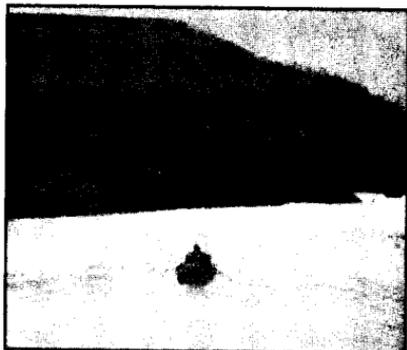


# ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT

FOR THE YEAR JULY 1, 2003 - JUNE 30, 2004



## Bolton Flood of 1927

The man in the boat is Bert Hiram May, born July 4, 1881 in Bolton and died June 15, 1967. Bert is the son of John May and Nellie Bingham May.

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO TOWN MEETING  
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2005 AT SMILIE  
MEMORIAL SCHOOL, 7:00 P.M.

**VOTING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2005**

## BOLTON FLOOD OF 1927

Below is My Great Grand Father Bert Hiram May's personal recollection of the Bolton Flood of 1927.

"During the flood, in November of 1927, Bert Hiram May, son of John May and Nellie Bingham May, lived on a farm in Bolton, Vermont with his wife and children. The May homestead was and still is only a few hundred yards from the Winooski River.

When the water started to rush into the farmhouse Bert took his wife Delphene De Forge May and their six children to high ground. At this time their youngest child, Healy, was only eleven months old. After he saw to the safety of his family Bert, like many other men in the Bolton community, got into his row boat and set about rescuing people from the devastation going on around them. However, Bert was unable to save his brother John and his family. John Jerome May, his wife Alice, and their four children, Hilda, Gladys, Dorothy, and Alan were all drowned when the flood waters uprooted their home and sent it crashing into a bridge. Many people lost their lives that long day. Yet again, many people lived to tell the story of their harrowing experience because of men like Bert May. These men, these unsung heroes, were willing to face the dangers of the swirling waters to help save a neighbor. The destruction of the flood did not end on that day. These brave men had to face the loss of home, loved ones, their animals, and their crops. Bert did not lose his home to the flood, although he lost family, and many of his animals.

As a child, in the 1950's, I can remember my mother showing me the waterline on the second floor where the floodwaters had risen. That flood line testified to the dangers these brave people of Bolton endured."

Sandra McGrath  
Great Granddaughter of Bert Hiram May  
October 2002  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~vermont/1927NewEngFlood4.html>

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## POT LUCK DINNER

The Town of Bolton will be serving a pot luck dinner prior to the commencement of Town Meeting on Monday, February 28, 2005.

We ask that everyone bring their favorite dish to share.  
(to serve 8-10 people; please identify your fare so diners are aware of the contents)

Serving will begin at 5:45 pm and will continue until the meeting opens. (However, you may continue eating during the meeting)

As in the past, Representatives Gaye Symington and Bill Frank will be on hand as well as local board members to chat and answer questions.

Please make a note to join in and start a new custom.

The Town of Bolton will provide all eating utensils, rolls, milk and coffee.

## FOR THOSE PARENTS WHO WISH....

There will be supervised baby-sitting services available at Smilie School, separate from the meeting area, for Town Meeting night from 6:30 p.m. until all business is finished.

Local teens will be on hand to entertain any children who come.

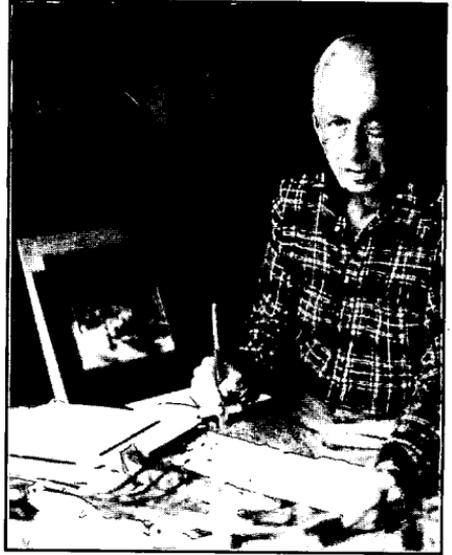
Snacks and games will be provided, but please feel free to bring anything special if you wish.

Contact Sherry Mahoney at 434-2757 if you have any questions.

*In 1969 Gardiner Lane retired and moved to Bolton with his wife Addie. In January 2005, at the age of 90, Gardiner passed away. Seven years ago, the Town dedicated the report to him. In his honor and memory, we are dedicating this report to him as well. As I read through the narrative in that report, I realized that I really didn't need to change much.*

## DEDICATION

Usually the local historian is charged with the task of writing dedications and commentaries about local dignitaries. This year it is again my honor and privilege to write this dedication for our own local historian.



Gardiner Lane moved to Bolton in 1969 after he retired from the St. Regis paper company. Gardiner and his wife Addie and sons David and Tommy loved skiing, sailing and hiking. This love of the outdoors was parlayed into a second career of sorts for Gardiner who founded the Bolton Valley Cross Country Center. He was instrumental in keeping the center running for two decades even through a bankruptcy and foreclosure. An affirmation to Gardiner's love of cross-country skiing is the fact that he nearly single-handedly got the center back in operation when the rest of the resort was closed. He was tireless in his drive to have this sector of the mountain up and running; meeting with the banks involved, the select board, the Catamount Trail Association and others. He produced trails maps and recruited volunteers to clear trails. And so, the Bolton Valley Cross Country Ski Center is alive and well to this day, even though the base of operation is now the sports center. Back in the 1970's, Gardiner also joined forces with Johannes Von Trappe and created an over the mountain backcountry ski route between Bolton and Stowe. Needless to say, during his active life, he could usually be found on these trails, although he never limited his skiing activities to the northeast.

Gardiner was a ranking member of the 'Old Goats Club' and after typing that title I needn't say much more! This group of senior Catamount Trail members maintained trails by clearing fallen trees and any other upkeep needed, winter, spring, summer or fall. In his lifetime, he received achievement awards from the Green Mountain Club, the Catamount Trail Association, as well as the state of Vermont. He was a vice commodore of the Lake Champlain Yacht Club where he raced for many years, last winning the Schulyer Island Race at 85.

But, let us not forget the other side of the man; painter, writer, and storyteller. Gardiner's lovely outdoor watercolors grace many homes in Bolton and many local businesses. This was another interest of Gardiner's that burgeoned into a second career with displays for sale each year at the Daily Bread Bakery (home now to Restaurant Toscana), Bank North in Richmond, the Williston and Shelburne Libraries. His pen and ink drawings have served as covers for our town reports since 1989. Gardiner's storytelling abilities were seen in many of our town reports; interviews with citizens (1997), the trails of the Green Mountain Club (1996), a report on Bolton's one-room schoolhouses (1995) and the airplane beacons in Bolton (1999). His writing wasn't confined to short bits in town reports, either. Gardiner's 100-page "*History of Bolton*" was followed by "*The History of West Bolton*", both factual accounts of the town's beginnings. Factual, but not dull. Gardiner always managed to inject his sense of humor into his writings. His home in Bolton, now owned by Kevin Lynch, on Thatcher Road gave us a peek at the type of man he was, the dwelling was an exact replica of the Ethan Allen Homestead.

As a humorous note on Gardiner, I remember asking him late in the 1980's (he was 74 or 75) if he would like to run as a lister for the town, his answer was that while he enjoyed working for the town and had plenty of listing experience, he felt at this point it would really cut in on his social life!

So, we say goodbye to our old friend Gardiner Lane: outdoorsman, writer, painter and Renaissance Man.

Most respectfully submitted,  
Deborah LaRiviere

**ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS**

POSITION	OFFICER	YEAR ELECTED	TERM	TERM EXPIRES
Town Moderator	Mark Andrews	resigned 10/04	1 year	2004
Town Clerk	Deborah LaRiviere	2002	3 years	2005
Town Treasurer	Deborah LaRiviere	2002	3 years	2005
Select Board	John Devine, Chair	2004	3 years	2007
	David Johnson	2003	2 years	2005
	Ronald Lafreniere, Sr.	2004	2 years	2006
	Patrick Mallow	2004	2 years	2006
	Gerard A. Mullen	2002	3 years	2005
	John Devine, Justice	2004	2 years	2006
	Paula Gervia, Justice	2004	2 years	2006
Board of Civil Authority	David Johnson, Justice	2004	2 years	2006
	Ronald Lafreniere, Sr.*	2004	2 years	2006
	Patrick Mallow*	2004	2 years	2006
	Brenda McKeown, Justice	2004	2 years	2006
	Gerard Mullen,* Chair	2004	2 years	2006
	Ken Richardson, Justice	2004	2 years	2006
	Tina Atwood	resigned 10/04	3 years	2006
	Karen Newton	appointed 11/04		ends 2006
Board of Listers	Theresa Stockwell	2002	3 years	2005
	James Thornton	appointed 11/2004		ends 2007
Delinquent				
Tax Collector	Joan Pecor	2004	1 year	2005
Town Constable	Gene Armstrong	2004	1 year	2005
Town Agent	Deborah LaRiviere	2004	1 year	2005
Grand Juror	Tina Atwood	2004	1 year	2005
Cemetery Commissioners	Marion Streeter	2002	3 years	2005
	Cheryl Ann Sumner	2002	3 years	2005
	Betty Wheelock	2002	3 years	2005
School Moderator	Mark Andrews	resigned 10/04	1 year	
Bolton Board of School Directors	Vickie Congdon	2004	3 years	2007
	Frederick Kenney III	2004	2 years	2006
	Phil Graff	2003	3 years	2006
	Lisa Wells, Chair	2003	2 years	2005
	Ann Whitman, Vice Chair	2002	3 years	2005
Mt Mansfield Rep	Richard Reid	2003	3 years	2006

\* Board of Civil Authority members by virtue of being on the Select Board, not Justices of the Peace

## HIRED AND APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

POSITION	OFFICIAL	DATE OF HIRE OR APPOINTMENT
Ass't Clerk/Treasurer	Tina Atwood	Appointed 2002
Office Clerk	Theresa Stockwell	Hired 2002
Planning Commission	Linda Baker, Chair	Appointed 2003
	Steve Barner	Appointed 2003
	Jim Bralich	Appointed 1999
	Chris Haggerty	Appointed 1999
	Margot Pender	Appointed 2004
	Rodney Pingree	Appointed 2003
	Rob Heimbuch, Chair	Appointed 2002
Development Review Board	Mike Rainville	Appointed 2003
	Ken Richardson	Appointed 2003
	Greg Swan	Appointed 2002
Zoning Administrator	Susan Vita	Appointed 2002
	Richard Ward	Hired 2001
Health Officer	Richard Ward	Appointed 2001
PC/DRB Clerk	Amy Grover	Hired 2001
Fire Chief/Warden	Mike Gervia	A 2003/2004
Conservation Committee	Jenifer Andrews	Appointed 2003
	Lars Botzjoorns	Appointed 2004
	Tom Longstreth	Appointed 2003
	Sharon Murray	Appointed 2003
	Kristian Olmstead	Appointed 2004
Recreation Committee	Beth Gilpin	Appointed 2003
	Ed Grover	Appointed 2002
	Gerard Mullen	
Weigher of Coal	Gerard Mullen	
Pound Keeper	Ronald Lafreniere	
Representative to CCRP	Leslie Pender	Appointed 2004
Representative to MPO Alternate	Gerard Mullen	Appointed 1998
	Joss Besse	Appointed 1998
Cemetery Caretaker	Richard K. Streeter, Sr.	
Grounds Maintenance	Ben Champney	
	Dan Champney	
	Eric Andrews, Foreman	Hired 1999 FT
Highway Department	Tom Champney	Hired 1988 FT
	Ron Lafreniere, Sr.	Hired 1994 PT
	David Root	Hired 2002 PT
	Fred Aube seasonal	Hired 1996 PT
Area Principals		
Smilie	John Alberghini	
Mt. Mansfield	Robert Stevens	
Camels Hump	Robert Goudreau	
School Superintendent	Dr. Gail Conley	

MUNICIPAL SECTION

TAX RATE INFORMATION  
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
PROPOSED BUDGET 2005-2006  
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

**TAX RATE INFORMATION**

**JULY 01, 2003 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004  
FY 03-04**

State Education Tax Liability	\$ 747,109
Local Education Tax Liability	\$ 544,904
Education Shortfall (Accrual Deficit)	\$ 15,625
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION LIABILITY</b>	<b>\$1,307,638</b>
Education Grand List @ 1 %	\$ 602,027

State Education Tax Rate	\$ 1.24
Local Education Tax Rate	\$ .91
Shortfall Tax Rate	\$ .03
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$ 2.18</b>

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Municipal Liability	\$ 521,300
Municipal Grand List @ 1%	\$ 613,213

Municipal Tax Rate	\$ .85
Municipal Conservation Increase	\$ .01
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$ .86</b>

Of every dollar raised for municipal taxes:  
 61 cents goes to highway  
 26 cents goes to general government  
 13 cents goes to the fire department

FY	SOV Ed Rate	Local Ed Rate	Municipal	Conservation	Total
98-99	1.22	.22	.69	n/a	\$2.13
99-00	1.15	.37	.66	n/a	\$2.18
00-01	1.16	.68	.72	.01	\$2.57
01-02	1.15	.70	.80	.01	\$2.66
02-03	1.18	.73	.84	.01	\$2.76

## DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Beginning Balance as of July 01, 2003	\$113,000.30
Taxes turned over to Delinquent Tax Collector on May 16, 2004	+ 87,333.80
Collected between July 01, 2003 and June 30, 2004	- 98,910.84
Taxes abated between July 01, 2003 and June 30, 2004	- 4,002.28
Adjustments to taxes between July 01, 2003 and June 30, 2004	- 7.37
N/G Check	+ 376.33
Balance as of June 30, 2004 (Amount left to collect)	\$97,789.94

A	B	C	D	E		F		G	H	I	J	K
				Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual					
				2002-2003	2002-2003	2003-2004	2003-2004					
2005 - 2006 PROPOSED BUDGET												
General Fund Summary of Revenues, Expenditures and Proposed												
1		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	YTD	PROPOSED	PERCENT	CHANGE
2		2002-2003	2002-2003	2003-2004	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006		ACTUAL	2005-2006		
3												
4	Line Item	REVENUE										
5	100	HIGHWAY INCOME										
6	2000-2500	Weight Permits	0	89	44	500	0	500	0	500	0.0%	0
7	2000-3000	SOV Regular Aid	47,998	50,107	50,037	50,000	13,090	51,000	13,090	51,000	2.0%	1,000
8	2000-3030	SOV Grant Program	0	37,200	0	0	0	25,000	0	25,000	100.0%	25,000
9	2000-3075	SOV Special Aid	19,499	0	203	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
10	2000-5000	Miscellaneous	0	200	274	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
11	2000-5500	Access Permits	0	0	65	100	0	100	0	100	0.0%	0
12	2000-5600	Administration Fees	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
13	2000-5700	Road Cut Deposits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
14	2000-5800	Federal Timber Funds	14,062	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
15		Sub-Total	\$81,584	\$87,596	\$50,643	\$50,600	\$13,090	\$76,600	\$13,090	\$76,600	51.4%	\$26,000
16	200	GENERAL INCOME										
17	2010-1500	Current Expense Note	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
18	2010-1600	Heavy Equipment Note	68,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
19	2010-1700	Dog Licenses	57	537	470	400	0	400	0	400	0.0%	0
20	2010-1900	Delinquent Taxes	81,390	88,666	83,162	85,000	16,619	80,000	16,619	80,000	-5.9%	-5,000
21	2010-1901	Delinquent Tax Account Interest	0	178	228	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
22	2010-1902	Delinquent Taxes Penalty	6,626	7,077	6,897	7,700	1,314	7,500	1,314	7,500	-2.6%	-200
23	2010-1903	Delinquent Taxes Interest	5,637	6,359	5,172	8,500	826	8,000	826	8,000	-5.9%	-500
24	2010-2100	Good Citizen Award	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
25	2010-2300	Green Mountain Passports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
26	2010-2500	Interest Current Taxes	409	201	92	200	0	200	0	200	0.0%	0
27	2010-2700	Interest Bank North	727	0	727	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
28	2010-2710	Interest Cemetery CD	0	121	46	50	0	50	0	50	-100.0%	-50
29	2010-2720	Interest Good Citizen Award	0	0	16	10	0	10	0	10	-100.0%	-10
30	2010-2730	Interest VCDP	0	26	15	10	0	10	0	10	-100.0%	-10

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		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	YTD	ACTUAL	PROPOSED	PERCENT		
	REVENUE INCOME continued	2002-2003	2002-2003	2002-2003	2003-2004	2003-2004	2003-2004	2003-2004	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2005-2006	2005-2006	2005-2006	2005-2006	PERCENT	CHANGE
31	200																
32	GENERAL INCOME continued																
33	2010-2740	Interest Bank North	845	845	2,191	1,691				1,700	2,000	244		2,000	17.6%	300	
34	2010-2750	Interest Highway CD	659	659	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	
35	2010-2770	Interest Fire Department	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	
36	2010-2780	Interest General Fund CD	2,185	2,185	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	
37	2010-2785	Interest Charter One	3,366	3,366	0	23	25	29	29	25	1,200	59	29	1,200	4700.0%	1,175	
38	2010-2790	Interest Chitrenden Bank	926	926	256	274	300	300	300	300	500	59	300	500	66.7%	200	
39	2010-2795	Interest Education CD	136	136	104	56	50	50	56	50	0	0	50	0	-100.0%	-50	
40	2010-2796	Interest Land Conservation	210	210	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	
41	2010-2900	Insurance Reimbursement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	
42	2010-3100	Liquor Licenses	0	0	1,026	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	100.0%	500	
43	2010-3300	Marriage Licenses	23	23	30	522	500	90	522	500	300	90	300	300	-40.0%	-200	
44	2010-3301	Civil Union Licenses	229	229	1,536	508	500	500	508	500	300	500	300	300	-40.0%	-200	
45	2010-3500	Miscellaneous	19,717	19,717	3,004	5,539	5,000	44	5,539	5,000	2,500	44	2,500	2,500	-50.0%	-2,500	
46	2010-3600	Escrow Income	0	0	58	0	0	0	58	0	50	0	50	0	0.0%	50	
47	2010-3700	Re-Deposit N/G Checks	0	0	784	7	0	0	784	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	
48	2010-3900	Reimbursement	27	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	
49	2010-3901	Reimbursement Legal Fees	0	0	1,272	251	0	0	1,272	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	
50	2010-3902	Reimbursement CESU/MMU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	
51	2010-4100	Recording Fees	5,425	5,425	11,816	21,933	20,000	3,092	21,933	20,000	17,000	3,092	17,000	17,000	-15.0%	-3,000	
52	2010-4101	Restoration Fees	762	762	2,003	3,152	3,000	473	3,152	3,000	2,000	473	2,000	2,000	-33.3%	-1,000	
53	2010-4300	Current Taxes	1,455,809	1,455,809	1,603,429	1,820,764	1,699,473	57,239	1,820,764	1,699,473	1,699,473	57,239	1,699,473	1,699,473	0.0%	0	
54	2010-4500	Tax Anticipation Notes	0	0	100,000	225,194	250,000	250,000	225,194	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	0.0%	0	
55	2010-4700	Vault Time/Copies	678	678	1,784	3,639	3,600	450	3,639	3,600	3,000	450	3,000	3,000	-16.7%	-600	
56	2010-4900	Reimbursement Blue Cross	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	
57	2010-5000	VCDP Grant Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	
58	2010-5010	FEMA Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	
59	2010-5015	Watershed Grant Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	
60	2010-5200	Capital Expense Notes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	

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		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	YTD	PROPOSED	PERCENT	CHANGE
		2002-2003	2002-2003	2003-2004	2003-2004	2004-2005	ACTUAL	2005-2006		
61	REVENUE continued									
62	GENERAL INCOME continued									
63	Interest Tax Sale Account	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
64	Tax Sale Redemption Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
65	2010-6000 SOV Traffic Fines	238	238	21	90	0	0	100	100.0%	100
66	2010-6110 SOV Appraisal Allowance	0	0	0	-10,822	0	0	5,000	100.0%	5,000
67	2010-6400 Tax Sale Purchase Payments	3,631	3,631	0	15,491	0	0	0	0.0%	0
68	2010-6410 Tax Sale Overpayments	0	0	0	26,909	0	0	0	0.0%	0
69	2010-6800 Over Payment of Taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
70	2010-6900 Christmas Donations	250	250	0	25	0	0	0	0.0%	0
71	2010-7000 Cemetery Plots	250	250	0	0	0	0	27,000	100.0%	27,000
72	2020-2000 Zoning Permit Fees	1,146	1,146	776	2,654	2,500	985	0	-100.0%	-2,500
73	2020-7000 Planning Grant	0	0	4,800	3,600	0	0	0	0.0%	0
74	2010-0000 VCDP Interest	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0.0%	0
75	Sub-Total General	\$1,659,383	\$1,659,383	\$1,837,997	\$2,217,656	\$2,088,518	\$331,468	\$2,107,023	0.9%	\$18,505
76	GRAND TOTAL - REVENUES	\$1,740,967	\$1,740,967	\$1,925,593	\$2,268,299	\$2,139,118	\$344,558	\$2,183,623	2.1%	\$43,505
77	EXPENDITURES									
78	200 GENERAL GOVERNMENT	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	YTD	PROPOSED	PERCENT	CHANGE
79	4,000 ADMINISTRATIVE	50,000	53,057	52,000	58,748	60,000	10,944	60,000	0.0%	0
80	4000-1000 Wages	0	1,779	0	7,985	0	2,009	0	0.0%	0
81	4000-1001 Delinquent Tax Collector	3,700	3,734	3,800	3,823	4,700	944	4,700	0.0%	0
82	4000-1500 Social Security	1,800	897	1,900	1,928	2,300	386	2,300	0.0%	0
83	4000-1600 Retirement	13,000	11,143	15,000	14,513	15,000	3,641	15,000	0.0%	0
84	4000-1700 Health Insurance	1,100	701	1,100	1,026	1,100	0	1,100	0.0%	0
85	4000-1800 Dental Insurance	\$69,600	\$71,311	\$73,800	\$88,023	\$83,100	\$17,924	\$83,100	0.0%	\$
86	Subtotal	2002-2003	2002-2003	2003-2004	2003-2004	2004-2005	ACTUAL	2005-2006		
87	4,010 OPERATIONAL	8,000	4,016	8,000	1,759	0	23	0	0.0%	0
88	4010-2000 Administration	0	395	0	358	600	0	600	0.0%	0
89	4010-2001 Heat	0	636	0	1,341	800	312	800	0.0%	0
90	4010-2002 Electricity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0

