
Pmt.toward Foot Bridge Loan	<u>(7,284.50)</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004		\$ 0.00

GRADER FUND

Rec'd. from CNB Loan #452160950		\$ 71,000.00
Expenses to purchase grader	<u>(67,003.70)</u>	
Bal. transferred to PSB Svgs. #1109000373		\$ 3,996.30
(Account opened 12/29/04)		
Interest earned	0.13	
Bal. as of Dec. 31, 2004		<u>\$ 3,996.43</u>

SIDEWALK SAVINGS

PSB Savings Acct #1102000370

Account opened 12/22/04		\$ 8,999.99
Interest earned	<u>\$ 1.33</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004		\$ 9,001.32

HEAVY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL FUND

CNB CD Acct. #449694970

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004		\$ 44,643.82
Interest earned	\$ 447.43	
2004 Appropriation from General Account		
CNB Chkg. Acct. #450115213	<u>27,000.00</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004		\$ 72,091.25

REVOLVING EQUIPMENT FUND

PSB Savings Acct #1109000001

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004		\$ 1,055.01
Receipts:		
Interest earned	<u>\$ 4.20</u>	
Total Receipts		1,059.21
Expenses:		
Equipment	<u>(904.97)</u>	
Total Expenses		(904.97)
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004		\$ 154.24

VCDP HOUSING REHABILITATION

PSB Savings Acct. #1102000118

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004		\$ 4,215.04
Interest earned	<u>\$ 26.48</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004		\$ 4,241.52

Brighton Library Report

CNB Checking Acct #410081601

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004 **\$ 13,206.80**

Receipts:

Town Appropriations	\$ 9,000.00
NEKLS/Success by Six	455.00
Donations	982.84
Refunds/Reimbursements	631.31
Miscellaneous	103.00
Freeman Grant	2,301.00

Total Receipts **\$ 13,473.15**

Expenses:

Telephone	\$ (1,076.00)
Library Supplies	(318.83)
P. O. Box Rent	(66.00)
Books	(305.39)
Mileage	(343.80)
Magazines/Newspapers	(106.95)
Performers	(380.00)
Snacks	(263.74)
Publicity	(108.64)
Workshop/Conferences	(367.09)
Dues	(85.00)
Computers	(149.47)
Copier/Printer	(64.95)
Cleaning	(1,560.00)
Freeman Grant	(7,005.42)
Success by Six	(560.00)
Miscellaneous	(825.48)

Total Expenses **\$ (13,586.76)**

Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004 **\$ 13,093.19**

Library Improvement Savings Account

PSB CD #3101000003

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004 **\$ 18,975.26**

Interest earned	\$ 106.83
Transfer to PSB Savings #5100000422	(19,082.09)

Balance as of July 6, 2004 **0.00**

PSB Chkg. Acct. #5100000422

Transfer from PSB CD Acct. 3101000003 19,082.09

Expenses:

E. H. Danson	(5,575.00)
Spates Construction	(5,000.00)

Total Expenses **(10,575.00)**

Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004 **\$ 8,507.09**

Gladys Brooks Foundation Grant Report

PSB CD Acct. #3100000020		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004		\$41,803.47
Interest earned	\$ 1,851.99	
Less Interest transferred to PSB Chkg.		
Acct. #5106000112	<u>(1,600.00)</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004		\$42,055.46
PSB Chkg. Acct. #5106000112		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004		\$ 184.89
Interest from PSB CD #310000020	<u>1,600.00</u>	
Total Revenue		\$ 1,784.89
Expenses:		
Books	(1,403.16)	
Videos	(71.90)	
Magazines and Newspapers	<u>(122.04)</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>\$(1,597.10)</u>
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004		\$ 187.79

Library Childrens' Books/Programming Account

CNB Chkg Acct #456759501		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004		\$ 4,235.96
Expenses:		
Books/Programming	<u>\$ (2,502.10)</u>	
Balance of as Dec. 31, 2004		\$ 1,733.86

Library Improvement Donation Account

PSB Savings Acct. #1109000166		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004		\$ 6,676.95
Donations	\$ 1,407.93	
Coin Drop	599.03	
Passumpsc Savings Bank Donation	3,000.00	
Interest	<u>30.79</u>	
Total Revenues		<u>\$ 5,037.75</u>
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004		\$11,714.70

Library Improvement Grant

PSB Chkg. Acct.#5104000363

(Account opened 08/16/04)

Income:

State of Vermont \$ 46,800.00

Expenses:

E. H. Danson Assoc. \$ (18,163.68)

Desrochers Excavating, Inc. (350.00)

Spates Construction (15,596.50)

NVDA (6,100.00)

Environmental Hazard Management, Inc. (1,687.00)

Advertising (471.05)

Hartgen Archeological Assoc. (2,564.10)

State of Vermont (523.44)

Total Expenses **\$ (45,455.77)**

Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004 **\$ 1,344.23**

Librarian's Report

With a continued team effort by myself, the Board of Trustees, the assistant Librarian, townspeople, volunteers and donors in 2004, we have been able to accomplish a large part of the plan we set in motion for the Library.

