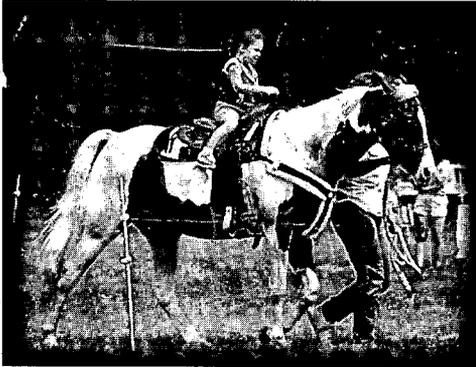


ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS



"Beaver"



"Misty"

TOWN OF

BELVIDERE,

VERMONT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,
2004

DEDICATION

The 2004 Belvidere Town Report is dedicated to "Misty" the cow and "Beaver" the horse, who both died in January 2004.

Misty watched over the traffic coming and going on Route 109 in Belvidere, posing for lots of photos over the last 20 years or so.

Beaver participated in Belvidere Old Home Day parades for over 20 years and gave horse rides.

His last parade, he was 31 years old.

Misty owned the Spaulding family and

Arlene Quicksell belonged to Beaver.

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Auditors' Statement

We have examined the accounts of the various town and school offices. As far as we can ascertain, the accounts are correct as they are presented in this Town Report.

Respectfully,
Debora Baker
Earline Miller

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator
Town Clerk, 644-6621

Geoffrey Hobart
Shirley Brown

SELECTBOARD

Robert Granger
William Samal
Hugh Tallman

Term expires 2005
Term expires 2006
Term expires 2007

Road Commissioner

Hugh Tallman

AUDITORS

Debora Baker
Earline Miller
Michelle Laughlin

Term expires 2005
Term expires 2006
Term expires 2007

COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES

Olive McLean

CONSTABLES

First Constable
Second Constable

Geoffrey Hobart
Roy Scarpinato

LISTERS

Margaret Wells
Shirley Cox
Jodi Tallman

Term expires 2005
Term expires 2006
Term expires 2007

GRAND JUROR

Kathleen Hobart

TOWN AGENT

Kathleen Hobart

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Matthew Miller
Frank Machia
Kathleen Hobart

Term expires 2005
Term expires 2007
Term expires 2006

UNION SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Stephen Brown

Term expires 2006

DISTRICT SOLID WASTE SUPERVISOR

Mark Schroeder

Term expires 2007

APPOINTMENTS

Selectboard Chair	Robert Granger
Sexton	Mike Parsons
Weigher of Coal	Durwood Preston
Fence Viewers	Orben Loucks Stephen Locke Mark Schroeder
Service Officer	Stella Brown
Lumber Inspector	Bill Samal
Health Officer	Jack Schill
Energy Coordinator	Kathleen Hobart
Fire Warden	Robert Granger
Assistant Fire Warden	Hugh Tallman
Town Sewage Officer	Jack Slagle
Justice of the Peace	Kathy Mander-Adams Arlene Tallman Stephen Locke Hugh Tallman
Lamoille County Planning Commission Emergency Management Coordinator	Hugh Tallman Hugh Tallman
Planning Commission	Shirley Brown, 2007 Kenneth Adams Jr., 2006 Thad Tallman, 2006 Jack Slagle, 2005 Debora Baker, 2005 Mike Miller, 2005 Earl Domina, Jr. 2006
Selectboard Rep.	Hugh Tallman

**WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF BELVIDERE, VT
AND
THE ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCH 1, 2005**

The inhabitants of the Town of Belvidere who are legal voters in the Town Meeting and Town School District Meeting of said Belvidere, respectively, are hereby warned and notified to meet in Town Meeting and Town School District Meeting at the School in Belvidere on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at 10 a.m.

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for Town Meeting and for Town School District Meeting.

Article 2. To elect all other Town Officers and Town School District Officers required by law.

Town Clerk

Town Treasurer

By ballot, a Selectman for a term of three years

By ballot, a Lister for a term of three years

By ballot, an Auditor for a term of three years

By ballot, a School Director for a term of three years

Road Commissioner

First Constable and, if needed, a Second Constable

Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Grand Juror

Town Agent

Article 3. To receive and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Town School District Officers and those presented.

Article 4. Will the town vote to collect interest on overdue taxes as provided by law?

Article 5. To see what action the town will take in regard to the collection of taxes. Will the town vote to pay taxes to the Treasurer on or before November 15, 2005?

Article 6. In Town School District meeting, will the Town School District authorize the school directors to borrow money to pay the debts and current expenses of the District in anticipation of the collection of taxes?

Article 7. To receive from the Board of School Directors of said District, its estimate of expenses of the District for the ensuing year and to appropriate such sum, expressed in dollars, as the school district deems necessary for said expenses, together with the amount required to pay any balance left unpaid for the preceding year; and if so, provide for the fixing the same thereof, the time and manner in which the same shall be payable and delinquent.

Article 8. In Town School District meeting, will the Town School District establish the rate of compensation for the Town School District officers.

Article 9. To fix the rate of compensation for Town Officers, if any.

Article 10. Will the town vote to expend the current revenues as proposed in the Selectboard's Budget to pay the debts and current expenses of the town?

Article 11. Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money to pay the debts and current expenses of the Town in anticipation of the collection of taxes?

Article 12. To do any other business that may legally come before the Town Meeting and the Town School District Meeting.

Kathleen Hobart
Matthew M. Miller
Francis R. Machia

Robert H. Granger
Hugh Tallman
William Samal

As School Directors of the
Belvidere Town School District

As Selectboard of the
Town of Belvidere

Received and recorded this 29th day of January, 2005.
Shirley Brown, Town Clerk

**Minutes of the Special Belvidere Town School District Meeting
held January 12, 2004 at the school in Belvidere, VT.**

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Geoffrey Hobart, at 6:03 P.M. The flag salute was recited in unison. The Moderator explained that persons who wish to be recognized by the Moderator should rise, identify themselves and tell if they are registered voters or not. All persons who are not registered voters may speak if there are no objections. Non voters were reminded that they should not vote on voice votes. Shirley Brown stated that the Board of Civil Authority had voted that non voters should be asked to sit or stand in an area together to lessen the confusion and noise and to make them easily identified by the Moderator. The Moderator stated that Kathy Dewolfe from the Secretary of State's office had informed Kathy Hobart that the Board of Civil Authority had no authority over the Moderator on how to control the meeting. He has the full authority on how the meeting will be conducted. He had already informed the voters of the rules and did not feel that it was necessary to have the non voters be in an area by themselves. The Moderator read the warning at this time.

Article 1: Shall the voters of the Belvidere Town School District agree to reconsider the article that was defeated at the November 6, 2003 Special Meeting?

A motion: That we agree to reconsider the article that was defeated at the November 6, 2003 Special Meeting, was made by Jack Schill. It was seconded by Robert Choate. Debora Baker made a motion that we vote by ballot on this question. It was seconded. The Moderator requested that seven voters stand in agreement for a paper ballot. Seven members stood in agreement. The motion passed by voice vote. Discussion on motion: Matthew Miller read a statement which urged the voters to consider the kids and to work to improve the education of our kids. Lyle Miller urged the voters to vote, No, on the motion. Mark Schroeder called the question. Mr. Lyle Miller seconded the motion to call the question. The motion to call the question was approved by voice vote. Results of voting: Number on Entrance List - 121 Number on Exit List - 121. Yes votes - 61 No votes - 60. The motion passes.

Article 2: Shall the voters of Belvidere Town School District authorize the School Board to provide for the elementary education of the pupils residing in the district by paying tuition in accordance with law to public elementary schools in one or more school districts, in compliance with Title 16, section 821 (a)(1).

William Samal moved the article. It was seconded by Deborah Edwards. Discussion: Carleen Harmes asked if school stayed open what would change for school? Kathy Hobart, one of the directors, stated that we are already on a remedial action plan which will be put into place. Joycelyn Adams stated that she feels that the state has a plan to close small schools. She reminded us that there is already nearly a full school in Waterville. She wondered how long they will have room for our pupils.

Stacy Chase felt that it was a privilege to be able to have a say in what will happen in our kids' education. Will we have that if we tuition?

Mary Tallman reminded us that at the meeting on November 6, 2003 we heard from persons who were not voters who encouraged us to send our children

out. And what are the methods given to repair the school.

Kathy Hobart felt that those who spoke at the November 6, 2003 meeting had the best interests of the school and the students in mind.

Lyle Miller reported that a school district on the West Coast was having problems. The board tried a merit system in rewarding teachers and teachers gave extra help to students. They adopted a positive attitude to look for improvements. Their positive attitude turned the school around. He urged the townspeople to urge the Legislature to change the way aid is paid to schools.

Larry Brown Jr. asked a question concerning the budget. How much is fixed costs? Kathy Hobart gave Larry some printed material but did not have the costs asked for.

Debbie Baker commented that by figures in report it appears that taxes are going to be less in 2004-2005.

Mark Schroeder feels that handwriting is on the wall. He feels that our students would do better in another district.

Robert Edwards doubted that taxes would be less this year.

Brent Jones asked what the student population was at the present time. Answer 21.

He asked what the predictions were for the future. Kathy Hobart FY05 figures would be less.

Terri Look a registered voter who had lived in town for 12 years and has children in the school felt that small towns are losing their identity. She would like to see people be involved with school and try to turn school around.

Kathy Hobart felt that people did not understand that the school will not be closed forever.

Jack School felt that people did not understand the vote in that to vote to authorize the board to tuition does not mean to close the school. It gives the board the right to tuition if they feel that is in the best interest of the children.

Robert Granger suggested that we might have a dual campus.

Roberta Johnson asked, What would it take to reopen the school once it was closed?

Kathy Hobart stated that the board would be able to vote on a yearly basis.

Matthew Miller said the education funding is based on equalized pupil basis and that the tentative budget is based on 55 children which is about 10,000 per student.

Brian Chase said that he went to school in his home town and would like to see kids in home town. He said he hadn't studied the money issues.

Jennifer Edwards said that her siblings did not learn in Belvidere. She felt they would do better in another school.

Rhonda Osgood stated that her daughter, Claire, does well in school and loved going there. She felt that the teachers, administrators and others in the school were helpful and capable individuals.

Robert Granger called the question. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on whether to call the question or to continue discussion. The vote to call the question passed by voice vote.

The vote will be by paper ballot. A Yes vote will authorize the board to tuition. A No vote will not authorize the board to tuition.

The motion is: Shall the voters of Belvidere Town School District authorize the School Board to provide for the elementary education of the pupils residing in

the district by paying tuition in accordance with law to public elementary schools in one or more school districts in compliance with Title 16, Section 821 (a)(1).

Results of voting. Voters on Entrance List - 124 Voters on Exit List - 124. Necessary for choice 63. YES - 68 NO - 56. The motion passes.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting. It was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Attest:

Shirley Brown, Clerk

Minutes of the Annual Town and Town School District Meeting for the Town and Town School District of Belvidere, VT for March 2, 2004

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Geoffrey Hobart. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. The Moderator explained that the ballot boxes for voting by Australian Ballot on the Lamoille Union High School Budget questions and the Presidential Primary were open and those wishing to vote could do so at any time. The Polls for these questions would remain open until 7:00 P.M.. Our Representative to the General Assembly was present at the meeting and the Moderator requested that a motion be made to suspend the rules to allow him to speak to the voters. Robert Granger made a motion to suspend the rules to hear Richard Westman our Representative. It was seconded and passed by voice vote. Mr. Westman offered the following information.

- (1) Statewide property tax has dropped.
- (2) Reorganization has taken place in Human Services.
- (3) Budget adjustment passed this week

(a) 30 million moved to transportation more than 2 years ago for paving roads and bridges.

He then asked for questions from the voters. Rachel Miller asked where the money to repair roads is coming from. Is it gas tax? Mr. Westman said this was a movement from the general fund. Joycelyn Adams asked about the plan to build a new school in Essex. She understood that the State will give \$52 million to build the proposed new tech center and some are concerned that the money will not be available. Also there were some concerns on the plans to close two tech centers and incorporate into one large center. This plan was being voted on today in Chittenden County towns. Richard replied that the State is committed to the funding at 100% aid to technical centers. He has concerns where the money will come from.

Mr. Miller asked about the pay level in human services for mental health workers. He also asked if the Legislature had any plans to add resources to those who are developmentally and mentally disabled and their caregivers. Mr. Westman said the legislature may look into this.

Mr. Westman read the policy on care of highways of the department of transportation. He left copies for the public and advised people to contact David Dill if they had concerns that the highways they traveled were not being plowed, sanded or otherwise cared for in a manner which made them safe for public use. Some persons were concerned that Route 109 was not being considered for paving in the near future.

Mr. Westman was thanked by the assembly.

Rules explained by the Moderator were. Be courteous. Raise hand when asking for floor and wait to be recognized before speaking. Identify yourself. When voting by ballot make sure you check in with election officials and check out with exit checklist officials. He stated that if there were no objections he would not read the Warning in full at this time but would read each article as it was acted upon. There were no objections.