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		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	YTD	PROPOSED	PERCENT	CHANGE
91															
92	4,010	OPERATIONAL continued													
93	4010-2003	Trash Removal	0	191	0	0	236	200	32	200	200	0.0%	0		
94	4010-2004	Building Maint/Minor	0	1,167	0	2,732	500	44	500	100.0%	0				
95	4010-2005	Office Supplies	0	3,428	0	3,485	3,500	823	3,500	0.0%	0				
96	4010-2006	Telephone-Fax Service	0	2,480	0	3,319	2,500	490	2,500	0.0%	0				
97	4010-2007	Copier Charges	0	2,179	0	2,440	2,500	123	2,500	0.0%	0				
98	4010-2008	Fees to SOV	0	338	0	3,640	1,500	132	1,500	0.0%	0				
99	4010-2009	Meeting Misc	0	488	0	446	500	44	500	0.0%	0				
100	4010-2010	Gazette Cost	0	888	0	1,729	2,000	148	2,000	0.0%	0				
101	4010-2011	Postage	0	1,516	0	2,398	1,500	45	2,400	60.0%	900				
102	4010-2012	Land Record Books	0	836	0	0	1,000	0	1,000	0.0%	0				
103	4010-2200	Printing/Advertising	2,000	2,935	2,000	4,238	4,000	0	4,000	0.0%	0				
104	4010-2400	Building Repairs	1,000	0	1,000	165	1,000	0	1,000	-100.0%	-1,000				
105	4010-2600	Miscellaneous	150	263	150	315	150	17	100	-33.3%	-50				
106	4010-2810	Legal General	5,000	7,174	5,000	4,091	5,000	233	5,000	0.0%	0				
107	4010-2815	Legal Zoning	0	1,581	0	63	0	0	0	0.0%	0				
108	4010-2816	Legal Recreation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0				
109	4010-2817	Legal Highway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0				
110	4010-2818	Legal Fire Dept.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0				
111	4010-2820	Legal Tax Appeals	0	0	0	1,600	0	0	0	0.0%	0				
112	4010-2830	Legal Conservation	0	5,000	0	920	0	0	0	0.0%	0				
113	4010-3000	Building Maintenance	1,000	2,832	1,000	3,800	0	0	0	0.0%	0				
114	4010-3200	Property Maintenance	950	1,685	950	1,338	1,200	500	1,200	0.0%	0				
115	4010-3300	Computer Support	0	3,618	0	677	1,450	0	2,000	100.0%	550				
116	\$4,020	Subtotal	\$18,100	\$43,686	\$18,100	\$41,090	\$29,900	\$2,966	\$30,300	1.3%	\$ 400				
117		MISCELLANEOUS													
118	4020-3000	Emergency Management	300	0	300	0	300	0	300	0.0%	0				
119	4020-3200	Constable	300	61	300	6	300	0	300	0.0%	0				
120	4020-3400	Election Costs	1,500	5,756	1,500	2,136	1,500	1,081	1,500	0.0%	0				
121	4020-3600	Land Record Repair	0	1,089	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0				

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	EXPENDITURES continued	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	YTD	PROPOSED	PERCENT	CHANGE
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2002-2003	2002-2003	2003-2004	2003-2004	2004-2005	ACTUAL	2005-2006		
122										
123										
124	4020-3800	3,000	7,500	3,000	8,017	7,500	0	7,500	0.0%	0
125	4020-4000	500	0	500	0	500	0	500	0.0%	0
126	4020-4200	1,500	2,698	1,500	1,425	1,500	0	1,500	0.0%	0
127	4020-5300	2,000	1,838	2,000	2,056	2,000	64	2,000	0.0%	0
128	Subtotal	\$ 9,100	\$ 18,942	\$ 9,100	\$ 13,640	\$ 13,600	\$ 1,145	\$ 13,600	0.0%	\$ -
129	4,030									
130	4030-5000	1,600	802	1,600	1,553	1,600	1,830	1,600	0.0%	0
131	4030-5100	1,000	0	1,000	562	1,500	214	1,500	0.0%	0
132	4030-5200	3,700	0	3,700	5,203	5,200	4,716	5,200	0.0%	0
133	4030-5400	1,500	1,429	1,500	2,715	2,500	1,732	2,500	0.0%	0
134	4030-5800	2,500	12,392	2,500	8,233	2,500	1,899	2,500	0.0%	0
135	4030-6000	7,300	7,357	5,800	5,885	5,800	1,471	5,800	0.0%	0
136	4030-6001	0	1,175	0	10,857	0	0	0	0.0%	0
137	4030-6200	800	840	1,000	4,947	1,000	0	1,000	0.0%	0
138	4030-6400	100	100	100	125	100	0	100	0.0%	0
139	4030-6700	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
140	4030-6800	500	0	500	155	500	0	500	0.0%	0
141	4039-6900	0	4,226	0	12,359	0	63	0	0.0%	0
142	4030-7500	0	41,006	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
143	4030-7700	0	7,142	0	5,456	0	56,680	0	0.0%	0
144	Subtotal	\$19,000	\$76,469	\$17,700	\$58,250	\$20,700	\$68,605	\$20,700	0.0%	\$ -
145	4,040									
146	4040-7000	0	0	12,000	0	0	0	0		
147	4040-7001	3,800	6,236	0	7,514	3,000	0	5,000	67%	2,000
148	4040-7002	0	332	0	289	1,000	134	5,000	400%	4,000
149	4040-7003	8,200	11,676	0	12,893	8,000	101	7,000	-13%	-1,000
150	Subtotal	\$12,000	\$18,244	\$12,000	\$20,696	\$12,000	\$235	\$17,000	41.7%	\$ 5,000

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151																		
152	4,030	EXPENDITURES continued																
153	4030-8010	Assessor's Expense	23,000	24,136	23,000	27,226	16,000	4,212	16,000	4,212	16,000	0						
154	4030-8011	Supplies	0	705	0	1,012	600	396	400	396	400	0						
155	4030-8012	Mileage	0	523	0	479	500	39	400	39	400	0						
156	4030-8013	Training/Seminars	0	456	0	300	500	0	0	0	0	0						
157	4030-8014	Postage	0	231	0	0	250	0	700	0	700	0						
158	4030-8015	Software Package	0	0	0	1,233	0	0	100	0	100	0						
159	4030-8016	System Support	0	135	0	63	150	0	150	0	150	0						
160	4030-8017	Miscellaneous	0	64	0	0	8,000	1,599	8,000	1,599	8,000	0						
161	4500-9000																	
162		Subtotal	\$23,000	\$26,250	\$23,000	\$30,400	\$26,000	\$6,246	\$25,750	\$6,246	\$25,750	0						
163	5,000	GEN RESERVE ACCOUNTS																
164	5000-3000	Maintenance Reserve/TO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
165	5000-3050	Maintenance Reserve/TP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
166		Capital Expense Reserve	0	0	0	0	5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000	0						
167		Subtotal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	0						
168	7,000	EDUCATION ASSESSMENT																
169	7000-0000	BSD/Current Assm't	0	1,107,647	0	1,307,638	0	0	1,307,638	0	0	0						
170		Subtotal	\$0	\$1,107,647	\$0	\$1,307,638	\$0	\$0	\$1,307,638	\$0	\$0	\$0						
171		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$150,800	\$1,362,349	\$153,700	\$1,559,737	\$190,300	\$97,144	\$195,450	\$97,144	\$195,450	0						
172	4,500	FIRE DEPARTMENT																
173	4500-9000	GENERAL																
174	4500-9000	General Operation	16,000	4,219	19,400	13,410	0	438	0	438	0	0						
175	4500-9001	Heat	0	5,034	0	5,059	5,400	0	5,400	0	5,400	0						
176	4500-9003	Trash Removal	0	86	0	121	100	32	0	32	0	0						
177	4500-9004	Building Maintenance	0	621	0	1,709	2,500	409	1,000	409	1,000	0						
178	4500-9005	Insurance	0	9,506	0	0	10,000	295	10,000	295	10,000	0						
179	4900-9006	Electricity	0	0	0	2,950	1,400	442	1,400	442	1,400	0						
180	4500-9006	Telephone	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,200	0	1,200	0						

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		2002-2003	2002-2003	2003-2004	2003-2004	2004-2005	ACTUAL	2005-2006		
181	EXPENDITURES continued									
182	300 FIRE DEPARTMENT continued									
183	4500-9010 Mutual Aid Dues	200	100	200	200	200	0	200	0.0%	0
184	4500-9011 Training	1,500	1,239	2,550	415	2,550	100	1,500	-41.2%	-1,050
185	4500-9012 Medical Training	2,400	2,504	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
186	4500-9013 FD Reimbursement	0	0	2,500	0	2,500	0	1,250	-50.0%	-1,250
187	4500-9050 Communications	2,000	2,894	0	1,806	0	589	0	0.0%	0
188	4500-9051 Radio Repair	600	1,395	1,000	2,294	1,000	1,245	1,250	25.0%	250
189	4500-9052 Dispatch	2,600	3,148	2,600	2,518	2,600	630	2,700	3.8%	100
190	4500-9061 Equipment Replacement	4,000	5,069	4,650	3,766	4,650	3,835	5,000	7.5%	350
191	4500-9062 Equipment Repair	1,200	0	1,200	418	1,200	25	1,500	25.0%	300
192	4500-9063 Vehicle Repair	2,500	1,818	2,500	2,001	2,500	33	2,500	0.0%	0
193	4500-9064 Fuel	0	218	0	140	0	0	500	100.0%	500
194	4900-9065 Training Stipend	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,000	100.0%	7,000
195	4500-9080 Miscellaneous	0	0	0	105	0	4,285	0	0.0%	0
196	4500-9090 Grant Expense	0	0	0	0	0	27,741	0	0.0%	0
197	Subtotal	\$33,000	\$37,851	\$36,600	\$36,812	\$36,600	\$40,099	\$42,400	15.8%	\$ 5,800
198	5,000 RESERVE/CAPITAL EXP									0
199	5000-1000 Building Maint.	2,000	0	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	4,500	80.0%	2,000
200	5000-1001 Equipment	4,000	0	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	4,000	0.0%	0
201	Subtotal	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$0	\$8,500	30.8%	\$ 2,000
202	6,000 DEPT SERVICE									0
203	6000-2000 Unbudgeted Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
204	6000-3000 Vehicle Reserve	32,000	0	32,000	3,207	32,000	0	25,000	-21.9%	-7,000
205	Subtotal	\$32,000	\$0	\$32,000	\$3,207	\$32,000	\$0	\$25,000	-21.9%	-7,000
206	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$71,000	\$37,851	\$75,100	\$46,519	\$75,100	\$40,099	\$75,900	1.1%	\$ 800
207	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT									
208	100 ADMINISTRATIVE									
209	3000-1000 Wages Full Time	65,000	74,950	67,000	79,186	78,000	13,830	78,000	0.0%	0
210	3000-1100 Wages Part Time	11,000	11,931	11,000	11,466	12,000	1,656	12,000	0.0%	0

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		2002-2003	2002-2003	2003-2004	2003-2004	2004-2005	ACTUAL	2005-2006		
211	EXPENDITURES continued									
212	HIGHWAY DEPT. continued									
213	ADMINISTRATIVE continued									
214	100 Social Security	5,200	8,529	6,000	8,746	7,000	1,438	7,000	0.0%	0
215	3000-1600 Retirement	2,500	681	2,600	1,867	3,200	160	3,200	0.0%	0
216	3000-1700 Health Insurance	11,000	11,754	12,500	13,525	13,000	4,389	13,000	0.0%	0
217	3000-1800 Dental Coverage	3,000	966	3,500	987	2,100	0	2,100	0.0%	0
218	3000-2000 Garage Payment Principle	25,000	33,200	25,000	25,206	0	0	0	0.0%	0
219	3000-2010 Garage Payment Interest	9,500	1,294	9,500	9,693	0	0	0	0.0%	0
220	3000-2020 Vehicle Payment Principle	13,000	13,600	13,000	14,200	17,000	0	17,000	0.0%	0
221	3000-2025 Vehicle Payment Interest	6,700	2,850	6,700	6,700	6,700	0	6,700	0.0%	0
222	3000-2027 Grader Payment Principle	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	0	0	0.0%	0
223	3000-2028 Grader Payment Interest	6,700	4,000	6,700	6,700	0	0	0	0.0%	0
224	3000-2029 Loader Payment Principle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
225	3000-2030 Loader Payment Interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
226	3000-2031 New Vehicle Purchase	0	48,897	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
227	Subtotal	\$183,600	\$237,652	\$188,500	\$203,276	\$139,000	\$58,999	\$139,000	0.0%	\$ -
228	100 MAINTENANCE									
229	3010-7400 Garage Operating Expenses	5,000	3,655	5,000	4,030	3,500	349	3,500	0.0%	0
230	3010-7401 PW/Telephone	0	705	0	734	700	169	700	0.0%	0
231	3010-7402 Heating	0	3,923	0	2,839	4,000	276	4,000	0.0%	0
232	3010-7403 Misc. Garage Expense	0	315	0	1,230	0	114	0	0.0%	0
233	3010-7404 Uniforms	0	2,612	0	2,670	1,000	630	1,500	50.0%	500
234	3010-7405 Trash Removal	0	56	0	131	100	32	100	0.0%	0
235	3010-7406 Electricity	0	697	0	810	700	159	800	14.3%	100
236	3010-7600 Radio Repair	1,000	825	1,000	1,228	300	0	500	66.7%	200
237	3010-7800 Gravel	15,000	14,746	15,000	13,893	15,000	14,877	16,500	10.0%	1,500
238	3010-8000 Sand	12,000	7,169	12,000	10,395	9,000	0	10,000	11.1%	1,000
239	3010-9000 Blasting/Drilling	1,500	0	1,500	610	1,500	0	1,500	0.0%	0
240	3010-9500 Tree Removal	3,000	0	4,000	900	4,000	900	4,000	0.0%	0
241	Subtotal	\$37,500	\$34,703	\$38,500	\$39,470	\$39,800	\$17,506	\$43,100	8.3%	\$ 3,300

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242	EXPENDITURES continued									
243	HIGHWAY DEPT. continued									
244	3,020 EQUIPMENT	10,000	9,717	12,500	16,666	2,500	2,993	2,500	0.0%	0
245	3020-6000 Equipment Rentals	0	0	0	0	10,000	2,664	10,000	0.0%	0
246	3020-6500 Outside Contractor	2,500	1,970	2,500	6,007	2,500	515	2,500	0.0%	0
247	3020-8000 Equipment Repair	2,000	149	2,000	2,000	500	0	500	0.0%	0
248	3020-8500 Small Equipment Purchase	2,000	1,172	2,000	1,153	2,000	744	2,000	0.0%	0
249	3020-8800 Culverts	36,000	31,535	36,000	35,933	36,000	0	36,000	0.0%	0
250	3020-9000 Resurfacing	1,000	98	1,000	667	500	80	500	0.0%	0
251	3020-9500 Cold Patch	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	500	0	500	0.0%	0
252	3020-9600 Shoulder Repair	\$35,500	\$44,641	\$38,000	\$64,426	\$54,500	\$6,996	\$54,500	0.0%	\$ -
253	Subtotal									
254	3,030 CHEMICALS	3,500	5,725	3,500	3,500	3,500	2,555	3,100	-11.4%	-400
255	3030-2000 Chloride	30,000	35,335	30,000	31,386	35,000	0	35,000	0.0%	0
256	3030-3000 Salt	9,000	8,826	9,000	9,195	10,000	0	10,000	0.0%	0
257	3030-4000 Fuel	1,000	1,155	1,000	434	1,000	0	1,000	0.0%	0
258	3030-5000 Oil/Lubricants	\$43,500	\$51,041	\$43,500	\$44,515	\$49,500	\$2,555	\$49,100	-0.8%	\$ (400)
259	Subtotal									
260	3,040 VEHICLES	0	73	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
261	3040-3000 International 1991	1,000	384	1,000	382	500	382	2,000	300.0%	1,500
262	3040-4000 2000 Loader	1,000	214	1,000	268	500	268	1,000	100.0%	500
263	3040-5000 1999 Grader	4,000	480	0	20	0	0	0	0.0%	0
264	3040-6000 1985 Chevy	0	0	2,000	631	1,000	631	2,000	100.0%	1,000
265	3040-6500 2003 One Ton	3,000	2,872	4,000	16,331	4,000	16,351	0	-100.0%	-4,000
266	3040-7000 1996 International	2,000	952	2,000	4,019	1,000	4,019	3,000	200.0%	2,000
267	3040-8000 2001 International	\$11,000	\$4,975	\$10,000	\$21,651	\$7,000	\$21,651	\$8,000	14.3%	\$ 1,000
268	Subtotal									

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		2002-2003	2002-2003	2003-2004	2003-2004	2004-2005	ACTUAL	2005-2006		
269	EXPENDITURES continued									
270	HIGHWAY DEPT. continued									
271	3050 SUPPLIES									
272	3050-3000 Tires	3,000	1,467	0	1,358	6,200	1,358	2,500	-59.7%	-3,700
273	3050-4000 Cutting Edges	3,000	3,110	3,000	2,149	4,000	2,149	4,000	0.0%	0
274	3050-5000 Guardrails	5,000	4,992	5,000	4,362	5,000	4,362	5,000	0.0%	0
275	3050-6000 Road Signs	1,000	1,064	1,000	1,362	1,000	1,362	2,000	100.0%	1,000
276	3050-6010 Safety Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	100.0%	1,000
277	3050-7000 Tools	2,000	9	2,000	1,999	1,000	1,999	2,500	150.0%	1,500
278	3050-9000 Miscellaneous	1,000	1,943	1,000	2,186	1,000	1,999	2,500	150.0%	1,500
279	Subtotal	\$15,000	\$12,585	\$12,000	\$13,416	\$18,200	\$11,230	\$17,000	-6.6%	\$(1,200)
280	3060 CONSTRUCTION									
281	3060-2000 Bridge Reserve	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	0.0%	0
282	3060-2300 Culvert Reserve	0	2,500	0	0	7,500	0	5,000	-33.3%	-2,500
283	3060-3000 Roadway Reserve	5,000	1,344	2,500	2,500	5,000	0	5,000	0.0%	0
284	3060-3001 Road Cut Repairs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
285	Subtotal	\$7,000	\$3,844	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$14,500	\$0	\$12,000	-17.2%	\$(2,500)
286	4,000 CAPITAL EXPENSE									
287	4000-2000 Bldg Maintenance	1,000	654	3,000	3,000	1,063	0	5,000	370.4%	3,937
288	Subtotal	\$1,000	\$654	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$1,063	\$0	\$5,000	370.4%	\$3,937
289	5,000 RESERVE									
290	5000-2000 Maintenance Reserve	0	0	0	0	1,219	0	0	-100.0%	-1,219
291	Subtotal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,219	\$0	\$0	-100.0%	\$(1,219)
292	6,000 CAPITAL EXPENSE									
293	6000-2000 Capital Reserve	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0.0%	0
294	Subtotal	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	0.0%	0
295	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$364,100	\$400,095	\$368,000	\$399,372	\$334,782	\$118,937	\$337,700	1.2%	\$3,986
296	TOTAL BUDGET	\$585,900	\$1,800,495	\$596,800	\$2,005,628	\$600,182	\$256,180	\$609,050	1.5%	\$8,868

# TOWN OF BOLTON FINANCIAL DATA

## Liabilities

Item	Purchase Amount	Purchase Year	Payment Due Date	Current Interest	Principal Balance	Pay-Off Year
Loader	\$80,000	2000		4.8%	\$0	2001
Garage	\$242,000	1994		2.4%	\$167,000	2004
Grader	\$125,000	1999	\$25,000 July	4.8% (a)	\$98,763	2004
Fire Truck	\$185,000	2000		2.4%	\$108,170	2004
Int-National	\$75,000	2005	\$17,000 August	4.6%	\$42,000	2010

## Assets

Item	Amount as of 06/30/04	Department
Howard Bank	\$216,589.92	General
Charter One	\$24,793.71	General
Chittenden Bank	\$65,111.58	General
Key Bank	\$7,767.53	Cemetery
Chittenden Bank	\$4,034.74	TOB Scholarship
Howard Bank	\$2,681.55	VCDP
39 A Wood Land	Valued at \$24,000*	
Town Office	Valued at \$75,000*	
Fire Station	Valued at \$304,000*	
Highway Garage	Valued at \$275,000*	
Salt Shed	Valued at \$50,000*	
2005 Dump Truck	Valued at \$75,000*	
2001 Dump Truck	Valued at \$43,000*	
1999 Grader	Valued at \$95,000*	
2000 Loader	Valued at \$50,000*	
2004 One Ton	Valued at \$30,000*	
2000 Fire Truck	Valued at \$150,000*	
2002 Rescue Truck	Valued at \$20,000*	
1957 Fire Engine	Valued at \$10,000*	

\*These values are approximate.

TOWN SECTION

MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2004 TOWN MEETING

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## MINUTES FROM TOWN MEETING MARCH 1, 2004

Moderator Mark Andrews opened the meeting. He reviewed guidelines (Roberts Rules) and introduced guests: Representatives Gaye Symington, Margaret Hummel, Chittenden East Supervisory District Superintendent Gale Conley and Smilie School Principal John Alberghini. Andrews recognized retiring Select Board member Pete Siegel. Ray Atwood was honored with the Good Citizen of the Year Award.

Corrections in report were reported. Students Donna Demers and Amanda Rooney spoke about the proposed "My Anti-Drug Mural" that will be created at Bolton Valley. Joss Besse, member of the Municipal Planning Group reported on the zoning changes his committee is working on.

### ARTICLE 1: HEAR THE REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS.

Motioned by Jerry Mullen and seconded by Mica Cassara. Bolton School Board chairperson Lisa Wells introduced John Alberghini, Principal who gave the Smilie Report. Alberghini told the group that many improvements have occurred in Smilie over last 4-5 years. In 1999, 34% of students were meeting the standards of DRA. Last year, 2003, 84% met the standards. The Vermont Institutes, a group that looks at teacher quality among other issues, congratulated Smilie for being among the top 15 in math. There have also been significant improvements in writing. These improvements and progress are due to lots of community support. Alberghini thanked all who helped. There has also been lots of progress in the area of technology; Smilie now has a new computer lab obtained through donations from National Guard, Internet in all classes, and a new projector that will be used as an educational tool. The pre-school program is a crucial piece to the success of Smilie. Children are more successful with this early help. The after school program has 25 children and there are many after school enrichment choices such as skating, basketball, etc. Help from Community Club and Bolton community has offset these costs. The staff and students are grateful for support from the community. Alberghini asked if anyone ever had any questions about the programs at Smilie or something written in the Gazette, to please give him a call.

Maureen McIntyre: Do you have the letter from The Vermont Institute? I have copy with me, would you read it?

Alberghini: (read the letter) see attached.

There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Article 2. TO ESTABLISH EXPENSES FOR SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

Motioned by Jerry Mullen to pay \$10 per member per meeting. Seconded by Pete Siegel. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Article 3. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS TO BORROW MONEY WHEN THE NEEDS ARISE.

Motioned by Jerry Mullen, seconded by Maureen McIntyre. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Article 4. TO VOTE A BUDGET OF \$1,096,208 TO MEET THE EXPENSES OF THE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECT BOARD TO SET A TAX RATE SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE THE SAME BUDGET \$1,096,208.

Motioned by Jerry Mullen for a budget of \$1,096,208, seconded Mica Cassara and Mike McIntyre.

Lisa Wells introduced the Bolton board. Ann Whitman serves on the curriculum board. Fred Kenney is on the policy committee and has been elected to VSB resolution committee. Vickie Congdon handles special education at district level and is clerk of local board and Phil Graff is on the long range planning. Wells did a budget report. Act 60 now requires the board show State funds going into the budget and then the expenses created by those funds going out. Expenses increased by 7.84% but revenues increased by 5.04%. That much of the budget comes back to the town as "flow-through" money. The true increase is 2.84%. Any Questions?

Jerry Mullen: It looks like salaries went down. Could that be right?

Wells: Ginny Gifford who is our kindergarten teacher. The

Kindergarten teacher now teaches Pre School and Kindergarten so some of her salary is paid by the state.

There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Article 5. THIS TIME SERVES AS PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING FOR PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LAKE CHAMPLAIN REGIONAL TECHNICAL ACADEMY--FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY.

Rick Milliken, who serves on the Regional Technical Academy Volunteer Board gave an over view of the project and took questions. The vote is to create a Board to go forward with this project and consolidate the Essex Tech Center and the Burlington Tech Center.

Mica Cassara: This vote proposes one building in an expanded school district. The location is supposedly near public transportation but Bolton has no public transportation so how do students from Bolton get there?

Milliken: There will be bussing to the Tech Academy. It will be the responsibility of each district to provide busses from their school to the tech center.

Joss Besse: Are there any alternatives? Any different options with regard to cost?

Milliken: We could have had Burlington Tech Center or Essex Tech Center do it, but we all felt each school should have a say. The Board felt these were not efficient. Howard Dean Center is now doing satellite programs. We'd like this to be a community project.

Richard Reid: The MMU Board opposes the construction of the Technical Center and creation of the board. Burlington and Essex and local businesses were initially the only one invited to the table. The Governance board will be structured so that MMU District will only have a .83 vote. We feel the ETC and BTC and the businesses will be running the Board. And, the cost is unknown.