The expansion and renovation of our space in the municipal building will be completed by the end of February.

Our efforts are succeeding to extend our reach to the people who need more and better services from the library they deserve. We now have 626 active patrons with 210 new cards given out this year and usage has soared. In the 237 days we were open, visits numbered 8,240, which is almost 3,000 more than last year. (Even the Regional Director from the Dept. of Libraries is impressed.)

All our circulation numbers have increased dramatically, especially in the areas of children's literature and audio-visual (books on tape, videos and DVDs). The use of our technology services (computers, printers, copier and faxes) has skyrocketed. This includes 1,622 uses of our computers!

The Summer Reading Program, "Telling Tails", was an unprecedented success with the number of children signed up, increasing from 13 in '03 to 45 this year.

Through the efficient handling of funds, foundations, grants, reimbursements and donations, we have been able to upgrade every aspect of our operation. And with the help of our Assistant Librarian, Michelle Wilcox, who is willing to go the extra mile and put in the time when needed, we have arranged our hours to accommodate more after-school and after-work access.

There is always much work to do to meet the goals we set and, with the group of people I've been honored to lead, it will be done.

Respectfully submitted,
John Zuppa, Library Director

Special Thanks to:

Our Story Time Providers: Susan Vera, Evelyn Storm

Our Substitute Assistants: Jean Morris, Ronnie MacKay

Our Summer Program Helper: Kristen Neumayer

Housekeeping: Jane Moulton

Our Volunteers and Donors

All those who helped us move to our temporary location, especially Mike Sharon

Former Assistant: Rebecca Murray

Our Board of Trustees: Lisa Clarke (Chair), Lisa Cope (Secretary), Muriel Webb, Jay Stewart and Lisa Foster

Lakeside Park

CNB Checking Acct. #400959201

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004		\$ 785.15
Receipts:		
Town appropriation	\$ 15,000.00	
Grant	1,644.00	
Donations	162.00	
Miscellaneous	26.97	
Total Receipts		\$ 16,832.97
Expenses:		
Operating expenses	\$ 3,798.65	
Electricity	234.97	
Tennis Court	2,517.00	
Grant	3,593.68	
Equipment Repair & Maintenance	2,212.58	
Miscellaneous	500.00	
Total Expenses		\$ (12,856.88)
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004		\$ 4,761.24

Cemetery Report

CNB Checking Acct #400455801

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004		\$ 828.78
Receipts:		
Putnam Fund dividends	\$ 441.12	
Wellington Fund dividends	660.20	
Sale of lots	1,162.50	
Interest from PSB Svgs Acct. #1103000052	1,400.00	
Interest from PSB CD Acct. #3103000001	900.00	
Interest from CNB CD Acct. #449466070	500.00	
Corner markers	600.00	
Town Appropriations	500.00	
Total Receipts		\$ 6,163.82
Expenses:		
Maintenance	\$ (5,337.67)	
Commissioners salaries	(50.00)	
Corner markers	(761.25)	
Total Expenses		\$ (6,148.92)
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004		\$ 843.68

Cemetery Trust Fund & Savings

George Putnam shares		\$ 25,534.87
Wellington Fund		23,396.40
Consolidated Gas CNB CD Acct #44919670		
balance as of Jan. 1, 2004	\$ 623.08	
Interest earned	16.34	
Con.Gas CD balance as of Dec. 31, 2004 ..		639.42
Total		49,570.69
PSB Savings Acct. #1103000052		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004		1,237.10
Interest from Savings	5.61	
Perpetual Care	325.00	
Transferred to CNB Chking.#400455801	(1,400.00)	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004		167.71
PSB CD Acct. #3103000001		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004		4,892.89
Interest earned from savings	63.44	
Transfer to CNB CD #400455801	(900.00)	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004		4,056.33
CNB CD Acct. #449466070		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004		53,997.58
Interest earned	\$2,764.77	
Transfer to CNB Chkg.#400455801	\$ (500.00)	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004		56,262.35
Total Trust fund, CDs & Savings		\$110,057.08

