

ANNUAL REPORT

**OF THE OFFICERS
OF THE**

**TOWN OF
POWNAL
VERMONT**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2002
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003**

Community Information

Emergency Telephone Numbers

ALL EMERGENCIES	911
State Police	442-5421

Telephone Numbers

Town Clerk's Office: Karen Burrington	823-7757
Town Clerk's Home	823-7326
Fax: Town Office	823-0116
Selectmen's Office: Linda Sciarappa	823-0132
Town Highway Garage: Casey Mattison	442-2056
Treasurer's Office: Ellen Strohmaier	823-5326
Listers Office	823-5644
Health Officer: Jim Gilbert	823-7253
Zoning Administrator: Nelson Brownell	823-5656
E911 Coordinator: Cindy Brownell	823-5656
Constable: Claude (Chip) Beckwith	823-4607
Animal Control Officer: Tom Harriman	802-362-3626
Vermont State Rep: Bill Botzow	447-7717
Pownal Post Office	823-7922
North Pownal Post Office	823-5622
Pownal Elementary School	823-7333
Solomon Wright Public Library	823-5400

Fire departments for purposes other than to report a fire:

Forest Fire Warden – Craig O'Dell	823-9349
Pownal Fire Department	823-7907
Center Station: Pownal Valley F.D.	823-7703
East Station: Pownal Valley F.D.	823-8411
North Station: Pownal Valley F.D.	823-5497

Town Office & Transfer Station Hours

Town Clerk

Mon., Weds., Thurs., Fri.	9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and by appointment

Selectmen's Administrative Asst	10:00 a. m. to 5:00 p.m.
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Transfer Station Hours

Weds., Fri., & Sat	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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OFFICERS OF POWNAL, VERMONT

	Officer	Term Expires
Moderator	Timothy Holbrook	March 2004
Town Clerk	Karen J. Burrington	March 2006
Assistant Town Clerk	Barbara I. Vince	Appointed
Town Treasurer	Ellen Strohmaier	March 2006
Selectmen	Nelson Brownell	March 2004
	Marilyn Gardner	March 2004
	Don Prouty, Jr	March 2006
	Harry "Hap" Percey	March 2005
	Harold Marshall	March 2004
Listers	Barbara I. Vince	March 2004
	Doris Lillie	March 2004
	Dianne Marchinkowski	March 2004
Auditors	Clinton Hutchins	March 2006
	Vacant position	March 2004
	Vacant position	March 2004
First Constable	Claude Beckwith	March 2005
Delinquent Tax Collector	Suzanne Caraman	March 2004
Town Agent	Margaret Lillie	March 2004
Grand Jurors	Norm Strobridge	March 2004
	Cynthia Brownell	March 2004
Health Officer	James Gilbert	May 2004
Trustee of Public Monies	Pamela Bolus	March 2004
	Cynthia Brownell	March 2004
Road Supervisor	Casey Mattison	Appointed
Zoning Administrator	Nelson Brownell	March 2004

State Representative

Bill Botzow	Rep. Bill Botzow
1225 South Stream Rd.	115 State Street, Drawer 33
Bennington, VT 05201	Montpelier, VT 05602
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TOWN MEETING SCHEDULES

Unless Otherwise Posted

Selectmen – Thursdays at 7:30 PM.

Planning Commission – 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Development Review Board - 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM

Health Board – Meet as warned.

School Board – Pownal Board of Directors – every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at Pownal Elementary School.

Senior Citizen Center – Luncheon every Wed. at 11:30 AM.

Pownal Valley Swinging Seniors- Social every Tues at 9:00 AM
and Thurs at 10:00 AM

Fire Departments / Rescue Squad:

Volunteers are always needed, if interested please feel free to attend a meeting.

Pownal Fire Dept. -Monday nights @ 7 p.m. Rte. 346 fire station.

Pownal Rescue Squad -1st & 3rd Tues. of the month @ 7:30 p.m.

Pownal Valley Fire Department -- Monday nights @ 7 p.m.

Auditors' Note

This Annual Report gives the Financial Position of the Town of Pownal as of June 30, 2003. The Road Fund had an undesignated fund balance of \$ 7,797.63 and the General Fund had a deficit of \$ 38,089.32 for the fiscal year. The Town's financial records ending June 30, 2003 are being audited by a Professional Auditing Firm.

The Town's capital assets have been inventoried and assigned asset numbers as of July 1, 2003 per GASB 34. The Selectboard has adopted a Capitalization Policy. The book value of the Town's fixed assets were \$ 4,740,618.