Article 1. To elect a Moderator. William Samal, Selectboard member, presided until a Moderator was elected. Geoffrey Hobart was nominated and seconded. There were no other nominations. A motion was made to cease nominations. It was seconded and passed. Geoffrey Hobart was elected by voice vote.

Article 2. To elect all other officers provided by law.

(1) Town Clerk: Shirley Brown nominated and seconded. Motion made to cease nominations. It was seconded and passed by voice vote. Shirley Brown was elected by voice vote and was given the oath of office by Hugh Tallman, Justice of the Peace.

(2) Town Treasurer: Shirley Brown nominated and seconded. Motion made to cease nominations. Seconded and passed. Shirley Brown was elected by acclamation.

(3) Selectman for a term of three years. Hugh Tallman nominated and seconded. Motion made by Lyle Miller to close the nominations and have the clerk cast one ballot for Hugh Tallman. It was seconded and passed. Hugh Tallman elected as Selectman for a term of three years.

(4) Lister for a term of three years. Jodi Tallman nominated and seconded. Motion made to cease nominations. It was seconded and passed. A motion was made to have the clerk cast one vote for Jodi Tallman as Lister for a term of three years. Seconded and approved. She was elected.

(5) Auditor for a term of three years. Deborah Edwards nominated but declined. Michelle Laflin nominated and seconded. Motion made that the nominations cease and that the clerk cast one vote for Michelle Laflin for Auditor for a term of three years. Seconded and passed. She was elected.

(6) School Director for a term of three years: Francis Machia nominated and seconded. Motion made to cease nominations and have the clerk cast one ballot for Francis Machia as School Director for a term of three years. Seconded and passed. He was elected.

(7) Road Commissioner: Hugh Tallman nominated and seconded. Motion was made to cease nominations. Seconded and passed. Hugh Tallman was elected by acclamation.

(8) First Constable: Geoffrey Hobart nominated and seconded. Roy Scarpinato nominated and seconded. Motion made to cease nominations. Voting done by ballot. Number voters checked on entrance checklist 69. Number voters checked on exit checklist 69. Necessary for choice 35. Geoffrey Hobart 59, Roy Scarpinato 10. Geoffrey Hobart elected First Constable:

(9) Second Constable: Brian Loucks nominated but declined. Roy Scarpinato nominated and seconded. A motion to cease nominations was made, seconded and passed. Roy Scarpinato was elected by acclamation.

(10) Delinquent Tax Collector: Olive McLean nominated and seconded. Motion made to cease nominations. Seconded and passed. She was elected by voice vote.

(11) Grand Juror: Kathy Hobart was nominated and seconded. Motion to cease nominations made, seconded and passed. She was elected by acclamation.

(12) Town Agent: Kathy Hobart was nominated and seconded. A motion was made to cease nominations. It was seconded and passed. She was elected by voice vote.

(13) Solid Waste District Supervisor for a term of three years: Mark Schroeder nominated and seconded. Motion made to cease nominations and that clerk cast one ballot for Mark Schroeder. It was seconded and passed. Mark Schroeder was elected Lamoille Regional Solid Waste District Supervisor for a term of three years.

Article 3: To receive and act on the reports of the Town and Town School District officers and those presented. Motion made to accept the report of the Town

and Town School District officers and those presented. It was seconded. Discussion followed. Myrna Tallman felt that on page 19, in the report of the School Board, in the first paragraph, second sentence beginning with the words, "Starting with the fire in March that rendered the building unusable for some time and culminating with not one but two special meetings called to consider tuitioning the students to Waterville Elementary School,...", should be changed to show that the special meetings were not called to consider tuitioning the students to Waterville Elementary School but were called to act upon the following business: "Shall the voters of Belvidere Town School District authorize the School Board to provide for the elementary education of the pupils residing in the district by paying tuition in accordance with law to public elementary schools in one or more school districts, in compliance with Title 16, section 821 (a)(1)." After consulting with Kathy Hobart an amendment was proposed to incorporate the article as voted on at both meetings into the report.

Jack Slagle asked if line 16 on page 35 is what we can plan on for local revenues. (Number on line 16 is \$103,522) Kathy Hobart said the number was in the handout.

Lyle Miller asked if line 26 on Page 35 is representative of cost per pupil for educating our students. He remarked that there was no explanation at the meetings held that this was for both elementary and secondary students. (Amount on line 26 is FY2002- 7,590, FY2003 - 8,042, FY2004 - 9,119, FY2005 -10,107)

Joycelyn Adams felt the cost per student will be \$17,000.

Mark Schroeder felt that we have no control over Lamoille Union High School budgets and was reminded that the Lamoille Union Budget was being voted on at the meeting and each person can vote yes or no on this budget like every other voter in the district. Myrna Tallman commented that we can attend the annual meeting and board meetings and offer our suggestions.

A question concerning page 13 of the report: A resident asked about the Newport Ambulance Service and wondered if our ambulance will come from Newport. Bill Samal explained they are based in Johnson and will come from there.

An amendment to incorporate the article as voted on at both Special School Meetings into the report on page 19 in paragraph one was passed. The motion to accept the reports as amended was passed by voice vote.

Article 4: Will the town vote to collect interest on overdue taxes as provided by law? Winnie Lanpher made motion to collect interest on overdue taxes as provided by law. It was seconded. Robert Granger made a motion to amend the motion to read that the town collect interest at one percent per month starting on December 1, 2004. It was seconded. The motion to amend the motion was approved by voice vote. The motion as amended will be , "Moved to collect interest on overdue taxes at one percent per month starting on Dec. 1, 2004." The motion passed by voice vote.

Article 5: Will the town vote to pay taxes to the treasurer on or before November 16? Motion made to pay town taxes to the treasurer on or before November 16, 2004. It was seconded and carried.

Article 6. In Town School District meeting will the Town School District authorize the school directors to borrow money to pay the debts and current expenses of

the district in anticipation of the collection of taxes? Robert Granger made a motion to authorize the school directors to borrow money to pay the debts and current expenses of the district in anticipation of the collection of taxes. It was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Article 7: In Town School District meeting, will the Town School District, authorize the School Directors to raise money to pay the debts and current expenses of the district on the budget system? Kathy Hobart made a motion to authorize the school directors to raise money to pay the debts and current expenses of the district on the budget system in an amount not to exceed \$682,456. The local share to be payable on or before September 1, 2004. It was seconded. Discussion followed.

Stacey Chase asked what the local share was.

Kathy Hobart. Local share is everything.

D. Baker. said on Page 22 under instruction there is no figure for Aides. Yet \$10,000 was spent. Why?

Frank Machia thought it might be coded somewhere else.

Rachel Miller asked. What is the budget system?

Kathy Hobart : Because there are expenses that come in we must anticipate these expenses and make a budget as one does in a household or business.

Earl Domina asked that we ballot on this question. Seven people raised hands to agree to ask for a ballot.

Margaret Wells pointed out that the handout may not be accurate as we are in the process of reappraisal.

Stacey Chase recommended that the figures be studied further.

In reply to a question about the operation and maintenance amount in the budget Kathy Hobart said the board decided to use last year's amount.

Martha Duffy reminded the voters that the State had mandated us to have a new teacher if our school remained open.

Joycelyn Adams felt that people should vote no on the budget to reflect disappointment with the decision to close the school.

Bill Samal called the question.

Motion to be voted on by ballot.

Entrance list 78 votes; Exit List 78 votes. Necessary for choice. 40

Yes 42 No 36 The motion passes.

Robert Granger made motion to recess for lunch until 1:30 P.M.

An application for addition to the checklist had been received which was dated prior to the Feb. 23 deadline for addition to checklist but was not received by the Town Clerk prior to the day of cut off for addition to the list. The name was added to the checklist after consulting with the following board of civil authority members, Hugh Tallman J.P, Robert Granger, Bill Samal Selectboard members, Arlene Tallman, J.P. and Stephen Locke J. P. The name added to the list was Hisashi C. Kominami.

The meeting resumed at 1:30 P. M.

Article 8: In Town School District Meeting will the Town School District establish the rate of compensation for the Town School District officers. Motion made by Winnie Lanpher that we pay the same as last year? (\$10 per meeting for directors.

Treasurer at \$8.00 per hour for 20 hrs. per week for one half year) (The other half is paid by the town). Motion seconded by Debora Baker. Motion approved by voice vote.

Article 9: To fix the rate of compensation for Town officers, if any. Motion made by Winnie Lanpher to pay the same as last year (Treasurer \$8.00 per hour for 20 hrs week for one half year. Selectboard members \$10 per meeting plus an additional \$150 for Chair of Selectboard. Listers and Auditors \$8.00 per hour. All others are set by Selectboard). It was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Article 10: Will the town vote to expend the current revenues as proposed in the Selectboard's Budget to pay the debts and current expenses of the town. A motion was made to expend the current revenues as proposed in the Selectboard's budget to pay the debts and current expenses of the town. The Budget as proposed is in the amount of \$91,001 with \$76,001 to be raised by taxes.

Stephen Brown made a motion to amend the motion to remove an amount of \$3,291. which represented the amount proposed for Community Services from the budget. He felt this money could be spent on our school. Several in the assembly felt that these were worthy causes and did provide help to our citizens. The motion to amend died for lack of a second. The motion as made was approved by voice vote.

Article 11: Will the town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money to pay the debts and current expenses of the town in anticipation the collection of taxes? A motion was made by Robert Granger and seconded by William Samal to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money to pay the debts and current expenses of the town in anticipation of the collection of taxes. Motion approved by voice vote.

Article 12: Any other business which may come before the Town or Town School District meeting. Myrna Tallman explained that she had attended a meeting in Waterville which she understood was to discuss the plan to tuition the students from Belvidere to Waterville. Those assembled were informed by the chair of the Waterville board that only Board members from Waterville and Belvidere, and Waterville residents could speak or ask questions. The constable from that town was present to enforce this. As there had been no opportunity for Belvidere residents to ask questions concerning what was expected from our town she wished to offer the following;

"To the Belvidere School Board: that, since the Belvidere School will not be operating in our own school for the 2004-2005 school year I would like to propose a resolution that we, the taxpayers and voters, want everything such as books, computers, furniture, etc. in the building to stay here. Not so much as a sheet of paper or pencils goes to Waterville School. When students are tuitioned to another school the receiving school gets the tuition rate per student (in this case \$7500) each and they, the receiving school, furnish whatever the students need."

The Moderator did not call for action on the resolution and the discussion on the use of materials equipment and other property at the school continued, with residents expressing concern about this matter.

Joycelyn Adams stated that in Fairfax, which received tuition students, all materials are furnished by the Fairfax School except special needs materials. She

felt this was as defined by Vermont Statutes.

Jack Schill felt that persons should leave the matter on the use and disposal of school property to the school directors.

Shirley Brown felt that this was the time and place to discuss this matter, not in a back room or private home, and offer direction to the School Board as to the taxpayers wishes on the disposal and use of property which had been purchased with tax dollars. She felt that this should not be decided by three or two people.

David Langlois agreed with Shirley Brown and reminded the voters that an inventory was done after questions arose concerning some property. He proposed that the inventory be updated.

Karen Scarpinato remarked that the first thing persons look for is a school when they decide to move to a town. She wondered if not having a school would discourage persons from moving here.

Frank Machia felt that many people would look at the statistics to see the performance of the pupils from the school and might be motivated to move here because the pupils were being tuitioned to the best school in the district.

Joycelyn Adams asked where the figures came from that Waterville was the best school in the district?

Frank Machia replied, We get our information from Lamoille North. Debora Baker and Mary Tallman asked if there had been discussion on increased security for the school as it will be closed.

Answer: No.

Geoffrey Hobart, the Moderator, asked how to get rid of pumpkin beetles. He received many suggestions. The Meeting adjourned at 2:06 P.M.

The polls remained open for voting on the Lamoille Union High School District budget questions and for voting on the Presidential Primary until 7:00 P.M.

The ballots for the Lamoille Union High School Budget questions were transported to the school by Stephen Locke and Hugh Tallman, Justices of the Peace to be commingled and counted with the rest of the towns in the district. The Presidential Primary ballots were counted and the results are reported on the official return of votes.

Attest: Shirley Brown Town Clerk

Addendum to these minutes. The term of Supervisor for the Regional Solid Waste District expires at the end of two years. The term of Mark Schroeder who was elected as Supervisor for the Lamoille Regional Solid Waste District on March 2, 2004 will expire in the year 2006.

Attest: Shirley Brown, Town Clerk

SELECTBOARD REPORT

The Selectboard should handle all dog complaints first. If no Selectboard member can be contacted, the Constable should be contacted next. If necessary, any Selectboard member or Constable may contact the official Dog Officer if it is determined that he is needed.

We received monetary assistance from Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development to install two dry hydrants. One was installed at the corner of Routes 118 and 109 and the other at the Morgan Bridge. Next summer we hope to get approval for two more. One will be installed across from Tallman's Store and the other below the bridge at Belvidere Junction.