Town of Brighton Indebtedness

	Bal. 01/01/04 Principal	Borrowed 2004	Amt. Paid Principal	Balance 12/31/04
Road Department				
Paving Loan-PSB Loan #7013022342	\$ 19,280.00	\$ -	\$ 4,820.00	\$ 14,460.00
Truck Loan-CNB Loan #451895050	-	66,172.62	21,283.53	44,889.09
Grader Loan-CNB Loan #452160950	-	71,000.00	13,922.07	57,077.93
Total	\$ 19,280.00	\$137,172.62	\$ 40,025.60	\$116,427.02
General				
RR Renovations - CNB Loan #447658150 ..	\$139,465.40	\$ -	\$11,065.32	\$128,400.08
Fire Truck - CNB Loan #610782650	40,748.23	-	12,942.75	27,805.48
Reappraisal - PSB Loan #7013000209	27,789.07	-	8,450.42	19,338.65
Foot Bridge - CNB Loan #449830550	724,800.00	-	724,800.00	-
Roof Loan - PSB Loan #7014022341	33,600.00	-	8,400.00	25,200.00
Tax anticipated '03 - CNB Loan #449826750	60,000.00	-	60,000.00	-
Tax anticipated '04 - CNB Loan #449829150	-	236,900.00	236,900.00	-
Tax anticipated '04 - CNB Loan #449827550	-	130,000.00	-	130,000.00
Totals	\$1,026,402.70	\$366,900.00	\$1,062,558.49	\$330,744.21
Water Department				
Water Bond - USDA 91-03	\$ 691,992.89	\$ -	\$14,516.12	\$677,476.77
Dam Improvement Project	-	30,000.00	-	30,000.00
Totals	\$ 691,992.89	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 14,516.12	\$ 707,476.77
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,737,675.59	\$534,072.62	\$1,117,100.21	\$1,154,648.00

Railroad Renovation Project

PSB Savings Acct #1103000117

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2004		\$ 8,166.78
Interest earned	\$ 25.55	
Pmt. toward repointing of RR Sta.(to Gen. Fund)	(8,192.33)	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004		\$ 0.00

Police Activity Report

Warnings Issued	1,822
Traffic Tickets Issued	1,320
Municipal Tickets Issued	98
Assisting Agencies	52
Dog Complaints	39
Juvenile Complaints	37
Disorderly Conduct	36
Larcenies	29
Domestics	27
Trespassing	22
Vandalisms	19
House Checks	16
Assaults	13
Snowmobile Complaints	13
Drug Investigations	11
Motor Vehicle Complaints	89

There were a total of 403 complaints received and answered in 2004. There were 21 criminal arrests made.

It has again been my privilege to have been elected and to have served the Town of Brighton for the last 22 years, and it is my desire to continue to protect and serve the citizens of our community in the future.

Sincerely,
Theodore E. Miller
First Constable of Brighton

Brighton Volunteer Fire Department Report

Thankfully, we had no major fires this past year. However, we did respond to a fair amount of auto and snowmobile accidents as well as chimney fires.

We received a Homeland Security Grant for new self-contained breathing apparatus. A ventilation fan was installed in the Fire Station for exhaust fumes and two new windows were installed in the office.

We still meet the second and fourth Monday of every month. Feel free to stop in at any time.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Hannux, Fire Chief

NorthWoods Stewardship Center (FORMERLY THE VERMONT LEADERSHIP CENTER)

Thanks to the Town of Brighton's appropriation of \$4,000 in support of the Kingdom Corps, 44 young people from the Northeast Kingdom were employed on a variety of conservation projects throughout the communities of Northern Vermont and New Hampshire during 2004. Besides completing meaningful conservation work, participants gained valuable employment, teamwork and leadership skills, along with the added benefit of learning about the natural environment. On behalf of the Center staff, Corps participants and myself, I wish to convey our sincere appreciation to the Town of Brighton for its support.

2004 was a year of significant transition at the Center. We changed our name from the Vermont Leadership Center to the NorthWoods Stewardship Center in an effort to reflect our mission more clearly. There was also a change in leadership with Dr. Charles Woods, a long time member of the Board of Directors, taking on the role of Executive Director. The Center also purchased the land on which our facilities are located, and we were given over 1,400 acres of surrounding land. All of these changes will lead to a strengthened organization that will continue to serve the community.

In 2004 ten young people from the Town of Brighton were chosen as crewmembers, each of whom earned \$150 per week or \$750 over the course of the summer. Another local young person was chosen for our backcountry crew earning \$1,350 for their effort. Two local individuals served as part of our leadership team, one as a Jr. Leader and another as a Crew Leader, earning \$3,812. In total, \$12,662 was paid directly to residents of the Town of Brighton. Participants contributed a total of 7,000 hours of labor to the enhancement of the region's natural resources and development of its recreational opportunities and they were provided a total of 1,400 hours of employment training and natural resource education.

The crews completed a variety of projects in and around the Town of Brighton. One major project was the beginning phases of landscaping the steep bank between Mountain Street and Downtown. This summer's work focused on exposing the stone wall paralleling the railroad tracks and clearing the bank of brush. The Corps, in partnership with a number of local citizens and groups, will continue to landscape the bank further in future years. A crew continued the Corps' commitment to maintaining the Bluff Mountain Community trail, clearing blow-downs, improving drainage and brushing back overgrown areas. A crew also worked with the Town maintenance staff cleaning up the Town beach, putting out swim buoys, raking out several loads of sand, and cleaning campsites at Brighton State Park.

