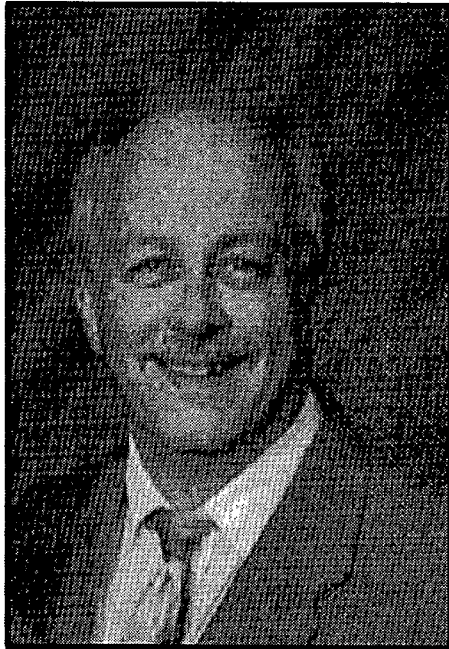


ANNUAL REPORT
of the Town of
Baltimore



Steve Waldo

*For the Year Ending
December 31, 2004*

Dedication

The 2004 Baltimore Town Report is dedicated to Steve Waldo. As a Selectman for the Town of Baltimore these past six years Steve has spent countless hours and traveled many miles in support of the Town's business. He has seen us through some difficult times such as bringing to resolution the infamous town line dispute. He has also been instrumental in enhancing and safeguarding our rural community by, among many other things, putting into place new road ordinances.

Steve modestly says that the job of Selectman requires no more than knowing where to seek, or whom to ask for information. We know it isn't that simple. Steve has brought to our town proceedings a high degree of resolve, competency, experience, and, most of all, a voice of reason.

Thanks, Steve, for a job well done.

TOWN OF BALTIMORE, VERMONT

WARNING For Annual Town Meeting

The legal voters of the Town of Baltimore, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Baltimore Town Hall on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at 7 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles:

Article I: To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing.

Article II: To act on Reports of the Town and Town School District.

Article III: To elect all Town and Town School Officials as the law directs.

Article IV: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money with the approval of the Selectmen and School Directors sufficient to defray the current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

Article V: To see what funds the Town will raise to insulate and repair the Town Hall.

Article VI: To see what hourly rate the Town will set for its employees and officers.

Article VII: To see if the Town wishes the Selectboard to further investigate and report back to the voters on erecting a town garage and purchasing land on which to site that garage.

Article VIII: To see if the Town wishes to change the annual Town Meeting from the first Tuesday in March of each year at 7:00 p.m. to the Monday before the first Tuesday in March at 7:00 p.m.

Article IX: To see if the Town will raise \$190 for Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont. (by petition)

Article X: To see if the Town will raise \$200 for Meals on Wheels. (by petition)

Article XI: To see what taxes the Town will raise to pay current expenses for the Town School District or any part of its indebtedness, now and when to be paid into the Treasury.

Article XII: To see what taxes the Town will raise to pay current expenses for the Town or any part of its indebtedness, now and when to be paid into the Treasury.

Article IX: To do any other business legal and proper when met not to involve expenditures of the Town.

Board of School Directors

Sheila Patch
Christy Thomas
Jessie Metcalf

Board of Selectmen

Steve Waldo
Hugh Hammond
Robert Thomas

TOWN OFFICIALS

Moderator	elected yearly	Robert L. Metcalf
Town Clerk & Treasurer	TE 2005	Deborah W. Bean
Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer (appointed by Town Clerk & Treasurer)	elected yearly	Sandra J. Rich
Selectmen	TE 2005	Steve Waldo
	TE 2005	Hugh Hammond
	TE 2007	Robert Thomas
Listers	TE 2005	Debbie Griswold
	TE 2005	Charlotte Austin
	TE 2007	Vicki Gould
Auditors	TE 2005	Norma Estey Katz
	TE 2006	Martha Jewett
	TE 2007	Christine Campbell
Road Commissioner	elected yearly	Orson Kendall
Delinquent Tax Collector	elected yearly	Elizabeth A. Walker
Town Constable	elected yearly	Ronald K. Walker
Second Town Constable	elected yearly	Elizabeth A. Walker
Town Grand Juror	elected yearly	Shepard Thomas
Town Agent	elected yearly	Alphonso Chambers
Trustee of Public Funds	elected yearly	Judith A. Thomas
Trustees of Campbell Fund	TE 2005	John Thomas
	TE 2006	Harrison Kendall
	TE 2007	Louanne Metcalf
Cemetery Commissioner	(appointed by Selectmen)	Marjorie Constantine
School Directors	TE 2005	Christy Thomas
	TE 2005	Sheila Patch
	TE 2007	Jessie Metcalf
Fire Warden	(appointed by the State)	Mark Whaley
Justices of the Peace (elected at General Election – November)		Harrison Kendall
		Kevin Gould
		Shepard Thomas
		Martha Jewett
		Robert L. Metcalf
Health Officer	(appointed by Selectmen)	Mark Whaley
Fence Viewers	(appointed by Selectmen)	John Thomas
		Addison Kendall
		Robert L. Metcalf
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood		
	(appointed by Selectmen)	Alphonso Chambers
Weigher of Coal	(appointed by Selectmen)	Harrison Kendall

TOWN OFFICIALS

Tree Warden	(appointed by Selectmen)	Daniel Cox
Town Service Officer	(appointed by Selectmen)	Louanne Metcalf
Zoning Administrator	(appointed by Selectmen)	Kevin Gould
Zoning Board of Adjustment	(appointed by Selectmen)	Thomas Tourville
		John Thomas
		Edward Wilson
		Orson Kendell
		Donald Jewett
Planning Commission	TE 2005	John Thomas
(appointed by Selectmen)	TE 2005	Loreen Billings
	TE 2006	Elizabeth A. Walker
	TE 2006	Harrison Kendall
	TE 2006	Sheila Stanton
	TE 2007	Richard Bergeron
	TE 2007	Orson Kendall
Southern Windsor County Regional Planning & Development Commission Representative	(appointed by Selectmen)	Steve Waldo
Solid Waste Management District Representative	(appointed by Selectmen)	Shepard Thomas
Council on Aging Representative		Florence Gomez

**DON'T FORGET
TO ATTEND
THE
TOWN MEETING
MARCH 1, 2005**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ASSETS

School Fund

Balance of School Account, December 31, 2004	\$354,782.54
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Highway Fund

Balance of Highway Account, December 31, 2004	\$101,050.61
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Outstanding checks	(\$1,276.44)
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Total Highway Fund	\$99,774.17
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General Fund

