

ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF ELMORE, VERMONT



2003

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30



Stanley T. Merriam Jr.

Stan is a fourth generation Vermonter who was born in Morrisville, Vermont on June 11, 1938 to Ethel Mckee Merriam and Stanley T. Merriam Sr. He grew up on the Merriam Farm in Elmore along with two sisters and three brothers. Stan was home schooled by his Mother for three years and then attended Hardwood Flats School for five years where his mother Ethel was a teacher. He used to walk to school early every morning in order to get the fire started and tells about sliding down Cadarette Hill all the way to Rte. 12.

Stan always worked on the farm while growing up. He was a 4-H member and won many ribbons with his cattle at the Champlain Valley Exposition. Stan was a page at the VT Legislature in 1951. He attended the first two years of high school at the VT Academy in Saxtons River, VT. and the last two years at Peoples Academy where he graduated in 1956. After high school he spent one semester at Eastern Nazarene College.

Before taking up farming, Stan worked at the Asbestos Warehouse in Morrisville and also helped pave Rte. 12 in 1958. Stan met Lorraine Hale at Paine's Restaurant in Morrisville where she was a waitress and they were married in September of 1959. They farmed on the Merriam Farm from 1959 to 1964 where they sugared for many years supplying many places in Montpelier including Howard Johnson's. Stan & Lorraine raised three children, Kathy, Bruce and Alan and now have four grandchildren, all of whom they are very proud.

You always know that it is officially deer season when there is a buck hanging off the Merriam porch. As a youngster, Stan used to hunt porcupine and get paid a bounty by the Town of twenty-five cents, which back then was not bad money. He taught his children and grandchildren how to hunt and enjoy walking in the woods where they have all had to walk four steps to keep up to his one. Also, all have spent time in the tree stand with him waiting, watching and at times taking a pictures.

In the winter of 1963, Stan worked as a Deputy Sheriff for the Town of Stowe. That is when he decided that police work was in his blood and joined the VT State Police July 27, 1964. He was first stationed in Middlebury, VT and attended the VT Police Academy in 1967. Over the years Stan worked in many areas of police work

from Road Patrol, Drug Division, Criminal Investigation and Fire Investigation just to name a few. In those days, unlike today, you were not allowed to stay in an area too long. Stan was stationed in several different areas, but finally was back in Lamoille County in 1977. At this time they moved back to Elmore where they built their log cabin home.

Stan became a Selectman for the Town of Elmore in 1980. Stan's many years of public service certainly brought a level of compassion to his job as selectman. He would work out any and all problems so that all parties were happy. He gave many years of service to the Town before he decided to retire from office in 1998 at which time the Town Park was dedicated to Stan in thanks.

After many dedicated years as a State Trooper, Stan retired March 31, 1993. Stan has enjoyed with pride watching the grandchildren grow up, see Alan settle in Dallas, Texas with his wife, Ursula; having Bruce and Virginia at the Merriam farm house and Kathy and Warren at the Elmore Store. There is nothing like stopping at the store to say hello to everyone and filling the coolers, taking care of the eggs, etc. After retiring, Stan and Lorraine, with camper in tow, traveled to Texas to visit Alan and Ursula. They have been out West several times since visiting places they never thought that they would see. His rock collection keeps growing with each visit. They also enjoy cross-country skiing.

Stan loves his old Toyota 4-Runner and enjoys keeping the neighbors plowed out.

All who know Stan, know that family and community are foremost to him. It's with great respect that we dedicate this Town Report to him.

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ELMORE TOWN & TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING ANNUAL MEETING 2004

The legal voters of the Town of Elmore are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Town Hall in said Town of Tuesday March 2, 2004 at 10:00 A.M. to transact the following business:

Art. 1 To elect a Moderator of the Town Meeting and a Moderator of the Town School District Meeting respectively.

Art. 2 To elect a Town Clerk and all Town and Town School District Officers as required by law. Officers as follows:

Town Moderator	1 year
Town Clerk	1 year
Town Treas	1 year
Selectperson	3 years
Lister	3 years
Auditor	3 years
Tax Collector	1 year
Constable	1 year
Town Grand Juror	1 year
Town Agent	1 year
Trustee of Public Funds	1 year
Cemetery Comm	5 years
School Director	3 years

And any other offices that become vacant.

Art. 3 To act on the report of the Town and Town School District Officers.

Art. 4 Will the Town vote a salary for the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer and Selectboard, and if so, how much?

Art. 5 Will the Town School District vote a salary for the School Directors, and if so, how much?

Art. 6 Will the Town appropriate \$20,150.00 to support the Elmore Volunteer Fire Dept./Fast Squad?

Art. 7 Will the Town appropriate certain sums of money to support the following organizations?

VT Center Independent Living	\$175.00
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	\$100.00
Central- VT Council on Aging	\$666.00
Central VT Community Action	\$300.00
Lamoille County Mental Health	\$500.00
Central VT Adult Education	\$300.00
Lamoille Family Center	\$500.00
Lamoille Home Health Hospice	\$2,122.00
Lamoille Cty Planning Commission	\$700.00

Diversion	\$200.00
Lamoille Economic Develop Corp.	\$250.00
Clarina Howard Nichols Center	\$400.00
Vermont Green Up	\$ 50.00
No. Resource Cons. Devel. Assoc.	\$ 50.00
LENS Meals on Wheels	\$150.00
North Country Animal League	\$300.00
Out & About	\$250.00
Lamoille Housing Partnership	\$200.00
Rural Community Transportation	\$ 67.00
Total	\$7,280.00

Art. 8 Will the Town School District vote a budget of \$1,255,350 to meet expenses and liabilities of the Town School District for Fiscal Year 2004-2005, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same?

Art. 9 Will the Town School District, in Town School District Meeting authorize the Elmore School Board to establish a reserve fund for the purpose of defraying future educational expenses utilizing all available carry forward?

Art. 10 Will the Town vote a budget of \$404,758.51 to meet expenses and liabilities of the Town for the fiscal Year 2004-2005, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same?

Art. 11 Will the Town vote to raise money equal to those expenditures approved in Article #8 and Article #10 on its Grand List for the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 to pay debts and current expenditures of the Town, and if so, provide the time and manner in which the same will be payable?

Art. 12 Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of the Town, in anticipation of the collection of taxes and returns of the State for such purposes, and to issue notes of the Town?

Art. 13 Will the Town School district authorize the School directors to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of the Town School District, in anticipation of the collection of taxes and returns from the State for such purposes, and to issue notes to the School District?

Art. 14 Shall the voters of the Elmore School District vote to exempt the District from the requirements of 16 V. S.A. 1264 that it operate school breakfast and lunch programs for the 2004/2005 school year?

Art. 15 Will the town authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift or purchase, land for municipal forests, to produce wood products, maintain wildlife habitat, protect water supply, provide forest recreation and for conservation education purposes?

Art. 16 Will the Town vote to establish a conservation commission under the authority of 24 V.S.A. 4501 for the purpose of maintaining an inventory of the Town's natural and cultural resources, receiving gifts of land for conservation purposes,

assisting the Planning Commission on natural resource issues, and promoting public understanding of local natural resources.

Art. 17 Will the Town vote to call the Annual Meeting of the Town of Elmore for 2005 at 10:00 A.M.?

Art. 18 To Transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Michael Boudreau

Robert West

Joe Rysz

Selectboard

Town of Elmore

Warren Miller

Peggy Sprague

Penny Jones

School Board

Elmore Town School District

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Moderator: (Town & School)	Jon Gailmor
Town Clerk:	Sharon Draper
Town Treasurer:	Sharon Draper
Selectboard	
Term expires 2004	Robert West
Term expires 2005	Joseph Rysz
Term expires 2006 (chair)	Michael Boudreau
Listers:	
Term expires 2004	Susan Southall
Term expires 2005	June McKinley
Term expires 2006 (chair)	Frank Krypel
Auditors:	
Term expires 2004	Carla Blood
Term expires 2005	Jane Nutting
Term expires 2006	Diane Cote
Tax Collector:	Michel T. Weppler
Constable:	Michel T. Weppler
Town Grand Juror:	J.B. McKinley
Town Agent:	Michel Lacasse
Trustee of Public Funds:	Sharon Draper
Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Mang. Dist. Supervisor	
Term expires 2006	Marc Cote
Cemetery Commission:	
Term expires 2004	James Morris
Term expires 2005	Ted Keith
Term expires 2006	Paul Cano
Term expires 2007	Frank Hamant
Term expires 2008	Kathy Miller
School Directors:	
Term expires 2004	Penny Jones
Term expires 2005 (chair)	Warren Miller
Term expires 2006	Peggy Sprague

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Fence Viewers:	Ted Keith, Ld Bliss, Michel LaCasse
Fire Warden/Tree Warden:	Warren Miller
Budget Committee:	Selectboard, School Board, Town Clerk
Planning Commission:	Linda Leahy (chair), Catherine Deciuces, Vanessa Knight, Kate Whittemore
Energy Coordinator:	Selectboard
Civil Defense Coordinator:	Fire Chief (Brent Hosking)
Service Officer:	Warren Miller
Health Officer & Zoning Administrator:	Stuart Weppler
Development Review Board:	John Haggett (chair), Jill Lindenmeyr, Kathy Shackett, Rick Blood, Vanessa Knight
Justice of the Peace:	Diane Cote, Robert Gentle, Mary Hoisington, Jill Lindenmeyr, Stuart Weppler
Dog Warden:	Brian Kellogg
Lamoille County Senator:	Susan Bartlett
District Representatives:	Warren Miller, Shap Smith
Road Commissioner:	Robert West
Road Crew:	Robert Cookson, Joseph LaBarge

PERMITS/LICENSES REQUIRED

HIGHWAY ACCESS:

A permit is required from the Selectmen for any access from property to (State Highways and) all Town Roads (V.S.A. 19-1-43 Art. 460)

BUILDING AND SEWAGE PERMITS:

A permit is required from the Zoning Administrator before any building or structure is erected, enlarged, relocated or changed in use in any district, and also for any land development (except agriculture or forestry). A permit is required from the Sewage Officer before any sewage disposal system is built, altered or repaired. Applications and fee schedule may be picked up at the Town Clerk's Office.

DOG LICENSES:

Pursuant to 20 V.S.A. Art. 3581, a person who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog more than four months shall annually on or before April, 1 cause it to be registered...

	Before April 1st	After April 1st
Neutered Male/Spayed Female	\$5.00	\$7.50
Male/Female not neutered/spay	10.00	15.00
Kennel Permit	10.00	
Special License up to 10 dogs	30.00	add. dog 3.00/per

Note: Valid Rabies Certificate must show that the dog was vaccinated after January 1, 2002.

RABIES CLINIC: MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2004 – 4:30 - 5:30 PM ELMORE TOWN HALL. COST: \$10 RABIES, \$10 DISTEMPER; \$15 FELINE LEUKEMIA. REGISTRATION ALSO AVAILABLE.

1. MOBILE HOMES:

As required in 32 V.S.A. Sec. 5079, an owner of a mobile home shall register the home with the clerk in the municipality in which it is located by providing a bill of sale or true copy thereof. The clerk shall maintain a public record of mobile home registrations and shall charge a fee of \$7.00 for each registration.

2. PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS:

The final installment of FY 2003-04 Property Tax is due and payable on March 16, 2004. If payment is not in the Town Clerk's Office by said due date they will be turned over to the Delinquent Tax Collector for collection and an 8 percent collection fee and interest of 1 percent per month will be levied on all delinquent accounts.

3. TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 A.M.-3 P.M.
And by appointment. Phone 888-2637

4. Selectboard meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at 6.30 P.M. in the Town Clerk's Office. Planning Commission meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Clerk's Office. The public is invited to attend.

Annual Selectboard Report

Once again many of our town residence will be attending our traditional town meeting. As in past years many of us will be gathering to discuss issues that we feel will affect our community's future. It is rather ironic that perhaps the most visible event in our community this past year was that of our town hall having been temporarily moved off its original site. Attendees of our town meeting this year may simply take note of our new handicap accessible ramp. A tremendous amount of effort has resulted in the preservation of our town landmark. These efforts will allow us to meet in a familiar setting for years to come. As with any structure you need a good foundation to build on. Similarly, some of the decisions we make today may someday be looked at by others as a shoring up of our town foundation. The quality of life provided to us can be passed on for future generations if we preserve some of the important characteristics of Elmore, none of which are more important than the members of our community.

We, the members of the Elmore Selectboard, feel confident our efforts to establish and maintain a fiscally responsible budget capable of sustaining essential services while fostering our town's traditions are being met. Needless to say the voice of our community members as a whole will continue to decide our town's direction and priorities. We sincerely extend to each and every one of our neighbors an open invitation to attend our public meetings when possible and encourage you to provide us with your continued support.

Respectfully,
Michael Boudreau, Chair
Joseph Rysz
Robert West

ANNUAL REPORT BOARD OF LISTERS-MARCH 2004

The appraisal firm of Douglas C. McArthur Associates has been hired to revalue all of the properties within the Town. Karen McArthur Keene started site visits in November 2003 which will continue until all properties have been reassessed. During 2004 all land will also be reassessed. The assessed values of buildings, site improvements and land will be complete prior to April 1, 2005. The results of the reappraisal will be published for all property owners in April 2005. During April 2005 a general meeting will be convened so that property owners who wish to do so may get questions answered regarding procedures and results of the appraisal. Both the Listers and the professional assessors involved will be available for the meeting. If there are objections to changes in the value of specific properties, owners of those properties may lodge an official grievance.

Vermont law requires property to be assessed at 100% of its fair market value. If the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) falls below 80% the Town is required to reappraise. Also, if a town's Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is higher than 20% a reappraisal is required. For the past four years, analysis of property sales in the Town of Elmore show a decrease in the Common Level of Appraisal from 95.15% as of January 1, 2001 to 78.03% as of January 1, 2004. The Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) has increased from 13.74% as of January 1, 2001 to 21.15% as of January 1, 2004. By conducting the Town wide reappraisal, the Town of Elmore will be in compliance with Vermont Law and all properties should be at market value.

The State Legislature passed Act 68 during 2003 which substantially changed Act 60. Most significantly, it "split" the Grand List for educational tax purposes. Homesteads are to be taxed at a base state rate of \$1.10 per \$100 of property value. Non-residential properties are to be taxed at a base rate of \$1.59 per \$100 of property value. The state school property tax rates will be adjusted for the local Common Level of Appraisal.

All resident Vermont homeowners are required to file a new Declaration of Vermont Homestead FORM HS-131, which was mailed to homeowners by the State this past December, no later than April 15, 2004. The form is also included in your income tax booklet on page 23.

Listers:

June McKinley
Susan Southall
Frank Krypel

ELMORE PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

During 2003, the Elmore Planning Commission updated the Elmore Town Plan; an update is required every five years. This was funded with a grant from the Vermont State Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Our thanks go to the Lamoille County Planning Commission, especially Mike Miller for assisting with this work. LCPC also assisted us in obtaining a 2004 Planning Grant. We will be holding a series of meetings to review our current Zoning Regulations and a draft proposal of Subdivision Regulations. We look forward to your input.

Linda Leahy (chair)
Kate Decucies
Vanessa Knight
Kate Whittemore

ELMORE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Development Review Board has been quite active this year. Our Zoning Administrator, Stuart Wepler, has been doing an excellent job reviewing and issuing permits. As a board we have become more efficient with the process.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the board contact the Town Clerk or Zoning Administrator.