A Kingdom Corps crew continues to work on the development of the Northern Forest Canoe trail through the area. A major effort was made at removing the invasive plant species Purple Loosestrife from the banks of the Clyde and Pherrins Rivers. The Corps will continue working to stop the spread of this invasive species before it overruns the natural communities of the watershed. Additional projects included work on the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, Nulhegan Basin Division, and working on the Pisgah, Brosseau and Burke Mtn. Trails.

The Town's generous support is sincerely appreciated and we look forward to continuing to serve the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Ross Stevens, Program Director

Brighton Rescue Report

2004 was a busy year for the Rescue Squad. Our call volume is holding steady at ten to 15 calls a month. We now have eleven members as follows: 4 EMT-I's; 4 EMT-B's and 3 First Responders. We need more people, but not many are coming forward to help. With the money that was voted to us, we were able to compensate our workers a little. We are asking for the same amount this year. With the eleven people that we have now, the Town of Brighton is covered 24/7. We are also asking other towns to help us in the future.

Thank you, Brighton residents; and if you can, please come forward to take the classes and help us.

Respectfully yours,
J. P. Gervais, President

Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.

The Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. is a private not-for-profit organization serving Essex, Caledonia and Orleans Counties. It is organized and directed by local citizens who believe that human services should be cost effective and responsive to the needs of our local communities.

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

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

Thank you for your support.
Eric Grims, Executive Director

Northeastern Vermont Development Association

In 2004, Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) continued to serve as both the regional planning commission and the economic development corporation of the Northeast Kingdom. For 54 years, we've been carrying out our mission of putting planning into practice, while creating economic opportunities that complement the quality of life in Caledonia, Essex and Orleans counties.

NVDA provides planning assistance to each of our member communities. Assistance often takes the form of transportation planning, traffic counts, GIS mapping, bridge and culvert inventories, certification of town plans, and interpretation of planning and zoning issues and state laws. In 2004, our staff assisted the Town of Brighton with zoning administration and enforcement. NVDA also has highly capable grant writers and administrators on staff, giving each community greater access to funds for infrastructural and facility improvements. During the past year, NVDA staff provided project management for the Island Pond Public Library rehabilitation project and made available a technical assistance grant to a small business in the village.

FEMA recently announced that all communities would have to have a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan in place in order to remain eligible for funding. In response, NVDA sent representatives to all 55 Northeast Kingdom towns to work with local first responders to ensure that each community would remain eligible for FEMA relief funds in the face of a natural or man-made disaster. That work included preparing data collection maps for the Town of Brighton.

In 2004, NVDA saw several significant economic developments. The first was the opening of Dirigo Paper Company, which opened in Gilman – the location of the now-defunct American Paper Mills of Vermont. NVDA helped put together a multi-million-dollar financing package that would allow the specialty paper producer to open and put more than 90 individuals back to work.

Another highlight was the completion of the Charles E. Carter Business Resource Center in the St. Johnsbury-Lyndon Industrial Park. This facility now has a number of tenants, pushing the employee count in the industrial park to nearly 600.

There are several pieces of land pending sale in the St. Johnsbury-Lyndon Industrial Park. These sales will mean the establishment of new businesses in the area, with employees coming from throughout the Northeast Kingdom. There is also activity in the Hardwick Industrial Park, with one business planning an expansion and a new business that is scheduled to start up next spring.

NVDA has become more aggressive in recruiting Canadian companies to the area. Ongoing negotiations have yielded some very strong prospects from some Quebec-based companies. Our staff has also worked with a number of local businesses, either by providing capital from our revolving loan fund or coordinating specialized, confidential technical assistance. Our dynamic partnership with the Small Business Development Center allows us to provide continuous service to entrepreneurs. We've made more than 150 referrals to the SBDC in 2004.

We look forward to working with your community in 2005 and appreciate your much-needed support.

Sincerely,
Steve Patterson, Executive Director

Orleans-Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.

Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc. provides professional quality home health services to the residents of the 24 communities in Orleans and northern Essex counties. We serve the elderly, homebound and chronically ill through the VNA and homemaker programs, and the terminally ill through our Hospice program. Special programs include a variety of clinics available to the public. As a not-for-profit agency, we are locally controlled by a Board of Directors selected from the towns we serve. Our services are available to anyone in need regardless of their ability to pay and all clients are charged the same fee for the same service. We adhere to strict regulations that prohibit the practice of charging more to a client who can afford services to compensate for those who cannot. All revenue, by law, goes back into the Agency to provide, maintain and improve services and programs.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES:

Total Agency Visits FY 2004	41,027
Total Visits FY 2004 – Town of Brighton	2,007
Total Visit Hours – Town of Brighton	1,823
Total Agency HourFY2004	48,130

During fiscal year 2004, individuals served without reimbursement amounted to \$179,141 of uncompensated care provided throughout the 24 communities. Two percent (2%) of the total free care was provided to individuals in your community; this translates to a total of \$4,473 in uncompensated services. In Brighton, home-based services were provided to 75 individuals for a total 2,007 multi-disciplinary visits. Thirty-seven (37) residents also received services through Agency-sponsored wellness programs.