Balance of General Account, December 31, 2004	\$70,192.14
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Outstanding checks	(\$7,627.96)
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Remainder	\$62,564.18
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Accounts Receivable- delinquent taxes owed as of 12/31/04	\$31,361.39
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Total General Fund	\$93,925.57
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Other Funds (Balances as of 12/31/04):

Campbell Fund Account balance	\$23,726.05
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Campbell Fund - Savings Bonds	\$4,000.00
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Cemetery Fund	\$618.78
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Community Affairs Fund	\$4,241.20
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Equipment Fund	\$812.77
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Jake Smith Fund	\$718.31
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Baltimore Memorial Fund	\$5,072.46
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Reappraisal Fund	\$2,642.38
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Hammond Scholarship Fund	\$27,701.24
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Ella Graves Memorial Fund	\$30,438.45
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Total Other Fund	\$99,971.64
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Total Assets	\$648,453.92
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LIABILITIES

The following town officials are covered by surety bonds:

Judith A. Thomas, Treasurer of School Funds	\$1,000.00
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Judith A. Thomas, Treasurer of Town Funds	\$1,000.00
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Elizabeth Walker, Delinquent Tax Collector	\$1,000.00
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Once again, we are pleased to report that the Town of Baltimore remains debt free.

Auditors: Norma Estey Katz
Martha Jewett
Christine Campbell

PROPERTY AND TAX RATE DATA

	Residential	Nonresidential
Grand List Tax Rate	\$2.52	\$2.57
Town	\$0.4565	\$0.4565
Highway	\$0.63	\$0.63
Residential Education	\$1.4289	-----
Nonresidential Education	-----	\$1.4882

Tax Rate Distribution

Town & Highway	31.0%
School Local Share	21.0%
School Statewide	48.0%
State-Aid Highways:	4.36 miles
Town Highways:	2.70 miles

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

GENERAL FUND

Charter One Bank Account # 401-000813-7

Balance as of January 1, 2004 \$44,413.81

Receipts

Deposits \$271,535.87
Interest \$573.91
Transfer from Highway Fund 858.48

Total Receipts \$272,968.26

Expenditures

2003 checks cleared in 2004 \$13,023.97
2004 payments cleared in 2004 \$33,278.78

Transfers

To School Fund \$139,414.64
To Highway Fund \$60,806.54
To Reappraisal Fund \$666.00

Total Expenditures (\$247,189.93)

Balance as of December 31, 2004 **\$70,192.14**

Outstanding checks (\$7,627.96)

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

HIGHWAY FUND**Charter One Bank Account # 401-007053-4****Balance as of January 1, 2004** \$72,630.36**Receipts**

Deposits \$119,058.42

Interest \$468.21**Total Receipts** \$119,526.63**Expenditures**

Checks written in 2003, cleared 2004 \$1,749.71

Checks written and cleared 2004 \$89,356.67**Total Expenditures** (\$91,106.38)**Balance as of December 31, 2004** **\$101,050.61**

(Outstanding checks) (\$1,276.44)

SCHOOL FUND**Charter One Bank Money Market Account #401-006263-6****Balance as of January 1, 2004** \$221,388.63**Receipts**

Interest \$1,923.27

Deposits \$152,796.31

Transfers from Vermont Dept of Education \$304,522.00**Total Receipts** \$459,241.58**Expenditures**

Payments \$306,553.88

Transfers back to General Fund \$19,293.72

Overpayment of bill \$0.07**Total Expenditures** (\$325,847.67)**Balance as of December 31, 2004** **\$354,782.54**

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

Campbell Fund

Merchant's Bank Account # 2990004885

Balance as of January 1, 2004	\$2,147.54
Receipts	
Interest	<u>\$ 6.53</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 6.53
Balance as of December 31, 2004	\$2,154.07

Brattleboro Savings and Loan Account # 13024495

Balance as of January 1, 2004	\$21,340.95
Receipts	
Interest	\$201.03
Interest Series H Bonds	<u>30.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$231.03
Balance as of December 31, 2004	\$21,571.98

Savings Bonds:

4 \$1000 Series H Bonds	\$4,000.00
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Cemetery Fund

Charter One Bank Account # 491-001335-8

Balance as of January 1, 2004	\$662.26
Receipts	
Interest	<u>\$6.52</u>
Total Receipts	\$6.52
Expenditures	
Maintenance	<u>(\$50.00)</u>
Total Expenditures	(\$50.00)
Balance as of December 31, 2004	\$618.78

Community Affairs Fund

Charter One Bank Account # 401-000803-0

Balance as of January 1, 2004	\$4,209.94
Receipts	
Interest	<u>\$31.26</u>
Total Receipts	\$31.26
Balance as of December 31, 2004	\$4,241.20

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS (cont'd)**Equipment Fund****Charter One Bank Account # 491-007555-8****Balance as of January 1, 2004** \$804.56**Receipts**Interest \$8.21**Total Receipts** \$8.21**Balance as of December 31, 2004** **\$812.77****Jake Smith Fund****Charter One Bank Account # 491-001325-1****Balance as of January 1, 2004** \$711.06**Receipts**Interest \$7.25**Total Receipts** \$7.25**Balance as of December 31, 2004** **\$718.31****Baltimore Memorial Fund****Charter One Bank Account # 491-005435-9****Balance as of January 1, 2004** \$5,021.27**Receipts**Interest \$51.19**Total Receipts** \$51.19**Balance as of December 31, 2004** **\$5,072.46****Reappraisal Fund****Charter One Bank Account # 491-006355-7****Balance as of January 1, 2004** \$1,951.64**Receipts**

Deposit \$666.00

Interest \$24.74**Total Receipts** \$690.74**Balance as of December 31, 2004** **\$2,642.38**

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AND REPORT

HENRY H. HAMMOND AND MARGARET B. HAMMOND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In April 1988, the Henry H. and Margaret B. Hammond Scholarship fund was established in the Town of Baltimore. \$25,000 was invested in a fund managed by Edwin J. Fowler.

A scholar applying for a scholarship must write a letter to the trustees stating the college and the address along with his or her social security number. The college must be in the State of Vermont. The sum of money will be sent to the college of the applicant's choice.

No principal can be invaded at any time unless the Town of Baltimore fails to utilize the income of the trust.

No one applied and no scholarships were issued last year.

Balance as of December 31, 2004	\$27,701.24
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Trustees:
John Thomas
Linda Converse
Hugh Hammond

ELLA GRAVES MEMORIAL FUND

January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004

Beginning Market Value -	\$31,295.85
Receipts	
Dividends	\$54.90
Interest	<u>\$1,475.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$1,529.90
Realized Gain/Loss	\$0.00
Unrealized Gain/Loss	(\$928.53)
Disbursements:	
Fees	(\$493.76)
Payments for medical services	<u>(\$965.01)</u>
Total Disbursements	(\$1,458.77)
Ending Market Value	\$30,438.45

ELLA GRAVES MEMORIAL FUND

Criteria for Ella Graves Fund

Legal residents* of the Town of Baltimore may submit any medical bill from any medical* institution*. It shall be:

- A. On an official letterhead.
- B. If insured, all bills must be submitted to their insurance carrier first.