Town Auditor: Clinton Hutchins

Pownal Selectboard Report

Pownal was recognized as having one of the best Town Plans in the state and yours truly was recognized for his work as a Citizen Planner of the Year by the State of Vermont, and Citizen Planner of the Year from the New England Chapter of the American Planning Association.

This was only achieved by the hard work of the citizens who helped work on our town plan, new zoning, subdivision, sewer ordinance regulations and the wastewater treatment project. Those people that have worked behind the scenes over several years truly devote many hours of their time and expertise to your community and deserve much recognition for their contributions.

As I have seen, it truly takes the citizens of the town to make things happen. As a result of the support, both short term and long term, given over the last several years by so many of you, Pownal is recognized for what it has accomplished. All this hard work seems to be paying off for Pownal.

The town has moved forward with the wastewater treatment facilities project and should be breaking ground next year with the start of construction. The town still has a couple of more years before this project is completed, but already people are taking notice of the changes occurring in Pownal and are building and investing in Pownal.

Interest in the empty buildings and housing in the sewer service area of town has already begun to take place and more will happen as it progresses forward.

Our ownership of the tannery properties and various activities planned for that site are moving forward. Groups of citizens from Pownal and others are working hard on plans to help make this into a recreational resource area for public hiking and much more. The warehouse was used this year for storing winter sand and will be looked at for other uses that can benefit the town.

Our Road crew has been growing into an organization the town can be proud of. Our workers continue to attend classes to learn how to better serve you.

Our listers have been working with the contracted appraisal company to complete a total town wide reappraisal by early 2005. This will enable our listers to assess all property at fair market value.

The Town has also put in place a new asset inventory system to help keep track of all town property.

Your Select Board Chair

Nelson Brownell

WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

The Wastewater Project remains on schedule. In 2004 the construction of approximately 25,000 feet of mainline sewers is scheduled to occur in the North Pownal project area. We anticipate the general contractor will start construction in May, 2004, and work into the late Fall. The individual house services construction will not begin until 2006. By early 2005 the Wastewater Treatment Facility is planned to start construction. Also in 2005 is planned the construction of the Pownal Village sewers and the completion of the Pownal Center sewers. In early 2006 the completion of the pump stations is anticipated and by late spring 2006 the start of the house services construction. By 2007 all construction will be completed.

Between August and October, 2003, the construction of the preparatory work at Lagoon No.2 at the former Tannery lagoon site was completed. Lagoon No.2 is the location of our new Wastewater Treatment Facility. Approximately 80,000 feet of wick drain was successfully installed in the bottom of Lagoon No.2. Then approximately 25,000 cubic yards of sand were placed and compacted in Lagoon No.2. The sand filled the lagoon so that the Wastewater Treatment Facility construction could start at the proper elevation.

During 2003, additional areas of State grant eligibility were brought to the attention of the Selectboard. The Town appreciates property owners coming forward with information about their failed onsite wastewater disposal systems and encourage others in 2004 to come forward with this information. In 2003 the Town became eligible for an additional \$500,000 in State grants because property owners were willing to share their important information with the Town. Thank you!

Jim Gilbert has been designated as the "Project Coordinator" and Darcey Pruden the "Assistant Project Coordinator". Both Jim and Darcey are working with property owners in obtaining the easements necessary for construction of the sewers and house services. They will be working in the Pownal Center and Pownal Village areas in 2004. The Selectboard appreciates your corporation with Jim and Darcy. Thank you.

Legislative Report to the Town of Pownal State Representative Bill Botzow

I am excited and honored to be working for you in the legislature. Last May the 2003 legislature adjourned with a balanced budget and rainy day funds. Forecasts for the coming year remain favorable if we show fiscal restraint.

In 2003 Act 68 replaced Act 60 and made clear that the education tax is a state tax. All non-residential property will pay a statewide rate while local spending decisions will determine residential property tax rates. Spending above the \$6800 per pupil block grant will increase the residential school tax rate proportionately. Act 68 keeps the prebate system. Splitting the grand list means every property owner must fill out a homestead declaration form by April 15.

We made progress on local permit reform; however, the legislature adjourned before final resolution of differences on Act 250 appeals. Work proceeded over the summer and we should see legislation passed this session. Other legislation raised the minimum wage, and addressed drug use and addiction. A renewable energy bill passed. So did legislation to mitigate the dairy crisis.