Members of your community are in need of services daily, and they receive them from the dedicated staff of Orleans-Essex VNA and Hospice, Inc. seven days a week, 24 hours a day. The funds your community appropriates to our Agency allow us to continue providing much needed care to individuals without third party insurance and those unable to pay, and also provide special programs open to all community members. Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. is supported by donations, service fees and the generosity of communities who realize that in order to continue providing high quality home health services to their family members, friends and neighbors, appropriations are desperately needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy J. Warner, Executive Director

RCT - Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

RCT is a nonprofit corporation providing transportation to the elderly, handicapped and disabled through a volunteer service. RCT brings members in your community to dialysis. Between all of our programs, RCT provides over 205,000 rides per year. Most of these rides are provided with our volunteer drivers that are reimbursed \$0.375 per mile for the use of their vehicles.

RCT's volunteer drivers transport people of all ages to school, adult-daycare services, senior meal sights and necessary medical treatments, such as dialysis, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, physical therapy, special medical skills and regular appointments. We currently have people use our services for transportation to medical appointments throughout the Northeast Kingdom, Burlington, VT, Hanover, NH and other medical facilities. RCT has even helped provide transportation to a local family to be with their son who was in a special care cancer unit in New York City.

RCT has provided 56 residents of Brighton with 1,028 trips accumulating approximately 44,585 miles over the past year. For information call 802-748-8170.

Respectfully,
David A. Towle, VT Rideshare Coordinator

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.

We are the Northeast Kingdom Adult Education and Literacy Program (formerly Adult Basic Education). We provide on-demand home and learning center educational services to Brighton residents as well as to almost anyone in Caledonia, Essex or Orleans counties over the age of sixteen who wants to improve basic education skills. The program has full service learning centers in Newport and St. Johnsbury, part-time centers in North Troy, Island Pond, Hardwick, Canaan and Lyndonville and home tutors who travel everywhere in the three counties. As always, demand for adult basic education services remains very high. In 2004, we provided over 16,952 hours of direct instruction to 768 students. We are currently serving 388 adults who are working on a GED or high school diploma. Some of our other students are studying for the Commercial Driver's License or working to improve job readiness or job skills. Our Drop-Out Recovery Program, which allows adults to earn a competency based high school diploma at no additional cost to the high school, continues to grow in popularity. We now have 15 people in the program and last year 3 earned their diplomas. We also have seen an increase in GED testing. Thirty-nine students completed their GED during the current year.

Your support of the Northeast Kingdom Adult Education and Literacy program will be helpful to us during the coming year. Our town monies are vital. Town funds are used for many program purposes. They have helped us pay the rent for our learning centers and offer our students higher quality and more comprehensive instructional resources. Over the years, town funds have helped us purchase workbooks, instructional supplies, reference materials and instructional software. We hope you will continue your support of the Northeast Kingdom Adult Education and Literacy program.

Respectfully submitted,
William V. Crenshaw, Executive Director

Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District

2004 REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF BRIGHTON

The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District provides many services for the town of Brighton. During the past year the Brighton Transfer Station has started collecting used motor oil, fluorescent light bulbs and lead acid batteries. The Brighton School has continued a strong recycling program with the NEKWMD's help and donated containers. The Brighton School also recycled a large number of computers, at no charge, through the NEKWMD. A household hazardous waste collection was held at the Brighton Transfer Station during the summer of 2004.

The 2004 recycling rate for the Town of Brighton was 21%. Every ton of trash costs approximately \$100 to dispose of, while recycling costs the town \$56.69 per ton in hauling fees. Therefore, as residents recycle more the town can lower its overall waste management costs.

The NEKWMD runs a household hazardous waste collection through the summer months at the Lyndonville recycling center and at events in area towns. These are open to residents and conditionally exempt generator businesses from all NEKWMD towns. Eleven Brighton residents and the school used these services during 2004. Other Brighton residents dropped off used motor oil, lead acid batteries and fluorescent light bulbs at the Brighton Transfer Station or the Lyndonville Depot.