A legal resident may submit their bills every month, but is encouraged to be self-reliant as much as possible.

Only interest, after fees deducted, may be used, as follows:

On or before April 1st the Treasurer will contact Chittenden Bank for the interest to be used. This interest will be divided into six equal parts (April, May, June, July, August and September). The interest shall be divided among the bills presented each month. Example: 4 bills, \$17.00, \$20.00, \$50.00 and \$150.00 – total \$237.00. Interest to be spent, \$200.00. Divide interest by 4 bills equals, \$50.00 each. This means all bills are totally paid except the \$150.00 to which \$113.00 can be applied. On or before October 1st the Treasurer will contact Chittenden Bank for interest to be used. This interest will be divided into October, November and December along with any interest not used previously and all will be used by the end of December each year.

*** Dictionary Definition**

Medical:	treatment; to heal
Institution:	an establishment; a practice, an organization; dedicated to public service
Legal Resident:	one who has lived in Baltimore for six months or more and currently resides in the Town of Baltimore
Conclusion:	Ella Graves Fund will pay for any treatment that helps to keep the body and mind sound until the interest is depleted
Examples:	Services for Doctors, Hospitals, Dentists, Vision, Chiropractors, etc., but are not limited to the above

Adopted by the Baltimore Board of Selectmen February 4, 1998

REPORT OF THE DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

PAYMENTS COLLECTED 1/1/04 THRU 12/31/04

	TAXES	INTEREST	COMMISSION	OWED
Glidden, James & Raylene	\$2,245.43	\$471.51	\$179.63	\$2,896.57
2003 Taxes Paid	\$2,245.43	\$471.51	\$179.63	\$2,896.57
Fawcett, Walter	\$844.13	\$156.84	\$67.53	\$1,068.50
Glidden, James & Raylene	\$958.92	\$67.80	\$76.71	\$1,103.43
Leggett, Karen	\$1,367.13	\$101.97	\$109.37	\$1,578.47
Sigl, David	\$440.83	\$15.43	\$35.26	\$491.52
Williams, Wendy & Gordon	\$338.92	\$6.78	\$27.11	*\$373.11
2004 Taxes Paid	\$3,949.93	\$348.82	\$315.98	\$4,615.03
Glidden, Carol	\$984.57	\$10.74	\$78.77	\$1,074.08
2005 Taxes Paid	\$984.57	\$10.74	\$78.77	\$1,074.08
TOTAL OF ALL YEARS	\$7,179.93	\$831.07	\$574.38	\$8,585.68

*Please note overpayment in the amount of \$0.30 from Wendy & Gordon Williams.

REPORT OF THE DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

TAXES DUE as of 12/31/04

	TAXES	INTEREST	COMM.	OTHER	OWED
Coleman Trust	\$610.16	\$549.00	\$48.81	\$5.32	\$1,213.29
Total 2000 Due	\$610.16	\$549.00	\$48.81	\$5.32	\$1,213.29
Coleman Trust	\$841.60	\$605.78	\$67.33	\$1.33	\$1,516.04
Total 2001 Due	\$841.60	\$605.78	\$67.33	\$1.33	\$1,516.04
Coleman Trust	\$668.02	\$360.72	\$53.44		\$1,082.18
Total 2002 Due	\$668.02	\$360.72	\$53.44		\$1,082.18
Bruce, Steven & Sharon	\$546.38	\$180.40	\$43.51		\$770.29
Coleman Trust	\$598.33	\$215.28	\$47.87		\$861.48
Farnsworth, Timothy Randall	\$186.78	\$36.40	\$14.94		\$238.12
Total 2003 Due	\$1,331.49	\$432.08	\$106.32		\$1,869.89
Allen, John & Irene	\$783.18	\$140.99	\$62.65		\$986.82
Bruce, Sharon	\$2,257.94	\$406.44	\$180.64		\$2,845.02
Coleman Trust	\$602.27	\$108.36	\$48.18		\$758.81
Fawcett, Walter & Suki	\$106.22		\$8.50		\$114.72
Gallagher, Jayne	\$30.34	\$5.20	\$2.43		\$37.97
Glidden, James & Raylene	\$1,301.31	\$195.20	\$104.11		\$1,600.62
Total 2004 Due	\$5,081.26	\$856.19	\$406.51		\$6,343.96
Allen, John & Irene	\$880.54	\$8.81	\$70.44		\$959.79
Bruce, Sharon	\$2,480.19	\$24.80	\$198.42		\$2,703.41
Coleman Trust	\$677.15	\$6.77	\$54.17		\$738.09
Curtis, Christopher & Carole	\$134.75	\$1.35	\$10.78		\$146.88
Fawcett, Walter & Suki	\$1,068.50	\$10.69	\$85.48		\$1164.67
Glidden, David & Carol	\$89.51		\$7.16		\$96.67
Glidden, James & Raylene	\$2,482.70	\$24.83	\$198.62		\$2,706.15
Lawson, Leonard & Rita	\$671.16	\$6.71	\$53.69		\$731.56
Leggett, Karen	\$1,096.67	\$10.97	\$87.73		\$1,195.37
Lighthall, Carol	\$4,207.06	\$42.07	\$336.56		\$4,585.69
Stockman, Clyde & Terri	\$2,734.24	\$27.34	\$218.74		\$2,980.32
Willard, Roger & Joyce	\$836.78	\$8.37	\$66.94		\$912.09
Williams, Gordon & Wendy	\$381.05	\$3.81	\$30.48		\$415.34
Total 2005 Due	\$17,740.30	\$176.52	\$1,419.21		\$19,336.03
TOTAL OF ALL YEARS	\$26,272.83	\$2,980.29	\$2,101.62	\$6.65	\$31,361.39

TOWN OF BALTIMORE

Policy for Collection of Delinquent Taxes

- As soon as the warrant has been received, and each month afterwards, the tax collector will send a notice to each delinquent taxpayer indicating the amount of taxes, penalty and interest owed.
- After due date (12-1) of taxes, interest will be added at 1% per month for three months, then at 1.5% per month until paid in full. A one-time charge of 8% is also charged.
- If a delinquent taxpayer has not made arrangements for satisfactory monthly payments to the delinquent tax collector or if prior agreement has not been made, the property will be put up for a tax sale.
 1. The collector will notify the taxpayer of the tax sale decision, the date by which full payment must be received, and the costs to expect once the sale process begins.
 2. The collector will also notify all mortgage holders, lessees and lien holders.
 3. Once the deadline date has expired and full payment has not been received, the collector will proceed with tax sale according to the procedures specified in 32 V.S.A. ~ 5252.
 4. Costs of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.
- Partial payments will be accepted only when a delinquent tax agreement has been signed by the delinquent taxpayer(s) and delinquent tax collector.
- Partial payments will be applied first to the interest portion of the amount due, the remainder will be divided proportionally between the principal amount of the tax and the 8% fee.
- Payments will be applied to the oldest (tax year) account first.
- There will be no grace period allowed for the late payment.
- Mortgage holders and lien holders will be notified of the delinquent taxes 30 days after the first notice has been sent out.