With the assistance of FEMA and the State of Vermont, we upgraded 20 culverts and rip-rapped the upper bridge on the Bog Road. This was a requirement of FEMA, or we would not be eligible for assistance from them in future disasters.

The Newton Valley Bridge will be repaired this coming summer. The State will upgrade or, at least, help in the work to improve the condition of the road.

We revised our dog ordinance after a challenge to our original dog ordinance.

The Town Office was inspected by our insurance company, Vermont League of Cities and Towns PACIF. Carbon monoxide and smoke detectors were required and installed. Also, two permanent Exit signs had to be installed. The step-down from our back door was noted to be about 30" from the ground. New steps were required and were built by Ellie Stockwell.

The State is going to do some major renovations to the Morgan Bridge. They will rebuild the abutments, add new guardrails, fireproof with a retardant, and make other renovations. This will require the south end of the Back Road to be temporarily closed while the work is going on this summer.

2005 SELECTBOARD BUDGET

100 SALARIES-TOWN CLERK @ \$8.00 PER HR (20 HRS/WK X 52 WKS)	8320
110 SALARIES-LISTERS @ \$8.00 PER HR	1000
120 SALARIES-AUDITORS @ \$8.00 PER HR	1000
130 SALARIES-SELECTBOARD @ \$10.00 PER MTG	500
140 SALARIES-BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY	200
150 SALARIES-BALLOT CLERKS, ETC.	600
160 TOWN CLERK ASSISTANT	2000
190 FICA/MEDICARE (MATCHING)	1100
200 OFFICE AND SUPPLIES	1500
210 TOWN REPORT	1400
400 STREET LIGHTS	1500
410 OFFICE ELECTRICITY	525
420 OFFICE TELEPHONE	600
430 OFFICE HEAT	1100
500 LAMOILLE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT.	6221
510 FIRE PROTECTION-JOHNSON FIRE DEPT.	10000
520 AMBULANCE SERVICE	6300
600 INSURANCES	1400
800 PLANNING	206
900 COMMUNITY SERVICES	
CAMBRIDGE ARTS COUNCIL	150
CENTRAL VT ADULT BASIC ED.	100
CENTRAL VT COMMUNITY ACTION	300
CENTRAL VT COUNCIL ON AGING	200
CLARINA HOWARD NICHOLS CENTER	150
GREEN-UP VERMONT	50
JOHNSON FOOD SHELF	100
LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT DIV.	200
LAMOILLE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH	350
LAMOILLE COUNTY HOME HEALTH	735
LAMOILLE ECON. DEV. COMM.	50
LAMOILLE VALLEY EVEN START	200
MEALS ON WHEELS OF LAMOILLE COUNTY	300
NORTH COUNTRY ANIMAL LEAGUE	200
NORTHERN VT RESSOURCES CONSERV. & DEV.	50
RETIRED AND SR VOLUNTEER PROG.	100
RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION	75
VT CTR FOR IND LIVING	195
LAMOILLE VALLEY EVEN START	200
950 LAMOILLE COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	2255
1000 WINTER ROADS	20000
1100 SUMMER ROADS	3000
1500 MISCELLANEOUS	1500
1510 DOG ENFORCEMENT	500
1520 DUES	1000
1810 OFFICE MAINTENANCE	600
1900 LEGAL	1000
2000 MEETINGS	250
2010 MILEAGE	400
2100 OFFICE EQUIPMENT LEASES AND MAINTENANCE	<u>500</u>
TOTAL	79,982

Town Expenses 2004

100 Salaries

Town Clerk/Treasurer Salary	\$3,358.36
Assistant Clerk	\$208.47
Listers (reappraisal salaries)	\$6,758.16
Supplies/postage	\$658.65
Auditors	\$1,060.19
Ballot Clerks (Elections & Special & Town Meetings)	\$1,744.00
FICA, Taxes withheld	\$2,957.63

200 Office & Supplies

Petty Cash	\$100.00
Supplies	\$1,232.77

210 Town Report Expense

News & Citizen	\$1,277.95
Postage	\$87.98
Error overpayment	\$2.00

300 Collection Fees

Tax Collector Fees	\$2,480.61
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400 Street Lights

\$1,434.68

410 Town Office

Electricity	\$515.67
Propane	\$1,062.08
Phone	\$628.45
Emergency lights & fixtures	\$253.88
Steps repair	\$138.00
Snow removal	\$195.00

500 Public Safety

Lamiolle County Sheriff's Dept	\$5,231.98
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510 Fire Protection

Johnson Fire Department	\$10,400.00
NEMS	\$6,291.00

600 Insurance

VLCT PACIF, Insurance	\$1,242.00
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800 Planning LCPC

Fees & Travel	\$2,306.00
Planning Grant	3,249.75

900 Human Services

Appropriations	
Central Vt. Adult Basic Education	\$100.00
Central Vt. Community Action	\$300.00
Central Vt. Council on Aging	\$186.00

Clarina Howard Nichols Center	\$150.00
Green Up Vermont	\$50.00
Johnson Food Shelf	\$100.00
Lamoille County Home Health	\$735.00
Lamoille County Court Diversion	\$200.00
Lamoille County Mental Health	\$350.00
Lamoille Economic Development	\$50.00
LENS Meals on Wheels	\$300.00
North Country Animal League	\$200.00
Northern Vt. Resources Conservation & Development	\$50.00
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	\$100.00
Vt. Center for Independent Living	\$195.00
Lamoille Valley Even Start	\$200.00
Rural Community Transportation	\$50.00
950 Lamoille County Assessment	\$2,321.00
1000 Winter Roads	\$17,563.48
1500 Miscellaneous	
Bank Charge returned item	\$20.00
Gospel Fund (2003-2004)	\$165.51
Generator Service	\$470.00
VT League of Cities & Towns dues	\$463.00
Dog Control	\$327.08
1900 Legal Services	
Richard Sargent	\$600.00
VLCT legal opinion	\$300.00
2000 Selectboard	
Selectboard meetings	\$877.32
BCA Meetings	\$194.69
Mileage	\$450.38
Seminars & Training	\$250.00
2100 Town Office/Lease, Maint.	
Imagagistics International	\$389.00
2200 Tax Refunds	
Overpayments returned	\$723.91
Treasurer Transfers	
School Taxes Homestead & Nonresidential	\$268,845.49
FEMA Orders	\$18,133.91
Flooding/ Repairs/Storms	\$2,528.74
Town Roads	\$8,424.64
State Aid Orders	\$8,760.65
Better Back Roads Grant Orders	\$3,346.00
BOG Project	\$1,836.00
GEN RDP	\$4,220.00
Signs/Misc	\$1,836.91
Dry Hydrant Project	\$2,602.76
Beaver Trapping	\$325.00
Total Expenses 2004	\$404,166.73

TOWN INCOME 2004

Town Taxes	\$70,144.60
Homestead Ed Taxes to transfer	\$126,972.04
Nonresidential taxes to transfer	\$123,149.74
Overpayment of taxes	\$795.87
State of VT BCO 700 Transportation	\$8,626.45
Bog Project State of Vermont	\$3,740.00
Planning Grant 2003	\$630.00
Balance Dry Hydrant Grant	\$2,500.00
Rural Development Grant	\$4,219.00
Delinquent tax overpayments	\$31.25
Delinquent tax collected	\$32,839.93
Bad check fees	\$44.18
Delinquent tax fees	\$2,740.69
Recording fees delinquent taxes	\$120.00
Delinquent tax interest	\$1,358.62
Banknorth Interest	\$202.44
Copies	\$520.47
Vault use	\$4.80
Garbage stickers store 2003	\$414.00
State of Vermont Current Use	\$13,522.00
State of Vermont Pilot taxes	\$7,566.00
State Aid Highways	\$16,864.06
State of VtMPG117	\$3,530.00
State of Vermont Grand List	\$1,862.00
State Judicial Fines	\$505.50
Lyle Locke rent Town land	\$100.00
Gospel Fund 2004	\$67.78
Permit Fees	\$65.00
VLCT Property & Casualty Fund	\$54.00
Liquor License & Tobacco	\$50.00
Dog Licenses	\$240.50
Cash on Hand Delinquent Taxes 2003	\$5.72
Total Income	\$423,486.64
Balance forward 12/31/2003	\$207,039.78
Income 2004	\$423,486.64
Total	\$630,526.42
Less Expenses	\$404,166.73
Balance	\$226,359.69
Checking 12/31/2004	\$220,345.77
Cash on hand 12/31/2004	\$6,013.92
Balance	\$226,359.69
Petty cash 12/31/2003	\$4.44
Petty cash 12/31/2004	\$4.44

**DELINQUENT TAXES DUE
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004**

For the tax year 2002		
Cavanaugh, William & Mary	\$21.56	
Stoddard, John & Rebecca	\$0.01	
		\$21.57
For the tax year 2003		
Stoddard, John & Rebecca	\$71.48	
Tucker, Debora	\$0.20	
		\$71.68
For the tax year 2004		
Bolio, Gary & Veronica	\$751.19	
Bolio, Veronica	\$904.71	
Burnett, Carl C & Linda	\$1,105.25	
Cavanaugh, Mary	\$318.13	
Coburn, Larry	\$25.38	
Hubbell, Carl & Alvira	\$179.94	
Jervis, Joanna	\$845.38	
Keating, David & Carolyn	\$569.15	
Lantery, Todd & Nicole	\$409.58	
Leff, Richard & Susan	\$1.92	
Loscomb, William	\$939.93	
Martin, Charles	\$145.87	
Minehart, Jeffery	\$1,034.06	
Stoddard, John & Rebecca	\$697.27	
Tucker, Debra	\$96.40	
Wescom, Arnold & Cynthia	\$1,567.95	
		\$9,592.11
Total taxes due		\$9,685.36

VITAL EVENTS

Births	5
Deaths	0
Marriages	3

**BELVIDERE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT
REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

This has been a year of change for our pre-school through sixth grade students. While the temporary closing of our school was not an easy decision for us, the majority of your board continues to think that the children of both communities are benefiting from the combined enrollment that currently exists in the Waterville School. We are pleased to report that both the Belvidere and Waterville students have integrated well. During the month of December, the respective boards of both communities initiated a parent and student climate/satisfaction survey. The results of those surveys were overwhelmingly positive and copies are available at Tailman's Store. The Board has recently signed a contract with Waterville for the school year 2005-2006.

Currently, there are a total of 86 students enrolled in Waterville. Of those, 24 students are from Belvidere and 62 are from Waterville. Student numbers in both communities continue to decline, however, with '05-'06 projected enrollment for Belvidere at 22 and Waterville at 50. Expected Waterville classroom numbers for '05-'06 are as follows:

Pre-school	K'	1st /2nd	2nd/3rd	4th/5th	5th/6th
11	5	15	16	19	17

This past summer, a member of the Belvidere School Board was invited to serve on the hiring committee for a new principal in Waterville. After two rounds of interviews, the committee was pleased to recommend the hiring of Bonny Grant. By all accounts, Ms. Grant has become an asset to both communities, and we feel fortunate to have her with us. She has been instrumental in assisting in the transition this past year and has been sensitive to the concerns of parents and students alike. Ms. Grant has attended several Belvidere School Board meetings and has advised your Board that she would be happy to attend all Board meetings if folks would find that helpful.

With an emphasis on literacy, Waterville applied for and received a "Reading First" grant. Over the next four years this grant will enable the school to provide resources to the students in the form of reading specialists, reading coaches, and classroom and library materials.

Belvidere students have been able to avail themselves of the elementary winter sports program. Each Thursday during the winter months, students are transported to Smugglers Notch Ski Area where they can learn to ski, snowboard, ice skate or snowshoe. We are pleased that all of the Belvidere students are participating in this program.

In the fall of '05-'06, the students will be launching a project known as "Quest". This is designed to provide an opportunity to students in both towns to learn about the history of their communities and to identify historical people, places and landmarks.

The FY 2005-2006 elementary school budget reflects an increase of 18.41%. The budget increase is primarily due to increased Special Education costs (\$54,080, up 96.63% over FY '04-'05), Special Education Transportation (up from \$0 in FY'05 to \$9,625) and Speech and Language Services (\$11,675, up 22.89% over last year.). These are costs that are unanticipated and unavoidable, and provide services that have been detailed in Individual Education Programs mandated by State and federal law.

The current projection for next year's estimated Education Property Tax Rate, adjusted by the Common Level of Appraisal, is \$1.649, an increase of 13.0% over FY 2004-2005. For those taxpayers with an adjusted household income of \$75,000.00 or less, the Household Tax Rate is capped 3.020% of the adjusted household income.