This year we are working on health care costs, energy policy, income and corporate tax rates, workers compensation, and education issues as well as storm water runoff, genetically engineered crops and affordable housing. Locally and statewide, strengthening the economy is the number one priority.

I hope to hear from you on legislative issues and please contact me if I can help you with your business with the state.

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To receive regular email updates on the legislature send me an email at either of the addresses above.

I hope many of you will visit the State House this winter and spring while the legislature is in session. I especially look forward to the fifth grade class trip. Thank you for the great privilege of serving our beautiful town of Pownal.

Sincerely,

Bill Botzow

Bennington County Regional Commission

The following is a summary of services and projects during the past year.
Check our website: www.rpc.bennington.vt.us

Municipal Assistance:

Arlington - Arlington/East Arlington sidewalk, Arlington Area Childcare Inc. grant, Town Plan stats, Route 7A/313 intersection, cell phone coverage/study grant, solid waste plan, bridge & culvert inventory, zoning telecom maps, 911, ArcExplorer & GPS training, plan approval;
Bennington - Roaring Branch issues, Ross Pavilion grant, Hampton Inn data, Bypass info to legislators, Bald Mt. trail/bypass crossing, pathway projects, Route 67A access management pilot grant, road network study, airport, enhancement grant, consultant support for park and recreation plan, tree inventory map, WHIPS map, input to state study of bypass needs, zoning maps, Middle School trail map and sidewalk study, Arc View training; Dorset - ridgeline zoning, plan approval, plan stats/update, housing study/maps, East Dorset transportation improvements, Dorset horse show/Act 250, home occupations, highway structures, zoning & conservation maps, solid waste plan, Arc View training; **Glastenbury** - Plan update, zoning administration, land swap/wilderness/wind turbines, parcel maps; **Landgrove** - plan approval, solid waste info, So.VT trail, data info.; **Manchester** - consultant support for underground utility study, cell phone coverage study, Malfunction Junction project management, Manchester TPI & Economic Committee, solid waste plan, hazardous waste collection, Equinox wind turbines, multi-use paths, aquifer map; **Manchester Village** - Equinox wind turbines, solid waste plan, zoning map, telecom/cell coverage study, bridge/culvert study, GPS training; **North Bennington Village** - designation, bridge culvert inventory, pathway project, Park McCullough Enhancements, school district map, Route 67 A retaining wall, intersection design study, Village plan & trail maps; Old Bennington Village - Plan update, traffic calming study & maps, Corkscrew pathway study; Peru - path/traffic calming study, zoning info; **Pownal**- Oak Hill Childcare grant, Green Mt. Track map, Pownal sewer project, plan & zoning maps, Tannery lands project/mapping, sewer map, 911 map, resource inventory/trails maps, solid waste plan;

Rupert - Town Plan info & approval, solid waste & hazardous waste collection, defibulator grant, Route 153 flood damage grant, bridge #6 report/grant, planning grant; **Sandgate** - Town plan & maps, solid waste plan, bridge & culvert inventory, parcel map update, hazardous waste collection; **Shaftsbury** - Plan update & maps/adoption procedures, zoning maps, mixed use zoning, floodplain issue, rail crossing safety, solid waste plan and amendments, multi-use paths/sidewalks, compost bin sales, economic study grant(s) bridge/culvert inventory; **Stamford** - ArcExplorer training, solid waste plan, Rapid Response Plan, road name maps; **Sunderland** - draft subdivision regulations, Town office site map, plan update and map, solid waste plan, Route 7 A traffic access study, bridge & culvert inventory, GPS training, hazardous waste collection; **Woodford** - zoning recreation overlay revision & map, town plan approval, cell antenna zoning permit, Route 9 corridor study.

Regional Projects/Services:

Molly Stark Route 9 Scenic Byway study/designation, regional solid waste plan, all-hazards emergency operations, and pre-disaster plans, VIT planning/zoning training, Regional Transportation Plan, 9- Town Solid Waste Plan, Strategic Economic Plan, grant management and assistance, brownfields grant proposal, recreation use & issues survey, public transportation assistance, village center designations, access management inventories/town plans, road capacity/intersection studies, Batten Kill geomorphic/land cover study, workshops/training for local officials and distribution of educational materials.

Current Regional Issues:

Other regional issues: Green Mt. National Forest Plan update, wilderness, Glastenbury land swap/Searsburg wind farm proposal, Equinox wind turbine project, Route 9 scenic byway, emergency management/planning support, permit reform, solid waste, access management and village improvements, Bennington bypass issues, Arlington area cell phone coverage, rail/airport service, strategic economic plan, affordable housing.