Amy Ludwin: What is the MMU Board thinking?

Reid: If MMU had the money, they could create their own program with internships, etc.

Stan Gokey: I'm an MMU bus driver and see the tech students every day and they are in need of this program. This district has many kids that need to be and want to be in tech fields. College bound students get four years, so should tech kids.

Matthew Bourgault: Would this center add new programs that are not available now?

Milliken: Yes, and they will include academics. With the current program, the students spend a lot of time on the busses going to and from the tech center and their regular school. They will have athletics, etc.

Ludwin: What about the configuration of the proposed board? How set are the decisions? What are your views?

Milliken: Voting will be from the tech board and it will be a weighted system based on the 2000 census. There may be a giant voting block between Burlington, Essex and the business people.

Reid: Suppose the state of Vermont does not come through with funds? Suppose the grants do not come in. Where does the money come from?

Milliken: There is no simple answer. We would have a 10 million-dollar building with nothing to do in it. The board would have to answer to the voters. We are in line for 100% funding right now. We would never have this chance again. There should not be a change from what it cost now to send a student to the current tech centers.

Reid: If this Board is formed, isn't it a money issue?

Mill: The elected board could say no right after they are elected. BTC and ETC could give a RTA board bill and tell us to run it.

Mary Ellen Seaver-Reid: How does .83 give us a voice?

Milliken: That is the breakdown of the population.

Fred Kenney: The vote tomorrow is only a governance vote. Where does the operational budget come from? Will it cost more than it does now?

Milliken: Based on the models we are looking at, it should be the same as at ETC and there would be a budget vote each year. The Board would be responsible for finding the money.

Dr. Gail Conley: I agree that it will cost approximately the same on a per student basis. About \$10 thousand per student regular, but \$15 for tech ed. This program will be larger and at an extra 5K per year for two years, it will bring up the costs. It will be a stronger program, but it will be costly.

Bob Atchinson: I served on the MMU Board previously. The salient point is that this country is starving for tech people. We are graduating people who cannot get jobs. Tech gives us a working force. It may allow us to put money where it was needed. In addition, allow kids to go further and become a contributing member of society.

Cassara: Any alternative means.

Milliken: Interactive TV, distance learning.

Jerry Mullen motioned to close the discussion, Bob Atchinson seconded. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Article 6. TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER BUSINESS THOUGHT PROPER WHEN MET.

Wells: Thanks to Richard Reid for a great job as our MMU Representative.

Jerry Mullen motioned to adjourn the school portion of the meeting, seconded by Mike McIntyre.

The Town portion of the meeting began after a brief break.

Moderator Mark Andrews read the warning and noted that Australian ballot tomorrow would vote Articles 1 and 2.

Article 3. TO ACCEPT THE TOWN REPORT.

Motion by Bob Atchinson, seconded by Fred Kenney. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Article 4. TO VOTE A BUDGET OF \$608,950 TO MEET THE EXPENSES OF THE TOWN AND TO SET A TAX RATE SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE THE SAME.

Motioned by Phil Graff, seconded by Lauren Berrizbetia.

Fred Kenney: There is an item for \$5000 in General budget. Is that for repairs on the office? If you are putting together a committee, I will be on it. Will that item show in the budget every year?

John Devine: Yes, every year. We need a new building and that will be the start of a capital fund.

Phil Graff: Is this for new building or renovations?

Devine: At this point, it is unknown yet.

Jerry Mullen: The present building is inadequate and we need a new vault, for land record books, etc. The downstairs vault may not hold up. A committee would be great.

Graff: Last year's budget had a proposal for generators. We didn't buy them so what happened to the money?

Ron Lafreniere: Dave Johnson and I are working on it. One generator costs more than what we voted for two. We are looking for lower prices.

Kenney: Will we need another vote to expend the 5K? Also, the Red Cross has designated the school is the emergency center, so perhaps there should be funds for the school to have a generator as well.

Devine: We should bring it before the town if we need more money.

There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Article 5. TO PAY TAXES IN FOUR INSTALLMENTS.

Motion by Fred Kenney, seconded by Ken Remsen. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Article 6. TO AUTHORIZE A 1% INTEREST CHARGE ON ALL LATE TAX PAYMENTS.

Motion by Fred Kenney, seconded by Mica Cassara. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Article 7. TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN TO BORROW MONEY IF THE NEED ARISES.

Motion by Ann Whitman, seconded by Lauren Berrizbetia. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Article 8. TO SET THE EXPENSES FOR THE SELECT BOARD.

Motion by Fred Kenney to pay \$10 per member per meeting. Phil Graff seconded. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Article 9. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL AUTHORIZE THE SELECT BOARD TO ACQUIRE BY GIFT OR PURCHASE, TO PROMOTE RE-FORESTATION, WATER CONSERVATION AND GOOD FOREST PRACTICES OR FOR OPEN LAND FOR ANIMAL HABITATS, RECREATIONAL USES AND TO PRESERVE IMPORTANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS.

Motion by Mica Cassara, seconded by Sharon Murray. There was no other discussion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Article 10. TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER BUSINESS THOUGHT PROPER WHEN MET.

Maureen McIntyre: Thanks to our Road Crew for a great job.

Holly Rainville: I Second that!

Phil Graff: I've been to a zoning meeting and they're doing a great job.

They should be considering the impact of build-out from BV and the impact on the school.

Richard Reid: They need to get input from CESU.

Joss Besse: ACT 250 should take care of that. That was the major issue behind the select board putting this in motion. Originally, the 3000 acres was pretty openly zoned. All are welcome at hearings.

Devin: Representative Gaye Symington asked me to remind all to file the declaration of homestead with their taxes.

Wells: Thank to Karen Newton for all her work for the Smilie School Community Club.

Andrews: Thanks to Steve Peery and Ethan Peery for their work at town meeting.

Fred Kenney motioned to end Town Meeting, seconded by Bob Atchinson. Town meeting ended at 9pm.

## TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER'S LETTER

In last year's town report and at the meeting, we discussed forming a committee to research alternatives to the town office. I had volunteers to help but I was unable to get coordinated. However, I would like to get things back on track and try again. Perhaps those who graciously volunteered last year will do so again.

I worked late summer and early fall with Dave Johnson on the budget spreadsheet. The Select Board was able to use this tool when figuring the new budget. Hopefully, we will get this spreadsheet perfected and be able to move one year back and add the proposed year in such a way that you and the Board have a three year spread to view. We have made new sub-categories to show expenses in a better way, but since they have been newly created, they have no past amounts to compare to. In a couple more years, we will have worked these bugs out.

We were able to retire the debt on the newer highway vehicle this year. We have kept a line item for vehicle payment in the highway budget with the thought that the final payment on one truck will coincide with the need to replace the other truck. This eliminates the up and down pattern in the budget. Major debt service, which includes items other than dump trucks, is probably finished for a 10 year period or more. The garage, loader and grader, which all had to be purchased within a three-year period, put a severe strain on the town's finances. These three items have been paid for, all early, saving quite a bit of interest for the town. They are also items that have a much longer life span than the dump trucks, which are used daily.

The auditor's have not finished with the 2003-04 audit. When they were ready to begin, I was just coming back to work, so I was not ready. Then when I was ready, they were booked. When the audit is completed, we will publish it in the newsletter.

I hired a company in Essex this summer to microfilm the land records. They have recorded all but about half a dozen of the volumes. The ones they were unable to film are the books that do not come apart and a special machine has to be used. Those will hopefully be done this year. The microfilming is a great way to keep all the records safe and accessible should something happen to the originals. The Town has a copy of the microfilm as well as the company and the state archives office.

The Senior Meals have continued through 2004 thanks to the efforts of Doris Wheelock. Doris and her committee members, Jim Thornton, Jane and Jerry Mullen, Theresa Stockwell, Sherry Mahoney and Deb LaRiviere, planned 10 meals for the year. Some of these were lunches and some dinners and the venue alternated between Smilie and the Fire Department. As always, any seniors with a question or in need of help can contact Doris at 434-3769 or me at 434-5075. The Senior Holiday Baskets were a big hit, again with over 30 people receiving them. Thanks to all the local businesses and residents who donated this year. Thanks to Eric Andrews, Dave Root and Mark LaRiviere who delivered the baskets in the bitter cold.

Karen Newton and Jim Thornton were appointed to the Board of Listers to fill two vacant positions. These two, along with current lister Theresa Stockwell, assist our appraiser Kermit Blaisdell with our reappraisal. This is the last year for field work, with the new values going into place in 2006.

The newsletter now goes out to residents every month. The 10<sup>th</sup> of each month is the deadline to submit articles. Please e-mail your articles to me at [dlariviere53@yahoo.com](mailto:dlariviere53@yahoo.com). If you are new in town give me a call and make sure we've added you to our mailing list. I try to update it each month prior to the mailing, but I certainly could miss someone.

I will be holding another Rabies Clinic on Saturday March 26 from 9am to 12 noon at the Bolton Fire Station.

The General Election was held in November and Bolton gets high marks for voter turn out. We have about 800 residents on the voter checklist and more than 600 voted. This is the kind of turn out we need at town meeting where local budgets are voted. This is truly where your vote is your voice. Please attend town meeting on Monday February 28, 2005. Please vote on Tuesday March 01. For those who are new to town, Bolton has an evening meeting; this year on Monday February 28, 2005. At that meeting both the municipal budget and the local school budget are voted by voice vote. The town report is discussed, the select board and school board may make presentations and any other business not scheduled to be voted by Australian ballot is conducted.

We start this evening with a potluck dinner (at 5:30) where everyone brings a dish to share and the town supplies the beverages and eating utensils. State representatives and all board members are present for

conversation and comment. The meeting historically lasts from 7pm to about 10. Then on Tuesday March 01, 2005, we hold Australian ballot voting. (Sample ballots are in this report.) At this time, we vote on all elected official positions from Town Clerk to Cemetery Commissioner and the Mount Mansfield Union High School District budget. These votes are by secret paper ballot. Both Town Meeting and voting are held at Smilie School on Route 2. The final day to register to vote for participation at Town Meeting is Monday February 21, 2005 at 4pm. If you need to register, please call the office. The MMU District holds its annual informational meeting on Thursday February 18, 2005 at MMU at 7:30.

Now, my special Thanks goes to:

- Eric Andrews and our road crew for their continued hard work and dedication to the town.
- Mike Gervia and the Fire Department for their diligence and care.
- John Devine and the Select board for maintaining a good standard of living for the Town of Bolton and always operating with the town's best interest in mind.
- Steve Barner for maintaining our web page, [www.boltonvt.org](http://www.boltonvt.org) or [www.boltonvt.com](http://www.boltonvt.com).
- Doris Wheelock for her efforts on behalf of our seniors.
- Our volunteer boards for their tireless work and patience doing a sometimes thankless as well as 'payless' job.
- John Alberghini and the staff at Smilie School for always making us feel at home.
- Chuck and Sue Rooney for being good neighbors.
- Veterinarian Ann Rubin for donating her time for our Rabies Clinic.
- To all the townspeople who were so kind to me, Kate and Mark during the last six years while my husband Paul was so sick and especially during this past summer when he passed away. Your compassion and thoughtfulness are a great comfort to me. And, on that note, a thank you to my staff, Tina Atwood and Theresa Stockwell for all their help and support, during this year.

As always, the town office is open Monday through Thursday from 8 to 4. Please don't wait for an issue to bring you in. Stop by anytime or call if there is anything we can do for you.

Respectfully submitted:

Deborah LaRiviere, Town Clerk and Treasurer

## LETTER FROM THE SELECT BOARD

This year was one with no real crises, but routine business kept us busy.

We welcome Pat Mallow to the select board, a life-long Bolton resident and a fresh voice in town government.

The most time consuming activity lately has been the update of the zoning and subdivision regulations by the Planning Commission. The town was awarded a grant to hire a professional in the planning field to help revise these regulations. Burnt Rock Associates from Waitsfield was this pro. This company is run, in part, by Bolton resident Sharon Murray and we asked and expected more of her than one can describe. It's a miracle she didn't move to Duxbury to be rid of us! Thanks Sharon. All members of the Planning Commission and the Municipal Planning Group worked countless hours for the town. You know who you are and we know who you are and we thank you all. A special thanks to Planning Clerk Amy Grover and Planning Commission chair Linda Baker, who also worked after hours and behind the scenes to make sure the effort didn't stall.

Our property taxes went down on the school side due to Act 68 and the state now distinguishes homesteads from all other property and assesses each accordingly. So, remember to fill out those forms you receive for your homestead valuation with your state income tax filings. On the town side due to diligent budgeting and plenty of fiscal responsibility, the tax rate remained stable.

The Town now owns the upland preserve between the Notch Road and the Stage Road. Tom Longstreth and Lars Botzjoorns have put together a volunteer work crew that maintains the trails. This is our public asset and everyone is welcome on the property to hike and enjoy the natural beauty.

The Fire Department has been able to upgrade a substantial amount of equipment using a Homeland Security Grant with little or no cost to the town. There will be more money available in the future and Chief Mike Gervia will continue to pursue these funds.

We have taken possession of a new highway truck this winter, again purchased from Clark's Truck Center. We budget for truck payments

every year even after retiring the note on the latest truck. This gives us a jump on the inevitable demise of our older vehicles.

We heartily thank Mark Andrews for his years as Town Moderator and wish Mark well in his new job. We welcome Joss Bess as Mark's replacement, understanding he has big shoes to fill.

Some late breaking news about Bolton Valley Ski Area; the town is in a position to apply for grant money to be used for job formation or job retention in the town. This money could be lent to the resort, at low interest, for a badly needed new chair lift. The details will be worked out at the end of January or early February, so we should have more information at Town Meeting.

Lastly, we thank all of our citizens who volunteer for the many boards, commissions and town functions. We could not operate without you.

Respectfully submitted: The Bolton Select Board

John Devine, Chair  
Dave Johnson  
Ron Lafreniere, Sr.  
Jerry Mullen  
Pat Mallow

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

During the summer months, the highway crew spent their time staining the garage and the salt shed. We also spent considerable time re-painting the interior.

We applied for, but did not receive any funds from the state for paving in 2004. This is the third year in a row we were unable to secure any funds from VAOT. Without the addition of state funding, the town is able to do very little paving. We did maintain regular brush cutting and ditch cleaning. Since the town crew does the brush cutting, I had to purchase more safety equipment. This involved goggles, chaps, helmets and gloves. We also needed to purchase safety signs for any road work. The purchase of the signs was mandated by the state.

We seemed to have had our share in 2004 of rain and only a little snow. On December 23, rain washed out the shoulders on Bolton Valley and Honey Hollow Roads. Bolton Valley Road has been repaired but Honey Hollow is closed until spring. At this time the Select Board decided to keep Honey Hollow closed until it's safe for the highway vehicles to travel on it and repair it. When not dealing with the snow, I've had a considerable amount of ice to cope with. Never an easy task.

I would like to thank the town for supporting the purchase of a new highway vehicle this spring. Even though we have only 22 miles of road to maintain, they are tough roads and are hard on our trucks, so I'm grateful for being able to replace a vehicle every seven years. Thanks to everyone involved with the Highway Department for their help this year, it is greatly appreciated and thank you to all residents and taxpayers for their continued support.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Eric Andrews  
Road Foreman

## TOWN OF BOLTON WINTER OPERATIONS PLAN

1. Plow routes are set up to open the major traffic routes and bus routes first. After all bus routes are done, we will plow the roads which we feel cause the most problems for the public (traffic volume, steepness and curves) and continue until all roads are open.
2. The Town will enforce NO PARKING at all times on the traveled portion of all highways within the town's right-of-way and in any school bus turnarounds. Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.
3. The Town of Bolton has two and a half (two full time and one part time) highway personnel to do winter maintenance on 22 miles of road. Each road crew member has a specific route to complete. We vary these routes only in an emergency situation. Also, Bolton is different from other towns in that the mileage is not concentrated in a small area. Driving time to get to the section of road a road crew driver may need to plow effects the completion time of the job.
4. The Town does not plow any private roads or class 4 highways.
5. The Town crew usually starts their day between 3 and 4 am during a snow storm to have major routes and bus routes cleared at 7am.
6. After 16 hours on the job we are required to stop operations and allow the road crew to get a minimum of 6 hours off.
7. Salt will be applied to most paved roads with a minimum of sand added as necessary. Salt is not effective when the road temp is below 20 degrees.
8. Sand will be applied on all gravel roads.
9. In most case there will be no maintenance between 10pm and 3am.
10. According to VSA 23, Section 1126, it is illegal to plow snow from a private road or drive onto or across a town highway.

This policy was adopted by the Bolton Select Board on November 25, 2002.

## TOWN OF BOLTON TAX PAYMENT POLICY

1. **METHOD OF PAYMENT:** Currently dated checks should be made payable to:Town of Bolton (3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway, Bolton,VT 05676). Payments mailed from foreign countries may either be paid by check or International Money Order but must be payable in US dollars and drawn on a US bank. Checks not meeting these requirements will be returned immediately to the sender, penalties will be attached if applicable. Checks returned by the bank, for any reason, cause the payment to be canceled, any receipt issued for that payment to be void, and penalties added. Receipts will be mailed if stamp is supplied.

2. **TAXES/SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:** The tax bill covers taxes and special assessments, if any, for the Town's operational year.

3. **INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS/DELINQUENT DATES:** Taxes are payable by multi-installment payments which are voted by the taxpayers at town meeting. Consult your tax bill for due dates for each year. Tax installment payments are due on the voted due dates. The Town accepts postmarks of a due date. Any unpaid taxes will be payable to the Delinquent Tax Collector together with an 8% penalty and 1% interest per month. If due dates fall on a weekend or holiday, delinquency is 3 PM on the next business day. The 1st installment is due within 30 days of the mailing of bills. Out of state/country owners, mortgage/escrow companies have the same 30 days. There are no extensions on due dates.

4. **PROPERTY OWNERSHIP/STATEMENTS:** Taxes are levied on both real and personal property as it exists to the owner of record on the lien date 12:01 A.M. the April 1st prior to the operational year start date.

5. **PROPERTY OWNERS RESPONSIBILITY:** By law, tax bills are mailed to the April 1st owner of record at the address on file with the Assessors' Office approximately 30 days before the first due date. **FAILURE TO RECEIVE A BILL DOES NOT RELIEVE THE TAXPAYER OF RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY THE TAXES WHEN THEY BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE NOR DOES IT RELIEVE THE ADDITION OF PENALTIES AND INTEREST, AS REQUIRED BY LAW.** The Assessors Office must be notified in writing of any address changes.

6. **TRANSFER OF PROPERTY:** If all or a part of the taxed property

is sold, it is the Seller's responsibility to forward the bill to the new owner, and the new owner's responsibility to take note as to when the tax installments are due and payable.

7. MULTI-PAYMENTS: Once taxes are delinquent, multi-payment arrangements may be made with the Delinquent Tax Collector with a signed, recorded agreement. Failure to keep the payment schedule agreed to, will result in the property being placed on the Town of Bolton's tax sale list. Arrangements which do not pay the bill in full before the due date of the next tax bill will be accepted.

8. PARTIAL PAYMENTS: Partial payments will be applied first to the interest portion, then to the penalty amount. The remainder will go toward the principal amount of the taxes due.

9. NOTICE TO LIEN HOLDERS: Mortgage and lien holders will be notified of the delinquent taxes 30 days after the first delinquent notice has been sent.

10. ESCROW ACCOUNT: The Town of Bolton does not mail tax bills to banks or mortgage companies for escrow accounts. The responsibility for forwarding tax bills lies with the property owner.

Adopted by the Bolton Board of Selectmen January 5, 1994.  
Donald Carr, Gerard A. Mullen, Chairman, M. Peter Siegel,  
Richard P. Streeter, and Denis Turpin.  
Received for record the 6th day of January, 1994.  
Attest: Deborah LaRiviere, Town Clerk

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## PLANNING COMMISSION 2004 ANNUAL REPORT

The Planning Commission is responsible for Municipal Plan and Bylaw adoption and amendment, participates in the regional planning program, and undertakes comprehensive planning. The Commission meets on the first Monday of the month (subject to change) and encourages any interested citizens to attend their meetings.

The Planning Commission is comprised of 5 members: Linda Baker, Chair, Steve Barner, Jim Bralich, Rodney Pingree, and Jim Thornton. The Commission welcomed Jim Thornton as a member late in December 2004. Jim fills the seat vacated by Chris Haggerty, who resigned in October 2004. Our thanks to Chris for the time and energy he devoted to the Commission during his tenure, he will be greatly missed. Jim brings a vast amount of experience to the Commission having served on the Burlington Zoning Board, The Burlington Marketplace Commission, as well as chairing the Burlington Waterfront and the Burlington's Children Space Boards. Many thanks to Jim for stepping forward to take on this role for the Bolton community.

2004 was a grueling year for the Planning Commission, as the members were completely immersed in completing the workplan portion of the FY 2002 State Municipal Planning Grant, awarded to the Town by the Agency of Commerce and Community Development. As you may recall, this grant allowed the town to update the bylaws with an emphasis on the current Village II district, as well as combine zoning and subdivision bylaws into a unified development review ordinance. The Planning Commission formed the core of a "Municipal Planning Grant Advisory Committee" that was formed late in 2002, meeting multiple times a month during 2004, occasionally in marathon sessions that ran 5+ hours to complete a working draft of the zoning document. This document draft was given a tremendous amount of review and consideration, and all facets were evaluated as to how the document would relate to and impact on our town and its residents. In doing so, the Planning Commission and MPG group volunteered 635+ hours in meetings to complete the Planning Commission November 2004 Hearing Draft of the document, Land Use and Development Regulations for the Town of Bolton. This number does not include the many hours spent doing research and review, "homework" at home, the 15+ hours of mapping done by CCRPC, or 192+ hours that our Burnt Rock consultants, Sharon Murray and Brian Shupe, invested in this lengthy, and at times, tedious project.

The Planning Commission held their public hearing on the proposed Land Use and Development Regulations for the Town of Bolton and accompanying Town Plan amendment in November 2004, and forwarded their approval and recommended changes to the Bolton Select Board. The Select Board held their public hearing early in January 2005, and voted to adopt the regulations, recommended changes, and Town Plan amendments. Our thanks to all the committee members and the Bolton community who helped to complete this important planning project.

Another busy year is expected in 2005, as in November 2004 Bolton was awarded \$9,000 in state funds to undertake a Town Plan update. This grant also comes from the State Municipal and Regional Planning Fund, which was established in 1988 to help Vermont municipalities develop and supplement their town plans. Bolton was one of 91 towns from across Vermont selected in this competitive award process.

This planning grant will provide the funding for our Planning Commission to work with representatives from CCRPC to analyze the current plan, discuss plan elements, provide for a public participation process, and draft plan elements. Chittenden County continues to face major development challenges, and both the Town and CCRPC feel that our current Town Plan is not up to this task.

Bolton will have eighteen months to complete this project, and the Planning Commission anticipates beginning in February 2005. There will be several opportunities throughout this 18-month process for public participation, and, as always, interested citizens are encouraged to attend monthly meetings/work sessions.

Amy Grover, Planning Commission Clerk

## **DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD 2004 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Development Review Board (DRB) is a public body of the municipality that has been created by resolution of the municipal legislative body (Select Board), and exercises statutory duties; appeals, variance and conditional use reviews, and development review authority and functions; site plan and subdivision review.