The Belvidere School Board meets every third Thursday of the month at the Belvidere Central School, at 6:00 p.m. Your thoughts and concerns are important to each of us, and we welcome the input of all of Belvidere's citizens. In addition, we should add that the Waterville School Board has made it clear that Belvidere folks are welcome at the Waterville Board meetings. Those meetings are first Wednesdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Waterville Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen B. Hobart
Frank Machia
Matt Miller

School Expenses For Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 To June 30, 2004

1100 Instruction

Salaries	\$68,629.24	
Salaries Subs	\$6,752.24	
Future Planning	\$3,500.12	
VT Teachers Retirement	\$4,737.59	
Federal Withholdings	\$38,400.79	
VT Withholdings	\$3,625.82	
Health Insurance (VEHI)	\$42,479.94	
VT Student Assistance Withholdings	\$1,507.82	
Group Life Insurance	\$202.50	
Worker's Comp.	\$552.33	
VT Dept of Employment & Training	\$665.97	
Disability Insurance	\$140.40	
LNSU Summer Enrichment	\$929.01	
Title One	\$4,928.00	
Repairs Copier	\$1,631.95	
Green Mt. Tech Assessment	\$6,139.95	
LUHS Assessment	\$249,407.01	
Travel	\$463.72	
Supplies & Equipment	\$15,731.60	
Testing Supplies	\$260.25	
Text Books	\$13,437.13	
Periodicals	\$227.90	
Audio Visual	\$308.64	
Idea B Overpayment due back	\$5,936.00	
Total Instruction		\$470,595.92

1101 Music Services

Salaries	\$4,324.62	
Workers Comp.	\$26.17	
VT Dept. of Employment & Training	\$8.23	
Supplies	\$86.40	
Total Music Services		\$4,445.42

1104 Preschool

Salaries	\$4,052.39	
Life Insurance	\$7.56	
Workers Comp.	\$14.36	
VT Dept. of Employment & Training	\$10.03	
Disability Insurance	\$8.88	
Total Preschool		\$4,093.22

1200 Special Education

Salaries	\$10,125.52	
Subs	\$180.08	
Health Insurance	\$3,722.96	
Group Life Insurance	\$23.40	
Workers Comp.	\$165.49	
VT Dept. of Employment & Training	\$41.91	
Disability Insurance	\$26.04	
Lamoille North Assessment	\$2,312.01	
Contracted Services	\$2,307.40	
Supplies	\$60.85	
Text Books	\$74.66	
EEE Purchased Services	\$787.50	
Total Special Education		\$19,827.82

1400 CO- Curricular Activities

VSA Arts of Vermont	\$25.00	
Total CO-Curricular		\$25.00

2130 Health Services

OT Services	\$750.00	
Supplies	\$40.13	
Total Health Services		\$790.13

2150 Speech Services

Contracted Services	\$2,037.50	
Travel	\$475.00	
Total Speech Services		\$2,512.50

2190 Infant & Toddlers Services

Infant & Toddlers Services	\$352.00	
Travel	\$72.51	
Total Infant & Toddlers Services		\$424.51

2210 Improvement of Instruction

Professional Development	\$5,187.00	
Course Reimbursement/Workshops	\$4,118.32	
LNSU Assessment	\$168.99	
Total Improvement Of Instruction		\$9,474.31

2220 Educational Media

Edmedia Clerk Salaries	\$1,778.55	
Workers Comp.	\$10.94	
Unemployment	\$3.22	
Software	\$160.00	
Supplies	\$42.00	
Total Educational Media		\$1,994.71

2310 Board of Education

Future Planning	\$135.00	
Workers Comp.	\$4.71	
Postage	\$268.67	
Supplies	\$44.13	
District Treasurer Salary	\$6,915.75	
District Treasurer Postage	\$37.00	
District Treasurer Supplies	\$63.66	
Workers Comp.	\$24.74	
VT Dept. of Employment & Training	\$5.23	
LNSU Assessment	\$165.99	
Audit Service Contracted Services	\$3,510.00	
Ads	\$436.80	
Dues & Fees	\$625.00	
Total Board Of Education		\$12,236.68

2320 Superintendent's Office

	\$9,146.01	
Total Superintendent's Office		\$9,146.01

2410 Office Of The Principal

Salaries	\$11,508.21	
Clerical	\$10,810.43	
Workers Comp.	\$157.55	
VT Dept. of Employment & Training	\$24.55	
Repairs	\$350.22	
Telephone	\$2,351.92	
Postage	\$185.00	
Ads	\$465.66	
Travel	\$168.93	
Supplies	\$140.32	
Graduation	\$123.69	
Dues & Fees	\$140.00	
Misc.	\$154.00	
Total Office Of Principal		\$26,580.48

2600 Operations & Maintenance

Salaries	\$5,344.41	
Workers Comp.	\$334.34	
Contracted Services	\$53,134.13	
Water Testing	\$879.00	
Casella Waste	\$1,628.32	
Snow Removal	\$2,715.00	
Grounds Care	\$1,470.00	
Repairs	\$2,183.89	
Supplies	\$1,302.12	
VT Electric Co-op	\$8,143.74	
Fuel Oil	\$4,462.28	
Insurance	\$1,465.00	
Total Operations & Maintenance		\$83,062.23

2700 Transportation

Contracted Services	\$32,840.00	
Field Trips	\$1,730.50	
Total Transportation		\$34,570.50

2900 Technology

Repairs	\$880.00	
Internet Access	\$3,008.65	
Software	\$133.43	
Supplies	\$7.20	
Support Services	\$897.55	
Total Technology		\$4,926.83

3100 Food Service

Salaries	\$5,919.46	
Workers Comp.	\$665.26	
VT Dept. of Employment & Training	\$19.07	
Travel	\$42.00	
Non-Food Purchases	\$236.56	
Propane	\$579.62	

Food Purchases	\$4,933.82	
Misc.	\$34.80	
Equipment	\$18.79	
Total Food Service		\$12,449.38
5100 Debt Service		
Banknorth Investment Services	\$30,000.00	
Interest	\$22,110.00	
Total Debt Service		\$52,110.00
MISC.		
Bank Charge	\$22.75	
Mentoring Supplies	\$736.32	
Total Misc.		\$759.07
	\$750,024.72	\$750,024.72

School Receipts 2003-2004

Town of Belvidere balance local share taxes	\$11,427.42	
Town of Belvidere balance statewide taxes	\$13,696.79	
Taxes received Statewide & Local	\$303,040.92	
Banknorth Interest	\$178.53	
Lunch Receipts and state reimbursement	\$12,535.28	
State of VT Capital Debt reimbursement	\$5,313.00	
Void check	\$881.61	
State of CY3201, 3202, 3204	\$28,704.00	
State of Vermont PY3202, PY3204	(\$2,028.00)	
Fire Insurance Claim Paid	\$47,154.80	
Mentoring Grant	\$792.64	
State of Vermont Support Grant	\$144,797.00	
Hannaford's Help Schools Program	\$42.00	
Health Insurance employee share	\$705.96	
School Trust Fund	\$705.50	
LNSU Class Reduction Grant	\$7,607.00	
LNSU Medicaid Reimbursement	\$2,672.33	
LNSU Mentoring	\$680.40	
LNSU Schoolwide Improvement	\$1,002.34	
LNSU SIG Grant	\$6,995.32	
LNSU Title 1	\$15,937.00	
LNSU Title 1 2003	\$678.00	
Outdated check reentered	\$46.17	
State of Vermont Educational Fund	\$38,486.00	
State of Vermont Local Share	\$19,243.00	
Vermont Electric Co-op Prorated Share	\$22.00	
State of Vermont refund lock box	\$19.67	
State of Vermont Small Schools Grant	\$36,429.00	
State of Vermont Special Ed	\$15,251.00	
State of Vermont Transportation	\$17,170.00	
LNSU Grants account for postage	\$4.81	
State of Vermont Intensive Reimbursement	\$12,872.00	
Transfers from line of credit	\$62,364.96	
Field trip fees	\$60.00	
Refunds	\$49.98	
Total Receipts		\$805,538.43

RECAPITULATION OF SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Balance Forward June 30, 2003	\$4,648.99
Income	\$805,538.43
Total	\$810,187.42
Less Expenses	\$750,024.72
Balance	\$60,162.70
Balance in Checking June 30, 2004	\$60,162.70

BELVIDERE SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT

CODE SOURCE/OBJECT	2003-2004		2004-2005	2005-2006	%
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	
REVENUES					
FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$0	\$6,970	\$0	-100.0%
LOCAL SHARE	205,772	196,426	0	0	N/A
STATE AID-GENERAL BLOCK GRANT	335,443	334,265	0	0	N/A
STATE AID-DEBT SERVICE	5,115	5,313	0	0	N/A
STATE EDUCATION AID	0		564,047	606,297	7.5%
STATE VOCATIONAL AID	0		14,888	23,243	56.1%
STATE AID-SPECIAL ED./MAINSTREAM	15,977	15,977	16,042	15,502	-3.4%
STATE AID-SMALL SCHOOL SUP.& STABILITY	35,400	36,429	0	0	N/A
STATE AID-SPECIAL ED./REIMBURSEMENT	41,553	30,199	44,621	67,208	50.6%
STATE AID-EXTRAORDINARY	0		0	0	N/A
STATE AID-SPECIAL ED./EEE	1,714	1,445	2,209	2,209	0.0%
STATE AID-TRANSPORTATION	16,046	17,170	18,893	20,282	7.4%
IDEA-B	6,325	5,892	5,545	0	-100.00%
CLASS SIZE REDUCTION	6,767	7,607	5,060	0	-100.00%
STATE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS	0		0	0	N/A
TITLE I	11,166	15,937	0	0	N/A
TRUST FUND	1,400	706	1,310	700	-46.6%
FOOD SERVICE	9,366	11,882	0	0	N/A
INTEREST	500	407	1,010	400	-60.4%
EPSDT/MEDICAID	500	3,090	0	0	N/A
GRANTS	0	13,776	0	0	N/A
E-RATE	0		1,862	1,796	-3.5%
INSURANCE	0	19,564	0	0	N/A
OTHER	0	116	0	0	N/A
TOTAL REVENUES	\$693,044	\$716,201	\$682,458	\$737,637	8.1%
EXPENSES					
1100 INSTRUCTION					
100 SALARIES	94,730	91,633	-	-	N/A
120 SUBSTITUTES	1,950	8,292	-	-	N/A
140 SALARY - AIDE	-	-	-	-	N/A
210 GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	31,806	27,083	-	-	N/A
220 SOCIAL SECURITY	7,396	7,096	-	-	N/A
230 LIFE INSURANCE	141	132	-	-	N/A
250 WORKERS COMPENSATION	522	284	-	-	N/A
260 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	268	509	-	-	N/A
290 DISABILITY INSURANCE	291	281	-	-	N/A
300 ACT 230/504 STUDENTS	1,000	-	-	-	N/A
301 HOME/SCHOOL COORDINATOR	1,500	-	-	-	N/A
302 CONTRACT SER.-TITLE I	-	4,928	-	-	N/A
331 LNSU CONTRACTED SER.-ENRICHMENT	929	929	243	334	37.45%
430 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1,650	1,673	-	-	N/A
531 TUITION TO PUBLIC LEA	-	-	172,112	206,611	20.04%
580 TRAVEL	550	347	-	-	N/A
610 SUPPLIES	4,200	498	-	-	N/A
611 TESTING MATERIALS	350	260	-	-	N/A
640 BOOKS	1,000	2,999	-	-	N/A
641 PERIODICALS	150	228	-	-	N/A
650 AUDIOVISUAL	200	46	-	-	N/A
730 EQUIPMENT	300	253	-	-	N/A
810 MISCELLANEOUS	-	10	-	-	N/A
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$148,933	\$147,481	\$172,355	\$206,945	20.07%