OPEN LETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF BALTIMORE

From the Baltimore Board of Selectmen

Your Board of Selectmen has worked hard during the year of 2004. There were many contentious issues to come before the Board. We would like to take a moment to explain some of what has happened in your Town this year.

- 1) A large failing culvert was replaced on Bemis Road with 90% of the money coming from a grant by the State of Vermont. Some believe the new culvert is a bit larger than what we would have recommended, but the work needed to be done to State specifications.
- 2) We also received some federal monies to repair flood damage that happened in August of 2003. In several places, the ditch-lines were repaired and stone lined.
- 3) The issue regarding the Town Line seemed to have been completed only for your Board to learn recently that we owed over \$3,000 for the Court appointed Commissioners.
- 4) A number of Baltimore residents gathered this summer to paint the Town Hall. There was enough paint remaining so that another coat might be applied this coming summer. The sill plate at the back entrance still needs replacing.
- 5) A new road ordinance was enacted by your Board this summer. This ordinance clearly spells out the standards for driveways and any town roads that might be considered in the future.
- 6) The Board also purchased stop and yield signs, which were recently installed around town. This was necessary so that our constables might enforce our town ordinances for the safety of everyone.
- 7) The Board has been working with the Regional Planning Commission, as well as other State and Federal Agencies, to try to bring cable TV to our residents as well as a new wireless system for internet broadband. There is much work to do before any of us will ever see this in our town.
- 8) The Baltimore Planning Commission completed, and your Selectboard enacted, a new Town Plan this year. Next, the Boards will need to review and update our zoning bylaws. This will be a complicated process since the Vermont Legislature passed sweeping changes to a section of law known as Chapter 117. The new law requires many new things not seen before in our zoning.
- 9) At our last Town Meeting, in March of 2004, we all spent a great deal of time discussing the maintenance of our town roads. There was discussion about purchasing a grader or a town truck. We also looked at subcontracting all the maintenance. It was decided at that meeting that we would purchase a used dump truck to handle the winter maintenance of our roads. Since that meeting, your Board spent a considerable amount of time trying to make that happen. However, we learned that once a truck was purchased, in order to safeguard our investment we would need to house the truck undercover when it wasn't being used. We looked into building a structure, only to learn that the Town didn't own any property on which to site the building. As you can see, the warning for this years Town Meeting includes another discussion on this topic. In the meantime, your Board realized it needed to keep your roads open this winter, so a contract was developed, it went out to bid and the winter maintenance for the Town of Baltimore for the winter of 2004 into the spring of 2005 was awarded to Bishop Enterprises. We would have liked to continue plowing with the grader in the winter, but it now refuses to start in cold weather.

Finally, we urge all eligible voters to attend this Town Meeting, as it will be more important than ever. There are some very important positions to be filled. Among them are two Selectboard members, two school board members and a new town clerk.

SELECTMEN'S BUDGET

General Fund Expenditures & Budget

	2004 approved	2004 spent	2005 approved	2006 proposed
BUILDING				
Electric	\$350.00	\$458.57	\$492.80	\$550.00
Heat	\$850.00	\$880.05	\$1,120.00	\$1,500.00
Maintenance	\$600.00	\$639.20	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Supplies	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$168.00	\$100.00
TOTAL BUILDING	\$1,950.00	\$1,977.82	\$2,780.80	\$4,150.00
PAYROLL/EXPENSE				
Asst. Clerk/Treas	\$6,000.00	\$3,650.00	\$6,720.00	\$6,000.00
Auditors	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Constables	\$1,500.00	\$2,335.00	\$1,680.00	\$2,000.00
Listers	\$2,400.00	\$1,290.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,400.00
Selectmen	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Board Clerk	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Town Clerk /Treasuer	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Del. Tax Collector		1,182.13		\$1,000.00
FICA (7.65%)	\$1,675.00	\$1,718.10	\$1,887.20	\$1,790.10
Total Payroll/exp.	\$24,775.00	\$23,375.23	\$26,087.20	\$26,390.10
CONTRIBUTIONS				
Council on Aging	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Visiting Nurses	\$690.00	\$690.00	\$700.00	\$759.00
Total Contributions	\$890.00	\$890.00	\$900.00	\$959.00
OPERATING				
Advertising	\$150.00	\$148.30	\$168.00	\$150.00
Annual Dues/Assess.	\$2,000.00	\$1,739.50	\$2,464.00	\$2,600.00
Bonds/Insurance	\$2,110.00	\$2,119.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,500.00
Copier Maintenance	\$245.00	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$200.00
Dog Tags/Licenses	\$300.00	\$246.10	\$224.00	\$225.00
Fire & Ambulance	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Misc	\$200.00	\$0.40	\$224.00	\$224.00
Postage	\$350.00	\$186.02	\$400.00	\$250.00
Training/Schools/Miles	\$500.00	\$80.00	\$784.00	\$800.00
Telephone	\$450.00	\$478.81	\$504.00	\$550.00
Town Line	\$0.00	\$3,013.60	\$0.00	\$0.00
Town Reports	\$1,000.00	\$915.00	\$1,450.00	\$1,500.00
Fish & Wildlife Licenses		\$80.00		
Total Operating	\$11,305.00	\$13,006.73	\$12,893.00	\$12,999.00
SUPPLIES				
Constables	\$200.00	\$132.54	\$224.00	\$200.00
Copier	\$50.00	\$1.80	\$56.00	\$60.00
Del. Tax Collector	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$224.00	\$50.00
Listers	\$205.00	\$235.00	\$325.00	\$250.00
Office	\$135.00	\$445.28	\$168.00	\$150.00
Town Clerk	\$355.00	\$86.59	\$400.00	\$400.00
Total Supplies	\$1,145.00	\$901.21	\$1,397.00	\$1,110.00
TOTALS	\$40,065.00	\$40,150.99	\$44,058.00	\$45,608.10
carryover	\$14,000.00			
amount to be raised by taxes	\$26,065.00			

Note: Building maintenance increase is to paint the building with volunteer help.