The money for the NEKWMD budget comes from the sale of recyclables (21%), State grants (4%), hauling fees (8%), miscellaneous fees and income (6%), and a surcharge on every ton of trash disposed off from NEKWMD towns (61%). This surcharge is dropping from \$21.00 to \$20.00 for 2005 - this is the fifth year in a row that the surcharge has dropped. Residents of the Town of Brighton paid less than 2% of the District budget in 2004, based on hauling fees and surcharge.

We are looking forward to a full slate of events during 2005. A household hazardous waste collection is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28 at the Westmore Transfer Station from 8 am to 1 pm – Brighton residents are welcome at this collection. The hazardous waste depot in Lyndonville will be open from June 1 to September 30, Monday through Friday by appointment. Watch for our annual bicycle reuse event this spring – come and pick up a new to you bike at no cost! Clothing drop and swaps are scheduled for spring and fall in Lyndonville and Derby – these events have grown in popularity over the last three years, and we now regularly send 2/3 of the clothing collected back into the community for reuse!

Please give us a call at 626-3532 or 800-734-4602 with any questions, comments, or waste management issues that you have. We can also be reached by e-mail at progmgr@nekwmd.org or on the web at www.nekwmd.org.

Thank you and happy recycling!

Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont

The mission of the Area Agency on Aging is to help any person 60 and over to maintain a healthy, active life and to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. Our professional advocates and case managers work closely with seniors to determine how to best meet their individual needs, which may include: offering assistance with Social Security, Medicaid, Food Stamps, fuel assistance, in-home services and many others. There is no charge for services provided by the Agency.

For services call 334-2190 or 1-800-642-5119.

Sincerely,
Kenneth E. Gordon, MSW
Executive Director

STEP O.N.E.

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

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

In 2004 Step O.N.E. provided thousands of units of service to victim/survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Orleans and northern Essex counties. Each new incident of violence requires a minimum of 6 hours of staff time to aid the victim/survivor.

Respectfully,
Catherine Norton, MSW, Director of Programs

Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) greatly appreciates the Town of Brighton for including a contribution to VABVI in their 2003 budget.

Founded in 1926, VABVI pursues a mission to enable Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence. All of our services are provided without charge to the client, to ensure that no one is excluded due to financial concerns. During the 2004 fiscal year, we served nearly 1,400 clients from all fourteen counties in Vermont, including 3 children and 4 adults in Essex County.

The 3 children that we serve in your community receive a variety of support and services from VABVI. We provide the support, tools and materials necessary for students to succeed in school, at home, and in the community. Our itinerant Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVI) begin work with infants, children and their families as soon as visual impairment is discovered. Some skills and services that TVIs teach include:

- Instruction in Braille, as well as obtaining textbooks in Braille, large print, and on audiotape so visually impaired children have the same materials as their sighted peers;
- Orientation and mobility in training;
- A Transition Program to help teens successfully move from high school to college or the workplace;
- An Intense Residential Life Experiences (IRLE) education program, which provides opportunities for our youngest clients to learn independence and self-esteem and to meet others coping with vision loss.

The 4 visually impaired adults from Essex County also receive a variety of support and services from VABVI. From reading, writing and cooking, to hobbies, recreation and travel, we help visually impaired adults maintain their independence and dignity. Services for adults include:

- Orientation and mobility training, including white cane instruction;
- We offer home adaptation and recommendations, training and procurement of aids and appliances;
- Adult Service Providers (ASP's) help our clients to continue performing daily tasks and activities that may have become difficult;
- The Central Vermont Mini Center, a training facility for consumers coping with vision loss;
- Peer Assisted Learning and Support (PALS) groups that meet monthly in eleven locations around the state for peer education, group support, coping skills, ways to modify and handle everyday tasks, group interaction skills, and an opportunity for involvement in the community.

Volunteers are an important part of our organization. Last year 253 volunteers drove 199,672 miles and donated 14,036 hours of service – the equivalent of seven

and a half full time employees – either by driving, reading, walking, shopping, brailing, providing companionship, working in our offices or other capacities. It is in large part because of these volunteers that we spent 88 cents out of every dollar on direct services in your community last year.

Children and adults alike need to realize that there is no reason they cannot succeed in life provided they have the right tools and the positive motivation they need to help make that success a reality. In 1930 Helen Keller said it best, "What really counts in life is the quiet meeting of every difficulty with the determination to get out of it all the good there is." As direct service providers, VABVI believes that independence should never be compromised. To become a volunteer or to learn more about our services, contact us at (800) 639-5861, general@vabvi.org or visit our website at www.vabvi.org.

The Vermont Center for Independent Living

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) teaches people with significant disabilities how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. We also conduct public education and systems change activities that promote the full inclusion of disabled people into community life.