Elmore Zoning Administrator Annual Report

The Zoning Administrator's Office issued 70 zoning permits in calendar year 2003. This represents a 59% increase in applications over 2002, an indication that the residents of Elmore are becoming more comfortable with the Elmore Zoning Bylaws.

A breakdown of permits is as follows:

New House/Mobile Home	12
Additions to Living Spaces	13
Accessory Structures (garages, barns, porches)	35
Lot Subdivisions	5
Lot Access	1
Wind Turbine	1
Riding Ring	1
Shoreline Buffer	<u>2</u>
Total	70

The Development Review Board reviewed 12 (twelve) of these applications and approved them with conditions and denied 1 (one) application.

The Zoning Administrator's Office also issued 22 Waste Water Permits during the year, 22 for new septic systems and 6 for replacement systems.

Residents and landowners are reminded that a permit is required for any building or remodeling of the exterior of any structure, subdivision of property, or any site work or landscaping in the Forest or Shoreland Districts. If in doubt, assume that a permit is required, and call me for a ruling. I can be reached at my home number 888-3191.

Thank you all for your support this last year,
Stuart W. Weppler, Elmore Zoning Administrator

Elmore Historical Society

The Elmore Historical Society has been selected by the Vermont Historical Society to participate in the Community History Project. It is a joint project between the Elmore School, the Elmore Historical Society, and all of our community members. We would like our initial focus to be on entertainment within the community and will include the topics of kitchen junkets and other music related events, toys and games, and other community events. We would also like to explore the part one-room school houses played in the education and entertainment of our community.

The project is sponsored by IBM and Verizon, and in support of the project both the Elmore School and the Society have been given computers. At the end of the 2-year project, we will have a site on the Vermont Historical Society website. We are all very excited about this project and are looking forward to working with our community.

TOWN HALL RENOVATION PROJECT

In September of 2003, the efforts of over two years of fund raising, grant writing, volunteering and donations began to be realized. The Elmore Town Hall Project had begun.

The first order of business was to remove the lean-to shed which was attached to the rear of the building. Next, the exterior walls of the old foundation were excavated so the building movers could have access to the under side of the building. Two days later, the building had been jacked up and moved off the old foundation allowing its removal. The new foundation was excavated and the new walls were poured.

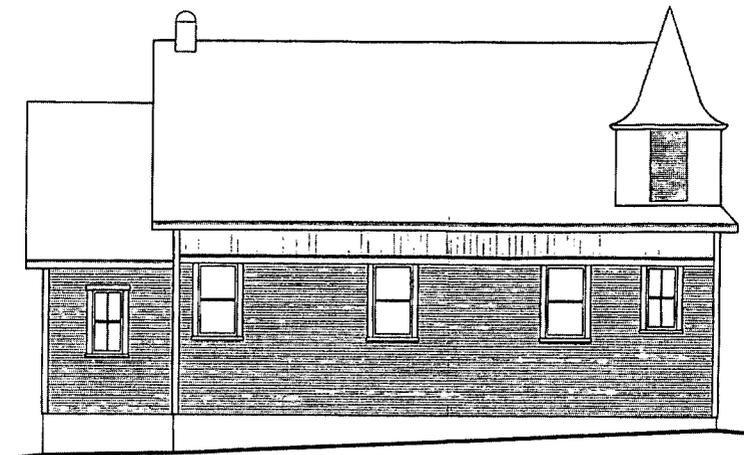
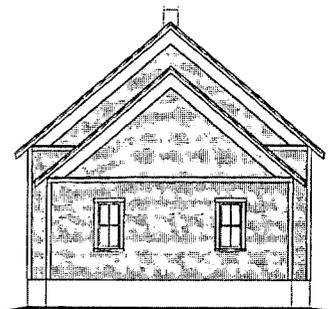
About 30 days later, the Town Hall was moved back onto the new foundation. This new foundation includes heavy duty styrofoam insulation, new drainage and a sand filled crawl space allowing access to the sub floor. A new handicap ramp was installed as were new grounding rods and wires for the electrical service.

The final grading and seeding had to be delayed due to the weather, but it is scheduled for this spring.

The Town of Elmore received statewide notoriety as the story of this project was featured in the Burlington Free Press. The Town also received the Jim Marvin Award from the Lamoille County Planning Commission for "Excellence In Project Design".

This year we would like to build a new storage shed on the rear of the building as per the inserted drawing and we'd like to paint the building's exterior.

Tax deductible donations toward this project would be appreciated as we are trying to use as few taxpayers dollars as possible. Please send your donation to the Elmore Town Hall Project, c/o Sharon Draper.



ELMORE CEMETERY COMMISSION

January 1, 2003

Checking Acct.	\$2,805.91	
Savings Acct.	<u>3,622.77</u>	
Total Current Assets		\$6,428.68
CD# 39442	2,500.00	
CD# 34784	22,150.00	
Mainstay Fund	<u>10,494.91</u>	
Total Long Term Assets		<u>35,144.91</u>
Total Assets		41,573.59

OPERATION 1/1/03 – 12/31/03

Receipts:

Savings Acct. Int.	22.60	
CD Interest	1,040.99	
Sale of Plots	<u>1,150.00</u>	
Total Income		2,213.59

Expenses:

Better Power Equip.	100.21	
Elmore Store	143.14	
Morrisville Lumber	105.88	
Keith Cochran, Labor	<u>1,200.00</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>1,549.23</u>

Net Increase 664.36

December 31, 2003

Checking Acct.	2,406.68	
Savings Acct.	<u>4,686.36</u>	
Total Current Assets		7,093.04
CD# 39442	2,500.00	
CD# 34784	22,150.00	
Mainstay Fund	<u>14,325.14</u>	
Total Long Term Assets		<u>38,975.14</u>
Total Assets		\$46,068.18

Elmore Fire Department Activity Report

- 4 - Structure/chimney fires
- 1 - Automobile accident
- 1 - False alarm / house alarm
- 4 - Community response / emergencies
- 1 - Brush fire

30 - Mutual Aid (22-Wolcott, 5-Morrisville, 1 -Worcester, 1 -Hardwick, 1 -Craftsbury)
43 Total calls

The fire department has been busy as usual this year with fire calls, training, business meetings and work sessions to keep the station, vehicles, and equipment maintained.

The fire department applied for and received two grants in 2003. We received a \$5700 sub-grant through the Vermont Department of Public Safety Homeland Security Unit which is funded by the U.S. Department of Justice. This 100% grant funded a \$2500 multi-band radio that was installed in one of our trucks for a mobile command center. This radio allows us to communicate with many other local and state agencies, including the Vermont State Police during critical events. The other \$3200 allowed us to purchase a SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus). The second grant we wrote was for \$27,500 for a compressor and filling station for our SCBA bottles and a Thermal Imager that allows a firefighter to see images through the smoke and to detect hot spots in a building. With this grant our share is 10% so we will receive \$24,750 which is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The firemen helped organize and park cars for the Town Hall restoration fundraiser.

We had three successful fundraising events this year. We put on a dinner for 127 members of the Tractor Puller's Association at the VFW in Morrisville. The July Chicken barbecue dinner that Kathy and Warren Miller set up at the Elmore Store and the Annual Harvest dinner were all very successful and well attended.

The firemen completed our annual CPR and AED recertification courses.

Our 4 Junior members have continued to be tremendous help throughout the year in all our activities.

Two members completed the Basic Firefighters Essentials course.

The fire department met with the students of the Elmore school for fire prevention and safety awareness.

We purchased a used set of Jaws from the Hyde Park Fire Department and are training to use them.

I would like to thank the community for its support and thank all the firemen who have contributed countless hours to our community this past year. We have a small core of very dedicated firemen, and as mentioned every year, we need many more members. We would encourage community members to become a First Responder or join the fire department so that we can continue to provide adequate services to the town. If interested, please contact me or another department member, or stop by the fire station where we meet nearly every Thursday evening at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent Hosking – Chief, Elmore Fire Department

ELMORE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

July 1 - June 30 FY	Actual FY 02-03	Budgeted FY 03-04	Proposed FY 04-05
Appropriation Operating Budget	\$10,350.00	\$10,350.00	\$10,050.00
Interest FY 00-01	54.00		
Carry Over FY 00-01	0.00		
Available Funds FY 01-02	10,404.00		
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Operating Expenses			
Air Packs	597.51	1,000.00	1,000.00
Dues	162.50	200.00	200.00
E-1 Repair	772.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
E-2 Repair	1,641.35	500.00	1,000.00
Equipment Repair	0.00	400.00	400.00
Gasoline and Oil	527.62	700.00	700.00
Public Awareness/Misc	0.00	50.00	50.00
Office Supplies	181.96	100.00	200.00
Radio Repair	291.79	800.00	500.00
Station Maintenance	464.17	700.00	700.00
Training	45.00	200.00	200.00
W-1 Repair	1,083.12	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bank charges	0.00	0.00	0.00
Medical	0.00	100.00	100.00
Heat & Electricity	1,500.89	3,100.00	2,500.00
E-3 Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00
Extinguishing Agents	0.00	500.00	500.00
Operating Total	7,268.41	10,350.00	10,050.00
Operating Carry Over FY 03-04	3,135.59		
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Appropriation Capital Budget	8,300.00	8,300.00	8,400.00
Grants FY 02-03 / 03-04	4,276.13	24,750.00	0.00
		5,700.00	
Carry Over FY 01-02	0.00		
Available Funds FY 02-03	12,576.13		
Capital Expenses			
Equipment	1,107.57	4,000.00	4,000.00
Air Packs	2,490.00	0.00	0.00
Hose and Adapters	300.00	500.00	500.00
Radios	1,245.00	0.00	700.00
Turnout Gear	1,442.28	1,000.00	1,200.00
Station	0.00	500.00	500.00
Dry Hydrants	7,362.57	1,500.00	1,500.00
Capital Total	13,947.42	38,750.00	
Capital Carry Over FY 03-04	-1,371.29		
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Reserve*	1,764.30	800.00	1,200.00
Total Expenses	21,215.83		
Total Appropriation Budget	18,650.00	18,650.00	19,650.00

Special Accounts

Harlan Hoisington Memorial Fund	\$ 3,811.67
Donald P. Warren Memorial Fund	\$ 3,627.93
Walter F. Brown Memorial Fund	\$ 1,566.64

* Reserve – appropriated funds set aside to defray future major capital expenses.

ELMORE FAST SQUAD BUDGET

July 1 – June 30 FY

Proposed Budget 04-05 FY

Walter F. Brown Account 02-03	\$1,717.70	\$ 500.00
Expenses 02-03	810.81	
Donations 02-03	659.75	
Available Funds 03-04 FY	\$1,566.64	

Active membership of Elmore Fast Squad as of 1/04:

- Ed Stewart
- George Vaupel
- Eugene Dambach
- Joe Wilkins

Total Rescue call FY	2002-2003	16
	2000-2001	35
	1999-2000	35

ELMORE FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP AS OF 1/03

- K-1 Brent Hosking Chief
- K-2 Andy Jones 1st Asst. Chief
- K-3 Bill Chilton 2nd Asst. Chief/Sec.-Treas.
- K-4 Eugene Dambach 1st Captain/1st Responder
- K-5 Steve Sprague 2nd Captain
- K-6 Pete Shaw Firefighter
- K-7 Dan Leach Firefighter
- K-8 Anna Chilton Firefighter
- K-10 Seth Hosking Jr. Firefighter
- K-11 Damien Olsen Jr. Firefighter
- K-12 Josh Merriam Jr. Firefighter
- K-14 Barry Hajducek Firefighter
- K-15 Dave Wilkins Firefighter
- K-17 Warren Miller Fire Police/Warden
- K-18 Ed Stewart Firefighter/1st Responder
- K-19 Ed Olsen Firefighter
- K-20 Will Flanders Jr. Firefighter

Elmore School District School Report and Report of the Board of School Directors



This annual report serves as an opportunity for the School Directors to share some of the exciting things that have occurred at the school during the past year and to provide information about student performance and available programs.

Mrs. Annamary Anderson, who has a bachelors degree in early childhood education and a masters in education, is in her fourth year as the teacher for the students at the Lake School. Mrs. Jennifer Skorstad continues as the instructional assistant. Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Skorstad are enjoying the continuity of a second year working together.

Elmore was chosen by the Vermont Historical Society to participate in a "Community History" project. It is a two year project in which the Elmore School, the Elmore Historical Society and community members work together to explore one or two aspects of the history of the community. The Elmore Project Team will focus on two areas of interest, the history of education and entertainment, especially "Kitchen Junkets", in Elmore. The Vermont Historical Society will provide training in historical methodology, consultants and other resources as they are needed. Students will be involved in the research, using primary sources. It is hoped that elder citizens will volunteer to be interviewed. The "community stories" that come out of the two year project will be recorded and placed on the internet. Everyone is encouraged to get involved in exploring the history of the town.

Volunteers continue to be a very important part of providing learning experiences for Elmore students. The E.L.F. program which stands for Environmental Learning for the Future, for example, is a science program which is provided once a month by four parents, Jason Cohen, Ruth Brown, Cathy Murphy, and Patty Fish. The Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) supports this enrichment of the science curriculum by providing training for our volunteers.

As a first step towards rejuvenating the playground, the old slide was removed and a new one with safety features was installed. The students love it and even some adults have given it a try. Other improvements to the playground and equipment will be made as resources become available.

Early literacy is crucial to each student's success and the learning opportunities students need can best be provided through partnerships between families, the school, and the community. The statewide Developmental Reading Assessment is

administered to all second graders in the spring of the year. There were 4-second graders last year that participated in this assessment and all 4 achieved or achieved the standard with honors. Because the number of students in the Lake School second grade is so small, it is statistically inappropriate to do much generalizing from these results. However, Elmore students continue to do well on this assessment. Each year we take this opportunity to remind community members of the services available to the children and families of Elmore. There is access to early care and educational opportunities, community agencies, and technical education.

The Early Essential Education Program provides screening and educational support for three to five year olds in need of pre-school services. Speech, hearing and developmental progress are assessed and an individualized program developed for students found in need of service. Playgroups are offered at the Lamoille Family Center. The Lamoille Valley CUPS project provides mental health outreach and intervention for children birth to six. Success by Six offers "Welcome Baby" visits to families with newborns with a gift bag filled with small gifts, books to promote literacy, and a resource information guide. You can contact any of these programs for information at the following numbers: Success by Six at 888-1400; Lamoille Valley CUPS Program at 888-4914; Lamoille Family Center at 888-5229; Early Essential Education at 888-6707.

There are a number of other community agencies and organizations that also provide support to children and families in the Lamoille Valley area. The Agency of Human Services' regional office is located in Morrisville and offers outreach services to families in Elmore through the Departments of Social Welfare, Health, Vocational Rehabilitation and Social & Rehabilitative Services. Additionally, Lamoille County Mental Health, Sterling Area Services and the Lamoille Family Center provide services and programs.

Technical educational opportunities are provided to high school students and adults at the Green Mountain Technology and Career Center.