SELECTMEN'S BUDGET**Highway Expenditures & Budget**

	Budget 2004	Spent 2004	Budget 2005	Proposed 2006
Grader				
Maintenance	\$2,500.00	\$1,769.57	\$5,600.00	\$5,000.00
Fuel & Oil	\$1,000.00	\$633.40	\$1,120.00	\$1,200.00
Damage		565.63		
Subtotal	\$3,500.00	\$2,968.60	\$6,720.00	\$6,200.00
Highways				
Chloride	\$5,000.00	\$2,491.96	\$5,600.00	\$5,880.00
Gravel	\$12,000.00	\$2,801.50	\$13,440.00	\$14,112.00
Sand	\$37,000.00	\$13,180.00	\$33,600.00	\$34,000.00
Road Repair	\$6,000.00	\$14,439.02	\$13,104.00	\$14,000.00
Roadside	\$300.00	\$1,000.00	\$336.00	\$2,000.00
Mowing	\$555.00	\$0.00	\$621.60	\$650.00
Plowing		\$854.88		\$10,000.00
Subtotal	\$60,855.00	\$34,767.36	\$66,701.60	\$80,642.00
Road Commissioner	\$6,800.00	\$4,375.00	\$7,616.00	\$4,000.00
FICA	\$520.00	\$334.68	\$582.40	\$306.00
Subtotal	\$7,320.00	\$4,709.68	\$8,198.40	\$4,306.00
FEMA		\$48,105.19		
Misc		\$82.28		
Subtotal		\$48,187.47		
Total Highway Expenses	\$71,675.00	\$90,633.11	\$81,620.00	\$91,148.00
State Aid deduct	\$18,000.00	\$21,295.88	\$20,827.84	\$21,000.00
FEMA reimbursement		\$36,956.00		
Interest – highway		\$468.21		
Total Highway Income	\$18,000.00	\$58,720.09	\$20,827.84	\$21,000.00
TOTALS	\$53,675.00	\$31,913.02	\$60,792.16	\$70,148.00

AUDITORS REPORT OF THE GENERAL FUND

The following is an accounting of all monies collected and paid in 2004 by the Town of Baltimore:

Receipts:

Dog licenses	\$940.00
Interest earned	\$573.91
Miscellaneous	\$264.32
Permit fees/licenses	\$628.00
Property Taxes – Current	\$227,795.42
Property taxes – delinquent (including interest, commissions, fees)	\$6,420.70
Recording fees / copies	\$3,424.61
Reimbursements:	
Culverts	\$540.00
Dry Hydrants	\$3,940.00
Town Line Dispute	\$14,100.00
Total Receipts:	\$258,626.96

Expenditures:

Building:

Electricity	\$458.57
Heat	\$880.05
Maintenance /supplies	\$639.20
Subtotal	\$1,977.82

Contributions:

Council on Aging	\$200.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance	\$690.00
Subtotal	\$890.00

Operating:

Advertising	\$148.30
Annual Dues	\$1,739.50
Bonds/insurance	\$2,119.00
Copier Maintenance	\$0.00
Dog Tags/licenses	\$246.10
Fire and ambulance	\$4,000.00
Fish and Wildlife Licenses	\$95.00
Miscellaneous	\$40
Postage	\$224.08
Training/schools/mileage	\$80.00
Telephone	\$478.81
Town Line	\$3,013.60
Town Reports	\$915.00
Subtotal	\$13,059.79

AUDITORS REPORT OF THE GENERAL FUND

Expenditures (cont'd)

Supplies :

Constables	\$132.54
Copier	\$0.00
Listers	\$235.00
Office	\$408.75
Town Clerk	\$86.59
Subtotal	\$862.88

Payroll:

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer (net)	\$3,339.37
Auditors	\$600.00
Constable (net)	\$2,149.15
Delinquent Tax Collector (net)	\$1,019.56
Listers (net)	\$1,190.10
Selectmen	\$600.00
Town Clerk/Treasurer (net)	\$10,390.60
Federal & State Taxes	\$3,937.32
Subtotal	\$23,226.10

Total Expenditures: (\$40,016.59)

AUDITORS REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY FUND

Receipts

Interest	\$468.21
State Agency of Transportation	\$58,251.88
Transfer from General Fund	\$60,806.54
Total Receipts	\$119,526.63

Expenditures

Grader	
Fuel	\$633.40
Maintenance	\$1,769.57
Damage	\$565.63
Highways	
Chloride	\$2,491.96
Gravel	\$2,801.50
Sand	\$13,180.00
Road Repair	\$62,056.58
Roadside	\$1,000.00
Mowing	\$0.00
Plowing	\$854.88
Miscellaneous	\$569.91
Road Commissioner	
Wages paid (net)	\$3,851.20
2004 taxes withheld (employee)	\$523.80
2004 taxes (employer)	\$334.68
Total Expenditures	(\$90,633.11)

REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Office Hours

(Effective March 2005)

Wednesday 4:00-6:00 PM

Thursday 9:00-11:00 AM

And by appointment

Please visit your town's website www.baltimorevt.org

Your ideas or suggestions are most appreciated. Let me know what you'd like.

Property Transactions recorded in the Baltimore Land Records in 2004:

Kevin and Jessica Corliss to Christopher and Coral Curtis

Hugh and Karen Hammond to Thomas and Debra Williams

Marjorie Constantine to Peter and Susan Sheehan

Kenneth Ross to Timothy and Kathleen James

Robert and Jason Jewett to Donald Jewett

Keith Sipe to Hugh and Karen Hammond

Walter and Sandra Rich to Roland and Constance Doucette

Cersosimo Industries to Stephen Sweetland

Burton and Priscilla Graham to Keith and Kelly Stearns

The Baltimore Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday March 26, 2005 at the Town Office from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. The cost per animal (dog, cat or ferret) is \$8.00. We will be available at the same time to license dogs, which are due April 1, 2005.

Due to an additional state surcharge for spaying and neutering, fees have increased to those listed below:

Neutered or spayed dog.....	\$7.00
Unaltered dog.....	\$11.00
Kennel license.....	\$10.00
Special license	\$30.00
Extra dogs	\$6.00

I'd first like to express my appreciation for Judy's years of service to the town. I wish to thank Karen Hammond for all her help during these months of transition. I offer a special thanks to Sandy Rich for all her time and support during the last months.

Debby Bean,
Town Clerk

REPORT FROM THE TOWN CONSTABLE

Baltimore has a wonderful neighborhood watch and we believe this helps with fewer crime activities in Baltimore. The Town of Baltimore residents should be very proud that we look out for one another when we need to.

Thanks to wonderful help from our friends and neighbors, again we have received more calls when activities are happening, which helps with quick response.