During FY 2004, VCIL provided the following direct services/programs to residents of the Town of Brighton:

- Information & Referral
- Home and Community Access Program
- Meals on Wheels for people with disabilities under age 60
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund
- VT Equipment Distribution Program

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

Vital Statistics – Births

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
Melissa Collins	February 3	Richard Collins	Erica Ohlin
Danielle Mandigo	March 14	Christopher Mandigo	Constance Daniels
Kamren Hinton	April 5		Elaine Hinton
Racham Pike	April 19	Christopher Pike	Jerusha Amble
Matthew Santaw	May 4	Raymond Santaw	Carol Hackett
Caleb LaFountain	May 8	Christopher LaFountain	Melissa Nolan
Samuel Gray	May 10	Paul Gray	Katherine St. Clair
Logan Verge	June 3	Adam Verge	Jessica Monfette
Dylan Breault	June 4	Donald Breault	Jodi Barnes
Chad Moore, Jr.	July 17	Chad Moore	Diane Farrow
Arya DeGeorge	August 14	Milton DeGeorge, Jr.	Rachel Fisher-Riggie
Joshua Kocis	November 8	Jacob Kocis	Sherry Maxwell
Dezeray Marsh	December 9	Allen Marsh I	Hope Pray
Dominick Holobowicz	December 18	George Holobowicz	Angelena Verge

Vital Statistics – Marriages

<u>Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Date</u>
Scott Genzler	Massachusetts	Jennifer Friedman	Massachusetts	02-21-04
Jonathan Veleas	New York	Jill Hirshfeld	New York	03-06-04
Sidney Nelson	Island Pond	Brandy Ming	Island Pond	05-15-04
Adam Jones	New Hampshire	Tracy Estes	New Hampshire	06-12-04
Thomas Daniels, Jr.	Island Pond	Dianne McReynolds	Island Pond	06-20-04
Justin Chapple	Island Pond	Melissa Jankowski	Island Pond	06-26-04
Christopher Denio, Jr.	Island Pond	Tabatha Deyo	Island Pond	07-02-04
Kevin Cate	Island Pond	Susanne Way	Wisconsin	07-04-04
Thomas Gonyaw	South Carolina	Ellen Ingram	South Carolina	08-13-04
Brian Robinson	Island Pond	Vickie Cox	Island Pond	08-28-04
Paul Gray	Island Pond	Katherine St. Clair	Island Pond	09-11-04
Marvin Menzel	Island Pond	Lucy Tardif	Island Pond	09-18-04
Brian Moore	Island Pond	Leona Moore	Brownington	10-16-04
Raymond Fontaine	Island Pond	Claire Gonyaw	Island Pond	11-05-04
Timothy Bean	Island Pond	Vickie McMaster	Island Pond	12-20-04

Vital Statistics - Civil Unions

<u>Party A</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Party B</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ilene Terrell	Island Pond	Sheri Bakerian	Island Pond	06-01-04

Vital Statistics – Deaths

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
M. Mabel Riggie	January 17	89	Island Pond
Mathilda Laliberty	February 26	95	Barton
Beatrice Lefebvre	March 3	90	Lyndonville
Jessie Welch	March 16	90	Newport
Carmel Henry	March 20	80	Barton
Robert Knox	March 25	67	St. Johnsbury
Stanley Lund, Sr.	April 10	63	Island Pond
Blanche Maxwell	April 27	96	Island Pond
Norma Wright	May 8	77	Newport
Paul Cooney	May 10	60	Newport
Theodore Johnson	May 14	53	Newport
Howard Bingham, Sr.	June 14	88	Island Pond
Arland Cahill	June 28	77	Island Pond
Rodney Marsden	June 30	66	Island Pond
Peter Molinari	July 19	80	Lyndon
Gaston McDuff	August 7	77	Newport
Pauline Latouche	August 18	74	Newport
Rachel Morey	October 8	59	Newport

Auditors' Report

We have examined and audited the financial records of the Town of Brighton, Vermont for the period January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004. To the best of our knowledge and ability, we found the financial accounts presented to us by the town clerk in order and correct.

Board of Auditors
Muriel Leonard
Barbara Pratt
Virginia Wing

Minutes of Annual Town Meeting

MARCH 1, 2004

The legal voters of the Town of Brighton and the Brighton Water System are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Town Hall in said town on Monday, March 1, 2004 at 7:30 PM to transact the following business:

Articles 1 through 3 are to be voted by Australian ballot at the polls on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM in the Town Hall.

1. To elect the following Town and Water System officers: Moderator, First Constable, Town Agent, Town Grand Juror, Delinquent Tax Collector, one Lister and one Auditor, all for one year terms; one Selectperson, one Water Commissioner, one Lister, one Auditor and one Cemetery Commissioner for the term of three years each; and one Library Trustee for the term of five years.

2. To elect the following School District officers: Moderator for a one year term; one School Director for a two year term; and one School Director for a three year term.

3. Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$464,608.39?

Moderator Thomas Donnellan called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM after the Annual School Meeting. Tom read the above articles.

4. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was repeated for those who had not attended the school meeting.

5. To hear the reports of the town officers for the past year and to take action thereon. There were no questions at this time.

6. To hear the report of the Water Commissioners for the past year and to take action thereon. Again there were no questions.

7. To see if the voters shall fix the number of installments and the payment due dates for the collection of taxes as authorized in Title 32, V.S.A. Section 4872. Recommended payments to be due on Aug. 17, Sept. 17 and Nov. 17. Craig Goulet made a motion to accept Article 7. Seconded by Charles Pronto. Voice vote. Ayes have it. Article 7 is passed.

8. To see if the voters shall authorize collection of 2004 taxes through the treasurer as provided for in Title 32, V.S.A. Sections 4792 and 4793. Alan Wing made a motion to accept this article. Seconded by Ted Firestine. Voice vote. Ayes have it. The article is passed.

9. To see if the voters shall authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow money for the operating expenses of the Town of Brighton in anticipation of taxes – such borrowing not to exceed 90 percent of all anticipated revenues. Charles Pronto made a motion to accept this article. Seconded by Craig Goulet. Voice vote. Ayes have it. So carried.

10. Will the voters authorize borrowing up to \$25,000 to be repaid over five years for design and permitting activity for sidewalk improvements? Bob Merchant explained this article. A citizen showed pictures he had taken of the unplowed sidewalks and aired his complaints of the condition of the sidewalks. Apparently, there was a misunderstanding between a selectboard member and a town employee over what tasks had been given priority. After much discussion, a voice vote was called for. Ayes have it. Article 10 is passed.

11. Before this article was read, Representative Bill Johnson spoke. - Will the voters authorize borrowing up to \$20,000 over three years to re-point the south side of the railroad depot? Joel explained that re-pointing is replacing the cement between the bricks. Charles Pronto made a motion to accept the article. Seconded by Pat Warren. Pat Warren made a motion to utilize the \$8,000 left in the depot account toward the \$20,000 to re-point the railroad station, and borrowing up to \$12,000. Kathleen Nelson seconded that motion. Voice vote. Ayes have it. Article 11 is passed as amended.

12. Will the voters authorize borrowing up to \$75,000 over five years to purchase a used grader? Charles Pronto made a motion to accept this article. Craig Goulet seconded the motion. It was noted that the town has been contracting with a grader operator and that cost could be put towards a used grader. The roads could also be graded when the conditions are right instead of waiting. After much discussion, a voice vote was called for. Ayes have it. So carried.

13. Will the voters authorize spending up to \$10,000 as required match for a State grant to study septic issues around the lake? As the town sewer does not extend around the lake, there is some concern about the septic systems now in use. Ted Firestine made a motion to accept this article. Lindi Pronto seconded the motion. The town already has a \$12,000 grant for this project, but we need to come up with matching funds. Voice vote. Ayes have it. So carried.

14. Will the voters authorize spending up to \$8,000 for Holiday Season decorative lights for the downtown? Apparently, most of the Christmas decorations have been damaged by trucks. Bill Hawkins made a motion to accept this article. Ted Firestine seconded the motion. Voice vote. Ayes have it. The article is passed.

15. Will the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 to the cemetery commissioners for cleaning and repair of cemetery monuments? Craig Goulet made a motion to accept the article. Lindi Pronto seconded the motion. Voice vote. Ayes have it. So carried.

16. Will the voters authorize the Selectmen to accept gifts, grants or other income and to make use of such income in their discretion? Craig Goulet made a motion to accept this article. Rebecca Murray seconded the motion. Charles Pronto made a motion to add "on behalf of the town". Seconded by Bernie Henault. Voice vote. Ayes have it. So carried.

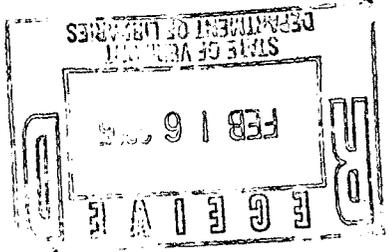
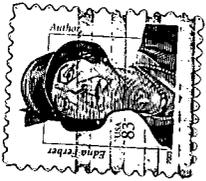
17. Will the voters authorize the expenditure of \$201 for an appropriation to Rural Community Transit? Virginia Wing made a motion to accept this article. Maurice Connary seconded the motion. Voice vote. Ayes have it. So carried.

18. To see if the voters will raise money by property taxes to pay the general expenses of the town and if so, how much. The budget was amended to \$859,094.33 instead of \$872,060.91. Bernie Henault made a motion to accept the article as amended. Seconded by Maurice Connary. Voice vote. Ayes have it. So carried.

19. To check the feelings on a Commercial Wind Farm Facility in the Town of Brighton by a show of hands. A show of hands was about 40% in favor of.

20. To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting. Being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

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