The Elmore School Directors plan yearly to continuously improve the learning opportunities for Elmore students. Collaborative efforts of parents and staff, along with continued support from the community, allow Elmore to meet the diverse needs of students. As always, we thank the community for continuing support for Elmore's students

Respectfully submitted,

Warren Miller, Chair

Penny Jones, Clerk

Peggy Sprague

Alice W. Angney
Superintendent of Schools

ELMORE SCHOOL

Teacher
Aide

Annamary Anderson
Jennifer Skorstad

Wolcott
Morrisville

Elmore School District 2003 - 2004 Enrollment

Adams, Brooke	Flynn, Dylan	McKinley, Julia
Adams, Scott	Flynn, Joseph	McKinley, Quentin
Ainsworth, Ciera	Freda, Hannah	Merriam, Hannah
Ainsworth, Heather	Freda, Vincent	Merriam, Lucy
Ainsworth, Kasey	Gailmor, Aaron	Miller, Kelly
Allen, Andrew	Gailmor, Maya	Moody, Amanda
Austin, Jennifer	Gailmor, Micaela	Moody, Tanner
Barton, Jake	Gordon-Martin, Connor	Mosley, Bentley
Barton, Samuel	Griffith, Brittany	Mosley, Molly
Biasini, Schuyler	Handrahan, Sarah	Murray, Jimmy
Blake, Mathew	Handrahan, Sean	Neale, Liam
Blood, David	Hill, Cody	Nutting, Ethan
Blood, Hannah	Hirschak, Nathalie	Nutting, Sierra
Boomhower, Aleda	Hodgdon, Tammy	Nutting, Travis
Booth, Corty	Hosking, Seth	Olson, Damien
Booth, Kateela	Houston, Joseph	Rossman, Hannah
Booth, Kaylee	Hunt, Jessica	Rousselle, Alexander
Bradley, Caitlin	Jones, Alysha	Rousselle, Taylor
Bradley, Mariah	Jones, Christina	Rousselle, Tessa
Braun, Trevor	Jones, Kaitlyn	Russell, Dalton
Brown, Emma	Kapusta, Paul	Russell, Hunter
Brown, Liam	Keenan, Harper	Sanford, Melissa
Cady, Dylan	Keenan, Kai	Sanford, Virginia
Cady, Hunter	Keenan, Sacha	Scarf, Allison
Chalifoux, David	Keith Hollis	Schoop, Matthew
Chauvin, Sable	Keith, Paige	Scott, Erica
Chilton, Reeve	Kitonis, Erin	Scott, Rachel
Cohen, Ian	LaCasse, Megan	Simpson, Jasmine
Cohen, Max	LaCasse, Melissa	Simpson, Joshua
Courchaine, Tucker	LaCasse, Sabrina	Small, Jeremy
Day, Brendan	Lencke, Karen	Southall, Holden
Day, Keefe	Lisson, Oakley	Surgen, Cale
DeCiucies, Silene	Lobdell, Skylar	Titterton, Patrick
Desrochers, Andrew	Locke, Hilary	Van den Noort, Abigail
Desrochers, Matthew	Lokatys, Amber	VanCoor, Haley
Dolan, Michael	Lombardi, Gary	VanCor, Morgan
Dolan, Sara	Lombardi, Leah	West, Kyle
Doherty, Adam	Lombardi, Maria	West, Nicole
Draper, Chelsea	Long, Daniel	Wilkins, Patrick
Draper, Elexus	Long, Robert	Wills, James
Eisenhardt, Bretton	Lowe, Ian	Wright, Ava
Eisenhardt, Corinne	Lybarger, Adam	Yushkevich, Jesse
Eisenhardt, Eric	Manning, Morgan	Zukswert, Dylan
Fellows, Laura	Martin-Styles, Sierra	Zukswert, Hannah
Fellows, Owen	McCormick, Anna	Zukswert, Jenna
Fish, Katie	McCormick, Ellen	

Act 68 Changes Public Education Funding Information Sheet

Act 68 was passed by the Vermont Legislature during the 2003 legislative session. Act 68 changes many components of public education funding in the state of Vermont that were instituted under Act 60. Among these changes are:

- **Act 68 eliminates the sharing pool established under Act 60.**
- **Act 68 raises the baseline per pupil funding level from \$5,810 to \$6,800.**
- **Act 68 modifies the method of funding and accounting for the cost of vocational education.**
- **Act 68 divides a community's property value into two distinct grand lists, a homestead grand list and a non-homestead grand list.**
- **Act 68 (modified by H.540, pending legislation) reduces the statewide equalized property tax rate to \$1.05 as the base rate for the homestead grand list.**
- **Act 68 (modified by H.540, pending legislation) establishes the statewide equalized property tax rate of \$1.54 for non-homestead property.**
- **Act 68 establishes cost containment penalties for school districts with per pupil spending that is 30% greater than the statewide average cost per pupil for the current school year.**

Act 68 eliminates the sharing pool established under Act 60. The sharing pool was an extremely controversial component of Act 60. The intent of the sharing pool was to equalize the tax burden on every community in Vermont by establishing common tax burdens. The sharing pool created communities that received additional funding from the state education fund for financial support and other school districts that contributed to the education fund in order to support the payments to the receiving towns. A number of sending communities objected to the punitive nature of the sharing pool. Act 68 eliminates this controversial feature of education funding in the state of Vermont.

Act 68 raises the baseline per pupil funding level from \$5,810 to \$6,800. Act 60 established the concept of a baseline General State Support Grant to every school district based on a per pupil amount established by the legislature for each school year. Act 68 attempts to close the gap between the actual per pupil spending and the baseline per pupil funding level by raising that amount to \$6,800 for the upcoming school year. Actual per pupil spending across the state of Vermont in the current school year is approximately \$8,300 or 22% more than the \$6,800 established by the legislature. Act 68 narrows that gap by nearly \$1,000.

Act 68 modifies the method of funding and accounting for the cost of vocational education. Under Act 60, a significant portion of the cost of vocational education was sent directly to the state's vocational and technical centers on behalf of the local school districts. These funds were not included in local school district budgets under Act 60. Act 68 specifies that local school districts now include all of the costs of vocational and technical education for their students in their local school budgets. This funding and accounting change will result in significant but offsetting increases in a local school district's budgeted revenues and expenditures. Thus, there is no tax impact from these changes even though it does increase the bottom line of the budget.

Act 68 divides a community's property value into two distinct grand lists, a homestead grand list and a non-homestead grand list. Act 68 creates two distinct education grand lists in each community in Vermont. These are a homestead grand list and a non-homestead grand list. Vermonters must declare their property as a homestead by submitting Form HS - 13 1 Declaration of Vermont Homestead by April 15 2004 if they want their property to be taxed as homestead property. A homestead is your principal dwelling and

improvements and all land listed on the parcel in your town. Your dwelling may have up to 25% of the floor space used for business purposes and still be considered a homestead. All other property will be considered non-homestead property. Contact the Vermont Department of Taxes at 1-866-828-2865 for further information and assistance.

Act 68 (modified by H.540, pending legislation) reduces the statewide equalized property tax rate to \$1.05 as the base rate for the homestead grand list. Act 68 maintains the concept of a statewide equalized property tax rate, but reduces the rate to \$1.05. This base rate is then modified by two factors. The first factor replaces Act 60's sharing pool. It establishes a spending factor adjustment by comparing a school district's spending per equalized pupil to the baseline grant amount established by the legislature. That amount is \$6,800 for the 2004-05 school year. Using the approximately \$8,300 average spending for the current school year would result in a spending adjustment factor of 122%. (\$8,300 divided by \$6,800). The spending factor adjustment is determined by the level of spending approved by each local community.

The second factor that will adjust the base rate is the Common Level of Appraisal or CLA. The CLA was introduced by Act 60 to address the fact that local grand lists cannot be maintained at 100% valuation every year. The common level of appraisal uses a sampling process implemented by the Vermont Department of Taxes. The CLA estimates the adjustment that must be made to statewide equalized tax rates to estimate local tax rates in each Vermont community. The common level of appraisal is not affected by school budgets. It is affected by the changing property value in a community and a community's decision about when to conduct a re-appraisal.

Act 68 (modified by H.540, pending legislation) establishes the statewide equalized property tax rate of \$1.54 for non-homestead property. Properties used for business or as a vacation or second home are not homesteads. Any portion of a dwelling that is rented or held out for rent is not a homestead. The portion of a dwelling used for a business is not a homestead if that portion is more than 25% of the floor space of the dwelling. A separate building or improvement used for a business is not homestead property. Non-homestead property will be taxed at the statewide equalized property tax rate of \$1.54. Please note that the non-homestead property tax rate is also adjusted by the Common Level of Appraisal or CLA. However, the non-homestead property tax rate is not adjusted by the education spending factor. This means that a local community's education spending does not affect the taxes paid by non-homestead property owners.

Act 68 establishes cost containment penalties for school districts with per pupil spending that is 30% greater than the statewide average cost per pupil for the current school year. Act 68 incorporated cost containment penalties to discourage wide variations in per pupil spending across the state of Vermont. Act 68 does this by establishing a cap of 30% more than the actual per pupil spending for the current year. The cap for 2004-2005 is approximately \$10,800. This is 30% more than the current 03-04 per pupil spending of \$8,300. School districts exceeding that level of per pupil spending for next year will incur a penalty equivalent to doubling the taxes needed to be raised for amounts over and above the \$10,800 threshold.

Act 68 modifies many of the funding methods introduced by Act 60. Please attend your local School Board's public information meetings being conducted throughout the month of February for more information on how Act 68 affects your local school budget. Questions may also be directed to Alice W. Angney or George R. Cormier at Lamoille South Supervisory Union at 888-4541.

**Elmore School District
Budget Recap 2003-2004**

	FY2003 Actual	FY2003 Budget	FY2004 Budget	FY2005 Budget
Instructional				
Regular Education	\$1,051,642	\$1,073,100	\$ 1,141,700	\$884,200
Special Education	180,820	213,025	268,350	234,400
Compensatory Education	8,418	5,900	7,950	10,025
Vocational Education	7,919	7,875	8,750	24,475
Total Instruction	\$1,248,799	\$1,299,900	\$ 1,426,750	\$1,153,100
Support Services				
Guidance	\$ 1,921	\$ 1,575	\$ 1,375	\$ 1,650
Health	89	150	50	50
Library	86	275	0	675
School Board	2,777	4,225	4,475	4,475
LSSU Assessment	1,790	1,800	1,975	1,625
Fiscal Services	2,019	2,250	2,825	3,225
Building & Grounds	16,255	9,125	9,200	18,725
Transportation	61,031	61,300	63,200	65,850
Information Systems	6,879	6,900	6,750	5,175
Education Fund Payment	3,350	0	0	0
Total Support Services	\$ 96,197	\$ 87,600	\$ 89,850	\$ 101,450
Food Service				
Food Service	\$ 1,378	\$ 950	\$ 800	\$ 800
Total Food Service	\$ 1,378	\$ 950	\$ 800	\$ 800
Total Budget	\$1,346,374	\$1,388,450	\$ 1,517,400	\$1,255,350

**ELMORE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED EXPENDITURES 2004 - 2005**

	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2003 Budget	FY 2004 Budget	FY 2005 Budget	Difference
REGULAR INSTRUCTION					
Salaries-Teachers	43,154	43,150	44,450	45,475	1,025
Salaries-Aides	5,793	4,600	5,600	5,725	125
Salaries-Substitutes	165	325	325	250	(75)
Health Insurance	12,614	11,300	13,750	17,625	3,875
Social Security	3,752	3,675	3,875	3,950	75
Municipal Retirement	82	200	250	250	0
Workers Compensation	1,013	225	500	525	25
Unemployment Insurance	22	75	50	50	0
Tuition Reimbursement	0	800	800	800	0
In-Service	0	100	100	100	0
Conferences	0	300	300	300	0
Professional Services	125	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Repairs	302	0	0	100	100
On-Line Communications	0	500	0	0	0
Tuition-Vt LEA's	977,631	989,000	1,067,400	805,825	(261,575)
Tuition-Private	3,195	14,775	0	0	0
Supplies	1,954	1,575	1,375	1,300	(75)
Books & Periodicals	264	275	275	650	375
Audio Visual	140	200	0	0	0
Manipulatives	104	225	300	275	(25)
Equipment	576	500	800	0	(800)
Computer Equipment	699	0	550	0	(550)
Other	57	300	0	0	0
Subtotal	1,051,642	1,073,100	1,141,700	884,200	(257,500)
GUIDANCE SERVICES					
Professional Services	1,633	1,275	1,325	1,600	275
Guidance Supplies	288	300	50	50	0
Subtotal	1,921	1,575	1,375	1,650	275
HEALTH SERVICES					
Supplies	89	150	50	50	0
Subtotal	89	150	50	50	0
LIBRARY SERVICES					
Supplies	0	100	0	0	0
Books & Periodicals	86	175	0	675	675
Subtotal	86	275	0	675	675

**ELMORE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED EXPENDITURES 2004 - 2005**

	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2003 Budget	FY 2004 Budget	FY 2005 Budget	Difference
SCHOOL BOARD					
School Board Salaries	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
Social Security	115	125	125	125	0
Professional Services	0	300	0	0	0
Insurance	0	500	900	900	0
Advertisement	78	900	900	900	0
Dues	1,050	900	1,050	1,050	0
Other	34	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	2,777	4,225	4,475	4,475	0
LSSU ASSESSMENT					
Assessment	1,790	1,800	1,975	1,625	(350)
Subtotal	1,790	1,800	1,975	1,625	(350)
FISCAL SERVICES					
Professional Services	1,857	1,850	2,525	3,025	500
Insurance	100	300	200	100	(100)
Supplies	62	100	100	100	0
Subtotal	2,019	2,250	2,825	3,225	400
BUILDING & GROUNDS					
Custodial Salaries	2,400	2,725	2,725	2,700	(25)
Social Security	184	225	225	225	0
Water & Sewage	0	150	150	1,000	850
Rubbish Removal	545	550	550	550	0
Snow Removal	70	100	100	100	0
Repair & Maintenance	7,582	2,000	2,500	10,000	7,500
Communications	970	800	650	1,375	725
Supplies	330	600	400	500	\$100
Electricity	1,004	1,300	1,100	1,100	0
Oil	670	675	600	625	25
Equipment	2,500	0	200	550	350
Subtotal	16,255	9,125	9,200	18,725	9,525
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Transportation-Base Contract	61,031	60,800	62,700	65,850	3,150
Transportation-Field Trip	0	500	500	0	(500)
Subtotal	61,031	61,300	63,200	65,850	2,650

**ELMORE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED EXPENDITURES 2004 - 2005**

	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2003 Budget	FY 2004 Budget	FY 2005 Budget	Difference
INFORMATION SERVICES					
Professional Services	6,879	6,900	6,750	5,175	(1,575)
Subtotal	6,879	6,900	6,750	5,175	(1,575)
EDUCATION FUND					
Education Fund payment	3,350	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	3,350	0	0	0	0
SPECIAL EDUCATION					
Salaries	5,813	14,050	5,600	5,725	125
Health Insurance	2,299	700	1,550	3,500	1,950
Social Security	440	1,075	450	450	0
Municipal Retirement	78	200	250	250	0
Workers Compensation	0	75	75	75	0
Unemployment	0	75	25	25	0
Tuition Reimbursement	0	800	800	0	(800)
Conferences	0	400	600	0	(600)
Professional Services	0	3,750	2,600	6,600	4,000
Prof. Services-AIS	72,484	65,700	98,500	72,000	(26,500)
Prof. Services-Sped Teacher	12,900	12,900	13,325	13,325	0
Prof. Services-Other	19,663	20,000	23,350	32,000	8,650
Tuition – Private Schools	0	0	28,500	0	(28,500)
Travel	685	500	500	500	0
Supplies	173	600	600	1,000	400
Books & Periodicals	110	700	0	0	0
Computer Software	0	1,200	600	600	0
Equipment	192	2,500	0	0	0
Computer Equipment	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
Dues & Fees	75	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	114,912	126,725	178,825	137,550	(41,275)
HEALTH SERVICES - SPED					
Professional Services	10,959	8,000	8,000	18,000	10,000
Subtotal	10,959	8,000	8,000	18,000	10,000
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES - SPED					
Conferences	35	200	0	0	0
Professional Services-Counseling	0	4,000	2,000	0	(2,000)
Professional Services-Assessment	0	2,000	0	0	0
Professional Services - LSSU	1,230	1,250	1,275	1,575	300
Subtotal	1,265	7,450	3,275	1,575	(1,700)