The DRB is comprised of five members; Rob Heimbuch, Chair, Ken Richardson, Vice-Chair, Mike Rainville, Susan Vita, and Margot Pender. The DRB regretfully accepted the resignation of Board member Greg Swan, who resigned in September 2004 preceding his move to Waterbury. Many thanks to Greg for his valuable insight and input during his tenure. The Select Board appointed Margot Pender in October 2004 to fill the vacancy left by Greg's resignation. Margot brings a wealth of knowledge to the Board, having served as Bolton's CCRPC Representative, currently serving as the CCRPC Alternate which includes actively serving on the Plan Review and Update Committee (PRUC) which is in the process of writing the 2006 version of the Chittenden County Regional Plan, and serving as a very active member of the MPG Advisory Committee, which helped to guide the complete rewrite of Bolton's zoning regulations (the planning project funded by a Municipal Planning Grant awarded to the Town by the Agency of Commerce and Community Development). The DRB also welcomed Jerry Chabot to the position of alternate. Jerry has already been actively involved in hearing proceedings, and fills a position that will provide invaluable assistance to the Board. Thank you Margot and Jerry for stepping forward to take on these roles for the Bolton community. Dick Ward, Bolton's Zoning Administrator, has continued in his active role of providing assistance and guidance to the Board, for which the Board is always grateful. Thank you Dick. The DRB continues to search for one additional alternate to the Board, who would serve when necessary. If you are interested in serving as an alternate, please contact the Town Office.

The DRB convenes, as needed, on the third Wednesday of the month for meetings and warned public hearings, and interested citizens are always encouraged to attend. In addition to the DRB's regular meetings/hearings in 2004, DRB members attended several meetings of the MPG Advisory Committee, actively adding their voice and input to the rewrite of the zoning regulations as the issues of appeal, variance, conditional use, site plan, and subdivision were reviewed and language drafted.

In 2004, the DRB held 2 public hearings and meetings. The slow pace

of applications in 2004 for the DRB was a surprise after the large volume of applications received in 2003. While not a certainty, the volume of applications for the DRB in 2005 is expected to increase as growth and development continues within Bolton.

In 2004 the DRB heard and acted upon the following applications:

1. September 15, 2004.
  - Paul Deslauriers, variance request. Approved.
  - Anthony Barbagallo, zoning permit appeal. Denied.
2. November 17, 2004.
  - Brian and Amanda Fuller, variance request. Approved.
  - Catamount Bolton Land LLC, Major Subdivision Sketch Plan Review.

Amy Grover, Clerk, DRB

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Bolton Conservation Commission has been busy and productive this year with important accomplishments developing a trail network on the Preston Pond Land, supporting the Chittenden County Uplands Conservation Project and participating in the revision of the town's zoning and subdivision regulations. Details of this work follow:

### **Preston Pond Trail Work Update**

When the Town of Bolton voted to protect 400 acres of forested land between Notch and Stage Road in West Bolton, the Bolton Conservation Commission set to work to create a network of recreation trails across this property. Members of the Conservation Commission organized volunteer trail parties and wrote and submitted a Recreation Trails Grant to the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation. Both efforts were successful.

Over the past year, town volunteers have met at 8:00 AM on the fourth Saturday of each month and worked until noon and sometimes much later when the excitement of finishing a particular project proved too great. Armed with shovels, picks, rockbars, loppers and saws, these volunteers cut new trail sections and improved existing trails by clearing brush and deadfalls, installing water bars, digging ditches, and even built a bridge over a flooded stream.

In April, the Conservation Commission was notified that Bolton had won a \$23,000 Recreation Trails grant. This would fund four weeks of trail work by the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps. Two weeks of this work were completed this summer. Jerry and Jane Mullen allowed the VYCC crew to park their van at the top of their driveway as this was the closest access point to the campsite. During this two week "spike," the crew built a 16 foot bridge and a 12 foot bridge across streams feeding into Preston Pond. The bridges will enable the trail to be used by hikers, hunters, skiers and snowshoers. In their second week, the VYCC crew installed fifteen waterbars and drainage ditches through a section of trail that had been an old logging road and had large wet areas where the logging truck had left deep tire ruts.

While the VYCC and Volunteer trail work was being completed, another section of trail was improved by the Vermont Association of Snow

Travelers (VAST). VAST hired Gene Armstrong to improve the VAST corridor from Stage Road to Notch Road. Larry Burritt and Bob Hale, volunteers with VAST, supervised the VAST project. Much of this work was done with a large excavator and was thus not as neat as the work done by hand. Nonetheless, the work has greatly improved the trail which was seeded and should be in much better shape by next spring.

To support VAST's effort, the Bolton Town Trail Volunteers installed two Beaver Baffles designed to control the amount of water in a beaver dam. The local beavers living in the Upper Preston Pond had raised the water height above the trail, making passage through this section of trail difficult. The Beaver Baffle is designed to fool the beaver and allow water through the dam in a controlled way. Because this work was done late in the season, and because the Fall was unusually dry, the height of the pond did not return to the height originally expected. For this reason, the baffle pipes were capped in December and the Conservation Commission will monitor the water level with the goal of keeping the pond full, but not quite so full that it covers the trail. The Conservation Commission will work cooperatively with the Vermont Land Trust to balance the sometimes competing objectives of wildlife protection and recreation access.

The Conservation Commission hopes to complete this network of loop trails on this protected land next summer. If you are interested in helping out, please call Tom Longstreth at 434-5303. Working on these trails is a great way to spend a Saturday morning with your neighbors in our own wild countryside.

Volunteers who have worked on the trail include: Lars Botzjoorns, Tim Hansen, Patrick Herbert, Christopher Topner Kay, Quinn Keating, Tom Longstreth, Kristian Omland, Emily Pincomb, Larissa Urban, Gary Vaughn. There were a couple of other hard working souls who escaped the sign in sheet but contributed mightily to the protection effort.

### **Chittenden County Uplands Conservation Project**

Over the past year the Bolton Conservation Commission has participated in meetings of the Chittenden County Uplands Conservation Project (CCUCP), including efforts to identify conservation priorities for an area stretching from Richmond and Jericho to Duxbury. Member groups of the CCUCP, which include the Vermont Land Trust, Vermont Nature

Conservancy, Richmond and Jericho-Underhill Land Trusts, and VT Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, are coordinating their various conservation and fundraising activities to achieve a cohesive regional vision for our landscape. Key components of the CCUCP's strategy are to promote enhanced connectivity of wildlife habitat across the 1-89/Route 2 corridor and the conservation of important core habitat areas and sustainably managed forestland. The recent purchase of the Preston Pond parcel by the Town is seen as a linchpin within the overall CCUCP. In 2005, the Bolton Conservation Commission plans to augment the CCUCP effort by conducting a town-wide study of natural and recreational resources that are potentially threatened by development.

### **Bolton Land Use & Development Regulations**

Jen Andrews represented the Conservation Commission on the committee charged with updating the town's zoning and subdivision regulations. The Conservation Commission supported the creation of a new uplands "Forest District" to help protect Bolton's more remote, currently undeveloped, high elevation areas. We also recommended strengthening basic natural resource protection standards – including stream and wetland setback and buffering requirements, new standards for managing development and stormwater runoff on steep slopes, and subdivision standards for the siting of new development in environmentally sensitive areas. We're pleased that the Planning Commission incorporated many of these recommendations in their hearing draft, and support town adoption of the new regulations. The Conservation Commission will continue to work with the Planning Commission over the next year as they update the town plan.



*Vermont Youth Conservation Commission on one of the two bridges they built for Town of Bolton as part of the Preston Pond Trail Network.*

# BE BEAR AWARE

***Bears live just about everywhere in the town of Bolton!***

Bears are on the move in the spring as they wake up and look for food, such as fresh green plants and insects. They roam broadly through forested areas and wetlands ... **and people's yards.**

Seeing a wild black bear can be an exciting and memorable experience. However, there are some important things to keep in mind:

- **Mind your garbage.**

- Keep your garbage contained and out of the reach of wild animals. If you have pick-up service, put the garbage out the morning of the scheduled pick-up, not the night before.
- Use your compost pile only for yard waste and vegetable scraps, not cooked food or animal products.

- **Please don't feed the bears!**

Take down any birdfeeders until November. Clean your barbecue grill after each use, and store it in a shed or garage. Remove any other food source a bear could discover.

- **Keep your dog leashed.**

Dogs may attract bears and they definitely complicate any encounter with a bear. The only way to be sure you will be able to control your dog is to keep it on a leash.

- **When you are out in the woods ...**

- **Be Alert.** Look for signs of bear, including tracks, droppings, diggings, scratches on trees, or torn apart logs.
- **Make Noise.** Talk, clap, or sing to let bear know of your presence, especially when you can't see the path ahead.

## ***If You Do Encounter a Bear,***

consider it to be unpredictable and potentially dangerous.

- If the bear is **visible but not close**, move away giving it a wide berth. Avoid running — that could incite the bear to give chase!
- If the bear **approaches**, don't run. Remain calm, continue facing the bear, and slowly back away. If you have small children with you, pick them up. Try to scare the bear by shouting or throwing small rocks.
- If the bear **attacks**, fight back using fists, sticks, rocks, or pepper spray

***Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf says be bear aware!***  
***www.bebearaware.org***

This message placed by the Bolton Conservation Commission



## LETTER FROM THE BOLTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

2004 was a busy year! The Fire Department responded to 100 calls. These calls included structure fires, chimney fires, brush fires, forest fires, car fires, hazardous materials calls, power line obstruction calls, car accidents, fire and carbon monoxide alarms, Richmond Rescue assists and responses for mutual aid. The Fire Department is continuing to assist Richmond Rescue with medical calls. There are currently three certified medical responders on the Fire Department.

This year, the Fire Department was offered a great deal on a 2002 utility truck. It is being used as a support vehicle in response to calls. The truck is able to carry a variety of equipment, including items for rescue calls and traffic control. It can also be used as a command center when needed. It is a great asset!

Also this year, the Fire Department applied for and was awarded two grants for a combined total of \$170,000.00. These grants were available from the Vermont Department of Homeland Security and Federal Assistance to Firefighters Fund. The money from these grants helped purchase updated equipment for the Department. New turnout gear, air packs, traffic control items, and a new thermal camera were among the many items received. A lot of time and energy was spent on putting these grant applications together and the Department is proud to have received them!

Thank you to everyone who supports the Fire Department and the members. Thank you also to the members who volunteer their time for training and responding to emergencies. Anyone interested in joining the Department is welcome to stop by the station on Tuesday nights.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Gervia  
Fire Chief

## **LETTER FROM THE FIRE WARDEN**

For burning permits, please remember to contact me directly at home (434-3892). Messages left at the fire station may not be checked or returned in time. A separate permit is needed for each burn. Any burning without a permit is subject to being put out by the fire department.

Mike Gervia  
Fire Warden

**REPRESENTATIVE GAYE SYMINGTON**  
**324 BROWNS TRACE**  
**JERICHO, VT 05465**  
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**802 828 2245**  
**GSYM@TOGETHER.NET**

Dear Bolton friends and neighbors,

It is an honor to continue to serve as your State Representative for the years, 2005 and 2006. I am doubly honored to have been elected by my colleagues in the House to serve as the Speaker of the Vermont House for the upcoming biennium. It has been fifty years since a Chittenden County legislator has served in that capacity!

The issues I heard from you in the fall of the 2004 election cycle are, for the most part, the issues I expect will be top on the agenda of the legislature as a whole: affordable health care for all Vermonters, planning for a reliable and safe supply of energy for our homes and businesses, agriculture policies that support a diverse and viable farm economy, access to broadband and other telecommunication services in rural Vermont. Many of you are also concerned that we take better care of our transportation infrastructure.

The budget always proves to be a tremendous challenge and this year will be no exception. Maintenance of our roads and bridges has been severely short-changed, our retirement funds are seriously under-funded, Medicaid faces multi-million dollar deficits that expand as each month passes, and our corrections budget grows at double digit pace year after year. We will face difficult choices to balance these pressures with Vermonters' needs.

Representative Bill Frank and I plan to occasionally distribute a legislative update by email. If you would like to receive this update, please let either of us know ([gsym@together.net](mailto:gsym@together.net) or [bill\\_frank@verizon.net](mailto:bill_frank@verizon.net)). We look forward to seeing you at the potluck prior to Town Meeting. And, please join us for coffee at the Village Cup on Route 15 in Jericho, either January 24th or April 11th, any time from 7 to 9am.

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Thank you for the privilege of serving as one of your two legislators in Montpelier. Please contact me if you have questions or would like more information.

Sincerely,  
Representative Gaye Symington  
Speaker of the Vermont House

**STATE OF VERMONT  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
115 STATE STREET  
MONTPELIER, VT  
05633-5201**

Dear Bolton Friends and Neighbors,

On January 5<sup>th</sup> I was sworn in as one of your two representatives to the Vermont Legislature. It was a very exciting day and I was thrilled to have my wife, daughter, sister and brother-in-law present as well as a number of constituent friends. It is indeed an honor to serve you in Montpelier. I will be serving on the Human Services committee. This committee was previously named Health and Welfare. My seat is in the front row, number 15.

I learned a great deal as I visited you at your doors, in your living rooms and in your yards last year. You energized me with your welcoming spirit, your thoughts and your commitment to what you believe. You told me your concerns for the rising cost of health care, for the environment, for keeping our roads maintained and completing the circumferential highway. Bolton is truly a special place.

Please continue to share what you feel with me. I look forward to seeing and talking with you at your pot luck dinner prior to Town Meeting. Feel free to contact me any time via email at [Bill\\_Frank@verizon.net](mailto:Bill_Frank@verizon.net), call me at 899-3136 or write to me at 19 Poker Hill Road, Underhill 05489.

I want to share with you what I am doing in Montpelier. My web site [www.BillFrankForVtHouse.com](http://www.BillFrankForVtHouse.com) will contain my thoughts on the legislative session. Rep. Symington and I will have a report in the Mountain Gazette regularly. This report will be posted on my web site on the first and third Thursday of the month during the legislative session. We will also be distributing a legislative update via email periodically. If you would like to receive this email update, or be notified when it is posted to my web site, please let me know.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.  
Bill Frank

## VITAL RECORDS

### MARRIAGES

Sean Eric Rup Mary Alice Truax	155 Mountain View Dr 155 Mountain View Dr	March 13
Zachary James Hoag Kalen Brace Varricchione	3582 Roosevelt Hgway 3 Suffolk Lane	March 27
Danny Elbert O'Neal Jennifer Lynn Speer	24 Hummingbird Lane 24 Hummingbird Lane	June 26
Forrest E. White Erika Jane Romig	31 Country Club Lane 31 Country Club Lane	July 31
Brian Paul Mezitt Cara Thomson Costello	4052 Notch Rd 4052 Notch Rd	August 7
Justin Paul Wolfe Kalen Faye Dow	142 Bolton Valley Road 142 Bolton Valley Road	August 28
Howard James Otty Martine Marie Fiske	Boys Club Road Boys Club Road	September 2
Nathan Edward Armstrong Barbara Jean Boardman	2680 Roosevelt Hgway Waterbury	October 16
Adam Camille DesLauriers Janet Susan Pauli	Bolton Valley Bolton Valley	October 24

There were 18 Marriage licenses sold during 2004.  
The above-mentioned ceremonies involved people living in Bolton.

There were 48 Civil Union licenses sold during 2004.  
None of the parties involved were Bolton residents.

DEATHS

Helen M. Campbell of East Street died December 19, 2003 at age 81

Norbert Joseph Hodapp of Bear Run Condos died January 7 at age 71

Mary Fusco of Duxbury Road died February 20 at age 87

Paul La Riviere of Stage Road died May 31 at age 52

Natalie Mallow of Leary Road died October 5 at age 63

Hugh Wheelock of Stage Road died October 27 at age 61

BIRTHS

\* *Julia Elizabeth Barstow Fedoruk* born to Alexandra H.L.F. Barstow and Michael Victor Fedoruk of Stage Road on December 03, 2003

\* *Shelby Nichole Gurney* born to Amy Kilee Roberts Gurney and Jason Allen Gurney of Roosevelt Hgwy on December 11, 2003

\* *Sage Brook Perry* born to Aimee Doreen Cota Perry and Kevin Scott Perry of Bolton Valley Road on December 26, 2003

\* *Madison Emily Norway* born to Emily Hovey Abair Norway and Dwayne Thomas Norway of Nature Trail Rd on January 13, 2004

\* *Benjamin Gerald Chabot* born to Sabine Kaschke Chabot and Gerald Andre Chabot of Bear Mountain Rd on February 13, 2004

\* *Lincoln Stewart DesLauriers* born to Janet Susan Pauli and Adam Camille DesLauriers of Bear Run Rd on February 15, 2004

\* *Jack Chandler Zalewski* born to Katherine Ann Morgan Zalewski and Jon Eric Zalewski of Country Club Dr on February 20, 2004

\* *Cameron Brian Merchant* born to Tanya Lynn Morits and Brian Mark Merchant of East St on April 4, 2004

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- \* *Carly Elizabeth McDonald* born to Dawn Marie Morits McDonald and Bradley Allen Mc Donald, Sr. of East St on May 19, 2004
- \* *Caden Timothy Mercer* born to Rachel Mazel Tiffany and Timothy Charles Mercer of Stone Hill Rd on June 7, 2004
- \* *Leland James Kennedy* born to Sage Hawthorne Chandler Kennedy and Peter Mark Kennedy of Stage Rd on June 4, 2004
- \* *Ethan Lee Van Ornum* born to Prisstina Ann Hoyt and Richard Reid Van Ornum on June 1, 2004
- \* *Matthew Jing Chien* born to Lyressa Ruth Rogers Chien and David S. Chien of Country Club Dr on May 27, 2004
- \* *Kyle Douglas Lawrence* born to Marja Ann Douglas Lawrence and Brian Keith Lawrence of West St on July 12, 2004
- \* *Perry Foster Borgault* born to Mary Elizabeth Foster and Matthew Bruce Borgault of Wentworth Rd on August 12, 2004
- \* *Alexis Brianna Boyer* born to Carol Lynn Sumner Boyer and Michael Joseph Boyer, Jr. of East St on November 1, 2004
- \* *Poppy Emma Bodette Davis* born to Candace Liane Bodette Davis and Troy Anthony Davis of Stage Rd on October 17, 2004

## LETTER FROM THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

This year we issued 33 permits, the breakdown is as follows:

- 8 Residential dwellings
- 3 Mobile home replacements
- 2 Seasonal units
- 11 Residential additions and alterations
- 9 Garages or sheds

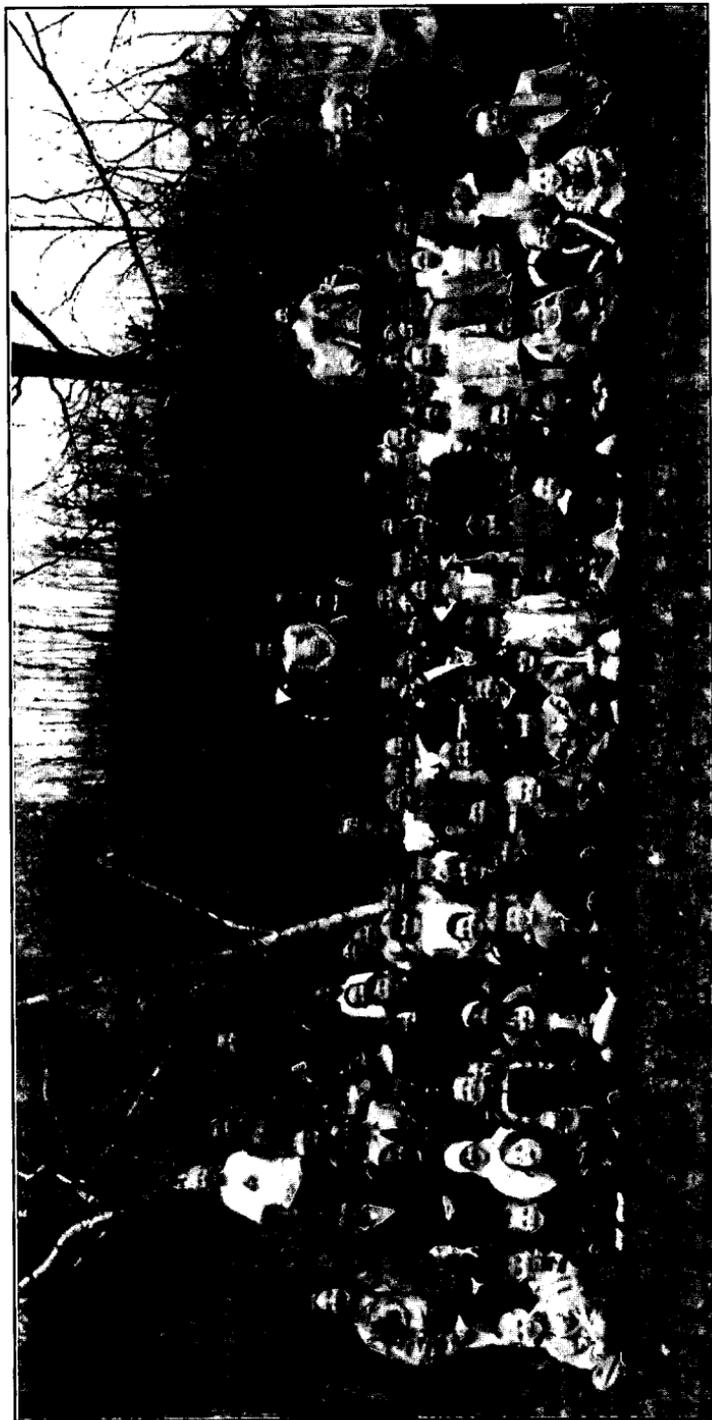
The estimated construction value of the permits was \$2,265,550. Permit fees in the amount of three thousand nine hundred forty two dollars (\$3942.00) was deposited into the general fund.

Thirty-six (36) certificates of compliance were requested and issued for property transfers or refinancing.

Site plan approvals, conditional uses or variances are reviewed by the Development Review Board, at a public meeting. The Board meets on the third Wednesday of each month and the public is invited to those meetings.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Ward

ELLEN P. SMILIE MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
2004-2005



SCHOOL SECTION

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## BOLTON SCHOOL BOARD AND PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

"What one loves in childhood stays in the heart forever."  
*Mary Jo Putney, American novelist*

Smilie School continues to flourish thanks to the dedication, hard work, and collective efforts of the Bolton community, the Smilie staff, and our wonderful students. Through the commitment of this school community, our children continue to progress toward higher academic, intellectual, emotional, physical, and personal achievement. We have a wonderful preschool program preparing our youngest students to learn; we have fun and meaningful after-school enrichment programs; and we have a clean and comfortable physical environment in which to work and learn. The Smilie staff and School Board maintain their commitment to core academics and to working with families and the community to ensure the development and success of each child.

### FOSTERING A LIFELONG LOVE OF LEARNING

#### MISSION

The Smilie School mission is to be a family and community-centered preK-4 elementary school that fosters a lifelong love of learning and self-respect in its students. Students' diverse developmental levels and learning styles are supported so each individual can achieve his or her fullest potential emotionally, physically, and intellectually in an environment that encourages cooperation and a sense of community.

### PROGRAMS AND CURRICULUM

**Professional Learning Communities.** Smilie School and the Chittenden East Supervisory Union have embraced a school improvement model called "Professional Learning Communities" (PLC) that focuses on student learning, professional collaboration and demonstrated results. PLC provides structures and methods to focus staff on three essential questions:

1. What do we want each student to learn?
2. How will we know when each student has learned it?
3. How will we respond when a student experiences difficulty in learning?

These questions provide a structure for professional meetings and communications that identifies student learning, success, and achievement as the central themes. The PLC educational model has enhanced the staff's ability to quickly identify students who need additional time and support, and to develop clearly defined educational plans for students. It has given the staff some of the tools they need to reach all learners.

**Pre-School and After-School Programs.** The Lund Family Center in Burlington has played an important role in the evolution of Smilie School's preschool program. The number of students enrolled in pre-K is increasing (22 students this year) and the quality of the program continues to improve. The preschool program is a tuition-free program for Bolton students. This year the Smilie School staff runs the program with support from the Lund Family Center. The students in the preschool program will enjoy the continuity of "looped" instruction as they move into kindergarten with the same teachers they had in preschool.

The Lund Family Center and Smilie School also offer a highly utilized after-school care program. There are 27 students enrolled this school year. Students work on art projects, play on the playground or in the gym and do their homework. The individuals who staff the program understand the developmental needs of young students, and they provide a safe and structured after-school environment for our students.