We would like to welcome all of our new neighbors to Baltimore, and remind all that due to the increase in homes and people the traffic is also getting heavier.

The Town of Baltimore purchased several Yield and Stop signs as well as Children at Play and Speed Limit signs. All signs are up and about the town. We would like to thank Chick Hammond for helping get the signs as well as the hard work of putting them around town. These signs are now in compliance so enforcement of ordinances will have started.

We have again this year responded to the following:

- ✓ Weekly road-town checks, and radar checks
- ✓ Snowmobile / ATV riding in roadway
- ✓ Mailbox, dog and noise complaints
- ✓ Vin # checks for DMV
- ✓ House alarms

If you wish for home checks if you will be away for a time please let us know, we do monitor homes for several residents. We are always willing to help if we can, and if we can't we know who to contact.

We want to thank the many residents for their kind words, support and suggestions during this year and welcome all the new residents and offer our help if you need it.

We applied and received a homeland security Grant of \$10,000.00 during the year. The town owns 2 dual band Police/Fire Radios, and 3 AED Defibrillators are on order and 3 First Aid Kits. This was 100% government funded grant. No town money was used.

Ron and Kevin Gould are working on a new grant for this coming year to see what is available for the town.

We thank the Selectmen for allowing us to do our job and if elected again will continue to support and help all the residents of the Town of Baltimore.

Ronald K. Walker & Elizabeth A. Walker
1st Constable 2nd Constable

Phone 802- 263-9472
email: walkergibbs@tds.net

office: 870 Baltimore Road
Baltimore VT, 05143

REPORT FROM THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS

School Board meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Town Office. We encourage you to attend.

We have an indefinite agreement with the Springfield School District. This agreement is for K-8 grades only at this time. It shall remain in effect until Springfield or Baltimore deems otherwise.

Grades K-6 attend Springfield Schools as stated in the Baltimore School District Policy. Grades 7-12 have a choice. However, you must notify the school board within 10 days of enrollment if the student is attending a school outside the Springfield School District.

If problems exist at the school your child attends, please first discuss the difficulties with your child's teacher. If you are unable to get a resolution, contact the principal, then contact the superintendent. If no resolution is found, contact your local school board.

Thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Jessie Metcalf
Sheila Patch
Christy Thomas

SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S BUDGET

	Jul'03-Jun'04 Budget	Jul'03-Jun'04 Spent	Jul'04-Jun'05 Budget	Jul'04-Jun'05 1/2 year Spent	July'05-Jun'06 Proposed Budget
Income					
Revenues					
Property Taxes & State Support	\$342,228.00		\$422,488.00		
Education Spending Revenue					\$468,731.00
Mainstream Block Grant	\$12,992.00		\$13,555.00		\$14,390.00
Special Education	\$19,940.00		\$17,671.00		\$55,760.00
Basic Education Tech EEE	\$2,002.00		\$1,477.00		\$6,372.00
					\$2,376.00
Total Income	\$377,162.00		\$455,191.00		\$547,629.00
Expenditures					
Direct Instruction (Tuition)					
WSWSU - Assessments	\$14,152.00	\$14,847.00	\$16,488.00	\$8,000.00	\$18,698.00
Springfield Schools	\$256,328.00	\$251,110.00	\$299,947.00	\$149,974.00	\$307,275.00
Springfield Extras	\$20,000.00	\$19,581.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reading Schools	\$11,302.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
GMUHS	\$8,450.00	\$20,508.00	\$18,860.00	\$17,294.00	\$19,000.00
Mt Ascutney	\$0.00	\$17,430.00	\$20,400.00	\$19,500.00	\$20,925.00
Chester/Andover	\$0.00	\$17,430.00	\$27,200.00	\$34,000.00	\$41,850.00
Vocational/Technical	\$2,500.00	\$901.00	\$5,982.00	\$2,022.00	\$9,661.00
Total Instruction (Tuition)	\$312,732.00	\$341,807.00	\$388,877.00	\$230,790.00	\$417,409.00
Special Education					
Bill Back	\$59,938.00	\$66,208.00	\$59,714.00	\$22,174.00	\$123,620.00
EEE	\$2,002.00	\$7,481.00	\$6,000.00	\$739.00	\$6,000.00
Total Special Education	\$61,940.00	\$73,689.00	\$65,714.00	\$22,913.00	\$129,620.00
Fiscal Services					
CPA Audit	\$2,000.00	\$2000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
School Directors Pay	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Total Fiscal Services	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Postage	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dues - VSBA	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Supplies - Checks	\$0.00	\$48.00	\$50.00	\$17.00	
Supplies - Checks & Postage					\$50.00
Total Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$298.00	\$300.00	\$267.00	\$300.00
Total Expenditures	\$377,072.00	\$418,094.00	\$455,191.00	\$253,970.00	\$547,629.00

The Block Grant in 2004-2005 was \$6,800.00 per student. In 2005-2006 ESEP is \$6,975.00 per student.

AUDITOR'S REPORT OF SCHOOL FUND

Receipts

Property taxes	\$136,122.64
State of Vermont - Dept. of Education	\$304,522.00
Interest	<u>\$1,923.27</u>

Total Receipts **\$442,567.91**

Expenditures

Operating Expenses

Directors' Salaries	\$300.00
Supplies	\$12.69
Advertising	\$40.00
CPA Audit	\$2,000.00
Memberships	<u>\$250.00</u>

Subtotal **\$2,602.69**

Tuition

Springfield School District	\$124,865.00
GMUHS	\$17,294.00
Chester Andover Elementary	\$51,430.00
Mt. Ascutney School	<u>\$19,500.00</u>

Subtotal **\$213,089.00**

Special Education Tuition & Services

WSWSU	\$44,568.90
Springfield School District	\$16,949.93
Learning Garden	\$1,002.80
Deer Creek	\$90.00
GMUHS	<u>\$10,437.79</u>

Subtotal **\$73,049.42**

Assessments

WSWSU	\$15,770.70
Springfield Technical Center	\$2,022.00
Over payment	<u>\$0.07</u>

Subtotal **\$17,792.77**

Total Expenditures **(\$306,533.88)**

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Voters of Baltimore:

ENROLLMENT:

Current 2004-2005 enrollment as of October 12, 2004:

GRADE	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
	3	5	8	1	4	4	3	6	4	4	1	2	4	49

SIZE OF THE WINDSOR SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION:

SCHOOL BOARD	DIRECTORS	VOTES
Andover	3	1
Baltimore	3	1
Cavendish	5	3
Chester	3	1
Landgrove	3	1
Londonderry	3	1
Peru	3	1
Weston	3	1
Chester-Andover Elementary School	5	3
Flood Brook Union School	8	3
Green Mountain Union High School	7	3
Totals	46	19

The Baltimore School Board has representation on the Supervisory Union Board in accordance with the Vermont Statutes.