**ELMORE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED EXPENDITURES 2004 - 2005**

	FY 2003 Actual	FY2003 Budget	FY2004 Budget	FY2005 Budget	Difference
SPEECH & AUDIOL. SERV. - SPED					
Prof Services-Audiological Exam	0	2,000	2,000	0	(2,000)
Prof Services-Consultation	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
Prof Services-Assessment	19,250	19,250	19,625	18,425	(1,200)
Prof Services-Evaluations	2,100	1,800	1,800	0	(1,800)
Repairs	0	400	400	0	(400)
Postage	0	50	50	0	(50)
Supplies	0	200	200	0	(200)
Books & Periodicals	0	100	0	0	0
Subtotal	21,350	25,800	26,075	20,425	(5,650)
OTHER SERVICES - SPED					
Professional Services	1,140	1,200	1,200	1,200	0
Subtotal	1,140	1,200	1,200	1,200	0
ADMIN. SERVICES - SPED					
Professional Services - Assessment	9,109	9,125	7,900	8,575	675
Subtotal	9,109	9,125	7,900	8,575	675
TRANSP. SERVICES - SPED					
Transportation-Sped	2,992	6,000	12,700	15,000	2,300
Subtotal	2,992	6,000	12,700	15,000	2,300
PRE-SCHOOL SERVICES - SPED					
Salaries - Aides	0	10,000	10,000	7,500	(2,500)
Fica	0	775	775	575	(200)
Prof Services - Assessment	12,828	12,850	12,600	12,200	(400)
Supplies	22	0	0	0	0
Books & Periodicals	0	0	0	700	700
Subtotal	12,850	23,625	23,375	20,975	(2,400)
PRE-SCHOOL SERVICES - HEALTH					
Prof. Services	6,226	3,000	6,600	7,000	400
Subtotal	6,226	3,000	6,600	7,000	400

**ELMORE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED EXPENDITURES 2004 - 2005**

	FY 2002 Actual	FY2002 Budget	FY2003 Budget	FY2004 Budget	Difference
PRE-SCHOOL SERVICES - PSYCH					
Prof. Services	0	500	0	800	800
Subtotal	0	500	0	800	800
PRE-SCHOOL SERVICES - SPEECH					
Prof. Services - Evaluation	0	1,000	0	2,500	2,500
Other	17	600	400	800	400
Subtotal	17	1,600	400	3,300	2,900
COMPENSATORY EDUCATION					
Salaries-Aide	5,577	4,600	5,600	5,725	125
Health Insurance	2,299	700	1,550	3,500	1,950
Social Security	422	350	450	450	0
Municipal Retirement	120	200	250	250	0
Workers Compensation	0	25	75	75	0
Unemployment	0	25	25	25	0
Subtotal	8,418	5,900	7,950	10,025	2,075
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION					
Tuition - Vt LEA's	7,919	7,875	8,750	24,475	15,725
Subtotal	7,919	7,875	8,750	24,475	15,725
FOOD SERVICES					
Milk	628	700	800	800	0
Other	750	250	0	0	0
Subtotal	1,378	950	800	800	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,346,374	1,388,450	1,517,400	1,255,350	(262,050)

**Elmore School District
Proposed Revenues
2004 - 2005**

	2003-04 Budget	2004-05 Budget
Local Sources:		
Estimated Cash on Hand	\$75,000	\$ 0
Earned Interest	0	0
Milk Sales	75	125
Sub-total	<u>\$75,075</u>	<u>\$125</u>
State Sources:		
General State Support Grant - Edu. Fund	\$90,275	\$ 0
Education Support Grant - Ed. Fund	0	8,950
Education Support Grant - Vocational Ed.	0	18,150
Small Schools Grant	49,000	42,000
Transportation Aid	22,500	27,500
SPED-Block Grant	45,000	45,000
SPED-Extraordinary Reimbursement	36,450	15,700
SPED-Intensive Reimbursement	42,500	35,000
Essential Early Education	6,000	5,650
State Milk Reimbursement	100	375
Sub-total	<u>\$291,825</u>	<u>\$198,325</u>
Federal Sources:		
SPED-Flow-Through	<u>\$3,000</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
Sub-total	<u>\$3,000</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
 Total Local, State and Federal	 \$369,900	 \$201,450
Taxes:		
Statewide Property Tax	\$810,025	\$0
Local Tax	337,475	0
Homestead Property Tax	0	479,125
Non-Homestead Property Tax	0	574,775
Total Taxes	<u>\$1,147,500</u>	<u>\$1,053,900</u>
 Total Budget	 \$1,517,400	 \$1,255,350

**Elmore School District
Revenue & Expenditures
Fiscal Year July 2002 – June 2003**

Opening Balance	\$100,852	
Prior Period Adjustments	272	
Local Sources:		
Interest Earned	\$3,302	
Milk Sales	135	
State Sources:		
General State Support Grant - Local	726,726	
General State Support Grant - Ed. Fund	208,696	
General State Support Grant - Ed. Fund – Prior Yr.	59,328	
Above Block – Local	252,203	
Small Schools Grant	39,500	
Transportation Aid	24,308	
Transportation Aid - Prior Yr.	90	
SPED-Block Grant	46,741	
SPED-Extraordinary	21,369	
SPED-Intensive	51,340	
Essential Early Education	7,016	
State Milk Reimbursement	401	
Federal Sources:		
SPED-Flow-Through	<u>2,882</u>	
		1,444,037
Expenditures		<u>(1,346,374)</u>
Ending Balance		\$198,787

**Elmore School District
FY04 Budget Development
Non-Resident Tuitions**

	Rates	Students	Cost
<u>MORRISTOWN</u>			
Kindergarten	\$3,563	4	\$ 14,252
Elementary	7,125	22	156,750
Peoples Academy Middle	8,300	32	265,600
Peoples Academy High	6,625	37	245,125
STOWE			
Stowe Middle	7,950	1	7,950
Stowe High	10,275	4	41,100
OTHER			
Craftsbury Academy	9,450 (Est.)	1	9,450
St. Johnsbury Academy	9,760 (Est.)	3	29,280
Kindergarten Contingency	3,563	2	7,126
Elementary Contingency	7,125	2	14,250
Middle Level Contingency	8,300	1	8,300
Secondary Contingency	6,625	1	6,625
TOTAL			\$805,808

COST PER STUDENT

Year	Number of Students	Cost per Student
2003-04	15	6,700
2004-05	20	5,950

**Lamoille South Supervisory Union
Special Education Grant
I.D.E.A. — Part B**

	FY03 Actual	FY04 Budget	FY05 Budget
Elmore	\$ 2,882	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Morristown	77,503	55,000	55,000
Stowe	11,412	9,000	13,000
LSSU	30,650	30,650	30,650
Total	\$ 122,447	\$ 97,650	\$ 101,650

LAMOILLE SOUTH SUPERVISORY UNION

Superintendent of Schools	Alice Angney	East Montpelier
Assistant Superintendent	Robert Stanton	Waterbury
Chief Operating Officer	George Cormier	Morrisville
Student Services Coord.	Jeff Place	Lowell
Financial Manager	Carolynn Patten	Stowe
Administrative Assistant	Melissa Gillen	Hyde Park
Bookkeeper	Carrie Christensen	Hardwick
Bookkeeper	Heidi Ingalls	Johnson
Bookkeeper – Food Services PT	Patti Coultas	Hardwick
Medicaid/Child Count Clerk PT	Mary Demars	Morrisville
School Psychologist	James Calhoun	Stowe
School Psychologist	Rebecca Lively	Waterbury Ctr.
Speech Pathologist/EEE	Susan Moore	Hyde Park
Speech Pathologist	Rita Angione	Morrisville
Speech Pathologist	Amy Coach-Dietz	Bakersfield
Speech Pathologist	Jacqueline Stoner	Burlington
Speech Aide	Jennifer Wade	Morrisville
Essential Early Education	Elaine Daniels	Hardwick
EEE Aide	Lovissa Fon Eisen	Hyde Park
EEE Aide PT	Cindy Gabaree	Morrisville
EEE Aide PT	Lori Gafel	Morrisville
EEE Aide PT	Debbie Yacovone	Morrisville

**Lamoille South Supervisory Union
Revenues**

Account	FY03 Actual	FY04 Budget	FY05 Budget
Cash Balance	\$65,650	\$45,000	\$100,000
Interest Income	5,256	9,000	3,000
Assessments:			
Psychological Services			
Elmore	1,264	1,310	1,601
Morristown	27,398	28,392	34,681
Stowe	13,488	13,978	17,074
Administrative Services			
Elmore	1,790	1,973	1,609
Morristown	154,400	174,632	139,799
Stowe	114,885	126,945	102,441
Fiscal Services			
Elmore	957	1,422	1,118
Morristown	82,635	125,860	97,100
Stowe	61,483	91,492	71,144
Information Services			
Elmore	6,879	6,752	5,159
Morristown	35,496	35,093	30,769
Stowe	27,725	28,780	25,128
Psychological Services-SPED			
Elmore	1,230	1,264	1,576
Morristown	27,675	28,438	35,458
Stowe	32,595	33,493	41,761
Speech & Audiology-SPED			
Elmore	19,250	19,624	18,419
Morristown	99,325	102,001	109,837
Stowe	77,600	83,650	89,719
Administrative Services-SPED			
Elmore	9,109	7,880	8,566
Morristown	47,015	40,957	51,083
Stowe	36,726	33,588	41,726
Essential Early Education			
Elmore	12,828	12,592	12,193
Morristown	79,105	79,206	87,726
Stowe	71,692	72,803	77,288
Other Revenues:			
Idea - EEE	4,200	6,000	6,000
Idea B-Flow Through	30,650	30,650	30,650
Title I	16,800	16,800	16,800
Title II	0	38,000	0
Title VI	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	6,942	0	0
Service Fees	21,250	13,350	6,000
Total	\$1,193,298	\$1,310,925	\$1,265,425

**Lamoille South Supervisory Union
Expenditures**

Description	FY03 Actual	FY04 Budget	FY05 Budget
<u>Psychological Services</u>			
Salaries	35,446	35,900	40,000
Employee Benefits	10,524	9,600	15,175
Prof & Tech Services	0	500	500
Property Services	0	0	0
Other Services	0	100	100
Supplies & Materials	0	875	875
Other	0	100	100
Total	<u>45,970</u>	<u>47,075</u>	<u>56,750</u>
<u>Executive Admin. Services</u>			
Salaries	214,491	219,875	197,950
Employee Benefits	47,387	48,000	56,675
Prof & Tech Services	5,437	6,100	6,450
Property Services	18,043	16,675	16,600
Other Services	26,900	24,000	27,575
Supplies & Materials	10,766	11,650	10,650
Property	1,221	1,250	500
Other	10,517	8,800	9,750
Total	<u>334,761</u>	<u>336,350</u>	<u>326,150</u>
<u>Fiscal Services</u>			
Salaries	124,833	172,900	132,300
Employee Benefits	40,264	63,900	53,700
Prof & Tech Services	4,318	6,250	4,525
Property Services	396	250	250
Other Services	499	1,125	1,025
Supplies & Materials	3,497	4,850	4,950
Property	3,694	4,250	0
Other	500	1,300	800
Total	<u>178,001</u>	<u>254,825</u>	<u>197,550</u>
<u>Information Services</u>			
Salaries	49,266	88,250	52,775
Employee Benefits	10,596	17,675	9,875
Prof & Tech Services	0	1,000	0
Other Services	69	350	100
Supplies & Materials	1,573	2,500	1,600
Property	0	1,000	0
Other	862	2,150	1,000
Total	<u>62,366</u>	<u>112,925</u>	<u>65,350</u>
<u>Psychological Services - SPED</u>			
Salaries	53,298	51,450	60,000
Employee Benefits	16,842	15,425	22,475
Prof & Tech Services	629	500	500
Property Services	0	0	0

Description	FY03 Actual	FY04 Budget	FY05 Budget
Other Services	0	100	100
Supplies & Materials	1,008	875	875
Property	0	0	0
Other	150	100	100
Total	71,927	68,450	84,050
<u>Speech & Audiology-SPED</u>			
Salaries	135,071	159,175	157,275
Employee Benefits	34,477	43,550	60,150
Prof & Tech Services	1,289	2,450	450
Other Services	252	100	100
Total	171,089	205,275	217,975
<u>Administrative Svcs – SPED</u>			
Salaries	74,134	75,325	81,775
Employee Benefits	19,085	11,775	21,775
Prof & Tech Services	1,410	800	800
Property Services	1,561	1,750	1,750
Other Services	6,294	6,400	7,500
Supplies & Materials	2,887	3,100	4,000
Property	1,463	0	0
Other	1,182	275	775
Total	108,016	99,425	118,375
<u>Essential Early Education</u>			
Salaries	99,447	102,500	110,825
Employee Benefits	30,231	31,325	39,725
Prof & Tech Services	0	1,500	500
Property Services	0	150	0
Other Services	2,158	1,500	2,100
Supplies & Materials	965	2,700	1,200
Property	2,877	1,800	0
Other	160	200	200
Total	135,838	141,675	154,550
<u>Psychological Services – EEE</u>			
Prof & Tech Services	0	500	0
Total	0	500	0
<u>Speech & Audio. Services – EEE</u>			
Salaries	31,913	29,950	30,850
Employee Benefits	5,179	4,925	5,775
Prof & Tech Services	0	1,500	0
Supplies & Materials	205.90	0	0
Property	0	0	0
Total	37,298	36,375	36,625
Property Services	4,000	7,000	7,000
Other Services	540	1,050	1,050
Total	4,540	8,050	8,050
Total	\$1,149,807	\$1,310,925	\$1,265,425

**TOWN OF ELMORE
GENERAL & HIGHWAY FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET**

ASSETS	JUNE 30, 2003	JUNE 30, 2002
CASH		
PETTY CASH	\$48.77	\$48.77
UNION BANK	\$5,213.98	\$64,936.04
MONEY MARKET	\$3,161.50	\$5,626.00
CERT. DEP.	\$33,653.61	\$24,071.32
TAXES RECEIVABLE		
CURRENT	(\$2,177.73)	(\$1,467.56)
DELINQUENT	\$24,280.25	\$19,634.66
ADJ CU & GL +-	#1,989.84	(\$4,391.67)
TAX ABATEMENTS	(\$432.80)	\$1,022.58
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	\$65,737.42	\$109,480.14
LIABILITIES, RESERVE AND FUND BALANCE:		
ACCRUED PAYROLL TAXES:		
FEDERAL/FICA WITHHELD	\$2,720.15	\$868.54
VERMONT WITHHELD	\$629.53	\$421.92
MUNICIPAL RETIRE	\$378.82	\$295.08
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:		
TAX COLLECTOR	\$70.16	\$70.18
OTHER	\$225.09	\$225.09
NOTES PAYABLE:		
UNION BANK	\$0.00	\$48,000.00
FIRE TRK01/TOWN TRK02	\$43,000.00	\$65,000.00
FIRE DEPT BOND	\$120,000.00	\$140,000.00
FIRE DEPT BOND	(\$120,000.00)	(\$140,000.00)
TOWN TRK LOAN	(\$43,000.00)	(\$65,000.00)
RESERVE REASSESS	\$33,863.50	\$24,071.32
RESERVE FOR EQUIPMENT	\$11,364.55	\$22,178.03
FUND BALANCE GENERAL ACCT.	\$16,485.62	\$13,349.98
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	\$65,737.42	\$109,480.14