**Literacy Program.** Literacy (reading and writing) skills are addressed and analyzed on a daily basis at Smilie School. Teachers meet regularly to discuss students' progress, to evaluate their literacy programs, and to make adjustments to fit the needs of students. High-quality literacy assessments drive our professional discussions and direct individual and educational programming decisions. Effective assessments and a quick response to students who need extra support are cornerstones of Smilie School's literacy program. When a student is not meeting literacy curriculum standards, staff develops a plan and input is sought from parents. The preschool program has also had a positive impact on many

students in the area of literacy. We are seeing more and more students entering kindergarten with the necessary educational and developmental components to begin the reading and writing process.

**Math Program.** A significant amount of professional development and staff time has gone into math instruction. Smilie School is in the final stages of developing a continuum of math skills based on Vermont's Grade Level Expectations (GLEs) as well as a series of grade-level assessments to provide evidence that students have attained the expected skills outlined in the continuum. The grade-level assessments, which will be given periodically during the school year, will measure students' progress and direct individual and group instruction. "Math Booster Groups" have been assembled to support students who are struggling to meet math expectations. Smilie School has also purchased supplemental math curriculum materials to further strengthen our math program. A foundation is being built to make sure all students have the required skills to be successful in mathematics. Recent results of the State's fourth grade math assessment show marked improvement for Smilie School students.

**Integrated K-12 Curriculum.** With the guidance of Assistant Superintendent Jim Massingham, Chittenden East Supervisory Union teachers, committees, school boards, and community members continue to make great strides in the development of a comprehensive and integrated K-12 curriculum. At the K-4 level, an integrated curriculum is in place. This means that across our supervisory union, students are using and learning from the same curricular framework. This helps ensure that as the fourth graders enter the middle schools from different elementary schools, they enter at approximately the same level of achievement and learning. The goal for Chittenden East – one that is quickly becoming a reality - is for a comprehensive and integrated K-12 curriculum that meets *Vermont's Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities*.

In 2004, Chittenden East focused on aligning the Math and Communication curriculum with Vermont's Grade Level Expectations (GLEs). The GLEs are more specific than the Vermont Frameworks of Standards and they meet the requirements for test development outlined by the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA), the federal education reform law enacted in 2002. Currently, grade level expectations in reading,

writing and mathematics for grades K-8 and one grade at the high school level have been developed.

We want to acknowledge and thank Steve Peery for his work in developing the comprehensive assessment system that will be used by all Chittenden East schools to develop curriculum and assessments, and monitor student learning. This tool will provide valuable information for school planning and professional development for teachers and staff.

## **MEASURING SUCCESS**

There are many ways to measure educational success. While test scores are an important element, they should not be the only lens through which achievement is viewed. From year to year, Smilie School's fluctuating student population has an impact on the overall results of testing scores. When a small portion of the Smilie School population is tested (a fourth grade class of only nine students, for example, in 1999), the final results are not statistically relevant and do not reflect overall student achievement. When examining the test scores of our small school, it is more helpful to look at an average of three years' scores, or more. Smilie School continues to compare well with statewide and Supervisory Union-wide scores in most areas. Notable progress made in the area of math skills can be attributed, in part, to improve teaching practices, staff focus, and supplementation of the existing math program. Smilie School staff has spent a considerable amount of in-service time working on ways to improve math instruction, including the areas of math concepts and math problem solving.

To comply with the requirements of NCLBA, Vermont will no longer administer the New Standards Reference Exams to fourth graders. Starting in the fall of 2005, both third and fourth graders will be assessed using the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). Our third and fourth graders piloted this assessment in October. No test scores were generated because the purpose was to gather information about the test items and the administrative procedures.

Smilie School staff and the school board continue to work with the Supervisory Union and the State of Vermont to ensure that we are in compliance with other NCLBA requirements. We are also working with the Supervisory Union, the State, and statewide associations to offer

constructive suggestions regarding NCLBA, especially its impact on small, rural schools.

The NCLBA requires all teachers to be “highly qualified.” The U.S. Department of Education has provided states with a set of standards, both for grade-level and content areas, that teachers must meet. Based on these federal criteria as well as on information from the Vermont Department of Education, all of Smilie School’s teachers are considered “highly qualified.”

When determining budget needs, programming, staffing, and making other school decisions, the school board and principal consider NCLBA, special education, and other federal mandates, as well as *Vermont’s Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities* and *Vermont’s School Quality Standards*. In addition, Smilie School has its own Action Plan (updated every two years) that addresses the issues and needs specific to its students.

For further information on the *Vermont Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities*, *Vermont’s School Quality Standards*, and the No Child Left Behind Act, please visit the Vermont Department of Education web site at: [www.state.vt.us/educ](http://www.state.vt.us/educ)

## **IT’S THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN**

### **STAFF**

We are in the midst of a transition within the Chittenden East Supervisory Union. After 10 years of service to our Supervisory Union, Dr. Gail Conley is retiring as Superintendent. The entire Smilie School community thanks Dr. Conley for his dedication and commitment to our children. He has always put children first. Jim Massingham, who is currently the Associate Superintendent and previously was Principal at Richmond Elementary School, has been selected to succeed Dr. Conley in July 2005.

Smilie School has had some transition as well. With Nancy Coombs taking a position in Waitsfield, Pat King moved from her much-loved fourth grade classroom to become the special education instructor at Smilie. Helen-Anne Cafferty joined the staff as a fourth grade teacher. To accommodate the growing pre-kindergarten and kindergarten

populations, Kelly Palmer was hired to teach one of two Pre-K/K classes alongside Ginny Gifford. Our other full-time teachers are: Tina Cole (First Grade); Nancy Jones (Second Grade); and Steve Menz (Third Grade). The Unified Arts teachers who work one day a week are: Shelia Aiken (Librarian); Steve Peery (Music); Michelle Soules (Physical Education); and Karee Wiltshire (Art). Smilie's support staff include: Jennifer Caron (Guidance); Lil Desso (Special Education Assistant); Carol Emery (Speech And Language Pathologist); Anne Houston (Special Education Assistant); Darlene Sawyer (Special Education Assistant); Jane Uttecht (Nurse); and Karee Wiltshire (Title I Teacher). Other staff includes: John Alberghini (Principal); David Cobb (Custodian); Anne LaBombard (Food Services); and Sherry Mahoney (Secretary). Lund staff includes: Samantha Aronson (Lund Care Provider Director); Amanda Bombardier (After-School Care Provider); Sherri Brisson (Before and After Kindergarten Care Provider); and Amy Grover (Preschool Assistant).

We have a dedicated group of educators. They strive each and every day to ensure that the educational and developmental needs of our students are met.

## COMMUNITY

Every member of our community has a talent or gift and sharing these gifts enriches our students. Whether it's giving their time for an after-school program, purchasing fund raising items, helping to upgrade the playground, or supporting the school budget, the people of Bolton truly make this a "school community." We especially want to thank the Town Select Board and the road crew for agreeing to plow and sand the school parking lot.

We also want to extend our gratitude to the members of the Bolton Community Club for its continued commitment to the Smilie School. Thanks to the dedication of this group and the support of the community, we have up-to-date computer equipment and Internet access for students and teachers throughout the building. This technology is also available for use by town residents; contact Smilie School for more information.

Every citizen of Bolton can be proud of the level of civic involvement and volunteer time that goes into making Smilie School such a great place. Listed here are some of the people who "make it happen."

**We apologize if anyone is missing from the list.**

**Thanks to:**

- Early Literacy/Kindergarten Volunteers: Amy Grover, Debra O'Connell, Nancy Edson and Lenore Hayes
- First Grade: Field Trip Chaperones and Classroom Helpers – Nancy Edson, Lenore Hayes, Margaret Hayes, Kathy Costello and Virginia Haviland
- Second Grade Classroom Helpers: Kathy Sirois and Caryn Choate-Deeds
- Third Grade Classroom Helpers: Amy Grover and Amy Ludwin
- Fourth Grade: Boston Trip Chaperones – Lenore Hayes, Mica Cassara, Vicky Congdon, Heather Graff and Kevin Couture
- Nancy Champney for helping in the library and with Smilie's Family and Friends Luncheon.
- Walter Ziezhra for donating a telescope.
- Sharmayne Atwood, Ann Whitman, Kathy Smith and Trisha Pidgeon for being Girl Scout leaders.
- The Bolton Fire Department for supporting Fire Safety Week.
- Kathy Sirois and her family for organizing and making Breakfast with Santa such a success.
- Donald Kenney, Amy Grover, Carol Devlin, Peter Gosselin, Deb O'Connell, Nancy Villemaire, Debby Chicoine and Kelly Gosselin for volunteering at Breakfast with Santa.
- Chuck Rooney for his donation to Smilie's Breakfast with Santa.
- Other area businesses for their donations to Breakfast with Santa.
- Dr. and Mrs. Gino Moretti for donating a 9x9 projection screen.
- General Dynamics Company for donating 15 computers.
- Ben & Jerry's for a \$1500 community action grant.
- Individuals who donated prizes for and volunteered to assist at Smilie's annual field day.
- Mathew LaBerge for helping with building maintenance.
- Sharmayne Atwood and Beth Gilpin for organizing Smilie's second Bike Rodeo.
- The Armstrongs for allowing Smilie students to snowshoe and hike on their property.
- Bolton Valley for its monetary donation and its support of Smilie's ski program.
- All the parents who donated their time to Smilie's ski program.

- David Demers and his family for working on the school grounds.
- John Devlin for sharing his professional career with Smilie students.
- Parents who donated food and drinks for special events.
- Loree Silvis for donating her time and expertise to help strengthen our math program.
- Amy Grover for planting and caring for flowers on the school grounds.
- Bolton municipal employees for plowing and maintaining Smilie's parking lot.
- Bill and Karen Newton, Lenore Hayes, and Michael Bernadine for offering after school enrichment activities.
- Amy Grover and Carol Devlin for organizing after-school enrichment activities.
- All the parents who helped arrange and supervise after-school enrichment activities.
- Karen Newton for leading Smilie's Community Club's 2003-2004 fund-raising efforts and for coordinating the 2004 ski program.
- Families and friends who supported our fundraisers.
- Carol Devlin (Community Club Chairperson), Amy Grover (Community Club Treasurer), Deb O'Connell and Lenore Hayes for their work with Smilie's Community Club.

#### **2004 GOLDEN APPLE AWARD RECIPIENT**

In 2004, Bolton resident Carol Devlin was a recipient of a Chittenden East Golden Apple Award for all her contributions to Smilie School. Carol wears many hats and fills numerous roles at Smilie. As the new chairperson of the Community Club, she organizes fund-raising efforts, supervises after-school enrichment activities, arranges after-school enrichment activities and she is Bolton's representative in the Chittenden East Community Partnership.

Carol received this award because of her commitment to students at Smilie School. She has given generously of her time and expertise to enrich the lives of all students, going above and beyond the call of duty for the benefit of Smilie School students and the Chittenden East Supervisory Union.

## **A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

For many years, Karen Newton has given an enormous amount of her time and energy to Smilie School. She was the leader of our Community Club, organized fund-raising efforts, organized the ski program, and helped make Smilie's after-school enrichment program a reality. Her contributions to Smilie School and to the Bolton community have been considerable. The Smilie School community extends its profound gratitude to Karen. She is a very special person.

## **BOARD MEMBERS**

Rich Reid continues to serve as the Bolton representative on the Mt. Mansfield Union Board, which oversees the high school and two middle schools in the Chittenden East Supervisory Union. He is the Chair of the Mt. Mansfield board as well as the Chair of the CESU Executive Committee, and serves on the MMU and Chittenden East Special Education Committees.

Lisa Wells has served on the Smilie School Board for nine years and served five years as Chair. She served on the CESU Executive Committee and currently serves as Co-Chair of the CESU Negotiations Committee. She also served on the CESU Policy and Special Education Committees and was a Chittenden County representative to the Vermont School Board Association. Ann Whitman has also served on the Smilie School Board for nine years and served for five years as Vice-Chair. She chairs the CESU Curriculum Committee and is Clerk of the CESU Executive Committee, serving as Bolton's third voting representative. She has also served on the CESU Long-range Planning, Transportation, Legislative, and Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Search committees. She was the school board liaison during the Smilie School construction and expansion. Lisa and Ann are retiring from the school board, and we thank them for their years of dedication, passion, and service to the children and residents of Bolton.

Fred Kenney has served on the Smilie School board for five years, is currently serving as Chair, and represents Bolton on the CESU Executive Committee. Vicky Congdon has served on the Smilie School Board for five years, continuing to serve as Clerk. Vicki chairs the CESU Special Education Committee and serves on the CESU Policy Committee. Phil Graff has served on the Smilie School Board for three years and is the

current Vice-Chair. He serves on the CESU Transportation Committee and as Clerk on the CESU Long-Range Planning Committee.

The Board continues to enhance its knowledge through educational opportunities offered by the Vermont School Boards Association and other organizations. Board members are dedicated to excellence in education not only in Bolton and the Chittenden East Supervisory Union, but in Chittenden County and the State of Vermont as well.

All School Board meetings are open to the public. These meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month in the Library at Smilie School. Please feel free to join us, as your input is important to us! If you are unable to attend the meetings, the Smilie School Board minutes are posted on the Bolton web site, which can be found at [www.Boltonvt.com](http://www.Boltonvt.com) and the Chittenden East Supervisory Union news (dates of upcoming meetings, agendas, and minutes of school boards and Chittenden East committees) may be found at [www.cesu.k12.vt.us](http://www.cesu.k12.vt.us).

## **A COMMUNITY THAT CARES**

### **BUDGET**

The Smilie School budget for 2005-2006 proposes an increase of \$97,994 for total preK-4 expenditures, an 8.94% increase. As you look over this budget, please note that more than half of the line items were either level funded or decreased. The increase results from four primary factors.

The first impact comes from the same budgetary pressures being felt by all government entities, businesses, and individuals. Insurance costs (health, dental, liability, worker's compensation) and utility costs (especially heating fuel) continue to rise. These combined costs represent the largest overall increase in the budget - \$30,500 or 31% of the total preK-4 budget increase.

Second, as in most years, this budget includes an increase in assessed Special Education costs --a 17.5% increase for Bolton. Special Education expenses are an assessed cost (a cost shared by the entire Chittenden East Supervisory Union). Without assessed expenditures, the financial burden of providing certain services on any one of the Chittenden East communities could have devastating effects. The significant increase in

our special education expenditures is due to increasing district-wide special education needs. Almost all special education services are mandated (legally required) by the federal government; only 15% of the total costs of providing these services, however, are covered by federal grants. State grants cover 49% and local revenue covers 36%. Our federal representatives need you, the taxpayers, to make them aware of the fact that it's time for the federal government to step up to the plate and take more financial responsibility for these costs - something that it promised to do long ago when the law mandating special education services in public schools was first enacted. This line item represents \$15,206 or 15.5% of the total preK- 4 budget increase.

Third, population trends within the Supervisory Union have an impact on the Smilie K- 4 budget. The Bolton School District is the only district in Chittenden East that is experiencing a steady increase in student population, while other districts are seeing decreases in student population. This has resulted in the need for additional professional and support staff at Smilie to maintain the same programs and level of services provided to our students. Additionally, costs incurred at the Supervisory Union level are assessed to the individual school districts using formulas that are based on student or staff levels. As the number of students at Smilie School increases - or even if it remains stable - and student populations in other districts in the Supervisory Union decrease, Bolton's share of the allocated costs increase. These costs include the Special Education assessment discussed previously, the budget for the CESU central office operation, and transportation (busing). Our costs for these last two assessed items are increasing by \$8,336, or 8% of the overall budget increase.

Finally, the budget includes an increase of \$12,576, about 12% of the total budget increase, for program and service enhancements to help improve the nutritional, physical, and psychological well being of Smilie School students and to better meet Vermont's School Quality Standards. Studies continue to show that too many of our nation's children are overweight and do not get enough physical exercise. To address this and other issues, we have increased budget items to allow more time for the Physical Education teacher, the Guidance Counselor, and cook. With the additional time, the Physical Education teacher will teach a second session of PE each week. The Guidance Counselor will have more time to work with small groups, individual students and connect with par-

ents to support students and families. The cook's additional hours will allow for more planning for the use of fresh and local foods and let her accommodate the increasing level of student participation in the food program. The activities will be undertaken with minimal impact on core education time, and in the end, will enhance students' ability to learn.

As mentioned previously, the Town has agreed to plow and sand the school parking lot starting this winter. We appreciate the Town providing this service and the taxpayers can be grateful for the impact this has on the budget - a reduction of \$3,000.

The School Board and administration would like to thank the community for its participation and input during our budget process this year. Your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions are always welcome!

### **ENSURING A FUTURE FOR BOLTON'S CHILDREN**

There is a shining future for Bolton's children because of the dedication and commitment of the Smilie School learning community, which includes a quality staff, a supportive community, a beautiful building and wonderful students. We recognize that we face challenges and that there are pressures coming from distant decision-makers. But, if we work together, look upon these challenges as opportunities, remain steadfast to our goals and chart a clear course of progress on the local level, we will continue to ensure a bright future for our children.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

September 16, 2004

Board of School Directors  
Bolton School District  
Bolton, Vermont

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Bolton School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of June 30, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with U. S. generally accepted accounting principles.

As described in the Notes, the District adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*, GASB Statement No. 37, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments: Omnibus* and GASB No. 38, *Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures*, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004.

The management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 9, is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by U. S. generally accepted accounting principles. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The supplementary information in Schedules 1 and 2 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. This information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

*Fothergill Segale & Valley CPAs*  
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BOLTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXHIBIT D

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2004

TOTAL FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		\$	466
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds. The cost of the assets is \$1,928,823, and the accumulated depreciation is \$359,545.			1,569,278
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds. Long-term liabilities at year end consist of:			
Bonds and notes payable	990,000		
Accrued interest on bonds and notes payable	4,169		
Accrued compensated absences	9,083		
			<u>(1,003,252)</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		\$	<u>566,492</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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## BOLTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXHIBIT E

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

## GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Property tax - local share	\$ 560,529	\$ 0	\$ 560,529
Property tax - education fund	747,109	0	747,109
General state support grant	359,055	0	359,055
Local share support	95,769	0	95,769
Earnings on investments	1,198	0	1,198
Food sales	0	18,677	18,677
Other local sources	5,639	0	5,639
State transportation aid	29,353	0	29,353
State special ed.- block grant	54,270	0	54,270
State special ed.- intensive	158,433	0	158,433
State special ed.- extraordinary	4,684	0	4,684
State essential early education	9,608	0	9,608
State food service grant	0	470	470
School renovation grant	3,620	0	3,620
State small schools grant	8,496	0	8,496
Statewide improvement	9,000	0	9,000
Medicaid IEP	16,554	0	16,554
IDEA B grants	35,667	0	35,667
Title I grant	73,124	0	73,124
Federal food service grants	0	13,926	13,926
On behalf payments	14,000	0	14,000
Total revenues	2,186,108	33,073	2,219,181
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Regular education	359,837	0	359,837
Special education	432,574	0	432,574
Health services	6,348	0	6,348
Support services	498	0	498
Media services	5,293	0	5,293
Board of education	2,091	0	2,091
Superintendents office	26,732	0	26,732
School administration	79,289	0	79,289
Secretarial services	24,796	0	24,796
Fiscal services	9,640	0	9,640
Buildings and facilities	91,480	0	91,480
Transportation	23,139	0	23,139
Debt service	126,794	0	126,794
Union High School assessment	922,096	0	922,096
Statewide improvements	9,000	0	9,000
Food services	0	37,919	37,919
On behalf payments	14,000	0	14,000
Total expenditures	2,133,607	37,919	2,171,526

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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BOLTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXHIBIT F

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT  
OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

TOTAL NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	\$	47,655
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. Depreciation expense of \$(39,190) is reported in the period.		
		(39,190)
Repayment of bond and notes principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.		
		75,000
In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses - accrued compensated absences are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially, the amounts actually paid). This year compensated absences earned exceeded the amounts paid by \$3,982.		
		(3,982)
Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due. The reduction in interest reported in the statement of activities is because accrued interest on bonds and notes payable decreased by \$295.		
		<u>295</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$	<u>79,778</u>

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## BOLTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXHIBIT G

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCE COMPARED TO BUDGET

## GENERAL FUND

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Property tax - local share	\$ 560,529	\$ 560,529	\$ 0
Property tax - education fund	747,109	747,109	0
General state support grant	359,056	359,055	(1)
Local share support	95,770	95,769	(1)
Earnings on investments	6,000	1,198	(4,802)
Other local sources	3,000	5,639	2,639
State transportation aid	26,800	29,353	2,553
State special ed.- block grant	64,762	54,270	(10,492)
State special ed.- intensive	106,446	158,433	51,987
State special ed.- extraordinary	21,878	4,684	(17,194)
State essential early education	9,270	9,608	338
Family, infant and toddler	1,235	0	(1,235)
School renovation grant	0	3,620	3,620
State small schools grant	8,313	8,496	183
Statewide improvement	0	9,000	9,000
Medicaid IEP	15,450	16,554	1,104
IDEA B grants	29,355	35,667	6,312
Title I grant	35,000	73,124	38,124
Total revenues	<u>2,089,973</u>	<u>2,172,108</u>	<u>82,135</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Regular education	387,345	359,837	27,508
Special education	360,014	432,574	(72,560)
Health services	6,281	6,348	(67)
Support services	2,840	498	2,342
Media services	4,715	5,293	(578)
Board of education	2,499	2,091	408
Superintendents office	26,735	26,732	3
School administration	79,682	79,289	393
Secretarial services	25,644	24,796	848
Fiscal services	17,340	9,640	7,700
Buildings and facilities	76,937	91,480	(14,543)
Transportation	24,264	23,139	1,125
Debt service	124,274	126,794	(2,520)
Union High School assessment	922,096	922,096	0
Accrual assessment	3,307	0	3,307
Statewide improvements	0	9,000	(9,000)
Total expenditures	<u>2,063,973</u>	<u>2,119,607</u>	<u>(55,634)</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>			
	26,000	52,501	26,501
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Transfer to Hot Lunch fund	(1,000)	(1,000)	0

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**Bolton School District Budget Report**

Code	Description	2003-2004 Actual	2003-2004 Budget	2004-2005 Budget	2005-2006 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
<b>1100 Instructional Programs</b>							
This section of the budget contains all of the line items for general instruction including teacher salaries, insurances and benefits. Classroom supplies, equipment and books are also in this section.							
<b>Salaries</b>							
110.00	Teacher Salaries	218,019	246,316	238,122	260,484	22,362	9.39%
110.01	Aides	9,072	3,340	13,926	10,900	-3,026	-21.73%
110.08	Teacher Mentoring				1,801	1,801	
120.00	Substitutes	4,432	5,500	5,500	5,000	-500	-9.09%
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>231,523</b>	<b>255,156</b>	<b>257,548</b>	<b>278,185</b>	<b>20,637</b>	<b>8.01%</b>
<b>Insurances</b>							
210.00	Health Insurance	18,349	23,848	22,645	41,265	18,620	82.23%
210.01	Dental Insurance	5,008	3,131	4,228	4,984	756	17.88%
210.02	EAP	184	210	210	210	0	0.00%
210.03	Group Life Insurance	380	368	381	449	68	17.85%
210.07	Health Ins - Decline Paymt	2,222			0	0	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>26,143</b>	<b>27,557</b>	<b>27,464</b>	<b>46,908</b>	<b>19,444</b>	<b>70.80%</b>

**Bolton School District Budget Report**

Code	Description	2003-2004 Actual	2003-2004 Budget	2004-2005 Budget	2005-2006 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
<b>Social Security</b>							
220.00	Social Security-Teachers	16,753	18,843	18,216	19,927	1,711	9.39%
220.01	Social Security-Aides	694	256	1,065	834	-231	-21.69%
220.05	Social Security - Subs	339	421	421	383	-38	-9.02%
220.08	Social Security - Mentor				138	138	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>17,786</b>	<b>19,519</b>	<b>19,702</b>	<b>21,282</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>8.02%</b>
<b>Benefits - Other</b>							
250.00	Worker's Compensation	1,099	663	786	1,195	409	52.04%
260.00	Unemployment Compensation	452	100	122	360	238	195.08%
270.00	Tuition Reimbursement	3,386	3,249	3,378	3,513	135	4.00%
270.01	Conference/Travel	490	640	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
271.00	Professional Reimbursement		0	0	0	0	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>5,427</b>	<b>4,652</b>	<b>5,286</b>	<b>6,068</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>14.79%</b>

**Bolton School District Budget Report**

Code	Description	2003-2004 Actual	2003-2004 Budget	2004-2005 Budget	2005-2006 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
<b>Assessed Salaries</b>							
320.01	Physical Education	7,914	7,913	8,413	14,675	6,262	74.43%
320.02	Computer Consultant	1,325	1,325	0	2,202	2,202	
320.03	Guidance	8,644	8,556	8,854	13,987	5,133	57.97%
320.09	Building Preventative Maintenance	0	0	7,223	0	-7,223	-100.00%
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>17,883</b>	<b>17,794</b>	<b>24,490</b>	<b>30,864</b>	<b>6,374</b>	<b>26.03%</b>
<b>430.00 Repair/Mntc Copier</b>							
560.00	Tuition - Summer School	3,382	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	0.00%
640.00	Supplies	2,127	2,667	0	0	0	
640.00	Textbooks	4,337	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%
730.00	Equipment	3,252	4,500	4,000	4,500	500	12.50%
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,881</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>14,979</b>	<b>17,667</b>	<b>14,500</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>3.45%</b>

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Code	Description	2003-2004 Actual	2003-2004 Budget	2004-2005 Budget	2005-2006 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
<b>Pre-school</b>							
110.00	Preschool Salaries	19,962			21,494	21,494	
210.00	Preschool Insurances	3,642			4,002	4,002	
220.00	Preschool FICA	1,527			1,644	1,644	
250.00	Preschool WC	49			86	86	
260.00	Preschool UE	24			14	14	
330.00	Preschool Prof Svc	20,892	45,000	51,750	6,563	-45,188	-87.32%
	<b>Subtotal Pre-School Programs</b>	<b>46,096</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>51,750</b>	<b>33,803</b>	<b>-17,947</b>	<b>-34.68%</b>
	<b>Subtotal Instructional Programs</b>	<b>359,837</b>	<b>387,345</b>	<b>400,740</b>	<b>432,110</b>	<b>31,370</b>	<b>7.83%</b>

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**1210 SPECIAL EDUCATION**

This section of the budget contains the expenses for special education. These services are organized at the supervisory union level. These funds are paid to Chittenden East for all the legally required services for our students.