STATE SCHOOL BUDGET ESTIMATED COMPARISONS

ESTIMATES
ONLY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by DOE

PRELIMINARY

District: Baltimore
County: Windsor

LEA: 008
S.U.: Windsor Southwest

		Act 60		Act 68	
		FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2008
Expenditures					
1.	Budget fiscal budget, excluding special programs reported in line 3, full non-expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures	\$12,765	\$17,765	\$455,191	\$455,191
2.	Block grant paid by State to local center in prior years under Act 60	\$1,537	\$1,537	\$1,537	\$1,537
3.	Special revenue program expenditures (federal dollars, restricted grants, etc.)	\$1,537	\$1,537	\$1,537	\$1,537
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$414,333	\$379,079	\$455,191	\$455,191
5.	Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
6.	Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
7.	Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
8.	Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget	\$414,333	\$379,079	\$455,191	\$455,191
9.		-	-	-	-
10.	Union school or joint school district assessment	-	-	-	-
11.	Prior deficit reduction if not included in budgets	\$414,333	\$379,079	\$455,191	\$455,191
12.		-	-	-	-
13.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
14.	Prior deficit reduction (if included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
15.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuition, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$65,327	\$34,934	\$32,703	\$32,703
16.	Capital debt aid	-	-	-	-
17.	Special program revenues (if not included in local budget, included in FY2008)	-	-	-	-
18.	Prior deficit reduction if included in revenues	-	-	-	-
19.		-	-	-	-
20.	Total revenues	\$65,327	\$34,934	\$32,703	\$32,703
21.	Fund raising (if any)	-	-	-	-
22.	Adjusted local revenues	\$65,327	\$34,934	\$32,703	\$32,703
Education Spending (Act 68 definition)					
23.	Education Spending	\$349,306	\$344,145	\$422,488	\$422,488
24.	Equalized Pupils	43,981	44,071	44,112	44,112
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil					
25.	Less eligible construction costs (or PAF) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-
25a.	Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	\$7,842	\$7,809	\$9,578	\$9,578
26.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000
27.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	\$1,192	\$1,192	\$1,192	\$1,192
28.	Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized	\$10,192	\$10,192	\$10,192	\$10,192
29.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	92.09%	92.09%	92.09%	92.09%
30.	Estimated homestead tax rate, actual	\$1,855	\$1,855	\$1,855	\$1,855
31.	Household Income Percentage for income sensitivity	3.13%	3.13%	3.13%	3.13%
32.		-	-	-	-

The projected base education spending amount of \$6,970 is subject to legislative approval.

The base education homestead tax rate of \$1.02 and the income percentage cap of 1.85% are subject to legislative approval.

The Governor's Office and are subject to legislative approval.

NOTE: The original document is available at the Town Hall.

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES

Jacob Allen Beam to Amanda Marie Smith

July 3, 2004

BIRTHS

Adam Richard Jewett to Martha and Donald Jewett

January 8, 2004

DEATHS

Robert Thomas Faust

May 4, 2004

BALTIMORE CEMETERY REPORT

Yes, the Daffodils did come up last spring. The Geraniums planted at the roadside entrance also bloomed well. They were dug up before the frost and distributed to the Town Office and to house bound residents. There are some plans in the making to put a few broken gravestones in wooden frames – Spring 2005.

Expenses -----\$50.00 (Annual Maintenance)

Marjorie Constantine,
Cemetery Commissioner

DOG LICENSES

SPAYED & NEUTERED

37 @ \$5.00	\$185.00
1 @ \$6.00	\$6.00
3 @ \$7.50	\$22.50
Subtotal.....	\$213.50

MALES

13 @ \$9.00	\$117.00
1 @ \$13.50	\$13.50
Subtotal.....	\$130.50

FEMALES

15 @ \$9.00	\$135.00
1 @ \$5.00	\$5.00
Subtotal.....	\$140.00

SPECIAL LICENSES

2 @ \$30.00	\$60.00
Subtotal.....	\$60.00

KENNEL PERMITS

2 @ \$10.00	\$20.00
Subtotal.....	\$20.00

EXTRA DOGS IN KENNELS

89 @ \$4.00	\$356.00
20 @ \$1.00	\$20.00 (VT Surcharge)
Subtotal.....	\$376.00

Total.....	\$940.00
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VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION AND HOSPICE OF VT AND NH

Home Care, Hospice and Family Health Services - Report to the Town of Baltimore

The VNA and Hospice is like the local police and fire departments - a strategic part of the community's safety net - with services that must be continuously available to anyone in need. The need varies dramatically from month to month and year to year. The VNA provides a comprehensive range of care, requisitioned by hospital staff and physicians, for everyone, regardless of ability to pay. We are committed to provide care to those uninsured and under-insured individuals residing in the communities we serve to access needed and medically necessary, skilled-level home-health services.

We value the continued partnership with the Town of Baltimore to help us meet your residents' home care, hospice and family health needs. Town funding accomplishes the following:

- Enables your family, friends and neighbors to remain independent and at home as they receive skilled clinical care during times of injury, recovery from surgery or accidents, whether for short-term or chronic illness. For many such patients, many are addressing multiple medical, emotional and social issues at the same time.
- Provides skilled clinical care as well as emotional support and pain and symptom management during terminal illness. Hospice care includes spiritual counseling and support of volunteers as well. In addition, bereavement support extends to loved ones. More and more patients want to be at home during their end of life, and through Hospice they have that control.
- Provides community-wellness programs and assistance to young families at risk. Clients range from fathers and/or mothers who want to be more effective parents through learning parenting skills or providing a balanced diet; infants and young children who have chronic illnesses requiring long-term support and care.

The VNA provided the following services in Baltimore this past year:
(July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004)

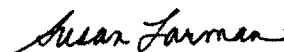
Home Care Program

Skilled Nursing visits	43
Physical Therapy visits	14
Occupational Therapy visits	3
Medical Social Worker visits	1
Home Health Aide visits	394
Homemaker visits	210

Total Visits 665

On behalf of the people we serve in your community, thank you for your continued confidence.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan H. Larman, BSN, MBA
President and CEO

Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of VT and NH, Inc.
46 S. Main Street, White River Junction, VT 05001-7911

SOUTHERN WINDSOR COUNTY

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission is an organization that serves the ten towns in the southern Windsor County Region. Member towns are comprised of Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Ludlow, Reading, Springfield, Weathersfield, West Windsor, and Windsor. SWCRPC's mission includes two major activities: assisting member towns with their planning and other community related activities, and promoting cooperation and coordination among towns.