**SCHOOL DISTRICT FUND
COMARATIVE BALANCE SHEET**

ASSETS	JUNE 30, 2003	JUNE 30, 2002
CASH		
UNION BANK	\$277,449.95	\$128,148.14
RECEIVABLE, STATE OF VERMONT	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$277,449.95	\$128,148.14
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE:		
NOTES PAYABLE	\$0.00	\$0.00
FUND BALANCE	277,449.95	\$128,148.14
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	\$277,449.95	\$128,148.14

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF TOWN

ASSETS	JUNE 30, 2003	JUNE 30, 2002
TOWN FUND	\$65,737.42	\$109,480.14
SCHOOL FUND	\$277,449.95	\$128,148.14
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	\$343,187.37	\$237,628.28
LIABILITIES:		
TOWN FUND	(\$193,218.08)	(\$254,880.81)
SCHOOL FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	(\$193,218.08)	(\$254,880.81)
RESERVE FOR EQUIPMENT	\$11,364.55	\$22,178.03
RESERVE REASSESSMENT	\$33,863.50	\$24,071.32
TOTAL SURPLUS (INDEBTEDNESS)	\$195,197.34	\$28,996.82

**COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE**

	FY 02/03	FY 01/02
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	\$339,228.79	\$187,323.26
SELECTMAN'S ACCOUNT (PAGE)		
REVENUE	\$174,931.38	\$168,570.31
EXPENSE	(\$164,017.11)	(\$159,133.49)
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BALANCE	\$10,914.27	9,436.82
APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT (PAGE)		
REVENUE	\$6,968.00	\$6,531.00
EXPENSE	(\$6,918.00)	(\$6,481.00)
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BALANCE	\$50.00	\$50.00
WINTER ROADS (PAGE)		
REVENUE	\$97,000.00	\$89,673.66
EXPENSE	(\$99,787.84)	(\$91,302.32)
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BALANCE	(\$2,787.84)	(\$1,628.66)
SUMMER ROADS (PAGE)		
REVENUE APPROP	\$99,000.00	\$98,000.00
STATE AID	\$101,920.24	\$46,919.78
RESERVE	\$8,226.07	\$4,257.59
EXPENSE	(\$205,990.80)	(\$147,438.55)
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BALANCE	\$3,155.51	\$1,738.82
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	(\$2,611.30)	\$2,247.57
NOTES PAYABLE FIRE DEPT	\$120,000.00	\$140,000.00
NOTES PAYABLE TOWN TRK	\$65,000.00	
ABATEMENT OF TAXES	\$967.26	\$60.98
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BALANCE	\$183,355.96	\$142,308.55
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	\$533,916.69	\$339,228.79

**REVENUE & EXPENDITURE – GENERAL FUND
GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR, JULY 2001 - JUNE 2003**

REVENUE	FY 02/03		FY 01/02
APPROPRIATION	\$172,771.38		\$166,130.31
PLANNING GRANT	\$2,160.00		\$2,190.00
GRAND LIST ±	<u>\$0.00</u>		<u>\$250.00</u>
	\$174,931.38		\$168,570.31
EXPENDITURES:	BUDGET 02/03	ACTUAL 02/03	ACTUAL 01/02
SELECTBOARD SALARY	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
TREASURER - 1% TAXES	\$11,500.00	\$12,701.50	\$11,772.90
PLAN/DRB STIP	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
FIRETRUCK PURCHASE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,000.00
COUNTY TAX	\$9,805.00	\$9,805.00	\$9,024.00
FIRE PROTECTION	\$18,650.00	\$18,650.00	\$18,650.00
LAMOILLE SHERIFF	\$16,839.88	\$16,839.88	\$10,479.60
SUPPLIES	\$2,000.00	\$2,101.01	\$1,609.55
POSTAGE	\$1,200.00	\$1,507.87	\$1,084.96
COMPUTER	\$4,000.00	\$3,843.74	\$1,535.35
COPIER (NET)	\$400.00	\$399.00	\$396.06
HEAT, LIGHT & POWER	\$2,200.00	\$1,576.38	\$2,084.43
VILLAGE LIGHTS	\$1,000.00	\$593.59	\$578.83
TELEPHONE	\$1,500.00	\$1,408.85	\$1,819.86
INSURANCE	\$13,000.00	\$12,523.44	\$10,926.34
NOTICES	\$1,000.00	\$1,169.33	\$740.50
LEGAL	\$5,000.00	\$618.06	\$6,254.68
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$13,000.00	\$12,510.88	\$12,242.49
LISTERS - SALARY	\$10,000.00	\$7,990.50	\$8,579.50
FED/FICA TAX	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
REAPPRAISAL	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
TAX MAPS	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
ELECTION EXPENSE	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
PLAN COM.	\$2,500.00	\$3,095.68	\$649.85
DUES VLCT	\$552.00	\$819.00	\$552.00
OFFICE HELP	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$72.00
TOWN REPORT	\$2,100.00	\$1,985.00	\$1,976.00
DONATIONS	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MORRISTOWN RESCUE	\$3,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,750.00
POLICE CONTRACT	\$7,300.00	\$7,568.36	\$7,919.30
EDUCATION	\$500.00	\$550.00	\$590.00
ZONING ADM/HLTH OFF.	\$4,000.00	\$3,125.00	\$1,448.25
FIRE DEPT BOND	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
BOND INTEREST	\$5,824.50	\$5,824.50	\$6,639.50
INTEREST EXPENSE	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$360.54</u>	<u>\$507.54</u>
	\$172,771.38	\$164,017.11	\$159,133.49
SELECTMAN'S ACCOUNT			
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		\$10,914.27	\$9,436.82

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

REVENUE	FY 02/03	FY 01/02
APPROPRIATION	\$6,968.00	\$6,531.00

EXPENSES:	BUDGET 02/03	ACTUAL 02/03	ACTUAL 01/02
RES CONS DEVEL AREA	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
LAMOILLE CTY PLAN COM	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$584.00
LAMOILLE FAMILY CENTER	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
LAMOILLE HOME HEALTH	\$1,910.00	\$1,910.00	\$1,289.00
RSVP	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
CTRL VT COUNCIL ON AGING	\$666.00	\$666.00	\$666.00
L.C. MENTAL HEALTH	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
DIVERSION	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
NICHOLS CENTER	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
LAMOILLE ECON DEV CORP	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
VT COUNCIL - INDEP. LIVING	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00
CTRL VT COMMUNITY ACTION	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
ADULT BASIC ED.	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
LAM HOUSE PARTNER	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
VERMONT GREEN UP	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NO. CTRY ANIMAL	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
ELMORE HIST SOC.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
OUT & ABOUT	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
LENS MEALS ON WHEELS	\$117.00	\$117.00	\$117.00
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	\$6,968.00	\$6,918.00	\$6,481.00

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT		
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$50.00	\$50.00

ROAD ACCOUNT - WINTER REVENUE & EXPENDITURE

REVENUE:	FY 02/03	FY 01/02
APPROPRIATION	\$97,000.00	\$88,000.00
FEMA 02	\$0.00	\$1,673.66
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	\$97,000.00	\$89,673.66
EXPENSE - CLASS II & III		
EQUIPMENT		
GRADER	\$1,950.00	\$2,000.00
FORD #1	\$8,780.00	\$8,480.00
INTERNATIONAL #2	\$7,280.00	\$7,660.00
BACKHOE	\$6,500.00	\$6,200.00
FORD 1-TON #3	\$1,565.00	\$1,180.00
FORD PU	\$0.00	\$0.00
GRIZZLY	\$265.00	\$0.00
J.L. AUDY	\$15,697.88	\$0.00
EQUIP RENT	\$6,593.75	\$1,348.25
WRECKER	\$250.00	\$250.00
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	\$48,881.63	\$27,118.25
MATERIAL:		
SALT	\$699.77	\$849.53
SAND/GRAVEL	\$13,311.89	\$18,857.10
CULVERTS	\$0.00	\$227.52
ROAD SIGNS	\$0.00	\$188.29
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	\$14,011.66	\$20,122.44
LABOR:		
CREW #1 (ROBERT)	\$11,802.03	\$14,572.25
CREW #2 (JOE)	\$13,400.41	\$14,195.50
MISC. LABOR	\$2,844.22	\$519.00
W/C INS. 02	\$0.00	\$3,612.00
TAX	\$1,506.06	\$3,203.53
BC/BS INS	\$2,887.56	\$3,036.12
RETIREMENT	\$694.05	\$1,402.28
UNIFORMS	\$679.13	\$967.69
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	\$33,813.46	\$41,508.37
TOTAL WINTER ROAD EXP.	\$96,706.75	\$88,749.06
WINTER SHOP EXPENSE		
GARAGE PHONE	\$284.97	\$340.38
GAR. HEAT/LIGHT/POWER	\$1,876.92	\$1,679.06
SHOP MAINT/REPAIR	\$919.20	\$533.82
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	\$3,081.09	\$2,553.26
TOTAL WINTER ROAD EXP.	\$99,787.84	\$91,302.32
WINTER ROAD, SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$2,787.84)	(\$1,628.66)

ROAD ACCOUNT – SUMMER

REVENUE:	FY 02/03	FY 01/02
APPROPRIATION	\$99,000.00	\$98,000.00
STATE AID	\$101,920.24	\$46,919.78
GRAND LIST +/-	<u>\$8,226.07</u>	<u>\$4,257.59</u>
	<u>\$209,146.31</u>	<u>\$149,177.37</u>
EXPENSE – CLASS II & III		
EQUIPMENT		
GRADER	\$13,325.00	\$7,905.00
FORD #1	\$8,460.00	\$4,840.00
GMC/INTERNATIONAL #2	\$8,280.00	\$2,920.00
BACKHOE	\$10,700.00	\$5,150.00
LOADER	\$420.00	
CHAINSAW	\$330.00	\$1,365.44
FORD 1-TON	\$2,580.00	\$3,220.00
AUDY INC.	\$17,166.26	\$18,675.00
SWEeper	\$1,700.00	\$2,370.00
EQUIP RENTAL	<u>\$2,697.00</u>	<u>\$7,320.00</u>
	\$65,658.26	\$53,765.44
MATERIAL:		
GRAVEL	\$33,710.59	\$29,570.79
CULVERTS	\$3,573.49	\$5,233.50
CHLORIDE	\$11,144.00	\$1,317.30
ROAD SIGNS/RAILS	\$4,486.06	\$418.14
RIP-RAP/STONE/FABRIC	\$4,751.18	\$2,127.10
PAVING	<u>\$25,818.71</u>	<u>\$18,876.40</u>
	\$83,484.03	\$57,543.23
LABOR:		
CREW #1 (ROBERT)	\$17,213.17	\$12,630.75
CREW #2 (JOE)	\$17,629.03	\$12,870.00
MISC. LABOR	\$4,018.24	\$377.00
MILES	\$0.00	\$0.00
TAX	\$2,760.84	\$3,144.34
RETIREMENT	\$2,082.36	\$1,320.09
INSURANCE	\$3,879.81	\$3,605.47
UNIFORMS	<u>\$1,367.98</u>	<u>\$988.94</u>
	\$53,483.43	\$34,936.59
TOTAL SUMMER ROAD EXP.	<u>\$202,625.72</u>	<u>\$146,245.26</u>
SUMMER SHOP EXPENSES		
SHOP PHONE	\$745.35	\$289.65
HEAT/LIGHT/POWER	\$1,842.29	\$2,143.83
SHOP MAINT	<u>\$776.94</u>	<u>(\$1,240.19)</u>
	\$3,364.58	\$1,193.29
TOTAL SUMMER ROAD EXP.	<u>\$205,990.30</u>	<u>\$147,438.55</u>
SUMMER ROAD, SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$3,156.01	\$1,738.82

EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

	FY 02/03	FY 01/02
OPENING BALANCE, JULY 1	\$22,178.03	(\$4,708.19)
REVENUE:		
WINTER ROADS	\$26,430.00	\$25,560.00
SUMMER ROADS	\$44,955.00	\$25,175.00
SALE OF EQUIP	\$15.00	\$14,050.00
TRK LOAN	\$30,000.00	\$65,000.00
	\$101,400.00	\$129,785.00
EXPENSE:		
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE:		
GRADER	\$4,726.87	\$1,424.11
BACKHOE	\$1,228.65	\$9,915.12
FORD TRK #1	\$4,257.59	\$9,794.32
INTERNATIONAL #2	\$4,734.97	\$7,362.13
FORD 1-TON	\$476.66	\$908.64
PLOW	\$64.61	\$925.00
INTER01 TRK LOAN	\$22,966.67	\$0.00
FORD 1-TON LEASE/PUR	\$8,828.66	\$9,274.78
INTER02 TRK PURCH	\$33,325.00	\$52,025.00
LOADER PURCHASE	\$19,900.00	\$0.00
	\$100,409.68	\$91,629.10
FUEL, GASOLINE	\$6,948.12	\$6,733.48
OXYGEN	\$485.64	\$475.53
ROAD ACCT INS	\$2,477.00	\$2,168.35
SHOP SUPPLIES	\$1,893.04	\$1,892.32
	\$112,213.48	\$102,898.78
TOTAL EQUIP. EXP.	\$112,213.48	\$102,898.78
CLOSING BALANCE, JUNE 30	\$11,364.55	\$22,178.03

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE & EXPENSES

	FY 02/03	FY 01/02
ESTIMATED REVENUE	(\$20,000.00)	(\$20,000.00)
ACTUAL MISC. REVENUE:		
BUILDING PERMITS	\$4,338.73	\$3,966.98
DOG LICENSES	\$400.00	\$430.50
BEVERAGE LICENSE	\$50.00	\$0.00
TRAFFIC FINES	\$2,410.48	\$1,845.23
INVEST INTEREST	\$5,722.21	\$7,088.18
INTEREST LATE TAXES	\$4,150.90	\$3,915.04
EXCESS WGT PERM	\$140.00	\$200.00
COPIER FEES	\$973.38	\$1,031.50
MISC. EXPENSES	\$30.00	
RESTOR. EXP	\$0.00	\$0.00
DOG KENNEL/CATCHER	(\$827.00)	(\$725.00)
	\$17,388.70	\$17,752.43
MISC REVENUE, SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$2,611.30	(\$2,247.57)

**TOWN & SCHOOL BUDGET SUMMARY
FISCAL YEARS JULY 2001 - JUNE 2005**

ACCOUNT	2001-02 BUDGET	2002-03 BUDGET	2003-04 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2004-2005
School Fund Operating	\$1,329,650.00	\$1,388,450.00	\$1,517,400.00	\$1,255,350.00
Appropriation	6,531.00	6,968.00	6,968.00	7,280.00
General Oper.	165,830.31	202,771.38	198,389.59	211,978.51
Winter Roads	88,000.00	97,000.00	100,000.00	105,000.00
Summer Roads	98,000.00	99,000.00	99,000.00	100,500.00
Misc. Income	(20,000.00)	(20,000.00)	(20,000.00)	(20,000.00)
Total	\$1,668,011.31	\$1,774,189.38	\$1,902,257.59	\$1,660,108.51
TAX RATE	\$2.06	\$2.14	\$2.30	