320.00	Special Ed Assessment	76,614	76,614	86,545	101,751	15,206	17.57%
321.01	Purchased Serv CESU (Fed)	103,497	59,373	93,433	111,299	17,866	19.12%
321.02	Purchased Serv CESU (State)	118,302	105,814	112,951	131,521	18,570	16.44%
	<b>Subtotal Special Education</b>	<b>298,413</b>	<b>241,801</b>	<b>292,929</b>	<b>344,571</b>	<b>51,642</b>	<b>17.63%</b>

**1410 STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

This section funds student activities that aren't part of the regular classroom instruction.

890.00	Student Activities	498	840	840	840	0	0.00%
	<b>Subtotal Co-Curricular Activities</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

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**2130 HEALTH SERVICES**

This section contains funds for the school nurse services.

330.00	Prof Nurse Services	6,194	5,867	6,054	6,243	189	3.12%
	Assessment		364	379	329	-50	-13.19%
610.00	Nursing Supplies	154	50	50	200	150	300.00%
	<b>Subtotal Health Services</b>	<b>6,348</b>	<b>6,281</b>	<b>6,483</b>	<b>6,772</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>4.46%</b>

**2220 EDUCATION MEDIA SERVICES**

This section of the budget contains funds for the school library. The salary and benefits for the librarian are included in the Instructional Programs section above.

640.01	Library Books	1,336	2,155	2,155	2,155	0	0.00%
640.02	Periodicals	302	300	300	300	0	0.00%
650.00	Multi Media	1,825	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.00%
730.00	Computer Equipment			0	2,242	2,242	
890.00	Operating Expenses	600	160	2,138	1,420	-718	-33.58%
890.01	Computer Services	1,230	600	0	0	0	
	<b>Subtotal Education Media Services</b>	<b>6,293</b>	<b>4,715</b>	<b>6,093</b>	<b>7,617</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>25.01%</b>

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**2310 BOARD OF EDUCATION**

This section of the budget contains funds for board expenses, including legal notices, legal fees, and board travel.

540.00	Advertising	269	399	399	399	0	0.00%
580.00	Board Stipend	720	1,200	1,500	1,500	0	0.00%
890.00	Operating Expenses	1,102	900	900	900	0	0.00%
	<b>Subtotal Board of Education</b>	<b>2,091</b>	<b>2,499</b>	<b>2,799</b>	<b>2,799</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

**2320 CHITTENDEN EAST OFFICE**

This section of the budget contains funds for our share of the Chittenden East Central Office. These items include central administrative staff, payroll, and bookkeeping expenses. These expenses are allocated on a percent of teaching staff per district.

110.00	Salaries - CESD	21,916	21,916	23,444	25,215	1,771	7.55%
890.00	Operating Expenses	4,816	4,819	5,080	5,712	632	12.44%
	<b>Subtotal Chittenden East Office</b>	<b>26,732</b>	<b>26,735</b>	<b>28,524</b>	<b>30,927</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>8.42%</b>

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**2410 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

This section of the budget includes the salary, benefits, and expenses of the office of the building principal.

110.00	Salaries-Administration	61,950	61,950	63,809	65,723	1,914	3.00%
210.00	Insurances	11,535	12,358	12,784	13,960	1,176	9.20%
220.00	Social Security	4,739	4,739	4,881	5,023	142	2.91%
580.00	Conference/Travel	445	500	500	500	0	0.00%
610.00	Supplies	620	135	302	302	0	0.00%
	<b>Subtotal School Administration</b>	<b>79,289</b>	<b>79,682</b>	<b>82,278</b>	<b>85,508</b>	<b>3,232</b>	<b>3.93%</b>

**2490 SECRETARIAL SERVICES**

This section of the budget includes the expenses for secretarial support for the school.

110.00	Salaries - Secretary	18,336	18,336	16,686	17,701	1,015	6.08%
210.00	Insurance	4,092	4,728	4,578	2,255	-2,323	-50.74%
220.00	Social Security	1,340	1,403	1,276	1,354	78	6.11%
240.00	Municipal Retirement	922	917	835	885	50	5.99%
250.00	Worker's Compensation	45	47	43	81	38	88.37%
260.00	Unemployment Compensation	61	13	13	36	23	176.92%
590.00	Conference	0	200	200	200	0	0.00%
890.00	Operating Expenses	0	0	0	725	725	-1.67%
	<b>Subtotal Secretarial Services</b>	<b>24,796</b>	<b>25,644</b>	<b>23,631</b>	<b>23,237</b>	<b>-394</b>	

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<b>2520 FISCAL SERVICES</b>							
This section of the budget includes the expenses for the audit and other fiscal services.							
370.00	Prof. (Audit) Services	4,000	3,570	3,570	4,000	430	12.04%
523.00	Prof Svcs (other)				0	0	
340.00	Data Processing	222			0	0	
610.00	Prof Tech Services		770	770	770	0	0.00%
830.00	Interest-Money Management	5,335	13,000	11,500	13,225	1,725	15.00%
890.00	Service Fees/Penalties	83	0	0	0	0	
	<b>Subtotal Fiscal Services</b>	<b>9,640</b>	<b>17,340</b>	<b>15,840</b>	<b>17,995</b>	<b>2,155</b>	<b>13.60%</b>

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<b>2540 OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE OF PLANT</b>							
This section of the budget includes line items for building maintenance. These items include custodial salaries and benefits, building insurance, utilities, supplies, and repairs. To improve the accuracy of the budget, the building maintenance assessment was moved from the Instructional Programs section of the budget to this section.							
110.01	Salaries - Custodial	19,458	19,383	20,430	21,449	1,019	4.99%
210.01	Insurances	11,703	11,742	13,141	14,166	1,025	7.80%
220.01	Social Security - Regular	1,446	1,483	1,563	1,641	78	4.99%
240.00	Municipal Retirement	973	969	1,020	1,072	52	5.10%
250.00	Worker's Compensation	938	589	1,232	877	-355	-28.81%
260.00	Unemployment Compensation	60	13	13	36	23	176.92%
340.00	Shared Maintenance	6,681	0	0	7,758	7,758	
411.00	Water/Sewer	1,474	686	1,000	500	500	50.00%
421.00	Contracted Sv - Rubbish	910	1,456	1,456	800	-656	-45.05%
421.01	Snow Removal	4,000	4,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
430.00	Repair & Maintenance	3,896	1,500	1,500	4,000	2,500	166.67%
521.00	Property Insurance	4,993	3,542	5,732	4,603	-1,129	-19.70%
522.00	Liability Ins - Umbrella	715	938	822	733	-89	10.82%
522.01	Board Errors & Omission	244	316	316	316	0	0.00%
530.00	Telecommunications	2,817	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0.00%
530.01	Postage	148	300	300	300	0	0.00%
610.00	Supplies	3,165	2,775	3,619	3,292	-327	-9.04%
622.00	Electricity	12,722	10,289	12,073	13,995	1,922	15.92%
623.00	Bottled Gas	573	586	632	794	162	25.63%
624.00	Oil	8,461	7,370	9,130	15,200	6,070	66.48%
710.00	Grounds - Mowing	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.00%
720.00	Buildings	4,398	3,500	3,500	4,000	500	14.29%
730.01	Equipment	505	500	500	500	0	0.00%
<b>Subtotal Operation &amp; Maintenance of Plant</b>		<b>91,480</b>	<b>76,937</b>	<b>83,979</b>	<b>103,032</b>	<b>19,053</b>	<b>22.69%</b>

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**2550 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

This section of the budget includes the expenses for school bus services. Transportation services are organized by Chittenden East Supervisory Union.

511.00	Transportation	23,139	24,264	23,053	28,986	5,933	25.74%
	<b>Subtotal Transportation Services</b>	<b>23,139</b>	<b>24,264</b>	<b>23,053</b>	<b>28,986</b>	<b>5,933</b>	<b>25.74%</b>

**2560 FOOD SERVICES**

This section of the budget contains any necessary financial support for the school cafeteria. When the revenues from school meals meet the expenses, then no district funds are needed for this program.

930.00	Food Services	1,000	1,000	3,600	5,465	1,865	51.81%
	<b>Subtotal Food Services</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>1,865</b>	<b>51.81%</b>

**2900 OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES**

This section of the budget includes a general contingency line.

840.00	Contingency Account		2,000	2,000	0	-2,000	-100.00%
330.00	Prof Serv - Treas		0	200	280	80	40.00%
	<b>Subtotal Other Support Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>-1,920</b>	<b>-87.27%</b>

**Bolton School District  
Budget Summary and Comparison**

Description	2003-04 Actual	2003-04 Budget	2004-05 Budget	2005-06 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
Instructional Programs	359,837	387,345	400,740	432,110	31,370	7.83%
Special Education	298,413	241,801	292,929	344,571	51,642	17.63%
Student Activities	498	840	840	840	0	0.00%
Health Services	6,348	6,281	6,483	6,772	289	4.46%
Education Media Services	5,293	4,715	6,093	7,617	1,524	25.01%
Board of Education	2,091	2,499	2,799	2,799	0	0.00%
Chittenden East Office	26,732	26,735	28,524	30,927	2,403	8.42%
School Administration	79,289	79,682	82,276	85,508	3,232	3.93%
Secretarial Services	24,796	25,644	23,631	23,237	-394	-1.67%
Fiscal Services	9,640	17,340	15,840	17,995	2,155	13.60%
Operation/Maint of Plant	91,480	76,937	83,979	103,032	19,053	22.69%
Transportation Services	23,139	24,264	23,053	28,986	5,933	25.74%
Food Services	1,000	1,000	3,600	5,465	1,865	51.81%
Other Support Services	0	2,000	2,200	280	-1,920	-87.27%
Debt Service	126,794	124,274	123,221	104,063	-19,158	-15.55%
Other Programs	9,000	0	0	0	0	
<b>TOTAL K-4 EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,064,350</b>	<b>1,021,358</b>	<b>1,096,208</b>	<b>1,194,202</b>	<b>97,994</b>	<b>8.94%</b>

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MMU Assessment	909,776	909,777	1,011,537	1,059,784	48,247	4.77%
Technical Education Transfer	0	0	26,653	31,454	4,801	18.01%
Special Ed (Fed & State)	134,161	118,213	124,635	146,706	22,071	17.71%
<b>TOTAL 5-12 EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,043,937</b>	<b>1,027,990</b>	<b>1,162,825</b>	<b>1,237,944</b>	<b>75,119</b>	<b>6.46%</b>

Bolton Accrual Payment	0	3,307	0	0	0	-100.00%
MMU Assessment/Accrual	12,320	12,318	12,461	0	-12,461	1.16%
<b>TOTAL ACCRUALS</b>	<b>12,320</b>	<b>15,625</b>	<b>12,461</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-12,461</b>	<b>-100.00%</b>

<b>TOTAL K-12 EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,120,607</b>	<b>2,064,973</b>	<b>2,271,494</b>	<b>2,432,146</b>	<b>160,652</b>	<b>7.07%</b>
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**ESTIMATED REVENUES**

Surplus(Deficit) - Beginning	-43,202	-25,000	-14,895	8,299	23,194	155.72%
Local Property Tax	544,904	544,904	0	0	0	
Accrual Tax	15,625	15,625	12,461	0	-12,461	-100.00%
General State Support Grant (Net)	1,106,164	1,106,165	0	0	0	
Education Fund Grant (est)	95,769	95,770	0	0	0	
Education Spending Revenue	0	0	1,884,343	1,960,000	75,657	4.01%
Technical Education Transfer	8,496	8,313	26,653	31,454	4,801	18.01%
Small Schools Grant	29,353	26,800	25,913	29,585	3,672	14.17%
Transportation Aid	0	0	0	0	0	
Hold Harmless Aid	226,995	203,591	217,365	253,575	36,210	16.66%
Special Education - State	128,965	79,805	113,654	135,950	22,296	19.62%
Special Education - Federal	1,198	6,000	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%
Interest Earned	5,639	3,000	3,000	1,500	-1,500	-50.00%
Miscellaneous	9,000	0	0	0	0	
Other Grants	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	<b>2,128,906</b>	<b>2,064,973</b>	<b>2,271,494</b>	<b>2,432,146</b>	<b>160,652</b>	<b>7.07%</b>

**A COMPARISON**

The following chart adjusts this 2005-06 budget to present a comparison with last year's budget. Budgeted increases are funded 100% by State and Federal funds.

	2004-2005 Budget	2005-2006 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
K-4 budgeted expenses using 2004-05 format	1,096,208	1,194,202	97,994	8.94%
Budgeted increase to Special Ed Purchased Services (Fed)		17,866		
Budgeted increase to Special Ed Purchased Services (State)		18,570		
<b>Total K-4 Expenditures</b>	<b>1,096,208</b>	<b>1,157,766</b>	<b>61,558</b>	<b>5.62%</b>

**Bolton School District  
FY 2006 Tax Summary Estimates**

	2003-04 Actual	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Equalized Education Grand List	679,190	777,510	822,820	45,310	5.83%
Common Level of Appraisal	85.67%	76.83%	73.45%		4.40%

**Governor's Recommendation**

Statewide Tax Rate	1.24				
Local Tax Rate	0.91				
Estimated Homestead Tax Rate (\$1.02)	1.93	2.005	2.005	0.07	3.82%
Estimated Non-Residential Tax Rate (\$1.51)	2.00	2.056	2.056	0.05	2.57%
Accrual Tax Rate	0.03	0.02	-	-0.02	-100.00%
Total Estimated Homestead Tax Rate	2.18	1.95	2.005	0.05	2.76%
Total Estimated Non-Residential Tax Rate	2.18	2.02	2.056	0.03	1.56%
Percentage for Income Sensitivity		2.68%	2.67%		

ESTIMATES ONLY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by DOE

PRELIMINARY

District: **Bolton**  
County: Chittenden

LBA: **022**  
S.U.: Chittenden East

Expenditures	Act 60			Act 68		
	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008
1. Budget (local budget, excluding special programs reported in line 3, full tech expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$916,486	\$1,021,958	\$1,096,208	\$1,163,308	\$1,237,944	\$1,194,202
2. Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years under Act 60	\$21,950	\$22,950	-	-	-	-
3. Special revenue program expenditures (federal dollars, resistor grants, etc.)	\$23,000	\$9,000	-	-	-	-
4. Locally adopted or warned budget	\$961,416	\$1,053,308	\$1,096,208	\$1,194,202	\$1,237,944	\$1,194,202
5. 1. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	-	-
6. 2. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. 3. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget	\$561,416	\$1,053,308	\$1,096,208	\$1,194,202	\$1,237,944	\$1,194,202
9. Union school or joint school district assessment	\$911,228	\$1,027,990	\$1,163,308	\$1,237,944	\$1,237,944	\$1,194,202
10. Prior deficit reduction if not included in budgets	\$1,872,644	\$2,081,298	\$2,259,516	\$2,432,146	\$2,432,146	\$2,432,146
11. S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$59,832	\$103,343	\$128,122	\$128,122	\$128,122	\$128,122
12. Prior deficit reduction (if included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	-	-
13. Gross Act 68 Budget	\$2,432,146	\$2,681,298	\$2,859,516	\$3,032,146	\$3,032,146	\$3,032,146
14. Prior deficit reduction (if included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	-	-

15.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuition, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$287,140	\$302,509	\$356,778	\$440,692
16.	Capital debt aid	\$6,561	-	-	-
17.	Special program revenues (if not included in local budget, included in FY2006)	\$23,000	\$9,000	-	-
18.	Prior deficit reduction if included in revenues	-	-	-	-
19.		-	-	-	-
20.	Total revenues	\$316,701	\$311,509	\$356,778	\$440,692
21.	Fund raising (if any)	-	-	-	-
22.	Adjusted local revenues	\$316,701	\$311,509	\$356,778	\$440,692
23.	Education Spending (Act 68 definition)	\$1,556,943	\$1,769,789	\$1,902,738	\$1,991,454
24.	Equalized Pupils	193.39	194.34	198.02	197.69
25.	Less eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$8,046	\$9,107	\$9,609	\$10,074
25a.		not applicable	not applicable	777.44 Threshold = \$10,889	599 Threshold = \$11,347
26.	Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	not applicable	not applicable	\$5,629	-
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	not applicable	not applicable	141,306%	\$10,074
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$10,074 / \$8,976)	not applicable	not applicable	based on 15,800	144.430% based on 18,975
29.	Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized (144.430% x \$1.02)	\$1.749	\$1.902	\$1.484 based on 1,205	\$1.473 based on 1,102
30.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	92.45%	85.67%	76.83%	73.45%
31.	Estimated homestead tax rate, actual (\$1.473 / 73.45%)	\$1.910	\$2.180	\$1.931 based on 1,102	\$2.005 based on 1,102
32.	Household Income Percentage for Income sensitivity (144.43% x 1.85%)	3.19%	3.46%	2.63% based on 1.7%	2.67% based on 1.65%

The projected base education spending amount of \$6.976 is subject to legislative approval.

The base education homestead tax rate of \$1.02 and the income percentage cap of 1.85% are based on the recommendation of the Governor's Office and are subject to legislative approval.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CHITTENDEN EAST SUPERVISORY UNION #12

The educational quality of our schools continues to be maintained at a high level for all of our students. As I write this last report while serving as your superintendent, the hard work, dedication and commitment of all our total staff continues to be a reason for this high quality, I believe. Our excellent teaching staff is supported by all members of the administrative staff and the support staff.

During the 2003-04 year, our students enjoyed academic successes in the classrooms and the state-wide academic tests. In the sports arena and in all of our fine arts programs, our students were productive and successful. The support of the community-at-large and the families of our students is an important part of this educational success.

There have been several changes during this 2004-05 year. During this school year, we have been able to add 15 minutes to the instructional day for elementary and middle school students. An additional 15 minutes was also added to the instructional day for these students the previous year. These changes were completed after the length of our at-school work day for teachers was extended by the contract negotiations in the 2000-01 school year. Two additional major items for this year include a search for a new superintendent and a new round of teacher contract negotiations. (The present Master Agreement ends on June 30, 2005.) After a national and state-wide search, the CESU board selected James Massingham as our next Superintendent. Jim's long, successful administrative experience at our Richmond Elementary School and his CESU Central Office experience provide a great foundation and match for this new responsibility.

Two challenges we continue to face include the cost of our total educational programs and the leadership of our staff as many of our teachers, administrators and support staff choose to retire. The state legislature created funding changes (Act 68) that brought tax relief for all taxpayers in Chittenden East in the 2004-05 budget year. New efforts will be needed to continue this financial support for our schools in the next few years. Our staff leadership challenges are being met by the new

staff who have replaced our recent retirees. This important trend also needs to continue and be supported.

I have enjoyed (and continue to enjoy) the opportunity to work with/for our forty-five board members on the seven elected school boards in Chittenden East. This supervisory union governance structure in Vermont has been criticized, reviewed and studied by numerous state committees. Although this is a very dynamic plan for governance, it continues to support our local boards and our five towns. On behalf of our students, we all owe a large "thank you" for the extreme dedication and commitment of our volunteer school board members.

Dr. Gail B. Conley

**Chittenden East Supervisory Union #12  
Proposed FY 2006 Budget  
Central Office**

	2003-2004 Actual (Unaudited)	2003-2004 Budget	2004-2005 Budget	2005-2006 Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
<b>Expenses</b>						
Salaries	\$ 535,508	\$ 534,100	\$ 550,585	\$ 560,444	9,859	1.79%
Insurance	93,067	93,739	98,427	116,234	17,807	18.09%
Insurance (Cobra)	15,522	5,700	5,000	15,000	10,000	200.00%
Social Security	39,408	40,859	42,120	42,874	754	1.79%
Group Life Insurance	1,646	1,205	1,581	1,589	8	0.51%
Retirement	14,452	14,420	15,370	16,297	927	6.03%
Workers Compensation	694	1,409	1,686	2,242	556	32.98%
Unemployment	1,157	696	729	2,368	1,639	224.83%
Tuition Reimbursement	197	1,083	2,260	1,858	(402)	-17.79%
Professional Reimbursement	-	-	120	-	(120)	-100.00%
Professional Development	23,004	12,850	8,350	10,650	2,300	27.54%
Curriculum Coordination	11,221	25,200	28,675	31,900	3,225	11.25%
Professional & Technical Services	1,295	6,700	13,495	1,700	(11,795)	-87.40%
Contract Negotiations	-	-	2,000	6,000	4,000	200.00%
Cleaning Services	3,440	4,180	3,480	3,480	-	0.00%
Repair & Maintenance	8,045	10,066	8,000	8,000	-	0.00%
Rent	33,125	35,000	35,700	36,414	714	2.00%
Prop/Liab Insurance	176	214	244	164	(80)	-32.79%
Fidelity Bond	244	288	279	281	2	0.72%

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Postage & Telephone	8,735	11,595	9,600	9,600	-	0.00%
Printing	3,424	-	4,350	4,350	4,050	1350.00%
Advertising	2,572	4,800	7,000	2,550	(4,450)	-63.57%
Travel/Conferences	13,995	10,300	10,800	13,000	2,200	20.37%
Supplies	13,821	15,548	14,500	14,500	-	0.00%
Electricity	2,484	2,932	2,700	2,700	-	0.00%
Books/Periodicals	864	750	875	875	-	0.00%
Computer Software	3,159	4,650	750	1,000	250	33.33%
Equipment	17,852	2,500	4,000	18,000	14,000	350.00%
Due & Fees	3,801	3,600	3,700	3,850	150	4.05%
ESL Services	-	-	6,000	6,000	6,000	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 852,908</b>	<b>\$ 844,384</b>	<b>\$ 872,326</b>	<b>\$ 933,920</b>	<b>\$ 61,594</b>	<b>7.06%</b>
Total without Cobra & E-Rate	\$ 824,871	\$ 838,684	\$ 867,326	\$ 906,420	\$ 39,094	4.51%

Estimated Revenues

District Assessments	\$ 810,684	\$ 810,684	\$ 848,326	\$ 874,454	\$ 26,128	3.08%
Interest Earned	657	3,000	3,000	1,000	(2,000)	-66.67%
Services Provided other LEAs	20,970	-	-	-	-	-
Funds for Other LEAs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Misc Other Income	13,108	-	-	12,500	12,500	-
LSB Grant	1,460	1,000	1,000	1,500	500	50.00%
Cobra Payments	16,065	5,700	5,000	15,000	10,000	200.00%
Prior Year Refund	31	-	-	-	-	-
Carry Forward	40,399	24,000	15,000	29,466	14,466	96.44%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 903,374</b>	<b>\$ 844,384</b>	<b>\$ 872,326</b>	<b>\$ 933,920</b>	<b>\$ 61,594</b>	<b>7.06%</b>
Total without Cobra & E-Rate	\$ 874,793	\$ 838,684	\$ 867,326	\$ 906,420	\$ 39,094	4.51%

## GRANTS ACTIVITIES

In 2004-2005, the Chittenden East School District received over \$500,000 through various grants including the Comprehensive Federal Programs. The federal programs commonly referred to as Title Programs provide federal money, which is distributed through the state. Title I provides funding for academic assistance to students in eligible schools (Brewster-Pierce, Camels Hump and Smilie) who are not meeting or are at risk for not meeting the state's content and performance standards. Title II provides funding for the addition of staff to support innovation, professional development and improve classroom instruction. Title IV provides funding to establish programs that contribute to safe and substance-free schools. Title V funding provides professional development for teachers and staff.