BELVIDERE SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT

CODE SOURCE/OBJECT	2003-2004		2004-2005		2005-2006	%
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	CHANGE
1101 MUSIC						
110 SALARY	4,730	4,872	-	-	-	N/A
220 SOCIAL SECURITY	362	373	-	-	-	N/A
210 GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	22	-	-	-	-	N/A
250 WORKERS COMPENSATION	43	26	-	-	-	N/A
260 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	-	19	-	-	-	N/A
580 TRAVEL/CONFERENCES	150	-	-	-	-	N/A
610 SUPPLIES	200	86	-	-	-	N/A
730 EQUIPMENT	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
TOTAL MUSIC	\$5,507	\$5,376	\$0	\$0		N/A
1102 PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM						
110 SALARY	2,290	5,518	-	-	-	N/A
220 SOCIAL SECURITY	175	416	-	-	-	N/A
250 WORKER'S COMPENSATION	12	64	-	-	-	N/A
260 UNEMPLOY. COMP.	21	24	-	-	-	N/A
290 DISABILITY	-	18	-	-	-	N/A
730 EQUIPMENT	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
TOTAL PRESCHOOL PROGRAM (4 yr old)	2,498	6,040	-	-		N/A
1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION						
110 SALARIES	16,609	16,721	-	-	-	N/A
115 AIDE	9,904	180	-	-	-	N/A
120 SUBSTITUTES	1,800	195	-	-	-	N/A
210 GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	-	6,361	-	-	-	N/A
220 SOCIAL SECURITY	2,166	1,087	-	-	-	N/A
230 LIFE INSURANCE	47	47	-	-	-	N/A
250 WORKERS COMPENSATION	99	155	-	-	-	N/A
260 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	177	76	-	-	-	N/A
290 DISABILITY INSURANCE	45	52	-	-	-	N/A
330 CONTRACTED SERVICES - OTHER	1,600	1,591	1,550	1,176	-24.13%	
332 CONTRACTED SERVICES-HEALTH	4,500	875	4,550	4,950	8.79%	
333 CONTRACTED SERVICES-PSYCH.	1,800	1,632	1,800	2,450	36.11%	
334 CONTRACTED SERVICES-LEA REP.	-	-	-	1,000	N/A	
331 SUPERVISORY UNION MANAGEMENT	2,312	2,312	1,602	1,705	6.43%	
594 EXCESS SPED COSTS	-	-	18,002	42,799	137.75%	
610 SUPPLIES	400	61	-	-	-	N/A
640 BOOKS	200	75	-	-	-	N/A
730 EQUIPMENT	600	-	-	-	-	N/A
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$42,259	\$31,420	\$27,504	\$54,080		96.63%
1205 EEE						
110 SALARY	\$2,290	-	0	-	-	N/A
220 SOCIAL SECURITY	175	-	0	-	-	N/A
250 WORKERS COMPENSATION	12	-	0	-	-	N/A
260 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	21	-	0	-	-	N/A
300 CONTRACT SERVICES	510	275	2,000	0	-100.00%	
301 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	\$900	-	900	0	-100.00%	
594 EXCESS SPED COSTS	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
TOTAL EEE	\$3,908	\$275	\$2,900	\$0		-100.00%
1410 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES						
810 DUES & FEES	200	25	-	-	-	N/A
TOTAL CO-CURRICULAR	200	25	-	-		N/A

**BELVIDERE SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINANCIAL REPORT**

CODE SOURCE/OBJECT	<u>2003-2004</u>		<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>%</u>
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	CHANGE
2120 GUIDANCE					
330 CONTRACTED SERVICE	-	0	-	-	N/A
580 TRAVEL	-	0	-	-	N/A
610 SUPPLIES	100	0	-	-	N/A
TOTAL GUIDANCE	100	-	-	-	N/A
2130 HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES					
110 SALARY	-	-	-	-	N/A
220 SOCIAL SECURITY	0	-	0	-	N/A
210 OTHER BENEFITS	0	-	0	-	N/A
250 WORKERS COMPENSATION	-	-	-	-	N/A
260 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	-	-	-	-	N/A
330 CONTRACTED SERVICE	3,740	-	-	-	N/A
610 SUPPLIES	200	40	-	-	N/A
800 MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-	-	N/A
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICE	3,940	40	-	-	N/A
2151 SPEECH SERVICES					
100 SALARY	-	0	-	-	N/A
220 SOCIAL SECURITY	-	0	-	-	N/A
250 WORKER'S COMP.	-	0	-	-	N/A
260 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	-	0	-	-	N/A
330 CONTRACTED SERVICES	9,100	2,787	9,500	11,675	22.89%
580 TRAVEL	-	625	-	-	N/A
640 BOOKS	-	-	-	-	N/A
TOTAL SPEECH SERVICES	\$9,100	\$3,412	\$9,500	%11,675	22.89%
2213 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION					
320 COURSE REIMBURSEMENT	1,500	326	-	-	N/A
330 INSERVICE	400	-	-	-	N/A
331 INSERVICE/LNSU	169	-	-	-	N/A
332 CURRICULUM/LNSU	-	169	-	-	N/A
333 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - TITLE I	-	6,345	-	-	N/A
TOTAL IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION	\$2,069	\$6,840	-	-	N/A
2220 EDUCATIONAL MEDIA SERVICES					
110 LIBRARY AIDE	2,000	2,138	-	-	N/A
220 SOCIAL SECURITY	153	164	-	-	N/A
250 WORKERS COMPENSATION	11	11	-	-	N/A
260 UNEMPLOYMENT INS	10	8	-	-	N/A
610 SUPPLIES	250	42	-	-	N/A
640 BOOKS	400	-	-	-	N/A
641 PERIODICALS	150	-	-	-	N/A
650 AUDIOVISUAL	200	-	-	-	N/A
730 EQUIPMENT	-	-	-	-	N/A
TOTAL EDUCATION MEDIA	\$3,174	\$2,363	\$0	\$0	N/A
2250 TECHNOLOGY					
330 CONTRACT SERVICE - TECH. SUPPORT	2,500	183	-	-	N/A
430 REPAIRS + MAINTENANCE- TECH. EQPT	700	880	700	700	0.00%
531 TELECOMMUNICATIONS-ISP	2,000	3,009	2,000	2,000	0.00%
610 SUPPLIES	400	7	-	-	N/A
730 EQUIPMENT(HARD. & FILTERING SOFTWARE)	1,000	-	-	-	N/A
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY	\$6,600	\$4,079	\$2,700	\$2,700	0.00%

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CODE SOURCE/OBJECT	<u>2003-2004</u>		<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>%</u>
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	CHANGE
2310 BOARD OF EDUCATION					
110 BOARD EXPENSES & REMUNERATION	840	-	840	840	0.00%
330 PURCHASED SERVICES	0	300	0	0	N/A
531 TELEPHONE	0	-	660	660	0.00%
532 POSTAGE	200	195	200	200	0.00%
540 ADS	200	437	200	200	0.00%
580 TRAVEL	200	-	200	200	0.00%
610 SUPPLIES	50	34	50	50	0.00%
810 DUES & FEES	800	600	800	800	0.00%
890 MISCELLANEOUS	150	959	150	150	0.00%
TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$2,440	\$2,525	\$3,100	\$3,100	0.00%
2315 LEGAL SERVICES					
330 CONTRACTED SERVICES	1,000	885	1,000	1,000	0.00%
TOTAL LEGAL SERVICES	\$1,000	\$885	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.00%
2317 AUDIT SERVICES					
330 CONTRACTED SERVICES	3,500	3,510	-	-	N/A
TOTAL AUDIT SERVICES	\$3,500	3,510	-	-	N/A
2320 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE					
331 SUPERVISORY UNION MANAGEMENT	9,146	9,146	6,198	9,543	53.97%
TOTAL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	\$9,146	9,146	6,198	9,543	53.97%
2410 OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL/BUILDING ADMINISTRATION					
110 SALARIES	15,000	15,000	-	-	N/A
130 CLERICAL SALARIES	12,000	13,072	-	-	N/A
210 GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	-	-	-	-	N/A
220 SOCIAL SECURITY	2,066	2,148	-	-	N/A
230 LIFE INSURANCE	-	-	-	-	N/A
250 WORKERS COMPENSATION	146	81	-	-	N/A
260 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	134	59	-	-	N/A
290 DISABILITY INSURANCE	-	-	-	-	N/A
430 REPAIRS	600	465	-	-	N/A
531 TELEPHONE	1,750	2,240	-	-	N/A
532 POSTAGE	400	272	-	-	N/A
540 ADVERTISING-	-	363	-	-	N/A
580 TRAVEL	600	190	-	-	N/A
610 SUPPLIES	350	218	-	-	N/A
730 EQUIPMENT	350	-	-	-	N/A
890 MISC.	-	294	-	-	N/A
TOTAL OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL	\$33,396	\$34,402	-	-	N/A
2520 DISTRICT TREASURER SERVICES					
110 SALARIES	4,413	4,160	4,413	4,413	0.00%
220 SOCIAL SECURITY	338	318	338	338	0.00%
250 WORKERS COMPENSATION	24	25	24	24	0.00%
260 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	40	13	40	40	0.00%
331 TREASURER/LNSU	166	166	112	257	128.88%
532 POSTAGE	250	111	250	250	0.00%
610 SUPPLIES	150	147	150	150	0.00%
830 INTEREST	-	1,390	-	-	N/A
890 MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-	-	N/A
TOTAL DISTRICT TREASURER	\$5,381	\$6,330	\$5,327	\$5,472	2.71%

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2600 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

110 SALARIES	6,112	6,964	-	-	N/A
210 GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	-	-	-	-	N/A
220 SOCIAL SECURITY	468	533	-	-	N/A
250 WORKERS COMPENSATION	323	172	-	-	N/A
260 UNEMPLOYMENT INS.	55	-	-	-	N/A
330 CONTRACT CLEANING SERVICES	-	608	2,600	2,600	0.00%
340 WATER TESTING	1,500	1,179	1,500	1,500	0.00%
422 SNOW REMOVAL	1,400	2,715	1,600	1,600	0.00%
430 GENERAL REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	2,675	1,357	2,675	2,675	0.00%
431 REPAIRS & MAINT. - PAINTING & ROOF	-	-	7,500	-	-100.00%
521 PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE	1,540	1,465	1,540	1,300	-15.57%
531 TELEPHONE	-	-	-	660	N/A
590 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	200	-	200	200	0.00%
591 CASELLA WASTE MANAGEMENT	1,320	1,633	-	-	N/A
592 LAWN AND GROUNDS CARE	1,400	1,020	1,400	1,400	0.00%
610 SUPPLIES	1,500	596	200	200	0.00%
622 ELECTRICITY	7,500	8,145	7,500	7,500	0.00%
624 FUEL OIL	3,000	4,462	3,000	3,500	16.67%
730 EQUIPMENT	250	-	-	-	N/A
890 MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-	-	N/A
TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	\$29,243	\$30,849	\$29,715	\$23,135	-22.14%

2700 PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

513 CONTRACTED SERVICES	32,840	32,840	36,440	34,833	-4.41%
514 SPECIAL EDUCATION	-	-	-	9,625	N/A
514 FIELD TRIPS	600	1,241	-	-	N/A
730 EQUIPMENT - VIDEO EQUIPMENT	-	-	-	-	N/A
TOTAL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$33,440	\$34,081	\$36,440	\$44,458	22.00%

3100 FOOD SERVICE

110 SALARIES	10,217	10,037	-	-	N/A
220 SOCIAL SECURITY	782	498	-	-	N/A
250 WORKERS COMPENSATION	539	343	-	-	N/A
260 UNEMPLOYMENT INS.	72	46	-	-	N/A
430 REPAIRS	150	-	-	-	N/A
580 TRAVEL	-	42	-	-	N/A
610 FOOD SUPPLIES	7,500	4,685	-	-	N/A
611 NON-FOOD SUPPLIES	300	216	-	-	N/A
623 PROPANE	350	459	-	-	N/A
730 EQUIPMENT	-	19	-	-	N/A
890 MISCELLANEOUS	-	35	-	-	N/A
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	\$19,910	\$16,380	\$0	\$0	N/A

**TOTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
OPERATING BUDGET**

\$365,744	\$345,459	\$296,739	\$362,108	22.03%
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**BELVIDERE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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CODE SOURCE/OBJECT	2003-2004		2004-2005	2005-2006	%
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	CHANGED
4000 CONSTRUCTION					
300 CONSTRUCTION SERVICES - FIRE	-	\$0	-	-	N/A
5100 DEBT SERVICE					
830 INTEREST / BUILDING	22,110	22,110	20,738	19,328	-6.80%
910 PRINCIPLE/BUILDING	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	0.00%
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$52,110	\$52,110	\$50,738	\$49,328	-2.78%
PRIOR YEAR'S DEFICIT					
800 PRIOR YEAR'S DEFICIT	8,131	8,131	-	-	#DIV/0!
INSURANCE					
110 SALARIES	0	682	0	0	N/A
220 SOCIAL SECURITY	-	52	-	-	N/A
250 WORKERS COMPENSATION	-	-	-	-	N/A
260 UNEMPLOYMENT INS.	-	-	-	-	N/A
332 CONTRACT SERVICES	-	3,228	-	-	N/A
430 REPAIRS	-	827	-	-	N/A
531 TELEPHONE	-	271	-	-	N/A
610 SUPPLIES	-	1,919	-	-	N/A
611 TESTING MATERIALS	-	-	-	-	N/A
640 TEXTBOOKS	-	6,377	-	-	N/A
650 AUDIOVISUAL	-	263	-	-	N/A
730 EQUIPMENT	-	5,945	-	-	N/A
890 MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-	-	N/A
TOTAL GRANTS	\$0	\$19,564	\$0	\$0	N/A
GRANTS					
332 CONTRACT SERVICES	-	2,685	-	-	N/A
610 SUPPLIES	-	6,765	-	-	N/A
611 TESTING MATERIALS	-	-	-	-	N/A
612 TEXTBOOKS	-	3,480	-	-	N/A
623 PROPANE	-	-	-	-	N/A
730 EQUIPMENT	-	-	-	-	N/A
890 MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-	-	N/A
TOTAL GRANTS	\$0	\$12,930	\$0	\$0	N/A
TOTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUDGET	\$\$425,985	\$438,194	\$347,477	\$411,436	18.4%
SECONDARY					
LUMS/LUHS ASSESSMENT	250,586	249,407	310,521	291,970	-5.97%
STATE VOCATIONAL PAYMENT	10,341	-	14,888	23,243	56.12%
GMT&CC ASSESSMENT	6,136	6,140	9,572	10,988	14.80%
TOTAL SECONDARY	\$267,063	\$255,547	\$334,981	\$326,201	-2.6%
TOTAL BELVIDERE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET	\$693,048	\$693,741	\$682,458	\$737,637	8.1%