PROPOSED GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

	PROPOSED 2004-05	BUDGET 2003-04
Town Clerk Salary	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Town Treasurer 1%	13,000.00	12,000.00
Selectboard Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00
PC/DRB/Rd. Com/Aud. Stipend	1,800.00	1,000.00
Health Officer/Zon. Adm.	6,000.00	6,000.00
Lister Salary	12,000.00	10,000.00
Elmore Fire Dept./Fast Squad	20,150.00	19,150.00
Town Truck Loan	22,099.99	22,533.34
Lamoille Sheriff	17,838.02	17,719.75
State Police Contract	8,500.00	8,400.00
Morristown Rescue Squad	5,000.00	3,500.00
County Tax	11,241.00	10,378.00
Office Supplies	2,200.00	2,000.00
Tax Maps	750.00	750.00
Office Help	250.00	250.00
Postage	1,500.00	1,200.00
Computer	3,500.00	2,500.00
Copier	425.00	400.00
Heat, Light, Power	2,200.00	2,200.00
Village Lights	1,000.00	1,000.00
Telephone	2,000.00	2,300.00
BC/BS Ins.	4,000.00	3,500.00
Insurance	10,000.00	10,000.00
Legal Expenses	5,000.00	5,000.00
Building Maint	18,000.00	13,000.00
Notices	1,300.00	1,000.00
Interest Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00
Education	700.00	500.00
Employee FED/FICA Tax	2,500.00	2,500.00
Election Expense	300.00	100.00
Dues VLCT	891.00	819.00
Town Report	2,200.00	2,100.00
Health Fund	00.00	100.00
Planning Commission Expenses	500.00	1,000.00
Loan Fire Dept. Bldg.	20,000.00	20,000.00
Loan Int.	4,133.50	4,989.50
Reappraisal	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total	\$211,978.51	\$198,389.59

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

	PROPOSED 2004-05	BUDGET 2003-04
Vt. Center Independent Living	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	100.00	100.00
Central Vt Council on Aging	666.00	666.00
Central Vt Community Action	300.00	300.00
Lamoille County Mental Health	500.00	500.00
Central Vt Adult Education	300.00	300.00
Lamoille Family Center	500.00	500.00
Lamoille Home Health Hospice	2,122.00	1,910.00
Lamoille Cty Planning Commission	700.00	700.00
Diversion	200.00	200.00
Lamoille Economic Develop Corp	250.00	250.00
Clarina Howard Nichols Center	400.00	400.00
Vermont Green Up	50.00	50.00
No. Resource Cons. Development Area	50.00	50.00
LENS Meals on Wheels	150.00	117.00
North Country Animal League	300.00	300.00
Out & About	250.00	250.00
Lamoille Housing Partnership	200.00	200.00
Rural Community Transportation	67.00	00.00
Total	\$7,280.00	\$6,968.00

WINTER ROADS: Class II & III	PROPOSED 2004-05	BUDGET 2003-04
Equipment	\$42,000.00	\$40,000.00
Material	23,000.00	23,000.00
Labor	40,000.00	37,000.00
Total Winter Roads	<u>\$105,000.00</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
SUMMER ROADS: Class II & III	PROPOSED 2004-05	BUDGET 2003-04
Equipment	\$32,000.00	\$32,000.00
Material	10,000.00	10,000.00
Labor	23,500.00	22,000.00
Total Summer Roads	<u>\$65,500.00</u>	<u>\$64,000.00</u>
CONSTRUCTION:		
Equipment	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Material	30,000.00	30,000.00
Labor	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total Construction	<u>\$80,000.00</u>	<u>\$80,000.00</u>
Summer Rds. & Construct.	\$145,500.00	\$144,000.00
Less State Aid	(\$45,000.00)	(\$45,000.00)
Total Summer Rds. & Construction	\$100,500.00	\$99,000.00
TOTAL SUMMER & WINTER ROAD	<u>\$205,500.00</u>	<u>\$199,000.00</u>

GRAND LIST

Actual FY 2000-2001	\$58,138,965.00
Actual FY 2001-2002	\$59,552,984.00
Actual FY 2002-2003	\$62,249,787.00
Actual FY 2003-2004	\$64,435,610.00
Plus Estimated Improvements	2%
Estimated FY 2003-04	\$65,928,322.00

SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS/MATURITIES

Town Fund – General	Date of Issue	Maturity Date	Balance 12/03
VT Municipal Bond	7/99	12/08	\$100,000.00
VT Muni. Equip. Loan	6/02	6/05	\$ 43,000.00

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED FY JULY 1, 2002 – JUNE 30, 2003

GRAND LIST:

General Property	\$62,249,787.00
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TAXES BILLED:

Real Estate (622,498 @ \$2.14)	\$ 1,332,145.46
VT Forest & Parks @ 1%	\$ 7,741.50
Current Use Hold Harmless	22,398.00
PILOT Program	1,266.00

TOTAL Taxes & State	\$ 1,363,550.96
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TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

General Collections	\$ 1,238,566.82
State	31,405.50

DELINQUENT TAXES TO COLLECTOR	\$92,831.80
TAXES ABATED	(746.84)

TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR	\$ 1,363,550.96
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DIVISION OF TAXES (to be raised)	AMOUNT	RATE
State Ed. Prop. Tax	\$728,322.00	\$1.17
Local Share Prop. Tax	\$255,224.00	.41
Municipal Tax	\$348,599.00	.56

Total Tax Rate 02-03	\$2.14
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ANALYSIS OF DELINQUENT TAXES RECEIVABLE

Year Ended June 30	Balance 3/15/03	To Collect - during FY 02-03	Collections	Abatements	Balance 12/31/03
2003	\$0.00	\$92,831.80	\$72,423.76	\$00.00	\$00.00

AUDITORS STATEMENT

We have examined the accompanying statements and accounts of the Town and the Town School District for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2003. We find them to be in order and declare them to be a fair representation of the Town and Town School District financial status of the year then ended.

Diane Cote
Jane Nutting
Carla Blood

Auditors of the Town of Elmore

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

NAME	PARENTS	DATE
Heidi Alexca Virginia Pecor-Martin	Hope Martin	01/08/03
Alexander Reese Johnson	Ute & Konrad Johnson	01/22/03
Celia Eunice Culcleasure	Holly Martin & Desmond Culcleasure	03/16/03
Mirandia Faye Kuney	Heather & Ramel Kuney	03/17/03
Linden Paige Osborne	Kathryn & Jon Osborne	05/27/03
John Nicholai Doran	Sonya Fee-Doran	06/01/03
Anthony Gerard White	Stephanie & Paul White	06/02/03
Javin David Yorgensen	Wendy & David Yorgensen	06/02/03
Weslie Harper Carlson	Elise Olsen & Joshua Carlson	09/16/03
Emilee Lynn Griffith	Jessica & Shaun Griffith	09/17/03
Alysa Marie Berry	Melinda & Jason Berry	10/20/03
Oliver Henry Nigro	Stephanie & Neil Nigro	12/07/03

DEATHS

NAME	AGE	DATE
George Paul Newman	57	12/13/03

LAMOILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 2003 ANNUAL REPORT

The Lamoille County Sheriffs Department provides twenty-hour patrol service on a contract basis to the Towns of Hyde Park, Johnson and Wolcott. Our agency also provides assistance to other local, state and federal law enforcement and emergency response agencies.

The Department's Communications Center dispatches the appropriate agency to all emergency calls throughout the ten towns in Lamoille County. Dispatchers handled a total of 11,076 calls for police service, 2065 calls for EMS service, and 742 calls for fire service, a 19% increase in total call volume over 2002. The Center is also the Public Safety Answering Point for all the Enhanced 911 calls throughout Lamoille County. Personnel are trained in answering 911 calls and providing pre-arrival instruction for police, fire and medical emergencies. Personnel receive emphasized training in assisting callers in medical emergencies.

Grant funding applied for and received in 2003 included Special DUI Patrol funding, START (Stop Teenage Alcohol Risk Team) funding, Snowmobile Law Enforcement, Seat Belt Enforcement, Homeland Security Equipment funding, U.S. Department of Justice Universal Hiring Grant, School Resource Officer, Community Heroin Interdiction Program, and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant receipts. This funding allowed the department to participate in a variety of activities that would not have been possible with the current level of contract funding.

The Seat Belt Grant enabled the department to dedicate one part-time deputy to enforcing the Vermont Traffic Laws. Training goals for the position include child car seat occupant safety and the inspection of child safety seats to assure proper installation for the child's safety. Towns people are encouraged to make an appointment to have their child's safety seat inspected. The Lamoille County Sheriff's Department also provides child safety seats to those people who are in need at a minimal cost.

A grant secured in 2002 from the U.S. Department of Justice allowed the department to place a School Resource Officer within the Lamoille North Supervisory Union. The goal of the program is to create a safe and secure environment in area schools. The School Resource Officer is currently working in partnership with students, parents, teachers, town, county and state officials to establish a rapport with students as well as to act as a resource to the school, the SRO provides presentations related to substance abuse, violence prevention, conflict management and safety. To date the program has been very successful in achieving it's goals.

The department continues to work with other county, state and federal law enforcement agencies in narcotics investigations. This has resulted in several federal and state level arrests this year. The Lamoille County Sheriff's Department is committed to an on-going effort that will result in the reduction of the demand for drugs in our area. The Department has secured a grant from the state to specifically interdict heroin and the diversion of prescription medicine.

The department further received authorization to spend \$120,000.00 from federal grant money to enhance radio coverage for Emergency Services in the following areas: Stowe-Mt. Mansfield, Jeffersonville, Waterville, Morrisville, Wolcott and Elmore. The department is currently awaiting the radio licensing for these locations.

Roger M. Marcoux, Jr.
Lamoille County Sheriff

LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT DIVERSION

The Lamoille County Court Diversion & Restorative Justice Programs, Inc. has served the communities of the Lamoille Valley region since 1978. The agency is a community-based, tax-exempt, non-profit organization which offers a number of programs that focus on the needs of youth and families involved in delinquent or criminal activities at the pre-adjudication and post-adjudication levels. The following programs enable this agency to meet its mission of *providing community based programs that address unlawful behavior while supporting victims of crime and promoting a healthy community.*

Court Diversion: An alternative to the formal court process, Court Diversion offers youth and adult first time offenders the opportunity to address charges and avoid a criminal conviction. Utilizing a Community Review Board, each Diversion Contract developed is tailored to meet the needs of the offender, the victim and the community. Once completed, the case is dismissed by the state. In FY 2002 159 cases were handled with an 85% successful completion rate. We maintained a recidivism rate of less than 11% of those who have successfully completed the program. Over \$8,900 in restitution and donations was recovered for victims and area communities. (Over \$142,700 has been recovered since 1978.) Additionally, over 700 hours of community service was complete in our communities.

Pre-Charge Intervention Project: Established in 1998, PCIP is designed to address delinquent behaviors before a formal charge is filed. Using Family Group Conferencing, mediated dialogue, individualized action plans, and other interventions, PCIP develops strategies that focus on the needs of the youth, the victim and the community. This past year, 9 youth between the ages of 8 and 14 participated in the project.

Tuancy Project: In collaboration with area schools, the project assists youth, their families and school administrators in developing strategies to insure school attendance. A child who has a 10% or higher absentee rate may be referred for support in attending school. Once referred, contracts are developed between the sending school, parents and children that address school attendance. 64 participated in the Tuancy project this year.

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

Juvenile Restorative Programs include Juvenile Restorative Panels (JRP), Street Checker and the Restitution Project. Working with SRS, our agency offers the listed programs to support juveniles and their families who have been adjudicated and are on juvenile probation. As part of their Probation Certificate, youthful offenders may be required to appear before the Restorative Panel where a contract is designed to address the needs of the youth, victim and community. Victims of the offender are often invited to participate in the JRP process. Street Checkers monitor and support the youth in maintaining curfews, school attendance, and other probation conditions. The Restitution Project works closely with SRS to insure successful completion of the youth's probation order and the collection of restitution.

Transitional Living Program is tailored to provide activities and services for youth in SRS custody to achieve independent, self-supporting lives in our communities as they enter adulthood. The Transitional Living Coordinator assists referred youth in identifying their goals, needs and strengths. Strategies are then developed to achieve the identified goals and needs.

The Lamoille Valley Community Justice Project has just completed its first year of development and service to our citizens in the Lamoille Valley region. The project seeks to reduce the number of 18 to 21 year olds coming under the Department of Corrections supervision. The project also seeks to increase graduation rates in all schools in the valley and reduce truancy and delinquency. We know that if we keep kids in school, they have a better chance of graduating and not becoming involved with the law. Children to age 15 who currently have or has had a member of their household under the supervision of the Department of Corrections are eligible for case management services that will address their physical and emotional health needs.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Hinds, Executive Director
Heather Hobart, Assistant Director

CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION, INC.

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc. is a non-profit organization governed by a volunteer board of directors. The executive team shares administrative and supervisory duties for the organization. Central Vermont Adult Basic Education is staffed by an additional 16 employees and 162 volunteers that serve Lamoille, Orange and Washington counties.

Three adults in the town of Lake Elmore received services from CVABE in FY '2003, at an annual cost of \$1,200.00 per student. Instruction is free of charge and individuals over the age of sixteen who are not enrolled in public school are eligible for service. Instructional programs include: basic literacy, study skills, family literacy, computer literacy, English as a Second Language, GED preparation, youth and teen parent programs, and workplace literacy programs.

Locally, CVABE has a learning center at 52 Portland Street in downtown Morrisville, upstairs over Caplan's Sporting Goods. One hundred-seventy (170) adults in Lamoille County were served in FY '03.

CVABE collaborates with the Lamoille North Supervisory Union and the Lamoille Family Center on an Even Start grant to provide intensive adult and family literacy services to families in Eden, Hyde Park, Cambridge, Johnson, Waterville and Belvidere. CVABE also collaborates with Lamoille Union High School to aid students through the Alternative Diploma Program.

Central VT Adult Basic Education is an official GED testing site with tests given at the Barre Learning Center, the Morrisville Learning Center and the Randolph Learning Center.

The Morrisville Learning Center is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 pm, with evening and weekend hours by appointment. Please call our local center if you or someone you know might need our services or would be interested in volunteering for our program. Call 888-5531.

NORTHERN VERMONT RC&D COUNCIL

Dear Board of Selectpersons, Town Clerks and Auditors:

On behalf of Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council, we hope this letter finds your community closing out a good 2003 and anticipating a hopeful 2004. We respectfully request your continued support by including an appropriation of \$50.00 in your 2004 Selectperson's budget. Being an organization with region-wide responsibility we are not able to petition each of the 113 towns within our area so we ask that the small amount be included in the Selectboard's Budget.

The Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development Council is a 29 year old network of volunteers dedicated to identifying problems and designing solutions which fit the needs of its own communities. RC&D is a unique program that helps people care for and protect natural resources in a way that will improve the area's economy, environment and living standards. We serve our clients by coordinating and facilitating technical and financial assistance to local communities and others who initiate, sponsor, plan and implement projects.