During FY 2004, member towns contributed 4% to the Regional Planning Commission's annual budget of \$616,365.00. Town dues assessment was based on \$1.00 per person using 2000 census data, which for the Town of Baltimore was \$250.00. The remaining revenues were derived from federal and state funding sources: Federal funding supported transportation planning activities and the administration of Community Development Block Grants; State funds were derived from the Agency of Natural Resources for environmental planning, and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for land use planning and other related activities.

The Southern Windsor County Transportation Advisory Committee (SWCTAC) is an advisory committee of the Regional Planning Commission. The SWCTAC's primary responsibilities are to make recommendations on regional transportation policies, review and provide comment on VT Agency of Transportation projects, identify and rank town/regional transportation improvements for submission to VAOT, and provide input on regional transportation studies.

In addition to providing ongoing technical assistance to member towns, in the last year, the Regional Planning Commission provided technical assistance to the Baltimore Planning Commission, performed a bridge and culvert inventory, wrote a Municipal Planning Grant on behalf of the Planning Commission to be used to amend the town's zoning bylaws.

Annually, the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Baltimore appoints a representative and an alternate to the Regional Planning Commission. The RPC board is responsible for developing regional policies, providing Act 200 review of town plans, and facilitating cooperation amongst member towns. In FY 2004, Steve Waldo represented the Town to the Regional Planning Commission and the town's representative to the Transportation Advisory Committee was left vacant.

Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission
Ascutney Professional Building
P.O. Box 320
Ascutney, VT 05030
web site: www.swcrpc.org

COUNCIL ON AGING 2004 ANNUAL REPORT

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

- **Information and Assistance** – Through the Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 – Providing resources, tips applications for benefits, and assistance with health insurance information.
- **Senior Nutrition** – Home delivered meals are arranged and congregate meals are available in Chester, Springfield and Ascutney.
- **Transportation** – Special arrangements are made for non-Medicaid seniors requiring medical transportation.
- **Case Management** – Providing one on one case management to those wishing to stay in their community and by managing the Medicaid Waiver program which provides nursing home like care. With self-neglect referrals we assist the individual to become aware of and access services thus regaining control of their lives. Four clients (a 100% increase of 2003) are currently receiving these services at an annual cost of \$3,380.
- **Advocacy** – Assisting with accessing a wide array of benefits such as VHAP pharmacy, fuel assistance, food stamps, telephone lifeline, tax rebates, and Supplemental Security Income. These services are provided through home visits.
- **Care Giver Respite** – Through grants we are able to provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia and other chronic diseases.
- **Senior Companion Program** – Providing friendly visiting as well as a stipend employment opportunity for older, limited income workers.
- **Planning** – for seniors is accomplished by working with legislators, other agencies, and the communities we serve.
- **Successful Aging Initiatives** – Providing a series of small community grants for groups and organizations to create and expand their programs.

Your town contribution of \$200 generates \$1,133 in Federal matching funds to support all of these activities. Services are provided at no cost but participants are encouraged to make anonymous, voluntary contributions. The support of Baltimore citizens as well as that of the hundreds of volunteers and dedicated staff make these services possible.

Submitted by Marie Saunders, Executive Director

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Annual Report — Town of Baltimore, 2004

- **Bioterrorism and 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 office activities include monitoring and early identification of disease; investigating disease sources; providing accurate and timely information to the public and health professionals; collaborating with other agencies during biological, environmental or weather events; training personnel; as well as planning and testing regional responses with hospitals and Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) #3.
- **Special Supplemental Food & Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC):** WIC improves the health of eligible pregnant and postpartum women, infants and young children through access to health care, nutrition education and individually designed nutritious food packages. In 2003, 6 women, infants and young children living in Baltimore received health and nutrition screening, education and nutritious foods through this program. The average value of foods provided is \$40.00 per person each month.
- **Reportable Disease Investigations:** Infectious diseases continue to be a major source of illness, disability and death in the U.S., accounting for 25% of all doctor visits each year. The Department of Health investigates all reportable disease cases, such as hepatitis, meningitis, pertussis (whooping cough), and infectious diarrhea. When these illnesses occur, we strive to determine their source and recommend measures to control and prevent further spread of disease. In 2003, Windsor County had 126 cases of disease investigated.
- **Vaccine-Preventable Diseases:** Proper vaccination protects children and adults against many diseases, saves health care costs, and minimizes sick leave from school or work. Immunization has reduced reportable cases of preventable diseases in Vermont to record low levels. Still, total annual hospital costs from vaccine-preventable disease in Vermont are more than \$2.5 million. In 2003, the Vermont Department of Health distributed more than \$204,058 worth of vaccine to health care providers in the Springfield District.
- **Food & Lodging Inspections:** Public health sanitarians inspect eating establishments (restaurants, schools and fairs) to decrease the risk of food-borne disease outbreak. The five greatest risks for foodborne outbreaks are storing food at improper temperatures, inadequate cooking, contaminated equipment, unsafe food sources, and poor personal hygiene among food handlers. Inspections include a 44-item review to evaluate food storage, preparation and handling, as well as to identify potential risks. Of the 15 establishments in your area, there were 17 inspections in 2003. For the most recent inspection scores and results in your area, please go to www.healthyvermonters.info and select "Program List" then scroll down to "Division of Health Protection" and select "Restaurant Inspection Scores."

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- **Town Health Officer (THO) Program:** Every town in Vermont has a THO who is nominated by the Select Board and appointed by the Commissioner of Health. THOs work on a variety of environmental and health issues, and respond to calls on public health concerns as varied as animal bites, West Nile Virus, rental code complaints and septic systems. The Department of Health supports THOs with training, information and technical assistance. From July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004, the Health Department assisted your THO and Baltimore residents with 1 inquiry.
- **West Nile Virus (WNV) Surveillance:** WNV first appeared in the U.S. in 1999. Birds and mammals (including people) can get WNV from the bite of an infected mosquito. The Vermont Departments of Health and Agriculture conduct surveillance for WNV each year from June until cold weather limits mosquito activity. As of September 20, 2004, there had been 19,639 mosquitoes collected, with one mosquito pool testing positive. In Windsor County for June – September 20, 2004, 80 dead birds were reported, 41 were tested, and none was found to be infected with WNV. There were no horses testing positive, or probable human cases of WNV reported in Vermont during this time period.

The Vermont Department of Health works to protect and promote the public's health. Current challenges include emergency preparedness and response to disease threats, development of substance abuse treatment opportunities, and the reorganization of the Agency of Human Services, which shifted Vermont's mental health efforts to the Department of Health. This past year, the Department also increased its services to women age 40 and older to help access screening for conditions such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease in addition to breast and cervical cancer.

If you would like to learn more about these or other efforts, or if you have a public health concern, please call the Health Department's Springfield District Office at (802) 885-5778. Please visit our website at www.healthvermonters.info for recent publications, news updates and other current information about public health.

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