PRELIMINARY
ESTIMATES ONLY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by DOE

District: **Belvidere**
County: **Lamontille**

S.U.: **014**
Lamontille North

	Act 60		Act 68	
	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2005
Expenditures				
1. Budget fiscal budget, including special programs reported in 3, less local expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures	\$454,773	\$432,117	\$571,035	\$445,067
2. Grants to localities in prior years under Act 60	\$7,403	\$10,652	-	-
3. Special revenue program expenditures (state funds, awarded grants, etc.)	-	-	\$371,035	\$445,067
4. Locality adopted or warned budget	\$442,716	\$442,749	-	-
5. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
6. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
7. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
8. Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget	\$442,716	\$442,749	\$371,035	\$445,067
9. Union school or joint school district assessment	-	-	-	-
10. Prior deficit reduction if not included in budgets	\$235,540	\$250,586	\$310,621	\$261,670
11. Gross Act 68 Budget	\$677,716	\$693,335	\$682,458	\$737,637
12. S.U. assessment (included in local budget - informational data)	\$19,491	\$19,722	\$19,204	\$11,620
13. Prior deficit reduction (if included in local budget - informational data)	\$116,041	\$152,027	\$103,622	\$108,097
14. Total revenues	\$175,732	\$148,714	\$103,622	\$108,097
15. Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$7,309	\$5,313	-	-
16. Capital fund aid	-	-	-	-
17. Special program revenues (if not included in local budget, included in FY2005)	-	-	-	-
18. Prior deficit reduction (if included in revenues)	-	-	-	-
19. Fund raising, if any (included in line 15)	-	-	\$103,622	\$108,097
20. Adjusted local revenues	\$163,041	\$152,027	\$103,622	\$108,097
21. Education Spending (Act 68 definition)	\$494,675	\$541,308	\$576,834	\$629,540
22. Equalized Pupils	61.51	59.39	61.51	59.28
23. Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$8,042	\$9,119	\$10,107	\$11,388
24. Less eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-
25. Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-
26. Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$10,107	\$11,388	\$10,107	\$11,388
27. District spending adjustment (percentage of 100%)	\$1,652	\$1,652	\$1,652	\$1,652
28. Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized (10.249% x 1.02)	\$1,749	\$1,905	\$1,561	\$1,665
29. Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	90.09%	70.01%	106.89%	101.1%
30. Estimated homestead tax rate, actual (91.683 / 1.01%)	\$2,094	\$2,423	\$1,459	\$1,617
31. Household Income Percentage for income eligibility (183.27% x 1.60%)	3.18%	3.49%	2.62%	3.02%
32. Household Income Percentage for income eligibility (183.27% x 1.60%)	3.18%	3.49%	2.62%	3.02%

The projected tax education spending amount of \$6,376 is subject to legislative approval.
The base education homestead tax rate of \$1.02 and the income percentage cap of 1.85% are subject to legislative approval of the Governor's Office and are subject to legislative approval.

LAMOILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 2004 ANNUAL REPORT

The Lamoille County Sheriff's Department provides twenty-four hour patrol service on a contract basis to the Towns of Hyde Park, Johnson and Wolcott. The Department's Communications Center dispatches the appropriate agency to all emergency calls throughout the ten towns in Lamoille County. Dispatchers handled a total of 10,016 calls for police service, 2,320 calls for EMS service, and 801 calls for fire service, for a total of 13,137 calls. The Center is also the Public Safety Answering Point for all the Enhanced 911 calls throughout Lamoille County.

2004 was a busy and challenging year for the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department. We had 9 full and part time employees leave the department for better paying employment opportunities. Some of the employees had recently finished their training. The reasons for leaving centered around low wages, no bonafide retirement benefit and the lack of incentive to work evening shifts. The lower wages offered by the department have contributed to the lack of qualified applicants. Attrition is putting a strain on the remaining employees.

This year we have budgeted for entry into the Vermont State Retirement System and have also budgeted wages and shift differentials that are comparable with the Vermont State Police, Morristown and Stowe Police Departments.

The Sheriff's Department must cease to be a training academy for other agencies. We cannot sustain losses such as we have. Unless changes are made to the pay scale and benefit package, the Communications Center and Patrol Division will eventually be unable to offer these much needed services.

We currently have qualified applicants for both communications and patrol awaiting the outcome of our budget increase request. I am confident that we will be at full staff within the year.

Please continue to support the men and women of the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department; they are professionals that make Lamoille County a safe place to live.

Roger M. Marcoux, Jr.
Lamoille County Sheriff

**NORTHERN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DIVISION
of Newport Ambulance Service Inc.**

**Annual Report 2004
January 11, 2005**

Dear Boards and Citizens,

It has been a busy year for your staff at NEMS. In the calendar year for 2004 we responded to a total of 1174 calls with 559 of them being Emergencies, our average response time was 6.04 minutes with an average on scene time of 8.11 minutes.

The staff at NEMS has worked hard and has met every challenge that has been put before them. We are pleased and proud of the staff that has come together at the Johnson station. They presently offer child safety seats and inspections as well as First Aid and CPR classes to the public at a nominal fee.

We are looking to the future with our needs and the most pressing need is for a facility. We have looked extensively around the Johnson area and have not come up with any good options, but hope to have one ready to build on in the spring. We are presently soliciting and accepting donations for the building fund. Donations are tax deductible as we are a not-for-profit 501 C3 Corporation.

In October Scott Griswold of the Hyde Park Select Board and the chairman of the Oversight Board was appointed to the Board of Directors of the corporation giving the communities more insight and say in the operations of NEMS. Brad Reed of the Johnson Selectboard and the Oversight Board has worked vigorously to find us a location for our needed facility and we thank him for his efforts.

We invite you to stop in and visit the crews at 182 School Street in Johnson. If you have a question about the service please feel free to call me at 800-887-4553.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Paradis
Executive Director

2004 Statistics NEMS DIV

	2004	2003		2004	2003
RESPONSE TIME	6.04	4.95	CARDIAC CALLS	190	81
ON SCENE TIME	8.11	6.68	MEDICAL EMERGENCY	609	298
EMERGENCY CALLS	559	285	TRAUMA	348	165
SCHEDULE TRANS	411	195	NON-TRANSPORT	146	73
CRITICAL ILL TRANS	158	83	BELVIDERE	7	1
HOSP TO HOSP	289	149	EDEN	46	30
SCENE TO HOSP	178	82	HYDE PARK	190	84
RESIDENCE TO HOSP	235	121	JOHNSON	219	125
FALSE ALARMS	4	3	WATERVILLE	19	19
PYSHCE CALLS	34	12	BACK UP/INTERCEPT	64	20
			TOTAL CALLS	1174	563

**Vermont Department of Health
Morrisville District Office
Annual Report - Town of Belvidere**

The Vermont Department of Health works to protect, improve and promote the health of all Vermonters. The following are some of the essential services that are available to residents of Belvidere.

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 2003, the department investigated 72 cases of disease in Lamoille County.

Town Health Officer Program: Every town in Vermont has a town health officer who is nominated by the selectboard and appointed by the commissioner of health. Town health officers work on a variety of environmental and health issues, and respond to calls on public health concerns as varied as animal bites, West Nile virus, rental code complaints, and septic systems. The Health Department supports health officers with training, information and technical assistance. From July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004, the Health Department assisted your town health officer and Belvidere residents 6 times.

Recent challenges addressed by the Health Department include public health emergency preparedness, development of additional substance abuse treatment opportunities, and the reorganization of the Agency of Human Services, which shifted Vermont's mental health efforts to the Department of Health. This past year, the Department also increased its services to women age 40 and older to help them access screening for conditions like diabetes and cardiovascular disease in addition to screening for breast and cervical cancer.

If you would like more information about these and other Health Department activities or if you have a public health concern, please call the Morrisville District Office at 802-888-7447. For information about public health, Department initiatives, publications, and news releases go to the Department's website at www.HealthyVermonters.info.

Vermont League of Cities and Towns Overview **Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government**

Founded in 1967, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization that serves Vermont's municipal officials. The League provides:

- information and other resources to municipal officials so that they can deliver excellent service to their citizens, and to the public so that it can better understand local government;
- support for legislation that strengthens local government; and
- comprehensive insurance coverage for municipalities.

Who We Are

Its member municipal governments own VLCT. A 13-member Board of Directors is elected to represent the general membership and govern the organization. Board members must serve as a selectperson, mayor, manager or clerk in a member municipality and all VLCT members are welcome to attend Board meetings. An Executive Director is appointed by the Board and manages the League's day-to-day operations.

Services We Provide

Municipal Assistance Center

VLCT's Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) serves and strengthens Vermont local governments by providing legal, consulting, and education services. Comprised of five staff members with experience in municipal law, local planning and zoning, and public administration, the Center is well prepared to meet the needs of Vermont municipalities. The Center fields toll-free telephone inquiries from municipal officials, maintains a clearinghouse of model ordinances and bylaws, and sponsors workshops on current issues affecting local government. In FY04, VLCT responded to 5,771 telephone and electronic inquiries for assistance from municipal officials and conducted 14 workshops attracting over 1,200 municipal attendees. The MAC team is also available to contract with municipalities for individualized assistance with legal review and drafting of documents, meeting facilitation and retreats, personnel searches, management audits, and customized training on topics of your choice. MAC also maintains an information and resources library and conducts annual surveys and data collections. For more information on these services, call 800/649-7915 or e-mail [info\(a\).vlct.org](mailto:info(a).vlct.org).

Publications

VLCT offers handbooks written specifically for local officials who need a 'plain English' guide to complex state and federal laws. In FY04, over 600 handbooks were distributed to municipal officials. The League also publishes informational posters, surveys and an annual calendar of important municipal dates. The monthly *VLCT News* contains articles on a wide variety of municipal issues and during the legislative session, VLCT publishes the *Weekly Legislative Report* to keep officials abreast of legislative developments. Our annual *Legislative Wrap Up* explains new laws of interest to municipal officials.

Group Services

The VLCT Group Services Program offers a full range of insurance and risk management products designed specifically for Vermont's cities and towns. Group services programs are delivered in a service-oriented, cost-effective manner and are managed by municipal officials, staff and technical advisors. All excess insur-

ance program revenues are jointly owned by or returned to the participating municipalities. Through the following programs, VLCT is responsible for \$43 million in municipal tax dollars for insurance and risk management:

VLCT Health Trust, Inc.

VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund

VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust, Inc.

Legislative Advocacy

Speaking with one voice on behalf of many Vermont municipalities, VLCT educates State and federal officials about the impact of their actions on local governments and informs them of municipal needs and concerns.

Each fall, VLCT members set the League's legislative priorities for the upcoming year when they adopt the VLCT Municipal Policy. During the legislative session, the Board of Directors also provides guidance on legislative issues as they evolve at the State House. For the 2005 legislative session, our top priorities are bringing municipal health care costs under control, protecting the property taxes paid into the State Education Fund from being diverted to pay for other State responsibilities and securing adequate funding for municipal highways and bridges.

At the federal level, VLCT represents Vermont municipal interests in Congress and federal agencies through its membership in the National League of Cities, and its work with Vermont's congressional delegation.

Joint Purchases

VLCT often pools the buying power of the 246 cities and towns in Vermont to obtain the lowest prices on necessary goods and services. Recent examples include facsimile machines, long distance telephone service and telephonic devices for the deaf (TDDs).

Town Fair and Other Training

VLCT's annual business meeting is held during Town Fair in late September. At the meeting, the VLCT membership elects its officers and Board of Directors and adopts its legislative priorities. TOWN FAIR attracts over 800 attendees who participate in training workshops and meetings and visit the displays of almost 100 vendors. VLCT also provides Municipal Law Center seminars, membership services workshops and insurance risk management programs.

Membership

All 246 organized Vermont cities and towns are eligible for full municipal membership. This membership allows voting privileges and input on policy development and adoption, as well as access to all the League's services. All Vermont cities and towns are currently VLCT members.

LAMOILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Highlights of the Year

- Developed regional strategic plan
- Secured funding from USDA Rural Development to develop “shovel ready” lots in a new industrial park in North Hyde Park
 - Wrote a grant seeking funding from USDA Rural Utilities Service for a fiber-to-the-home network for the Town of Eden
 - Investigated feasibility of a small business incubator in Johnson, but declined to pursue it, with regret
 - Initiated a conceptual plan for the Lamoille Valley Railroad Engine House, including resolving sewer requirements, brownfields issues and securing funding for redevelopment
 - Continued to manage the Cambridge Business Park and Cambridge Enterprise Center
 - Continued to provide office facilities and administrative support to the Vermont Small Business Development Center business counselor, serving over 400 Lamoille County businesses (over 80 in Morristown and over 70 in Stowe) in recent years
 - Advertised Morristown Development Fund and Lamoille County Revolving Loan Fund, substantially increasing queries and resulting in four loans for a total of \$190,000
 - Cooperated with other lenders to make financing available to lodging, hospitality, manufacturing and “downtown” businesses
 - Organized and sponsored seminars for area businesses, including collaborative offerings with the Morristown Alliance for Culture and Commerce
 - Prepared a variety of publicity materials to market the local economy, including the second annual Lamoille County Perspective section in *Vermont Business Magazine*
 - Enhanced and expanded our website with new information, functions and links
 - Continued our participation on the Workforce Investment Board and the Economic Development Council of Northern Vermont
 - Continued our alliance with the Green Mountain Technology and Career Center

We appreciate your continued support!

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Prepared by: Karen Temple Lynch, Executive Director

Lamoille County Planning Commission 2004 Annual Report
Prepared by: Michele A. Boomhower, Executive Director

The Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) provides technical assistance to municipalities in Lamoille County for land use planning and community development programs. LCPC is governed by appointed representatives from each town and village as well as five County Directors. In collaboration with community leaders and organizations throughout the county and state, LCPC is pleased to report the following accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2004:

Community Planning Regional Plan Phase II • Town Planning Assistance & Review: Belvidere, Town & Village of Cambridge, Jeffersonville, Elmore, Stowe, Waterville • Implemented Countywide Municipal Planning Grant Program Applications & Administration • Subdivision, Zoning & Ordinance Assistance: Hyde Park, Village of Hyde Park, Elmore, Village of Johnson • Other Planning: Stowe Cost of Community Service Study and Build Out Analysis • Waterville Historic Resources Inventory • Belvidere Town Boundary Research • VT Council on Rural Development Community Visit to Johnson • Stowe Historic District Guidelines Review.

Community Development Regional Economic Development Planning • Johnson Area Health Care Analysis • Belvidere Generator Fence Project • Jeffersonville Waterline Mapping • Morrisville Downtown Development • Morrisville & Morristown Sewer Extension Project • Wolcott Villages Septic Assessment • Eden & Wolcott School Facilities Analysis • Regional Service Directory • Regional Act 250 & Section 248 Review • Stowe Mountain Resort • Lamoille Housing Partnership Stowe/Cambridge, • Northgate Plaza Morristown • Casella's Hyde Park • Smugglers' Notch Resort • VELCO Stowe • Lamoille Valley Rail Trail • Regional Economic and Demographic Profile • Census Data • Website • Economic Development Council of Northern VT & Northern VT Resource, Conservation & Development Council Representation. • Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy • Northwestern Vermont Growth Project.

Transportation Planning Traffic Monitoring • Culvert Inventories: Eden, Elmore, Wolcott • Johnson Main Street Program • Morrisville Alternative Truck Route • Better Back Roads/Bike & Pedestrian/Enhancement Grant Programs • Transit System Assistance • Stowe Parking Study • Smugglers' Notch Scenic Highway • Transportation Advisory Committee • Morrisville-Stowe Airport Planning • Regional Transportation Plan • Lamoille Valley Rail Trail • Route 100 & 15 Corridor Assessments • Road Name Maps: Lamoille County, Stowe, Hyde Park, Wolcott • Road Surface Management Maps: Cambridge, Hyde Park, Morristown • Stowe Parking Study • Road Safety & Intersection Audits: Stowe, Morrisville • Regional Review of State Programs • Public Transportation Directory • Park & Ride Inventory • Cambridge Model Transportation Ordinances • Regional 5310 Elderly & Disabled Program.

Natural Resources Planning Lamoille Watershed Plan & Association • Putnam State Forest Plan • Wastewater & Stormwater Program Assistance • Stream Geomorphic Assessment: Lamoille Main Stem, Elmore Subwatershed • Lamoille Riparian Buffer Analysis • Energy Resources • Brownfields Assessment Grant • Regional/State Outdoor Recreation Plan • Elmore Conservation Commission Assistance.

Emergency Planning Community Emergency Response Team • Regional Tabletop, Functional, & Full Scale Exercises • Local Emergency Planning Commit-

tee • Incident Command Systems Training • FIRE Grant Assistance • Flood Prevention & Recovery • Public Safety Communications • Lamoille Union School Emergency Plan • Regional & Local Emergency Operations Plans and Rapid Response Plans • Pre Disaster Mitigation Planning • National Flood Insurance Assistance: Eden & Waterville • Luce Hill Bridge Mitigation Project, Stowe • Regional Hazardous Transportation Commodity Flow Analysis • School Officials Emergency Preparedness Training.

Education and Training Four Part Planning & Zoning Series: Wind Energy, Agriculture & Zoning; Child Care Planning, Water Quality Planning & Zoning • Talk with Your Legislators • 3rd Annual Housing Summit • VT Planning Information Center • VT Spatial Data Partnership • Grant Writing Workshop • Regional Wind Energy • VT Downtown Conference Sponsorship of Local Officials: Stowe, Morris-town, Johnson • Town Officer Education & Municipal Officer Management Series • Spring Workshop Series: Smart Growth Public Investments, GIS Day, Act 250 Participation by Local Officials, On-Site Septic, Conservation Commissions, PRD/PUD Ordinances, Telecommunications Provider Summit.

CAMBRIDGE ARTS COUNCIL

The Cambridge Arts Council requests the Town of Belvidere to help support their activities at the Belvidere Pavillion.

The Cambridge Arts Council (CAC) is a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status and no paid staff. The mission of CAC is to support presentations by musicians, dancers, theater groups, poets, and visual artists, and to develop appreciation and understanding of the arts through arts education. Our funds come from memberships, donations, fundraisers, town funds, and grants that we write. The majority of our events have no set admission, but request donations, which cover about 1/4 of the cost. Aside from advertising almost all our budget goes directly to artists. We rely on the community's commitment to the arts to continue our programs. Three newsletters per year are mailed to all Belvidere residents. We appreciate your ongoing support.

Respectfully Submitted by Cambridge Arts Council Board of Directors,

Ron Carter, Secretary 644-6632
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CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION, INC. IN BELVIDERE

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education has provided literacy services to adults and out of school youth in Lamoille, Washington, and Orange counties for thirty-nine years. The program served 747 students last year at an annual cost per student of \$1,200.00.

CVABE offers free, one-to-one instruction for adults over 16 years of age with less than a 12th grade education. There are an estimated 20 percent of Vermont adults who cannot read, write or do math well enough to function independently in today's society. Economic and demographic profiles indicate that as many as 16,000 adults in central Vermont (Washington, Lamoille, and Orange Counties) are eligible for the free, instructional services of CVABE.

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education in Belvidere

A CVABE professional teacher coordinates instruction in basic reading, writing, math, English as a Second Language and GED (High School Equivalency) preparation for residents of Belvidere. Adult students who are interested also receive the help they need to achieve a High School diploma.

Much of the free, individualized instruction for each student takes place in his or her home as well as at CVABE's Morrisville Learning Center and other locations convenient to the student.

Each year, volunteers from Lamoille County work closely with CVABE. These men and women are trained by the organization to teach adults to read and write and to provide a variety of services contributing to a successful literacy program. CVABE implements a far-reaching plan that maximizes resources for literacy and organizes community members into teams working for the goal of a fully literate state.

Belvidere Residents in Central Vermont Adult Basic Education

Last year, two Belvidere residents were served by Central Vermont Adult Basic Education with free, individualized instruction and GED testing services.

Among the learning goals expressed by the students in the program are those directly related to employment. Specifically, teacher and student work on skills needed for filling out application forms, reading directions, spelling, measuring, and writing reports.

In recent years, Central Vermont Adult Basic Education teachers have worked with truck drivers whose literacy skills have made it difficult for them to study for the Commercial Driving License (CDL) exam. The employment implications for this license requirement are profound.

Parents often enroll in the program so that they can read to their young children; an activity found to be essential to that child's own academic success. CVABE has focused much of its organizational resources toward family literacy in order to end forever the cycle of intergenerational illiteracy.

Residents new to the United States seek help from Central Vermont Adult Basic Education understanding that learning to speak and read English is fundamental for productive participation in their new country.

Learning goals, tied so intrinsically to life, are as varied as the students served by the Central Vermont Adult Basic Education program. For each adult student, however, the underlying motivation for seeking instruction is the sincere desire to

live a more independent life.

Community Support

There are now fifteen staff teachers in the tri-county program working with an annual cadre of over 200 volunteers. CVABE's Morrisville Learning Center has served the residents of Lamoille County for nearly thirty years.

CVABE subcontracts through the VT Department of Education in order to deliver adult literacy services to each city, village and town in Lamoille, Washington, and Orange Counties. The active involvement of communities throughout the regional service area who are contributing funds toward the support of this program is essential to the continuation of CVABE's local service. In addition, the organization is committed to vigorous fundraising from the private sector.

Two Belvidere residents were enrolled in the free programs of Central Vermont Adult Basic Education last year. The annual cost per student is \$1,200.00. CVABE hopes the request for \$100.00 from Belvidere will be positively considered by the voters. The funds will help to continue this important local educational service to Belvidere adults.

For more information. Please call CV ABE's Morrisville Learning! Center at 52 Portland Street in Morrisville at 888-5531 or CVABE's administrative headquarters in Barre at 476-4588.

Central Vermont Community Action Council (CVCAC)
Report to the Citizens of Belvidere
Fall 2004

Since 1965, the Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc. has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. CVCAC's programs and services are designed to help families work toward better lives and to improve the overall quality of life in their communities. This year, CVCAC worked with 9,123 individuals in 4,150 households through Head Start/Early Head Start, our Child Care Food Program, Community Economic Development programs, Family/Community Support Services, Weatherization assistance, Crisis Fuel resources, and Community Action Motors.

In our most recently completed program year, Central Vermont Community Action helped 36 individuals in 16 Belvidere families with emergency assistance and comprehensive program services designed to teach important skills and help people access the resources they need to build better futures.

Here are some CVCAC program statistics for Belvidere:

- 8 households (including 19 family members) received emergency assistance with food, shelter, Crisis Fuel, and other basic needs.
- 2 households participated in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 10 family members.
- 3 people received training and technical assistance from our Micro Business Development program to start or expand small businesses.
- 3 households benefited from lower utility bills and increased comfort through the free assistance provided by our Weatherization Program.

Our 2005 Funding Request: Community Action uses a formula for our funding requests to all towns based on population, number of residents served, and dollars spent in each community. Based on that formula, we are requesting \$300 from the citizens of Belvidere to support Community Action. Your support is critical to our work, and the Board and staff of Community Action are most grateful for your help.

Central Vermont Council on Aging
Report of Services to the Town of Belvidere
October 1, 2003 - September 30, 2004

The Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is a private, nonprofit organization that assists elders to remain independent as long as possible in their own homes and communities. The Council uses federal, State, and local funds to provide a variety of programs and services for elders, either directly or under contract with local groups and organizations.

CVCOA requests funding from the communities it serves in order to support its case management program. Case managers are trained to work with elders in their own homes to assess needs and develop individualized care plans. By connecting elders with public benefits programs and other community and State resources, case managers aid elders in making life choices. The case manager for Belvidere is Christine Melicharek. To speak with her, please call 888-1393.

Other services provided directly or under contract are: information and assistance; community and home delivered meals; food stamp outreach; rides to doctors, grocery stores, and a variety of essential destinations; legal services; health insurance counseling; home sharing; companionship; assistance with household tasks; nutrition education; caregiver support services and grants; successful aging initiatives; support for senior center activities; mental health services; and the *Silver Voice* newsletter. The Council involves a number of community volunteers by hosting programs such as Neighbor to Neighbor AmeriCorps, Senior Companion, Home Share, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

More information on all Council initiatives can be obtained by calling the toll-free Senior Help Line: 1-800-642-5119. Please don't hesitate to call for more information or assistance.

The Central Vermont Council on Aging recognizes and appreciates the valuable support for case management for central Vermont elders from the town of Belvidere.