Technical assistance through the RC&D is available, at no cost to the community. We would be glad to look at the problems and challenges your community is facing and work together to find solutions. **We are glad to be a part of the Rural Fire Protection Dry Hydrant Grant Program, Agritourism, Better Backroads Grant Program and Natural Resources Education initiatives which have had significant impact on communities in Northern Vermont this past year.** Eligible projects cover many different areas including: community development; improvements to infrastructure and water quality; parks and recreation; and development of a diversified forest and agriculture industry. **The RC&D can also assist with finding financial resources and grant requests to carry out planned projects.**

Please consider this letter your invoice and feel free to contact us with your ideas. By working together we can arrive at solutions which will improve our communities! For more information please call Beth Ann Finlay, our Coordinator, (802) 828-4595 or email: beth_ann.finlay@vt.usda.gov.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Kaiser, Chairperson

THE LAMOILLE FAMILY CENTER REPORT TO THE TOWN OF ELMORE

To our neighbors and partners:

For the past 27 years, we have been fulfilling our mission of encouraging, educating and celebrating families throughout the Lamoille Valley, including the Town of Elmore and the surrounding communities. The Family Center provides a variety of resources designed to meet the needs of families and their children aged birth to 21. We know that to be successful, families need the support of their friends, family and neighbors. As an organization dedicated to helping to strengthen families, we need that same kind of support from our community neighbors in order to make that work possible.

While our support comes from over thirty different funding sources, town contributions remain one of the most important kinds of funding that we receive. This is because we can use it to do what communities want us to do, to be creative in meeting the needs that you tell us about.

An example of this is our Learning Together Program for pregnant and parenting teens that have quit school. Teen pregnancies and dropping out of school have long been problems in our local communities. Schools try but they can't be all things to all students and unfortunately, the needs of teen parents are tremendous and often interfere with success in school. The Learning Together Program offers an alternative to traditional school. In Learning Together, teen parents attend school at the Family Center earning their high school diploma or their GED while they also learn about parenting and about taking care of themselves and their families. Their children are also at the Family Center in our Child Care Program where our students learn alongside experienced professionals about child development and about how to care for babies and young children. Students get the support they need to be successful in school and in life. Last spring, five of our students graduated. It is truly a community of caring - a unique response to a difficult problem.

As we form these kinds of small communities of support, we turn to our local towns, our neighbors to help in that support. We deeply appreciate the contribution of the Town of Elmore toward this work and to so much more that is offered at the Family Center. We look forward to continuing to serve families, children and youth and thank you very much for your support.

Ann Martin, Co-Director
Lamoille Family Center
480 Cadys Falls Road
Morrisville, VT 05661

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

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

An estimated one in five Vermonters has a disability. VCIL, a private not-for-profit corporation, is Vermont's first and only cross-disability center for independent living and the first organization in the state to be directed and staffed by a majority of people with diverse disabilities.

Statewide, from October 1, 2002 through September 11, 2003, VCIL responded to almost 1,974 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referrals on a broad range of subjects related to living with a disability. We provided one-on-one peer counseling to 342 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and life opportunities; provided 405 households with financial and technical assistance for making their bathrooms and entrances accessible to a disabled family member; provided over 340 individuals with personal assistance and/or assistive technology; provided communicative equipment to 67 Deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech impaired individuals through our Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program, and served home-delivered meals to almost 533 Vermonters through VCIL's Meals On Wheels program for individuals under 60 with disabilities.

VCIL's main office is in downtown Montpelier with three smaller regional offices in Bennington, Brattleboro and Burlington. The Montpelier office houses our resource library and our toll-free information line, which provides answers to disability related questions from every Vermont community. Our locally based Peer Advocacy Counselors are available to people with disabilities in every municipality in Vermont.

During FY 2003, VCIL provided direct services to Vermonters throughout the state, utilizing the following services/programs: Information and Referral, the Home Access Program, Meals on Wheels (people with disabilities under the age of 60), Peer Advocacy Counseling, Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program, and the Sue Williams Freedom Fund.

To learn more about VCIL, please call us toll-free at, 1-800-639-1522, or visit our new web site at www.vcil.org.

**CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING
REPORT OF SERVICES TO THE TOWN OF ELMORE
OCTOBER 1, 2002-SEPTEMBER 30, 2003**

The Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private, non-profit organization that supports elders to remain independent as long as possible in their own homes and communities. We use federal, state and local funds to provide a variety of programs and services for elders, either directly or under contract with local groups and organizations.

Services include case management, information and referral, community and home delivered meals, senior center services, transportation and a number of volunteer opportunities for people of all ages.

The Case Manager for the Town of Elmore is Bonnie Hanson. Case Managers are trained to assess needs and create a care plan for individuals that includes public, private and volunteer resources.

The Council on Aging contracts with Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County for the provision of community and home delivered meals for seniors. Noontime meals are served five days a week in different towns in Lamoille County. Home delivered meals are also delivered to the homes of elders who cannot get out to the mealsite.

Transportation is provided under contract with the local transportation authority. Under this agreement, rides are provided to elders to get to and from mealsites, medical appointments and shopping.

Other services such as legal assistance, health insurance information, and referrals to other agencies can be provided by calling the senior helpline at 1-800-642-5119.

We appreciate the support for programs and services for Central Vermont elders from the Town of Elmore. Please call us for more information or assistance.

Sincerely,
Charles W. Castle,
Executive Director

CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (CVCAC) REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF ELMORE

Since 1965, the Central Vermont Community Action has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington counties and of nine towns in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. CVCAC's programs and services are designed to help families work toward better lives and to improve the overall quality of life in their communities. This year, CVCAC worked with nearly 9,000 individuals in 4,700 households through the Head Start/Early Head Start, our Child Care Food Program, Community Economic Development programs, Family/Community Support Services, Welfare to Work programming, Weatherization assistance, Crisis Fuel resources, and Community Action Motors.

In our most recently completed program year, Central Vermont Community Action helped 8 individuals in 4 Elmore families with emergency assistance and comprehensive program services designed to teach important skills and help people access the resources they need to build better futures.

Our 2004 Funding Request: Community Action uses a formula for our funding requests to all towns based on population, number of residents served, and dollars spent in each community. Based on that formula, **we are requesting \$300.00 from the citizens of Elmore to support Community Action.** Your support is critical to our work, and the Board and staff of Community Action are most grateful for your help.

Central Vermont Community Action Council is supported in part by the towns we serve!

LAMOILLE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

As we enter the year 2004, I want to thank you for the continued support you have given our agency over the past 30 years. As we have added services to meet the needs of our neighbors, we have grown from a staff of 40 to 180 (full and part-time). Most of this growth has occurred in our Children and Family Services.

In fiscal year 2003, we served 36 individuals from Elmore. Given our appropriations of \$500, this is a reasonable investment in our citizens. Our request for fiscal year 2004-2005 is for the same amount.

We will continue to develop new programs to address unmet needs at a reasonable cost.

Please contact us at any time if you would like further information on our programs.

Thank you,

William K. Alexander,
Chief Executive Officer

LAMOILLE HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE TOWN MEETING REPORT

Dear Reader,

I think of our relationship with Elmore as a partnership. Since 1971, you have voted to share a portion of your tax dollars with Lamoille Home Health & Hospice in order to assure high quality in-home health care for all, regardless of a patient's ability to pay. Here are some examples of how your dollars are converted into services...

1. An uninsured logger breaks his leg in several places. After a short hospitalization, he's sent home to recover. Our nurses visit to monitor his recovery and a physical therapist begins an exercise regime as soon as the doctor gives the okay.

2. A teenager is pregnant and has little, if any, support from her family. A Maternal Child Health Nurse visits her regularly to teach parenting skills and newborn baby care.

3. A grandmother lives alone but is VERY independent. With just a little help from a Personal Care Attendant, she is able to stay in her own tidy apartment and enjoy visits from you and her other grandchildren. An Occupational Therapist has passed on some helpful hints to make Grandma's home safer to negotiate.

4. The neighbor up the road is diagnosed with a terminal illness. He wants to die in the familiar surroundings of his own home and to be kept comfortable. Our Hospice Program makes his wish possible.

Your dollars do make a difference. In our Fiscal Year 2003, these were the number of visits made to folks in Elmore:

Nurse — 318

Homemaker — 2

Registry Nurse — 7

Occupational Therapist — 22

Licensed Nursing Assistant — 3

Speech Therapist — 44

Physical Therapist — 63

Our heartfelt thanks to you for your 31 years of believing that home care is vital for your community. It energizes us to continue doing our very best to assure independence, wellness and death with dignity.

Sincerely,

Ann Mallett, RN Executive Director

**CLARINA HOWARD NICHOLS CENTER
ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FROM
JULY 1, 2002 TO JUNE 30, 2003**

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

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

The following are some statistics for the past year:

Women:

Unduplicated Domestic Violence Clients	363
Unduplicated Sexual Violence Clients	44
Hotline Calls	3108
In-person Crisis Support	1365
Criminal & Family Court Advocacy	1464
Hospital Advocacy	29
Other Advocacy	1218
On-going Emotional Support	2827
Information & Referrals	1166
Support Groups	152
Emergency Financial Assistance	60

"Building Healthy Relationships":

Students	620
Adults	75

Children:

Child Care	84
On-going Emotional Support	346
Children's Groups	84

Shelter:

Women Sheltered	21
Children Sheltered	12
Shelter Nights	619

Prepared by Susan Aikman, Executive Director

LAMOILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Fostering Globally Competitive Businesses and Economic Opportunity Highlights for 2003

- Regional economic development strategic plan underway
- Supported finance and construction of an 11,000 sq. ft. food processing facility for Lesley Elizabeth company in North Hyde Park
- Developing “shovel-ready” lots in this new industrial park
- Manage Cambridge Business Park and Cambridge Enterprise Center
- Provide office facilities and business services to the Small Business Development Center business counselor for the County
- Revitalizing loan and administration guidelines for Morristown Development Fund and Lamoille County Revolving Loan Fund – these funds are open for business!
- Direct and indirect participation in securing loans to lodging, hospitality, manufacturing and “downtown” businesses
- Sponsor and co-sponsor seminars to area businesses
- Inaugural Lamoille County Perspective section for VBM
- Launched new website with enhanced information content and links see our master calendar!
- Continue our alliance with the Green Mountain Technology and Career Center (GMTCC) in Hyde Park

We appreciate your continued support!

Karen Temple Lynch
Executive Director

NORTH COUNTRY ANIMAL LEAGUE

After 4 1/2 years of design work and planning, North Country Animal League (NCAL) finally moved into the new shelter on April 4, 2003. The new building is 5,500 square feet. There are 16 dog kennels, a puppy room, an indoor dog exercise room and dog-get-acquainted room for adopters to spend time with the dogs. There are 18 cat cages, a cat'llion room for cats to play, and a cat get-acquainted room. A small outdoor cat area will be completed in 2004, as well as quarantine isolation rooms in the basement for cats and dogs.

Over 5,000 companion animals have found loving, permanent homes through NCAL's Adoption Program since 1994. NCAL's mission "to promote compassionate and responsible relationships between humans and animals", is well received through the 9 local schools we present at each year. 2003 marked our 4th year of providing enrichment learning in 9 area schools, summer camp, school projects and shelter tours to teach responsibility, kindness and compassion for all living beings. NCAL's Development Program received help from hundreds of volunteers who support the animals by providing and sharing their expertise and time in all areas of fundraising.

The new building and location helped to increase adoptions by 24% and visitorship by an amazing 70%. Children and adults found their volunteer niche through the long list of daily chores such as: dog walking, cat cuddling, and answering phones, doing animal laundry, cleaning, and maintenance. The overwhelming support for the new shelter models a quality of life that is kind and humanitarian to our community and all of Vermont.

2003 Highlights:

- NCAL's total building goal of \$1,629,000 was 75% complete at the end of 2003 with a December 2004 completion date.
- Over 650 dogs', cats', kittens" and puppies' lives were saved through our adoption program.
- Volunteer hours reached 11,000 hours.

North Country Animal League
3524 Laporte Rd.
Morrisville, Vermont 05661
Web site is www.ncal.com
or phone # 802-888-5065

Prepared by: Linda Wood, Executive Director

MEALS ON WHEELS OF LAMOILLE COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT

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

The daily check-in is as important as the meals themselves. Our volunteers are a great means of communication for the homebound. Several times a volunteer has come back to the office with a concern about a recipient and Meals on Wheels was able to contact a family member and get help before any problems arose.

Volunteers are the heart of our business. Without the 65 to 70 volunteers that we have active at any one time we would not be able to provide these services. Volunteers drove a total of 36,220 miles in the last year and many of our drivers have been volunteering for years. There is an ongoing need for volunteer drivers and it only takes about an hour and a half out of your day.

During our last fiscal year, October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003, Meals on Wheels provided 33,169 meals to 301 Lamoille county residents. Funding for these meals came from government contracts (45%), United Way (9%), Town Appropriations (6%), and the remaining 40% came from client donations, private contributions, and fundraising efforts.

Lots of things have happened at Meals on Wheels in the past year. Priscilla Matten resigned her position as Executive Director in late January, and I took the position in early February. Though this position has been titled the same over the years, this is the first time that this position has become full time. This was also our first full year of cooking meals on-site and we have had tremendous feedback of our clients really enjoying their meals.

To close our fiscal year Meals on Wheels has begun a project. We have joined with the Lamoille Senior Center to form an activities committee, which consists of members from both organizations as well as a couple of outside volunteers. The goal of this committee is to find out what Lamoille County seniors would like to do at their senior center and begin providing those activities. This is a huge step for Meals on Wheels, as is for the Senior Center. We hope in the next year to have a variety of activities, speakers, and other events for seniors to enjoy along with our mealsite dinner at noon.

Meals on Wheels would like to thank the residents of the towns in Lamoille County for all of their ongoing support. For information on becoming a volunteer driver, or being a part of our activities committee, please call our office at 888-5011.

Respectfully submitted,
Tanya Griffin Executive Director

OUT & ABOUT, LAMOILLE AREA ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

The Mission of Out & About is to support elders who are socially isolated and/or functionally impaired and adults with disabilities through activities and services that promote independence.

Out & About is a day program serving the Lamoille area region. Through an array of supportive services Out & About assists its participants and their care givers to maintain a quality of life which can give them continued personal growth and individual choice. This helps to avoid premature placement in costly long term care institutional settings.

The heart of our Mission is accomplished through our arts-based activity program which fosters engagement, creativity, companionship, and a shared sense of accomplishment and appreciation. Participants find joy and wellness in the act of creating and thus minimize the impact of loss, depression, chronic pain, isolation, and other limiting conditions.

Out & About offers an individualized plan of care to meet the needs of each participant. Participants attend on a scheduled basis. Services may include the following: supervision, transportation, meals, personal care, nursing services, socialization, exercise, recreation, free flowing discussion groups, art workshops (writing, music/singing, drawing, painting, sculpture), information and referrals, medical and social evaluation, counseling, reality orientation, and care giver respite and support.

To be eligible for services adults must be dependent on long term care by virtue of functional limitations, medical conditions, social isolation, cognitive impairment and/or emotional /psychological vulnerability. Financial circumstances play no part in determining eligibility for enrollment to Out & About.