Some examples of the district use of Title funding are professional development programs for teachers, state of the art materials for math and science, funding of the District Drug and Alcohol Program position and training programs for district youth. Two positions are funded as district Professional Developers. The Professional Developers work with teachers in grades K-8. All projects are carefully monitored and evaluated.

Grants continue to provide funding for Student Assistance Counselors (SAP) in the district's middle and high schools, programs for youth mentoring and leadership training programs and a Director responsible for program development and coordination.

The district is in the final year of a \$50,000 grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) which provides Life Skills Educators in the middle schools and some funding for coordination.

Grant funding from the State provides services and programs for youth leadership, tobacco prevention and healthy schools and community development.

The district participates in the Federal Medicaid Program – Early, Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) that provides funding for expanded health services. EPSDT funding has been used to provide for an additional nursing position. This position provides expanded nursing services in the district schools.

Patricia Connelly  
Federal Grants Coordinator

**Central Office Assessment**

	<b>FY 2005 Percentage</b>	<b>FY 2005 Assessment</b>	<b>FY 2006 Percentage</b>	<b>Estimated FY 2006 Assessment</b>	<b>Dollar Increase</b>	<b>Percent Increase</b>
Bolton	3.36%	28,524	3.54%	30,944	\$ 2,420	8.48%
Huntington	4.89%	41,503	5.06%	44,274	2,771	6.68%
Jericho	9.26%	78,587	9.53%	83,311	4,724	6.01%
Richmond	9.34%	79,205	9.27%	81,089	1,884	2.38%
Underhill I. D.	4.75%	40,267	4.77%	41,735	1,468	3.65%
Underhill Town	5.13%	43,543	5.34%	46,686	3,143	7.22%
Browns River	16.09%	136,500	15.90%	139,073	2,573	1.88%
Camels Hump	16.78%	142,371	16.63%	145,412	3,041	2.14%
Mount Mansfield	30.39%	257,826	29.95%	261,930	4,104	1.59%
	100.00%	848,326	100.00%	874,454	\$ 26,128	3.08%

## Grant Supported Activities

	2003-2004 Actual (Unaudited)	2003-2004 Budget	2004-2005 Budget	2005-2006 Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 306,517	\$ 340,655	\$ 369,466	\$ 385,763	\$ 16,297	4.41%
Tuition Reimbursement	1,305	1,905	-	-	-	-
Professional Services	120,951	66,298	33,000	126,680	93,680	283.88%
Fiscal Services	540	-	-	-	-	-
Postage/Telephone	1,463	6,416	2,500	150	(2,350)	-94.00%
Travel/Conferences	54,288	27,412	1,000	9,425	8,425	842.45%
Supplies	21,514	34,025	20,000	6,510	(13,490)	-67.45%
Textbooks	1,969	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	8,485	7,500	4,000	6,100	2,100	52.50%
Miscellaneous	9,689	-	599	56,107	55,508	9266.78%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 526,721</b>	<b>\$ 484,211</b>	<b>\$ 430,565</b>	<b>\$ 590,735</b>	<b>\$ 160,170</b>	<b>37.20%</b>

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<b>Revenues</b>											
National Writing Project	\$	54,390	\$	-	\$	39,466	\$	40,901	\$	1,435	3.64%
Spencer Foundation		9,597		-		-		-		-	
SAP		37,316		48,740		40,000		57,423		17,423	43.56%
New Directions		11,440		29,758		-		22,317		22,317	
Title IIA		198,242		198,242		198,242		224,734		26,492	13.36%
Title IID		10,438		10,438		10,438		22,731		12,293	117.77%
Title IV		35,276		27,214		27,214		30,090		2,876	10.57%
Title VA		37,205		37,205		37,205		38,035		830	2.23%
Tobacco Funds		58,150		56,214		18,000		59,241		41,241	229.11%
Life Skills (OJJD)		45,626		50,000		50,000		71,563		21,563	43.13%
VKAT/OVX/Migrant		6,101		6,400		-		3,700		3,700	
EPSDT		19,546		20,000		10,000		20,000		10,000	100.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>523,327</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>484,211</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>430,565</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>590,735</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>160,170</b>	<b>37.20%</b>

**Chittenden East Supervisory Union  
Transportation Budget  
FY 2006**

	2003-04 Actual (Unaudited)	2003-04 Budget	2004-05 Budget	2005-06 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percent Change
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Salary	\$ 585,470	\$ 518,000	\$ 606,853	\$ 674,500	\$ 67,647	11.15%
Insurance	147,841	200,981	191,588	209,659	18,071	9.43%
Social Security	44,660	39,627	46,424	51,599	5,175	11.15%
Retire/Work Comp/Unemp	42,939	45,483	52,688	80,379	27,691	52.56%
Busing Contracts	7,746	4,500	4,500	4,500	-	0.00%
Fleet Insurance	25,381	16,000	25,260	23,339	(1,921)	-7.61%
Supervisor's Travel	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	-	0.00%
Supplies/Parts	85,703	86,500	89,500	82,905	(6,595)	-7.37%
Fuels	71,988	81,000	75,000	147,000	72,000	96.00%
Equipment	2,434	3,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	100.00%
Bus Replacement	171,761	177,000	177,000	240,000	63,000	35.59%
Contingency	15,761	18,500	15,000	15,000	-	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,204,184</b>	<b>\$ 1,193,091</b>	<b>\$ 1,287,313</b>	<b>\$ 1,533,381</b>	<b>\$ 246,068</b>	<b>19.11%</b>
<b>Estimated Revenue</b>						
Vo-Tech Reimbursement				28,000	28,000	
Special Ed Reimbursement				32,000	32,000	
Title 1 (Summer School)				13,822	13,822	
Miscellaneous				3,000	3,000	
Elementary Assessment	298,273	298,273	321,828	364,140	42,312	13.15%
Secondary Assessment	894,818	894,818	965,485	1,092,419	126,934	13.15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,193,091</b>	<b>\$ 1,193,091</b>	<b>\$ 1,287,313</b>	<b>\$ 1,533,381</b>	<b>\$ 246,068</b>	<b>19.11%</b>

Estimated Transportation Assessment

Town	2004-05 Assessment	2004-05 Percentage	2005-06 K - 4 Enrollment	2005-06 Percentage	2005-06 Estimated Assessment	% Increase
Bolton	\$ 22,988	7.14%	80	7.96%	\$ 28,986	26.09%
Huntington	\$ 36,586	11.37%	128	12.74%	\$ 46,378	26.76%
Jericho	\$ 86,447	26.86%	282	28.06%	\$ 102,177	18.20%
Richmond	\$ 90,656	28.17%	257	25.57%	\$ 93,118	2.72%
Underhill ID	\$ 41,118	12.78%	119	11.84%	\$ 43,117	4.86%
Underhill Town	\$ 44,033	13.68%	139	13.83%	\$ 50,364	14.38%
MMUSD	\$ 965,485		N/A		\$ 1,092,419	13.15%
	\$ 1,287,313	100.00%	1,005	100.00%	\$ 1,456,559	13.15%
Elementary (25%)	321,828				364,140	
MMUSD (75%)	965,485				1,092,419	
	\$ 1,287,313				\$ 1,456,559	

## CESU #12 SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET

The CESU special education budget reflects relatively minor changes from the 2004-2005 budget. In addition to contract-related costs for salary and benefits, there is an overall increase of 3.5 individual assistants and one new professional position, a district-wide behavioral specialist. There is also an increased cost for health services. This line item includes occupational and physical therapy consultation as directed by student plans; assistive technology and adaptive physical education programs for intensive needs students; and consultants for students with highly specialized needs such as deafness, visual impairments, and autism. The increase in individual assistants is driven by a number of intensive needs students transitioning from preschool to kindergarten and from part-time kindergarten to full-time first grade programs. In addition, the costs of the school social worker contracts were moved from line 2140 to line 2100. This line also reflects a slight increase in school social worker hours. The last area reflecting an increase is 1210-700, equipment, which reflects the beginning of a five year computer replacement rotation. We have cut computer replacement out of the budget for the past two years and wish to avoid having all of our computers become obsolete in the same year. As we replace staff computers, those which are still functional will be placed in other programs to augment special education classroom computer access.

The increase in Essential Early Education (children ages 3-5) is 23.11% and reflects individual tuitions for young children with intensive needs. This is part of a nation-wide trend as more very young children are identified with a variety of intensive handicaps. As a district, we continue to see a shift in special education costs to address the needs of students with intensive disabilities. At the same time, we are seeing a significant increase in the effectiveness of these interventions, resulting in some intensive needs students acquiring a higher level of skills and a bility to succeed in their school and community. In particular, intensive intervention for preschool age children is proving very effective in helping children to be successful as they reach elementary school. This is an encouraging trend in special education and one which we will be watching carefully in years to come.

To balance some of these increases, there is a decrease in the tuition line (tuitions for out-of-district placements) reflecting a change in student population and needs. It should also be noted that some student specific costs are offset by an increase in state revenues (line 3205, Other State Revenue). These are the costs incurred by students placed by a state agency in one of the Chittenden East school districts. We receive 100% reimbursement for these costs. The overall revenue picture from state and federal funding as well as Medicaid continues to be somewhat difficult to quantify, but the special education directors and business manager continue to work together to make these projections as accurate as possible.

The combination of the above increases and changing revenues, result in an overall budget increase of 9.54%, with an average local expense increase of 6.06%.

Elizabeth DeForge  
Blythe Leonard  
Special Services Coordinators

**Chittenden East Supervisory Union #12  
Special Education Budget  
FY 2006**

Description	2003-2004 Actual	2003-2004 Budget	2004-2005 Budget	2005-2006 Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
<b>Estimated Revenue</b>						
Surplus/Deficit	\$ (55,785)	\$ -	\$ (150,000)	\$ (36,000)	\$ 114,000	-76.00%
Title I	291,679	140,000	286,121	334,923	48,802	17.06%
Essential Early Ed (EEE)	133,736	120,000	120,000	120,000	-	0.00%
IDEA - B	462,006	380,000	472,000	500,000	28,000	5.93%
Other Federal	51,350	-	-	-	-	-
State Block	826,837	838,318	838,000	820,000	(18,000)	-2.15%
State Extraordinary	60,674	8,000	107,000	122,400	15,400	14.39%
State Exceptional	-	275,200	141,280	-	(141,280)	-100.00%
State Expenditure Reimbursement	2,020,042	1,377,868	1,848,399	2,152,384	303,985	16.45%
Other State	81,045	48,000	-	123,000	123,000	-
FITP Grant (EEE)	16,078	16,000	-	12,000	12,000	-
Prior Year Payments	(99,092)	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Local	3,233	20,000	10,004	5,000	(5,004)	-50.02%
Local Assessment	1,983,453	1,983,451	2,432,505	2,579,948	147,443	6.06%
Medicaid	214,425	200,000	120,000	150,000	30,000	25.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,989,681</b>	<b>\$ 5,406,837</b>	<b>\$ 6,225,309</b>	<b>\$ 6,883,655</b>	<b>\$ 668,346</b>	<b>10.58%</b>

Expenditures	\$	4,148,491	\$	3,853,186	\$	4,486,501	\$	4,797,962	\$	311,461	6.94%
Instructional Services											
100 Salaries	2,483,963		2,238,784		2,638,854		2,846,985		208,130		7.89%
200 Benefits	944,276		936,802		1,094,637		1,291,127		196,491		17.95%
500 Other Purchased Services	14,062		-		10,660		13,000		2,340		21.95%
566 Tuition	682,204		630,000		702,600		594,600		(108,000)		-15.37%
600 Supplies	21,521		35,500		27,950		27,450		(500)		-1.79%
700 Equipment	2,464		12,100		11,800		24,800		13,000		110.17%
Professional Services	53,344		8,000		10,000		94,800		84,800		848.00%
Health Services	134,462		82,200		69,349		113,639		44,290		63.87%
Psychological Services	138,691		160,000		178,400		112,200		(66,200)		-37.11%
Speech & Lang Services	474,052		369,358		502,819		564,633		61,814		12.29%
Other Support Services	115,180		61,200		-		-		-		
Instructional Improvement	11,346		-		-		58,890		58,890		
Administration Services	169,747		151,766		166,278		183,255		16,977		10.21%
Admin Support Services	38,143		60,590		56,521		58,829		2,307		4.08%
Fiscal Services	40,522		35,772		38,374		40,553		2,179		5.68%
Facilities	19,497		18,000		20,000		25,000		5,000		25.00%
Transportation	131,661		100,000		95,000		110,000		15,000		15.79%
Transfers	25,000		-		-		-		-		
<b>Total Special Ed</b>	<b>\$ 5,500,136</b>		<b>\$ 4,900,072</b>		<b>\$ 5,623,242</b>		<b>\$ 6,159,761</b>		<b>\$ 536,519</b>		<b>9.54%</b>
Essential Early Education (EEE)	383,434		316,966		315,946		388,970		73,024		23.11%
Title 1 Programs	291,679		189,799		286,121		334,923		48,802		17.06%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,175,248</b>		<b>\$ 5,406,837</b>		<b>\$ 6,225,309</b>		<b>\$ 6,883,654</b>		<b>\$ 658,345</b>		<b>10.58%</b>

### 2005-2006 Special Education Assessment

Represents 50 - 50 share of costs between MMUSD and town school districts assessed per students.

District	2004-05 Budget	2005-06 Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change	% Share K-4 Pop
Bolton	\$ 86,545	\$ 101,751	\$ 15,206	17.57%	7.89%
Huntington	140,056	153,271	13,215	9.44%	11.88%
Jericho	323,482	364,836	41,354	12.78%	28.28%
Richmond	340,342	333,152	-7,190	-2.11%	25.83%
Underhill I. D.	161,496	156,645	-4,851	-3.00%	12.14%
Underhill Town	164,331	180,319	15,988	9.73%	13.98%
MMUSD	1,216,253	1,289,974	73,721	6.06%	
	\$ 2,432,505	\$ 2,579,948	\$ 147,443	6.06%	100.00%

## REPORT OF THE MT. MANSFIELD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS

It has been another busy year at Browns River, Camels Hump and Mt. Mansfield. The school year started with the search for a new Superintendent of Schools. A strong group of applicants interviewed for this important leadership position and we are looking forward to working with James Massingham in his new role.

Student assessment results from last spring at all three schools indicate that our students continue to perform well above the state average on almost every academic indicator when compared to their peers. However, this is the last year that we will report to you SAT and NSRE assessment results.

This fall brought about a complete change in the required assessments that we administer as established by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2002. One of the components of this law requires that students in each of the grades 3-8 and one grade at high school be assessed annually in various subject areas beginning in the 2005-2006 academic year. Each state is responsible for developing expectations for student achievement in mathematics and reading/language arts. The New England Compact was instituted in 2002 by the Commissioners of Education of Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. The New England Compact provided a forum for the states to build a common knowledge base and establish cross-state activities that benefit each state. From this collaboration emerged the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP).

This year we participated in the pilot of the NECAP testing at the middle schools in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Since it is a pilot year for the test we will not receive any individual student or school results. Analyzing data over the next 2 years will be more challenging as we transition between the changes in the required assessments.

Approximately 65 CESU teachers and administrators have attended Professional Learning Communities Institutes. This staff development

initiative allows participants from each of our district schools, to work together during the seminar to create a professional learning community while learning the concepts, protocols, habits and skills that lead to more reflective practice. Participants then prepare to adapt and translate their seminar experiences back in their own schools, with their own staff and students. The purpose of a PLC is to support educators through reflective practice in order to improve student learning. The learning is done within the context of a professional learning community with colleagues.

Each school has a number of committees working on local action plans which analyze academic offerings and student performance, encourage healthy choices, revise local assessments, promote a positive school climate and improve reading comprehension across curriculum areas.

In closing, we are very proud of our students' accomplishments and the professional work being done by the staff in our schools. We wish to thank our parents and communities for your continued support.

Nancy Guyette  
Sandra Gillim

Robert Goudreau  
Mark Carbone

Robert Stevens  
Jennifer Botzojorns  
John Pennypacker  
MMUHS

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Mount Mansfield Union School District # 17  
2005-06 Proposed Budget Summary & Comparison

Description	2003-04 Actual	2003-04 Budget	2004-05 Budget	2005-06 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
	\$	Expenditures				
Instructional Programs	9,551,599	9,550,136	10,128,182	10,439,500	\$ 311,318	3.07%
Special Education	2,872,252	2,591,918	3,110,856	3,317,327	206,471	6.64%
Vocational Education	296,395	300,000	614,654	641,257	26,603	4.33%
Co-Curricular Activities	71,333	81,674	98,473	139,824	41,351	41.99%
Health Services	160,351	173,126	195,234	223,894	28,660	14.68%
Media Services	125,053	140,071	129,647	139,711	10,064	7.76%
Board of Education	47,890	49,385	46,185	49,685	3,500	7.58%
Chittenden East Supervisory Union	498,328	498,322	536,696	546,415	9,719	1.81%
School Administration	706,885	712,433	745,213	761,131	15,918	2.14%
Secretarial Services	315,275	318,120	349,537	398,919	49,382	14.13%
Fiscal Services	25,638	48,711	49,000	56,000	7,000	14.29%
Op/Maint of Plant	1,338,371	1,425,019	1,442,469	1,470,074	27,605	1.91%
Transportation Services	1,204,184	1,193,091	965,485	1,092,419	126,934	13.15%
Other Fiscal Services	140,000	55,000	55,000	100,000	45,000	81.82%
Debt Services	734,095	521,200	503,893	558,354	54,461	10.81%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 18,087,649</b>	<b>\$ 17,658,206</b>	<b>\$ 18,970,524</b>	<b>\$ 19,934,510</b>	<b>\$ 963,986</b>	<b>5.08%</b>

	<u>Estimated Revenue</u>						
<u>State and Federal</u>							
Drivers Education	17,378	15,000	15,000	17,500	2,500	16.67%	
Voc-Ed Transportation Reimbrsmnt	27,451	30,000	28,000	-	(28,000)	-100.00%	
Vocational Ed Transfer	-	-	307,238	316,257	9,019	2.94%	
<u>Special Education</u>							
Block Grant	413,419	419,159	419,000	410,000	(9,000)	-2.15%	
Intensive	1,010,022	688,934	924,200	1,076,191	151,991	16.45%	
Extraordinary	30,337	4,000	53,500	61,200	7,700	14.39%	
Exceptional	-	137,600	70,640	-	(70,640)	-100.00%	
IDEA-B	222,681	180,500	224,200	237,500	13,300	5.93%	
Medicaid	107,212	100,000	60,000	75,000	15,000	25.00%	
Title 1	146,247	70,000	143,063	167,462	24,399	17.05%	
<u>Local</u>							
MMU Assessment	15,723,732	15,723,740	16,587,683	17,436,399	848,716	5.12%	
Tuition	99,492	75,000	78,000	87,001	9,001	11.54%	
Elementary Transportation	298,273	298,273	-	-	-	-	
Special Ed Transportation	30,674	6,000	-	-	-	-	
Interest	46,376	40,000	60,000	50,000	(10,000)	-16.67%	
Other	8,788	-	-	-	-	-	
Prior Year Adjustments	(49,546)	-	-	-	-	-	
Surplus/(Deficit)	(192,180)	(130,000)	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total Estimated Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 17,940,356</b>	<b>\$ 17,658,206</b>	<b>\$ 18,970,524</b>	<b>\$ 19,934,510</b>	<b>\$ 963,986</b>	<b>5.08%</b>	
<u>MMU Accrual Reimbursement</u>							
Total Assmnt & Reimbursement	\$ 18,153,252	\$ 17,871,101	\$ 19,174,859	\$ 19,934,510	\$ 759,651	3.96%	

Mount Mansfield Union School District # 17  
District Assessment

Description	2003-04 Actual	2003-04 Budget	2004-05 Budget	2005-06 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
MMU Assessment	\$ 15,723,732	\$ 15,723,740	\$ 16,587,683	\$ 17,436,399	\$ 848,716	5.12%
MMU Accrual Reimbursement	212,896	212,895	204,335	0	(204,335)	-100.00%
Total Assessment & Reimbursement	\$ 15,936,628	\$ 15,936,635	\$ 16,792,018	\$ 17,436,399	\$ 644,381	3.84%

District	40-Day 12 ADM	Gr 5- ADM	Assessment Percent	2005-06 Estimated Assessment	2005-06 Estimated Accrual Assessment	2005-06 Total Estimated Assessment	% Change
Bolton	116.71		6.08%	\$ 1,059,784	\$ -	\$ 1,059,784	3.49%
Huntington	209.55		10.91%	\$ 1,903,009	\$ -	\$ 1,903,009	9.41%
Jericho	476.26		24.80%	\$ 4,324,924	\$ -	\$ 4,324,924	2.45%
Richmond	537.30		27.98%	\$ 4,879,227	\$ -	\$ 4,879,227	5.14%
Underhill I. D.	259.19		13.50%	\$ 2,353,740	\$ -	\$ 2,353,740	2.80%
Underhill Town	321.07		16.72%	\$ 2,915,715	\$ -	\$ 2,915,715	1.35%
	1,920.08		100.00%	\$ 17,436,399	\$ -	\$ 17,436,399	3.84%

**District Assessment and Accrual Reimbursement History**

(Accrual reimbursement ends in 2004-05)

Description	2003-04 Actual	2003-04 Budget	2004-05 Budget	2005-06 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Bolton	\$ 922,096	\$ 922,095	\$ 1,023,998	\$ 1,059,784	\$ 35,786	3.49%
Huntington	1,749,900	1,749,902	1,739,379	1,903,009	163,630	9.41%
Jericho	4,015,296	4,015,297	4,221,533	4,324,924	103,391	2.45%
Richmond	4,396,776	4,396,777	4,640,578	4,879,227	238,649	5.14%
Underhill I. D.	2,044,920	2,044,924	2,289,633	2,353,740	64,107	2.80%
Underhill Town	2,807,640	2,807,641	2,876,897	2,915,715	38,818	1.35%
	\$ 15,936,628	\$ 15,936,636	\$ 16,792,018	\$ 17,436,399	\$ 644,381	3.84%

## LAKE CHAMPLAIN REGIONAL TECHNICAL ACADEMY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS REPORT

Following an affirmative vote at Town Meeting in March 2004 the Lake Champlain Regional Technical Academy School District was established and a Board of School Directors was constituted. (The "RTA Board" will be used as the full name of the board for this report.) The RTA Board was composed of 15 members with 10 elected representatives coming from all the sending school districts in our region and five appointed members from the private/business sector.