**Clarina Howard Nichols Center
Activity Report for the Period
from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004**

The Clarina Howard Nichols Center is a private, non-profit agency. Its mission is to end violence against women and their children by providing shelter and services to survivors of domestic and/or sexual assault, and through preventive, outreach education programs. The Center, which has served Lamoille County communities since 1981, provides the following services:

- Safe emergency shelter for women and children
- 24-hour crisis Hotline for survivors of domestic and sexual violence
- Confidential advocacy in legal, welfare, medical, housing, and other social services
- Support groups for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault
- Children's playgroups for kids who have experienced domestic violence. The playgroups are age-specific and focus on teaching the communication skills necessary to promote respectful relationships
- Mentoring for children who have witnessed domestic violence
- "Building Healthy Relationships" violence prevention program that is presented in virtually every Lamoille County School, including Johnson State College
- Community education

The following are some statistics for the past year:

Women:

Unduplicated Domestic Violence Clients	381
Unduplicated Sexual Violence Clients	45
Hotline Calls	1675
In-person Crisis Support	985
Criminal & Family Court Advocacy	1063
Hospital Advocacy	19
Other Advocacy	1100
On-going Emotional Support	2033
Information & Referrals	1124
Support Groups	7
Emergency Financial Assistance	6

"Building Healthy Relationships":

Students	1007
Adults	29

Children:

Child Care	36
On-going Emotional Support	61

Shelter:

Women Sheltered	16
Children Sheltered	10
Shelter Nights	307

Prepared by: Susan Aikman, Executive Director

LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT DIVERSION RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMS, INC.

The Lamoille County Court Diversion & Restorative Justice Programs, Inc. (LCCDRJP) has successfully served the residents of the Lamoille Valley region since 1978. The agency is a community-based non-profit organization. LCCDRJP offers a number of programs that focus on delinquency prevention and intervention and is the only non-profit agency in Lamoille County specifically providing youth-focused programs and supports, with an emphasis on restorative justice strategies.

The following programs enable this agency to meet its mission of providing community based programs that address unlawful behavior while supporting victims of crime and promoting a healthy community.

- **Court Diversion:** An alternative to the formal court process, Court Diversion offers youth and adult first time offenders the opportunity to address charges and avoid a criminal conviction. Utilizing a community review board, each Diversion Contract developed is tailored to meet the needs of the offender, the victim and the community. Once completed, the case is dismissed by the State. In FY 2004, **111 cases** were handled with an **84%** successful completion rate. Over **\$5,170** in restitution and donations was recovered for victims and area communities. (Over **\$147,800** has been recovered since 1978.) Additionally, over **1240** hours of community service was completed in our communities.

- **Pre-Charge and Truancy Intervention Project**

- o The Pre-Charge Intervention component of the program addresses delinquent behaviors before a formal charge is filed. Using such methods as family group conferencing, mediated dialogue, individualized action plans, and other restorative justice strategies, this program balances the needs of the youth, the victim and the community.

- o The Truancy Intervention component of the program assists youth, their families and school administrators to develop strategies that insure school attendance. A child who has a 10% or higher absentee rate may be referred for support in attending school. Once referred, contracts are developed between the sending school, parents and children that address school attendance.

70 youth and families were served by the Pre-Charge and Truancy Intervention Project last year.

- **Teen Alcohol Safety Program (TASP):** Individuals between the ages of 16-20 who receive a civil possession/consumption of Alcohol violation must participate in TASP. Working with the ticketed individual, the TASP caseworker develops an individualized contract to include alcohol screening, assessment and treatment if necessary. This past year, **209** individuals were referred to TASP.

- **Community Support and Supervision Program**

- o The Community Support component of the program coordinates out of school activities for area youth. Groups focus on healthy lifestyle choices, positive decision making, self-esteem and pro-social bonds. This past year, this program offered a Canoe Building group, a mountain biking program called Sprockids, a Boxing Conditioning group and a Life Skills group, to name a few.

This program has collaborated with area businesses and non-profits such as Lamoille Union High School, Lamoille County Mental Health, PhiT training facility in Stowe, Stowe Mountain Bike Club and the Department for Child Welfare and Youth Justice to develop and implement these activities.

- The Supervision component of the program monitors curfews, school attendance and other juvenile probation conditions.

81 youth participated in activities or were supervised by this program last year.

- The **Youth Restorative Probation Program** supports youth (and their families) on juvenile probation. Many youthful offenders involved with this program participate in restorative panel meetings to make restoration to victims and communities for harm caused by their actions. The program works closely with Department for Child Welfare and Youth Justice to insure successful completion of the youth's probation requirements and collection of restitution. **36** youth were served in FY 2004.

- The **Transitional Living Program** is tailored to provide activities and services for youth in Department for Child Welfare and Youth Justice custody to achieve independent, self-supporting lives in our communities as they enter adulthood. The Transitional Living Coordinator assists referred youth in identifying their goals, needs and strengths. Strategies are then developed to achieve their identified goals. **41** youth received assistance from this program last year.

- The **Lamoille Valley Community Justice Project** is in its third year of service to our citizens in the Lamoille Valley region. The project seeks to reduce the number of 18 to 21 year olds coming under the Department of Corrections supervision. The project also seeks to increase graduation rates in all schools in the valley and reduce truancy and delinquency. We know that if we keep kids in school, they have a better chance of graduating and not becoming involved with the law. **90** children under the age of 15 were served by this project last year.

LCCD&RJP is supported by State and federal grants, participant fees, town allocations and the United Way of Lamoille County.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Hobart, Co-Director
Carol Maloney, Co-Director

**Lamoille Home Health & Hospice
Town Meeting Report March, 2005**

Newspaper reporters try to include the comprehensive what, where, when, why and who answers in their articles - and so it seems like a good way to tell you about our Agency and how we served your community since the last Town Meeting.

WHAT: We are a not-for-profit visiting nurse organization providing in-home health care services to people of all ages in our communities. Nurses, licensed nursing assistants, physical, occupational & speech therapists, medical social workers, personal care attendants/homemakers travel in any kind of weather to deliver skilled and compassionate health care to patients, many of whom cannot leave their homes for care.

WHERE: Our office is in Morrisville, but we make visits in all of the 10 towns of Lamoille County.

WHEN: Visits are made at all times of day and night depending on the needs of the patient - it could be an assessment of congestive heart failure at 10 a.m., a mom-to-be teaching session at 4:40 p.m., a 7:30 a.m. shower for the person with severe arthritis, the 1:00 p.m. exercise regime for the client just back from hip surgery, the grocery run at 9:00 a.m. when the store is quiet, or the 2 a.m. visit to the Hospice patient

WHY: Our mission is to support health, independence and dignity through quality care in the home.

WHO: The total of 76 visits made to Belvidere residents looks like this:

Nursing - 61

Physical Therapy - 6

Occupational Therapy - 2

Licensed Nursing Assistants - 7

After the five "Ws," there are also two more important words - **THANK YOU** for your long history of supporting the mission of Lamoille Home Health & Hospice through your dollars, through your words of appreciation and the work of your Hospice volunteers. It really takes all of us to make high quality home care happen.

Sincerely,
Ann Mallett, RN
Executive Director

MEALS ON WHEELS OF LAMOILLE COUNTY
Annual Town Report - Belvidere

Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County is a private, non-profit organization with a mission to enable elders to remain in their own familiar home as long as possible by delivering hot nutritious meals.

The meal isn't the only part of this mission. A daily check-in is as important as the meals themselves. Our volunteers are a great means of communication for the homebound. Several times a volunteer has come back to the office with a concern about a recipient and Meals on Wheels was able to contact a family member and get help before any problems arose.

Volunteers are the heart of our business. Without active volunteers we would not be able to provide these services. Volunteers drove a total of 41,560 miles in the last year and many of our drivers have been volunteering for years. There is an ongoing need for volunteer drivers and it only takes about an hour and a half out of your day.

During our last fiscal year, October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004, Meals on Wheels provided 38,168 meals to 328 Lamoille County residents.

Funding comes from government contracts (38%), United Way (7%), Town Appropriations (5%), Client Donations (13%), Vermont Center for Independent Living (4%), and the remaining 33% came from private contributions, grant writing, and fundraising efforts.

The past year was successful for us in many ways. We were able to meet and exceed our fundraising goal for the year, with many thanks going out to the community enabling us to achieve this goal. We served 5,000 more meals this year than last. Increased meal numbers posed a challenge financially as well as in our limited kitchen space. We hope to continue with the success of this year and reach out to as many seniors as we possibly can.

Meals on Wheels would like to thank the residents of the towns in Lamoille County for all of their ongoing support. For information on becoming a volunteer driver, or if you know someone in need of our service, please call our office at 888-5011.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Griffin,
Executive Director

North Country Animal League

In April of 2004 North Country Animal League (NCAL) completed our first year in the new shelter. The new shelter location received an increase in the number of people looking for pets, volunteer service hours, and inquiries about employment. Most importantly, in 2004 NCAL reached an all time record of 840 adoptions, which means the total is over 6,000 animals' lives saved in the last 10 years! The top three counties utilizing NCAL's services were Lamoille, Chittenden and Washington. The combined towns within Lamoille County surrendered the largest number of animals to NCAL; however, over 100 towns in Vermont have either adopted from or surrendered animals to NCAL. Our number one priority is to bring local stray animals and owner-surrendered animals into our adoption program. NCAL also helps other Vermont shelters when there is space, as well as helping animals from a few select out-of-state shelters and rescue groups. NCAL's philosophy is that animal welfare is a global issue and that shelters working together along with their community members will stop the global homeless pet epidemic.

NCAL's mission "to promote compassionate and responsible relationships between humans and animals" is well received through the 10 local schools we visit each year in our Humane Education Program. 2004 marked our 5th year of providing enrichment learning in 10 area schools, summer camp, school projects and shelter tours to teach responsibility, kindness and compassion for all living beings. NCAL's Development Program received help from hundreds of volunteers who support the animals by providing and sharing their expertise and time in all areas of fundraising. The overwhelming support for NCAL models a quality of life that is kind and humane. Thank you for supporting people helping animals and animals helping people.

2004 Highlights:

- NCAL's total building goal of \$1,629,000 was 91 % complete at the end of 2004 with only \$145,000 remaining.
- The first Vermont Golf Classic to benefit the animals was played at Country Club of Vermont in Waterbury.
- NCAL's Humane Education Program completed a new pilot reading project called "Dog Day Afternoons" to increase enthusiasm for reading and to teach kindness and compassion toward animals.

North Country Animal League
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Web site is www.ncal.com or phone # 802-888-5065

Prepared by: Linda Wood, Executive Director

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING SUMMARY FOR THE TOWN OF BELVIDERE ANNUAL REPORT

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.

An estimated one in five Vermonters has a disability. VCIL, a private nonprofit organization, is Vermont's first and only cross-disability center for independent living and the first organization in the state to be directed and staffed by a majority of people with diverse disabilities.

Statewide, from October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004, VCIL responded to over 2,000 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referrals on a broad range of subjects related to living with a disability. We provided one-on-one peer counseling to 355 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and life opportunities; provided 401 households with financial and technical assistance for making their bathrooms and entrances accessible to a disabled family member; provided over 345 with personal assistance and/or assistive technology; provided communications equipment to 76 Deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-impaired individuals through the Vermont Equipment Distribution Program, and delivered meals to almost 555 Vermonters through VCIL's Meals on Wheels program for Individuals Under 60 with Disabilities.

VCIL's central office is located in Montpelier with three regional offices in Bennington, Brattleboro and Burlington. The Montpelier office houses a disability resource library and the toll-free information line, through which answers to disability-related questions are provided to callers from every Vermont community. Our locally based Peer Advocacy Counselors are available to people with disabilities in every municipality in Vermont.

During FY 2004, VCIL's direct services were available to residents of the Town of Belvidere and other Vermont residents statewide utilizing the following services/programs:

- Information & Referral Home and Community Access Program
- Meals on Wheels (for people with disabilities under 60)(MOW)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling (PAC)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)
- VT Equipment Distribution Program

What is the Vermont Center for Independent Living? VCIL is a nonprofit organization working to eliminate physical, communication and attitudinal barriers that keep Vermonters with disabilities and Deaf Vermonters from realizing their full potential.

What services does VCIL offer? VCIL provides counseling, information and resources that enable people to live independently. The organization works to influence policies on issues ranging from civil rights, accessibility, funding for support services, discrimination, transportation, housing and economic justice.

Who provides these services? Most VCIL employees and board members have disabilities or are Deaf. They know what it's like to have a disability and to be Deaf, and they know what kind of help is needed.

Where is VCIL located? The main VCIL office is in Montpelier. There are regional offices in Bennington, Brattleboro and the Burlington area, with field-based services provided in every county in the state.

What are the programs of VCIL? The cornerstone service of VCIL is the Peer Advocacy Counseling Program. The PAC program provides information, support and training in self-advocacy to enable Vermonters with disabilities to achieve their personal goals and acquire skills for living as independently as possible. All counselors have disabilities; some focus on the needs of Deaf Vermonters and others work on a cross-disability basis.

The Home and Community Access Program provides funding for home entrance and bathroom modifications, with technical consultation on the ADA guidelines offered to other non-profit organizations, businesses and community members.

The Sue Williams Freedom Fund pays for services and equipment to help people maintain independent living. Examples of approved items include closed-caption decoders, devices to help with reaching, hearing aids and door openers.

Benefits to Work Counseling helps people with disabilities explore employment options available to them without the threat of losing needed benefits.

The Meals on Wheels Program provides hot meals to Vermonters under age 60 with disabilities or chronic conditions. Meals can be provided on an emergency basis, short-term or long-term depending upon need.

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