During this past year, 3 of the 75 participants we served resided in the Town of Lake Elmore. Our heartfelt thanks goes to members of the Lake Elmore Community for helping to support our services and improve the quality of life for these neighbors. As the elder population continues to grow the need for our services will double by the year 2010 according to a study by the Vermont Department of Aging and Disabilities. Now more than ever, this makes your Town Allocation that much more important in helping us to fund and expand services which support our Mission. Lake Elmore Community members can be proud of our partnership of purpose which will ensure that more Lake Elmore elders and adults with disabilities will have a place to be during the day where they will be valued and supported - physically, emotionally and spiritually.

If you want to get more involved, want to know more about any aspect of our organization, or want to donate your time or resources, do not hesitate to call or come by - we would enjoy meeting with you. Additionally, if any of you would like a copy of our FY 7/1/02- 6/30/03 Annual Report and/or our Newsletter please contact me. My phone # is 888-7040.

Respectfully Submitted,
Glo Webel, Executive Director, 12/4/03

LAMOILLE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP, INC.

The Lamoille Housing Partnership (LHP) is a nonprofit, community-based affordable housing development organization. LHP's mission is to provide safe, decent, affordable rental and owner-occupied housing for residents of the Lamoille Valley area, including the residents of Hardwick in Caledonia County, whose incomes are primarily at or below 80% of county median.

LHP was formed in 1991, working in partnership with homeowners, landlords, residents, local businesses, community agencies, and government to ensure that permanently affordable housing as an ongoing resource for the Lamoille Valley community.

Since 1991, the Partnership has created or preserved 96 apartments, 32 mobile home lots, and a 20-bed residence for people with severe and persistent mental illness. LHP has also helped 15 households to achieve the dream of homeownership, and has assisted Evergreen Manor Mobile Home Park residents in the purchase of 3 mobile homes.

LHP is a participating organization in the Central Vermont Community Land Trust Neighborworks Homeownership Center, offering education and assistance to prospective homeowners.

Over the past year, LHP has continued efforts to develop 42 affordable apartments in Stowe's Lower Village. We are hoping to find a site in Johnson or Hyde Park in the coming year.

LHP remains committed to its vision to live in a community where all individuals recognize and support the necessity of affordable housing and ensure that no one will be without a decent place to live, regardless of income.

Your town's contribution helps us in this mission and strengthens our entire community.

Carol Collins
Executive Director
Lamoille Housing Partnership

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM FOR CENTRAL VERMONT AND NORTHEAST KINGDOM

MISSION STATEMENT FOR RSVP: VOLUNTEERS GETTING THINGS DONE FOR OUR CENTRAL VERMONT AND NORTHEAST KINGDOM COMMUNITIES.

Provides the following benefits:

- Serves all Vermonters, regardless of health or income.
- An assessment of your skills, interest, and talents.
- An opportunity to put those skills, interests, and talents to work as a volunteer, helping solve community problems.
- An opportunity to be trained in volunteer work of your choice.
- A belief and practice in the philosophy that volunteers need to be recognized. RSVP does this in many ways.
- Coverage by EXCESS LIABILITY insurance, while performing volunteer duties., driving to and from the work-site or (heaven forbid) should an accidental death occur while performing a volunteer activity.
- An opportunity, if a need exists, to receive mileage reimbursement, when driving to and from your volunteer work.
- Provides training to organizations utilizing volunteers.

OPERATION:

- Has been in Vermont for over 30 years.
- Is sponsored by the Central Vermont Council on Aging and governed by three Advisory Councils.
- Funding is provided by the Federal Government (through THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE), State and Local town governments, Green Mountain and Lamoille County United Way and other local fundraising.

Statewide there are 6 RSVP programs serving over 4,500 volunteers at over 1023 volunteer stations contributing, over 480,000 volunteer hours of service. In 2001, 1240 RSVP FOR CENTRAL VERMONT AND NORTHEAST KINGDOM volunteers gave over 105,728 hours of service to 150 non-profit organizations in Caledonia, Essex, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans and Washington Counties.

Lamoille County Planning Commission 2003 Annual Report

Prepared by: Michele A. Boombower, Executive Director

The Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) provides technical assistance to municipalities in Lamoille County for land use planning and community development programs. LCPC is governed by appointed representatives from each town and village in Lamoille County. In addition, there are five County Directors elected annually by the LCPC membership to represent the region as a whole. In collaboration with community leaders and organizations throughout the county and state, LCPC is pleased to report the following accomplishments:

Community Planning • Regional Plan Phase II • Town Planning Assistance & Review: Belvidere, Cambridge, Eden, Elmore, Morristown, Waterville, Wolcott • Countywide Municipal Planning Grant Program • Zoning Assistance: Hyde Park, Village of Johnson • Sewer Planning: Morristown & Wolcott. Hyde Park Current Land Use • Stowe Cost of Community Service Study and Build Out Analysis.

Community Development • Regional Economic Development Planning • Johnson Area Health Care Analysis • Morrisville Downtown Development • Eden School Facilities Analysis • Regional Service Directory • Regional Act 250 Review • Regional Economic and Demographic Profile • Regional Housing Report • Census Data.

Transportation Planning • Traffic Monitoring • Eden Culvert Inventory • Johnson Main Street and Pathways Programs • Morrisville Alternative Truck Route • Better Back Roads/Bike & Pedestrian/Enhancement Grant Programs • Transit System Assistance • Stowe Parking Study • Smugglers' Notch Scenic Highway • Transportation Advisory Committee • County Highway Map • Morrisville-Stowe Airport Master Plan • Regional Short Range Transit Plan • Lamoille Valley Rail Trail • Route 100 Corridor Assessment.

Natural Resources Planning • Lamoille Watershed • Mt. Mansfield & Putnam State Forests • Wastewater & Stormwater Program Assistance • Stream Assessment • Watershed Project Inventory • Energy Resources • Brownsfields Assessment Grant.

Emergency & Hazard Mitigation • Belvidere Generator Project • 2004 Emergency Calendar • Local Emergency Planning Committee • Incident Command Systems Training • FIRE Grant Assistance • Flood Prevention & Recovery • Public Safety Communications • River Corridor Management • Emergency Mgt. Directors Training • Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning • Terrorism Preparedness Workshop.

Education and Training • Four Part Planning & Zoning Series • Talk With Your Legislators • 2nd Annual Housing Summit • Stowe Affordable Housing Development Forum • Grant Writing Workshop • Town Officer Education & Municipal Officer Management Series.

Respectfull submitted,

Lamoille County Planning Commission, P.O. Box 1009,
Morrisville, VT 05661 • lcpc@pshift.com • www.lamoillecountyplanning.org

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT – TOWN OF ELMORE

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

Reportable Disease Case Investigations: Infectious diseases continue to be a major source of illness, disability and death in the U.S. and Vermont, accounting for 25% of all doctor visits each year. The Health Department investigates all cases of disease such as meningitis, hepatitis, pertussis (whooping cough), and infectious diarrhea to determine their source, to recommend control measures (including current treatment standards) and to prevent further spread of the disease. In 2002, the department investigated 74 cases of disease in Lamoille County.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC): One of the most effective ways to improve the health of the overall population is to improve nutrition and physical activity. WIC improves the health of pregnant and postpartum women, infants and young children by assuring access to health care, teaching families about good nutritional practices, and providing an individually designed package of nutritious food to eligible individuals. During 2002, 69 women, infants and children living in Elmore received foods as well as health screening and individualized nutrition education through this program. The average value of foods provided is \$35.00 per person per month.

West Nile Virus (WNV) Surveillance: WNV first appeared in the U.S. in New York City in 1999 and has become well established in the United States. Birds, mammals and people can get WNV from the bite of an infected mosquito. The Vermont Department of health and Agriculture conduct surveillance for WNV each year from June until cold weather limits mosquito activity in the fall. In 2003, 5 Town Health Officers in different parts of the state also participated in the program, assisting primarily with mosquito trapping. As of September 19, 2003: 450 mosquito pools were tested, with nine positive for WNV, and three horses have tested positive (one each from Addison, Orleans and Franklin Counties). In Lamoille County from June - September 19, 2003, 44 dead birds were reported, 23 were tested and 0 were found to be infected with West Nile Virus. There were no reported human or equine cases reported during this same time period.

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

If you would like more information about these efforts, or if you have a public health concern, please call the Morrisville District Office at 802-888-7447. Please visit our web site at www.HealthyVermonters.info for information on health topics, public health emergency preparedness and response, news releases, publications, reports and general public health information.

RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION
Re: Town Funding

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. ("RCT") is requesting to be placed on the Town Warning for March 2004 with a request in the amount of sixty-seven dollars (\$67.00). RCT has been providing service in your community for over ten years without requesting assistance from the local community, but RCT must reach out for community support in order to maintain its services.

RCT is a nonprofit corporation providing transportation to the elderly, handicapped and disabled in your community through a volunteer service. The drivers are reimbursed at the rate of .36 cents per mile for the use of their vehicles. RCT coordinates the trips and reimburses the drivers every two weeks for all the trips received. RCT has provided three hundred and thirty-seven (337) trips for the residents of the Town of Elmore for the past year. With level funding from the state for over five years and the increased request for service, RCT needs your help.

We hope you will be able to assist us with this request and we look forward to working with you in the future.

If you have further questions, please call Carole-Ann Mastroianni or Nicole Bartlett at 802-748-8170. Thank you for any assistance you may give.

Cordially,

Mary E. Grant
Executive Director RCT

ELMORE TOWN MEETING MARCH 4th, 2003

10:00 A.M. Meeting called to order by Jon Gailmor. Mary Hoisington thanked the Town for dedicating the Town Report to her. Announcement make: Taxes due March 17th, rabies clinic to be held at Town Hall on March 27th. Elmore Store thanked for providing donuts and coffee. Sue Cano announced that a Historical Society newsletter was available and a new exhibit was being prepared. Norman Keith's death was mistakenly not printed in the Town Report. Michelle Boomhower presented a plaque and read a tribute to the road crew, Robert West, Robert Cookson and Joe Labarge for the good job they have done during the winter months keeping Brown Hill plowed and sanded.

District Representatives, Shap Smith and Warren Miller spoke regarding issues in the legislature such as concerns over Act 60 and the shortage of affordable housing.

The warning was read by Jon Gailmor.

Art. 1 Moderator: Jon Gailmor, nominated, seconded and past by voice vote.

Art. 2 Town Clerk: Sharon Draper, nominated, seconded, voted.

Treasurer: Sharon Draper, nominated, seconded, voted.

Selectperson: Michael Boudreau, nominated and seconded. Dale Wucik was nominated and seconded. A motion was made and seconded to close nominations. Dale introduced himself and said he was interested in being more involved in the Town, although he has no former experience. Paper ballots were cast. Michael Boudreau received 70 votes and Dale Wucik received 27. Michael Boudreau so voted.

Lister: Frank Krypel nominated, seconded, voted.

Auditor: Diane Cote nominated, seconded, voted.

Tax Collector Michel Wepler, nominated, seconded, voted.

Constable: Michel Wepler, nominated, seconded, voted.

Grand Juror: J.B. McKinley, nominated, seconded, voted.

Town Agent: Michel Lacasse, nominated, seconded, voted.

Trustee of Public Funds: Sharon Draper, nominated, seconded, voted.

Cemetery Commission: Kathy Miller nominated, seconded, voted.

School Director 3 years, Kathy Mahar did not seek re-election. Deb Reed was nominated, seconded, Michelle Wright was nominated, seconded, Peggy Sprague was nominated, seconded. A motion was made and seconded to close nominations. Each candidate introduced themselves and gave their qualifications. Peter Wright spoke for his wife who was not present. Paper ballots were cast. Michelle Wright 20 votes, Deb Reed 35 votes and Peggy Sprague 39 votes. Peggy Sprague so voted.

Lam. Solid Waste Supervisor Marc Cote nominated, seconded and past.

Art. 3 Motion was made and seconded to accept Town Report and Report of the School District Officers, seconded, past.

Art. 4 Motion was made and seconded to pay a salary of \$3,500 per year to the Town Clerk/Treasurer, and \$500 per year to each of the three selectboard members. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 5 Motion was made and seconded to pay a salary of \$500 per year to each of the School Directors. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 6 Motion was made and seconded to appropriate as amended because of

error, \$19,150.00 to support the Elmore Volunteer Fire Dept. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 7 Motion was made and seconded to accept the list of appropriations as written. Motion withdrawn. Motion was made and seconded to amend the article exchanging amounts for LENS Meals on Wheels and No. Country Animal League, making LENS \$300.00 and No. Cty. Animal League \$117. After much discussion, a hand vote was taken. The result was 48 in favor of the change and 30 opposed. Motion accepted.

Art. 8 A motion was made and seconded to Vote a budget of \$1,517,400.00 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town School District for the fiscal year 2003-2004 and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same. This was followed by some discussion. A request for pre-meeting informational meeting was made. Frank Krypel, lister, gave an explanation of why our common level of appraisal, CLA, impacts our support grants. Questions were asked as to why there is such an increase in administrative salaries and what would happen if the budget was turned down. A voice vote was taken which was not conclusive. It was moved to have a hand count. Results of hand count was 40 to pass article and 36 to turn down article. Art. 8 passed by hand count.

Art. 9 Motion was made and seconded to authorize the Elmore School Board to establish a reserve fund for the purpose of defraying future educational expenses utilizing all carry forward exceeding the amount of \$75,000 budgeted in the revenue projection for carry forward in the 2003-04 school year budget. Sharon Draper explained why this was necessary. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 10 A motion was made and seconded to amend the article to Include the \$500 addition for the fast squad and to vote a budget of \$384,857.59 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town for the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 11 A motion was made and seconded to raise money equal to those expenditures approved in Art. #8, and #10 in its Grand List for the fiscal year 2003-2004 to pay debts and current expenditures of the Town to be paid to the Town Treasurer in equal installments on September 15, 2003 and March 15, 2004. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 12 A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of the Town, in anticipation of the collection of taxes and returns of the State for such purposes, and to issue notes of the Town. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 13 A motion was made and seconded to authorize the School Directors to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of the Town School district, in anticipation of the collection of taxes and returns from the State for such purposes, and to issue notes to the School District. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 14 A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift or purchase, land for municipal forests, to produce wood products, maintain wildlife habitat, protect water supply, provide forest recreation and for conservation educational purposes. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 15 A motion was made to urge the legislature to change Vermont's voting law for statewide elections and replace with a system where the top vote getter wins. This vote would not change the law, only urge. A voice vote was taken and the news had it. Article was not passed.

Art. 16 A motion was made and seconded to call the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Town of Elmore on the first Tuesday of March, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. A suggestion was made to start next year's meeting at 9:00 a.m. This did not get much support. Article passed by voice vote.

Art. 17 Other business: A request was made for an informational meeting, prior to Town Meeting next year with representation from the superintendent's office. The time of this meeting will be determined at a later date and will be well announced. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to schedule this informational meeting. In addition, school board meetings prior to Town Meetings will be announced and the public is welcome to come. Donations will be accepted to the Animal League to supplement their loss in appropriations. Shorty Towne inquired as to whether work that Gerry Audy does for the Town is put out to bid. Other contractors would like to be given a chance to bid on this Town work. Andy Hatch wanted to discuss the possibility of closing the Elmore School. It costs less to send children to the Elmore School rather than tuition them outside. Kathy Miller wanted to know about what was happening with the Gateway Park. It was inquired and affirmed that the Town Hall will be handicap accessible after the replacement of the foundation work is done. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Michael Boudreau
Robert West
Joe Rysz
Selectboard

Warren Miller
Penny Jones
Peggy Sprague
School Board

Attest: Sharon Draper, Town Clerk

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