The charge of the new RTA Board was to develop a comprehensive proposal for the consolidation and the delivery of technical education in our region in one location. Early on, the Board decided to put the plan it was developing to a test by a vote of the citizens on Election Day this past November. The charge was large and the time was short (early March-late October). The Board had only eight months to draft the plan, establishing the location of appropriate facilities, a comprehensive technical education curriculum with an imbedded academic component at that site and an operational budget. All the above would be in place and operating by September, 2005.

During the spring & fall 2004, The RTA Board solicited feedback from various constituencies interested in the plan it was developing. Unfortunately the Board was not able to persuade many area superintendents, school principals and guidance counselors to support its proposal. In addition, approximately 90% of the teachers at the Burlington Technical Center and the Center for Technology Essex were opposed to the plan. Most school boards including those in Chittenden East (CESU) received presentations from the RTA Board in the fall. In the end, most of the region's school boards were split on the proposal with most of the CESU School Directors opposed to it.

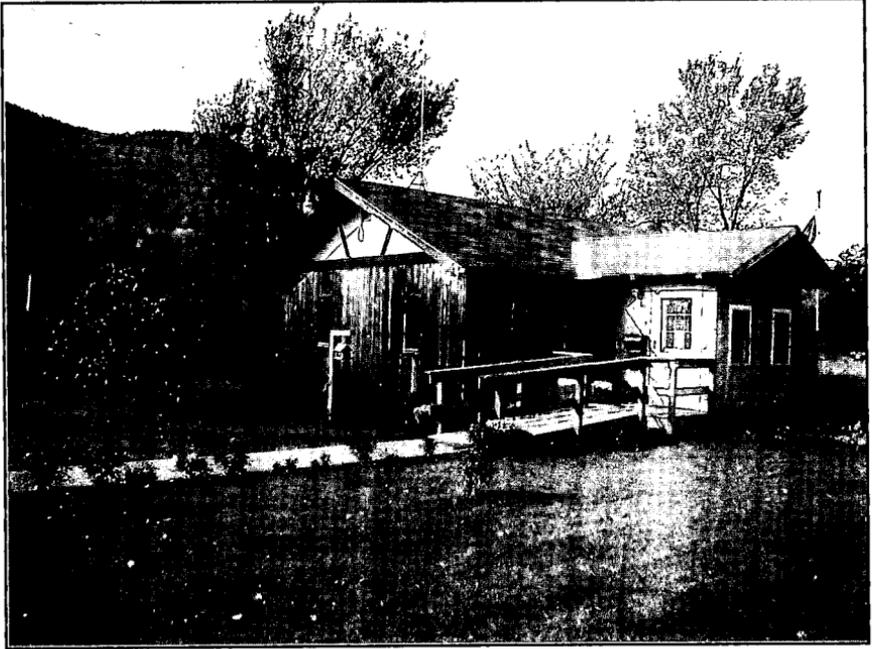
On November 2nd, the RTA Board's plan lost by a significant amount in a total regional vote. One of the possible courses of action the Board could take would be to dissolve itself and leave the future of technical education to others, including the two present centers themselves.

Meetings of the RTA Board are planned for January & February 2005 to decide its future.

Since November and early in 2005, the Commissioner of Education, Richard Cate, has been facilitating meetings with superintendents, principals and other interested parties, including representatives of the school districts in the region. Any recommendations for next steps will be communicated to the RTA Board for its consideration in terms of the future direction of technical education in our region. What is uncertain now is the specific role the RTA Board intends to take in relation to the delivery of technical education services to students in our region. Time will tell!

William Wintersteen

Mt. Mansfield Union School District Representative  
Lake Champlain Regional Technical Academy Board



*Bolton Town Office, Summer 2004*

OTHER

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
RICHMOND RESCUE

## VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT – TOWN OF BOLTON

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

- **Bioterrorism – Emergency Preparedness:** The Vermont Department of Health is actively working with local, state and federal agencies to assure a rapid and effective response to bioterrorism and other public health threats or emergencies. Local health department response may include identifying disease and investigating the source; providing information to the general public and to health professionals; collaborating with other agencies during biological, environmental or weather events; assuring availability of personnel training; planning local and regional responses with hospitals, Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and other partners; and participation in joint exercises. In an actual event, Local Health Offices may operate clinics to vaccinate the public or to distribute preventive medications. Efforts are currently underway both state-wide and locally to identify volunteers who could assist with these special clinics. The Burlington District Office has been actively involved in community-wide planning efforts through its representation on Chittenden County's LEPC, as well as other local, regional and statewide planning groups.
- **Food and Lodging Inspections:** National surveys show that more people are eating out more often. Public health sanitarians inspect eating establishments (restaurants, schools, fairs) to decrease the risk of food borne disease outbreaks. The five greatest risks for food borne outbreaks are: keeping food too long at improper temperatures, inadequate cooking, contaminated equipment, food from an unsafe source, and poor personal hygiene among food handlers. Inspections include review of a 44 item check list to evaluate food storage, preparation and handling as well as to identify where there is a high likelihood of practices contributing to illness if left uncorrected. **In 2003, 11 inspections were completed by a sanitarian at establishments in Bolton.**

- **Reportable Disease Case Investigations:** Infectious diseases continue to be a major source of illness, disability and death in the U.S. and in Vermont, and account for 25% of all visits to physicians 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 and to prevent further spread of the disease. **In 2003, the Department of Health investigated 465 cases of infectious disease in Chittenden County.**
- **Vaccine-Preventable Diseases:** Vaccine-preventable disease rates are at their lowest level ever. In 2003, there were reports of only one case of tetanus, 71 cases of pertussis and no reports of measles, rubella or polio in Vermont. Disease rates, while a key outcome of interest, are a late indicator of the soundness of the immunization system. Immunization levels provide a better view of the effectiveness of immunization delivery. Immunization levels for Vermont children, while high, still fall short of the goal of 90%. **During 2003, the Health Department distributed childhood vaccines valued at \$833,205 to healthcare providers in Chittenden County.**
- **West Nile Virus Surveillance:** West Nile Virus (WNV) first appeared in the United States in New York City in 1999 and has since become well established throughout the United States. Birds, mammals and humans can get WNV from the bite of an infected mosquito. The Departments of Health and Agriculture conduct surveillance for WNV each year from June until cold weather limits mosquito activity in the fall. As of September 20, 2004, 19,639 mosquitoes had been collected, of which 16,841 were tested. One mosquito pool tested positive for West Nile Virus. As of that date, no horses were reported to the Vermont Department of health as having tested positive for WNV. **In Chittenden County from June through September 20, 2004, 289 dead birds were reported, 123 were tested and 2 were found to be infected with WNV.** There were no probable human cases of WNV reported during this time period.

New public health issues emerge every year. Some current challenges being addressed by the Vermont Department of Health include

emergency preparedness, development of additional substance abuse treatment opportunities, and the reorganization of the Agency of Human Services, which shifted Vermont's mental health services 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 Vermont Department of Health Burlington District Office, which serves all of Chittenden County, at (802) 863-7323. For information about public health, Department initiatives, publications and news releases, please visit our website at <http://www.healthyvermonters.info>.

## **RICHMOND RESCUE 2004 ANNUAL REPORT**

### **CALL 911**

Richmond Rescue is a volunteer, nonprofit organization now in its thirty-third year of service. The number of responses to emergency calls this year was a significant increase from previous years. Our primary response area includes Richmond, Huntington, Bolton, and South Jericho and I-89 from Exit 12 south to the Washington County line (mile marker 68). We also respond to surrounding communities, when requested, as part of the emergency medical services mutual aid system.

The number of calls between July 1 and June 30 by year were:

1998-1999	=	400
1999-2000	=	495
2000-2001	=	481
2001-2002	=	547
2002-2003	=	553
2003-2004	=	602

More emergency responses increase expenses for supplies and equipment. We now respond with three person crews to provide necessary personnel for even the most difficult emergencies. This allows for a driver and two medical personnel in the back providing patient care. To ensure quality service 24/7 we have hired part-time emergency medical technicians (EMTs) to cover three or four 12-hour shifts per week. We hope to minimize this expense by continuing to attract new members. However, history shows that membership is cyclic so we need to be prepared to hire a few more part-time EMTs at various times.

Most of the cost for our services is covered by insurance or Medicare/Medicaid. However, we have found that deductibles, co-payments and other insurance charges often exceed \$300. As an alternative to billing, we offer a subscription program. For one annual fee of \$50, each member of a household is covered for emergency medical transport services even if he or she does not have insurance. Call Richmond Rescue for details (434-2394 or 434-3361). Three years ago we decreased our request for financial support from each of the towns by 10% and two years ago we reduced our request by another 20%. This year, as last

year, we are asking for level funding. This will allow us to further evaluate our operating finances and be prepared for unexpected expenses including additional paid personnel if the number of volunteers decreases.

We have applied for numerous grant monies and have received more than \$100,000 from federal Homeland Security funds. This has helped us improve our communications, an important part of our service and one that has always been a problem. Radio and cell phone operation is not guaranteed in the hills of our service area. New portable and mobile VHF radios and repeaters are helping us communicate with other emergency responders and with medical control at the hospital from any place in our service area. We can also now communicate with police with our two new mobile UHF radios. Other equipment purchases have provided us with safer and more efficient equipment. We have a total of 13 Automatic External Defibrilators (AED) in our service area which greatly increases our ability to provide life sustaining medical care for heart attack patients. These AED units, in the hands of our members, augment CPR efforts given by local citizens and allows for a very rapid response to a life threatening medical emergency.

We have a Cadet program for students to learn about emergency medical care. At this time, we have four excellent young people who participate in our training and go on calls with the ambulance. All four have passed the Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) course, are certified and able to give patient care. Their participation and efforts have been a real benefit for the squad.

Our old Ford ambulance is in the process of having a face lift. In order to save money, the old "box" is being remounted on a 450 Ford chassis with a new engine, transmission and, for the first time, 4 wheel drive which will be of great help during the winter and spring mud season.

Some of our Intermediate Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT-I) have taken the new EMT-I course that provides advanced skills for improved patient care. This year we expect most, if not all, of our EMT-I members will gain these skills so that we can provide the best service possible to all of our patients.

We are always in need of new members. If we can increase our membership by six to ten members over the next year, we should be able

to substantially decrease our need to hire part-time EMTs. If you have an interest in becoming a member, and that includes those who may only want to learn to drive the ambulance, please call 434-2394 or 434-3361. We will pay for your training and necessary supplies and equipment. New members immediately become active as MITs and part of an energetic and dedicated emergency medical service.

This year we are greatly saddened by the passing of Olga Hallock who was the mainstay of the Friends of Richmond Rescue. Olga consistently put more time and effort into the Friends fund raising projects than anyone. She did more for our communities than most of us are aware and was a wonderful person. She will be sincerely missed. Even with our loss, we extend our sincere appreciation to the Friends of Richmond Rescue for all of their efforts. They put on various fund raising events throughout the year, such as the Fourth of July Raffle and the Memory Tree. The added income of more than \$4,000 this year benefits our members by providing personal clothing and equipment that would not be possible otherwise. The Friends welcome members including those who would like to simply "help out" on part of a single project. If you are interested, please call 434-3361.

To everyone, thank you for your continued support and interest in Richmond Rescue. Remember the importance of CPR. Watch your local paper for CPR classes or call 434-2394 or 434-3361 to arrange a CPR class for your group or organization.

Respectfully submitted, Ed Wildman, President

**IF WE CAN'T FIND YOU, WE CAN'T HELP YOU!**  
Place your house number where it can be seen from ~~the~~ the road.



*The three “ladies of Bolton:” Theresa Stockwell, Deb LaRiviere and Tina Atwood.*

BALLOTS AND WARNINGS

INSTRUCTIONS

WARNINGS

TOWN SAMPLE BALLOTS

# **NOTICE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING DAY MONDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2005**

The legal voters of the Town of Bolton are hereby notified to meet at the Smilie Memorial Elementary School in said Town on Monday February 28, 2004 at 7 P.M. to transact town and school business.

Voting for Town Officers and any other business to be voted by Australian ballot will take place at Smilie Memorial Elementary School on Tuesday March 01, 2005 from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.

## **VOTING INSTRUCTIONS PAPER BALLOTS TOWN or SCHOOL MEETING**

Here is some of the basic information for you, the voter. If you have any questions after reading the notice, or at any time during the voting process, ask your Town Clerk or other election official.

### **CHECK-IN:**

- 1) Go to the 'in' table.
- 2) Give your name, and if asked, your residence to the election official in a clear audible voice.
- 3) Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the election official.

### **ENTER:**

- 1) Enter within the specified area and do not leave until you have voted.
- 2) An election official will hand you a paper ballot.
- 3) Go to a vacant booth.

### **MARK YOUR BALLOT:**

- 1) Place a mark in the box to the right of the name of the candidate(s) or issue(s) you want to vote for. Follow the directions on the ballot.
- 2) Write-In. To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank 'write-in' lines on the ballot.

**IF YOU SPOIL A BALLOT:**

- 1) Ask an election official for another ballot. Three (3) is the limit.

**CHECK-OUT:**

- 1) Go to the 'OUT' table.
- 2) Give your name to the election official in a clear audible voice.
- 3) Wait until you name is checked off by the official.

**IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW.**

**WARNING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF BOLTON  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2005**

The legal voters of the Town of Bolton are hereby warned and notified to meet at Smilie Memorial School, Route 2 Bolton on Monday, February 28, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. to transact the following business. Australian Ballot voting for Town Officials will take place on Tuesday March 01, 2005 at Smilie School. Polls will be open from 7 am until 7 pm. Voters registered in the Town of Bolton may participate.

ARTICLE 1. (To be voted by Australian Ballot, Tuesday March 01, 2005.)  
TO elect all officers as required by law:

- One Town Moderator for a term of one (1) year
- One Town Clerk for a term of three (3) years
- One Town Treasurer for a term of three (3) years
- One Select board member for a term of two (2) years
- One Select board member for a term of three (3) years
- One Lister for a two (2) year term to finish a three-year term
- One Lister for a one (1) year term to finish a three-year term
- One Lister for a term of three (3) years
- One Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of one (1) year
- One Town Constable for a term of one (1) year
- One Town Agent for a term of one (1) year
- One Grand Juror for a term of one (1) year
- Three Cemetery Commissioners for terms of three (3) years each

ARTICLE 2. (To be voted by Australian Ballot, Tuesday March 01, 2005.) TO see if the voters will authorize the Select board to add a one cent addition to the tax rate to support a fund for the purchase of conservation land.

ARTICLE 3. TO see if the voters will accept the town report.

ARTICLE 4. TO vote a budget \$609,050 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the town and authorize the Select board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same.

ARTICLE 5. TO see if the town will vote to pay real and personal property taxes to the Town Treasurer in four (4) installments with due

dates of Thursday September 15, 2005, Tuesday November 15, 2005, Wednesday February 15, 2006 and Tuesday May 15, 2006.

ARTICLE 6. TO see if the town will authorize interest charges on all delinquent taxes of real and personal property of one (1) percent per month. Interest begins to accrue as soon as a payment is late.

ARTICLE 7. TO authorize the Select board to borrow money for the necessary needs of the Town as those needs arise.

ARTICLE 8. TO establish expenses for the members of the Select board.

ARTICLE 9. TO see if the town will authorize the Select board to acquire by gift or purchase, land, in collaboration with the Town's Conservation Commission, to promote reforestation, water conservation and good forest practices or for open land for animal habitats, recreational uses and to preserve important ecological areas.

ARTICLE 10. TO transact any other business thought proper when met.

Dated at Bolton, Vermont this \_\_\_\_ day of January, 2005

Bolton Select board  
John Devine, Chair  
Patrick Mallow  
Gerard A. Mullen  
David Johnson  
Ronald Lafreniere, Sr

Attest:

Deborah LaRiviere, Town Clerk Received for record at Bolton, Vermont,  
January \_\_\_\_, 2005

# OFFICIAL WARNING ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING BOLTON, VERMONT

The legal voters of the Town School District of the Town of Bolton, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Smilie Memorial School, in said Town, on **Monday, February 28, 2005**, at seven o'clock in the evening to transact the following business.

Voting for Australian Ballot questions on **Tuesday, March 1, 2005**, between the hours of seven o'clock in the forenoon at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock in the afternoon at which time the polls will close.

## February 28, 2005 – Annual Meeting

- Article 1: To hear and act upon the reports of the School Directors.
- Article 2: To establish expenses for the School Directors.
- Article 3: To see if the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to borrow money when needed to meet the current expenses and indebtedness of said District.
- Article 4: To vote a budget of \$1,194,202 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town School District.
- Article 5: Shall the voters of the School District create a repair and replacement reserve fund in accordance with Title 24 VSA§2804, and to appropriate thereto such sums as approved in future annual budgets, the expenditure thereof to be under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors?
- Article 6: To transact other school business thought proper when met.

**March 1, 2005 - Australian Ballot Questions**

Article 7: To elect a Moderator for one year.

Article 8: To elect a School Director for a period of three years.

Article 9: To elect a School Director for a period of two years.

School Directors

Received for record the \_\_\_\_ day of January, A.D., 2005.

\_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

# TOWN OF BOLTON ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING MARCH 01, 2005

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTERS: To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, make a mark in the square at the right of that person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line in the appropriate section and make a mark in the square at the end of the write-in line.

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SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR:

For two years

Vote for not more than one

SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR:

For three years

Vote for not more than one

LOREE SILVIS ..... [ ]

WRITE-IN ..... [ ]

STEVE MAY ..... [ ]

WRITE-IN ..... [ ]

SCHOOL MODERATOR:

For one year

Vote for not more than one

JOSS BESSE ..... [ ]

WRITE-IN ..... [ ]

**TOWN OF BOLTON  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 01, 2005**

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**FOR SELECTMAN:**

For two years  
Vote for not more than one

DAVID JOHNSON ..... [ ]  
WRITE-IN ..... [ ]

**FOR SELECTMAN**

For three years  
Vote for not more than one

KEN RICHARDSON ..... [ ]  
WRITE-IN ..... [ ]

**FOR TOWN CLERK**

For three years  
Vote for not more than one:

DEBORAH LARIVIERE ..... [ ]  
WRITE-IN ..... [ ]

**FOR TOWN AGENT**

For one year  
Vote for not more than one

DEBORAH LARIVIERE ..... [ ]  
WRITE-IN ..... [ ]

**FOR CEMETERY  
COMMISSIONERS**

For three year terms  
Vote for not more than three

MARION STREETER ..... [ ]  
CHERYL A. SUMNER ..... [ ]  
BETTY S. WHEELOCK ..... [ ]  
WRITE-IN ..... [ ]

**FOR TOWN CONSTABLE**

For one year  
Vote for not more than one

GENE E. ARMSTRONG ..... [ ]  
WRITE-IN ..... [ ]

**GRAND JUROR**

For a term of one year  
Vote for not more than one

DEBORAH LARIVIERE ..... [ ]  
WRITE-IN ..... [ ]

**DELINQUENT TAX  
COLLECTOR**

For a term of one year  
Vote for not more than one

JOAN PECOR ..... [ ]  
WRITE-IN ..... [ ]

# TOWN OF BOLTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 01, 2005

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTERS: To vote for a person whose name is printed in the ballot, make a mark in the square at the right of that person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line in the appropriate block and then make a mark in the square at the right of that name.

FOR TOWN MODERATOR:

For one year

Vote for not more than one

FOR TOWN TREASURER

For three years

Vote for not more than one

JOSS BESSE ..... [ ]

WRITE-IN ..... [ ]

DEBORAH LARIVIERE ..... [ ]

WRITE-IN ..... [ ]

FOR LISTER:

(to finish a 3 year term)

For two year

Vote for not more than one:

FOR LISTER:

(to finish a 3 year term)

For one year

Vote for not more than one:

KAREN NEWTON ..... [ ]

WRITE-IN ..... [ ]

JIM THORNTON ..... [ ]

WRITE-IN ..... [ ]

FOR LISTER

For three years

Vote for not more than one

THERESA STOCKWELL..... [ ]

WRITE-IN..... [ ]

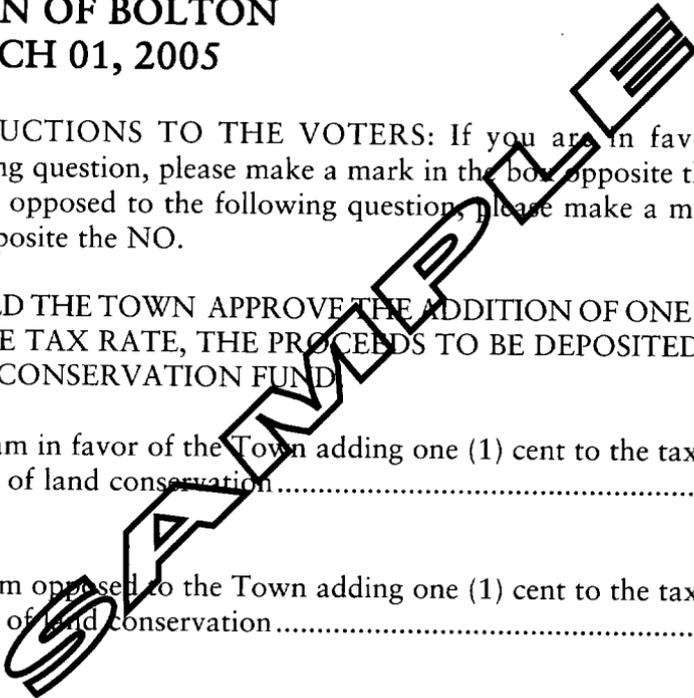
**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
TOWN OF BOLTON  
MARCH 01, 2005**

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTERS: If you are in favor of the following question, please make a mark in the box opposite the YES. If you are opposed to the following question, please make a mark in the box opposite the NO.

SHOULD THE TOWN APPROVE THE ADDITION OF ONE (1) CENT TO THE TAX RATE, THE PROCEEDS TO BE DEPOSITED INTO A LAND CONSERVATION FUND

YES, I am in favor of the Town adding one (1) cent to the tax rate in support of land conservation..... [ ]

NO, I am opposed to the Town adding one (1) cent to the tax rate in support of land conservation..... [ ]



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# MEETINGS - OFFICE HOURS - CALENDAR

Selectmen Meetings  
First and Third Mondays, 6:00 pm  
Town Office  
Clerk, Deborah LaRiviere

Planning Commission  
Second Tuesday, 6:00 pm  
Town Office  
Clerk, Amy Grover

Conservation Commission  
First Monday, 7:00pm  
Smilie School  
Chair, Sharon Murray

Bolton School Board  
First Wednesday, 7:00 pm  
Smilie School  
Clerk, Vicky Congdon

Mt. Mansfield Union Board  
Second and Fourth Thursdays, 7:30 pm  
The locations alternate between BRMS, CHMS, and MMU  
Clerk, Stephanie Colburn

Development Review Board  
Special Selectmen Meetings  
Public Hearings  
All scheduled as needed and warned in *The Burlington Free Press*

As a courtesy, please call the clerks of each board in advance to schedule your appointment.

Town Office Hours:  
Mondays - Thursdays  
(Closed for Lunch 12:00-12:30).....8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Fridays .....closed

Town Office Phone: 434-3064 and 434-5075  
Town Office Fax: 434-6404

Planning and Zoning Hours:  
Tuesdays .....2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Planning and Zoning Phone: 434-5075

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