Robert M. Hartwell, Chairman
Rex Burke, Executive Director

**TOWN OF POWNAL, VERMONT
PRIOR YEARS TAX RATE COMPARISON**

TAX RATES:	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Estimate 2004
General Fund	0.1982	0.2424	0.2553	0.2955
Ballot Articles	0.1275	0.1317	0.1370	0.1431
Total General	0.3257	0.3741	0.3923	0.4386
Road Fund	0.2979	0.3015	0.3066	0.3268
School				
Local Share	0.4814	0.609	0.7144	
State Education	1.2141	1.2373	1.3142	
Total School	1.6955	1.8463	2.0286	N/A
Total Tax Rate	2.3191	2.5219	2.7275	
GRAND LIST - MUNICIPAL - EDUCATION	\$ 1,262,356.00	\$ 1,269,875.00	\$ 1,280,270.00	\$ 1,280,270.00
	\$ 1,265,894.00	\$ 1,273,395.00	\$ 1,286,675.00	\$ 1,286,675.00
TAXES TO BE COLLECTED:				
General Fund	\$ 250,160.00	\$ 308,170.00	\$ 326,870.00	\$ 378,367.35
Ballot Articles	\$ 160,890.00	\$ 167,390.00	\$ 175,290.00	\$ 183,190.00
Total Town Fund	\$ 411,050.00	\$ 475,560.00	\$ 502,160.00	\$ 561,557.35
Road Fund	\$ 375,950.00	\$ 383,310.00	\$ 392,441.30	\$ 418,402.37
School Fund Local Share			\$ 919,144.00	N/A
School Fund State Edu			\$ 1,690,690.00	N/A
Total School Fund	\$ 2,145,684.00	\$ 2,353,661.00	\$ 2,609,834.00	N/A

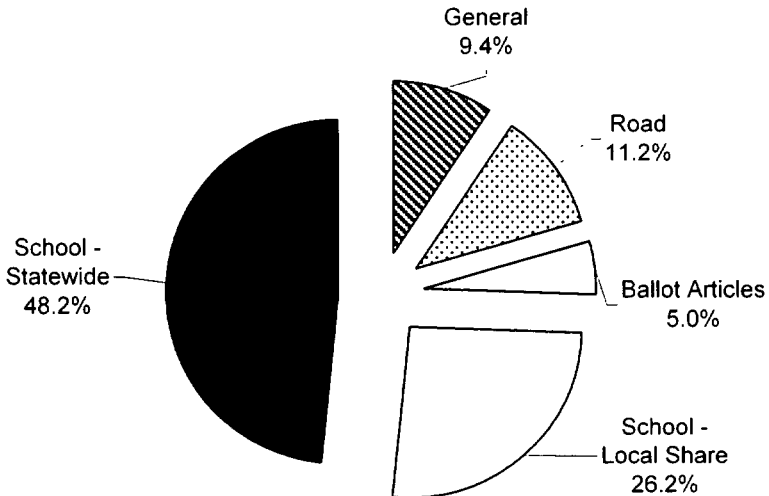
**Statement of Taxes
As of November 2003**

Grand List - Municipal	\$1,280,270.00
- Education	\$1,286,675.00
To be Raised By Taxes	\$3,504,435.30

2003 Tax Rate

Town:			
	General	\$0.2553	
	Ballot Articles	<u>\$0.1370</u>	
Total General Fund:			\$0.3923
Road Fund			\$0.3066
School			
	Local Share	\$0.7144	
	Statewide	<u>\$1.3142</u>	
Total School			<u>\$2.0286</u>
	Total		<u>\$2.7275</u>

Total 2002 Taxes Billed		\$ 3,504,705.73
2002 Taxes Received	\$ 3,265,373.17	
Delinquent Taxes Due 11/13/03	\$ 239,332.56	
	Total	\$ 3,504,705.73



TOWN OF POWNAL, VERMONT
GENERAL FUND COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30,2003

ASSETS:

Cash	\$118,530.54
Delinquent Tax Receivable	153,577.81
Delinquent Interest Receivable	22,902.68
Pre-paid Expenses	10,544.00
Allowance for Uncollectable	(56.67)
Accounts Receivable	6,756.43
Due From Other Funds	3,415.85

TOTAL ASSETS:

\$315,670.64

LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	\$ 23,825.05
Pre-paid Taxes	8,547.26
Deferred Tax Revenue	141,459.62
Deferred Tax Interest Revenue	22,898.97

TOTAL LIABILITIES:

\$196,730.90

FUND BALANCE:

Fund Balance July 1, 2002	\$143,392.48
Change in Fund Balance	<u>(24,452.74)</u>
Fund Balance June 30, 2003	<u>\$118,939.74</u>

**Balance owed on Transfer Station
/ Gravel Bed Site -- June 30, 2003**

\$ 38,497.43

**TOWN OF POWNAL
REVENUE / EXPENSE STATEMENT
GENERAL FUND
2002 - 2003**

REVENUE	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Tax Revenue	\$475,560	\$437,009.03
Transfer Station Fees/Salvage	92,000	73,239.19
Beverage Licenses	470	470.00
Dog Licenses	1,200	1,002.00
Permits	3,400	5,064.00
National Forest	300	558.00
Fish & Game/ PILT US Land Mgmt.	860	1,195.00
Copier Usage	20	203.10
Interest - Checking/Savings	3,000	3,618.10
Interest - Delinquent Taxes	16,000	24,750.96
Interest - Reappraisal Fund	0	261.03
Railroad Tax	3,000	3,622.42
Misc.	100	1,286.38
Timber Sales and Interest	300	224.55
Reappraisal / Maint Grand List State	13,000	13,426.00
Fines State of Vermont	2,000	15,572.58
Current Land Use - State of Vermont	16,000	19,269.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 627,210.00	\$600,771.34
EXPENSES		
General Expenditures	299,050	334,558.27
Landfill Expenditures	160,770	123,275.81
Ballot Articles	167,390	167,390.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$627,210.00	\$625,224.08
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	0	(24,452.74)
FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2002		\$143,392.48
FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2003		<u>\$118,939.74</u>
LIABILITY: Transfer Station / Gravel Bed Site 6/30/03		\$ 38,497.43

GENERAL FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2003

T/S Building Fund	\$ 9,860.00
T/S Equipment Fund	25,228.62
Capital Fund	9,039.30
Audit Fund	0.00
Tax Stabilization Fund	7,461.97
Reappraisal Fund	70,393.90
Legal Fund	12,891.90
Timber Sale Fund	20,303.37
Voter Machine Fund	1,850.00
Undesignated	0.00
Deficit	(38,089.32)

Total	<u>\$118,939.74</u>
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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

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| 1. Tax Stabilization Fund - Apply to
FY 2003-2004 Taxes | \$7,461.97 |
| 2. Deficit - Apply to FY 2003-2004
Expenses | \$38,089.32 |

TOWN OF POWNAL, VERMONT
GENERAL FUND -- COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT

	BUDGET 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2002-2003	BUDGET 2003-2004	ACTUAL 12/31/03	BUDGET 2004-2005
GENERAL FUND REVENUES					
General Fund Taxes	308,170	72,808.40	326,870	\$ 87,807.87	378,367.35
Ballot Article Taxes	<u>167,390</u>	<u>167,390.00</u>	<u>175,290</u>	<u>175,290.00</u>	<u>183,190.00</u>
Total General Fund Taxes	475,560	240,198.40	502,160	263,097.87	* 561,557.35
Delinquent Taxes	0	196,810.63	0	28,332.50	0
Interest-Delinquent Tax	16,000	24,750.96	17,000	5,160.84	17,000
Beverage Licenses	470	470.00	500	0.00	470
Dog licenses	1,200	1,002.00	1,100	68.00	1,100
Building Permits	2,500	2,346.00	2,500	2,088.00	2,500
Verification Fee	650	2,340.00	3,700	1,875.00	500
Septic Permits	250	378.00	600	427.00	800
National Forest	300	558.00	300	0.00	300
PILT US Land Management	0	1,195.00	0	1,281.00	1,200
Fish & Game Fund	860	0.00	860	0.00	0
Miscellaneous	100	1,286.38	100	455.30	100
Copier Usage	20	203.10	20	100.63	100

GENERAL FUND REVENUES

	BUDGET 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2002-2003	BUDGET 2003-2004	ACTUAL 12/31/03	BUDGET 2004-2005
Transfer Station Fees	80,500	62,175.90	80,000	34,815.85	72,000
Salvage & Recycle Sale	500	27.41	500	12.00	100
Metal Sale	500	10.88	500	387.91	500
Transfer Station Stickers	10,500	11,025.00	10,500	9,437.00	10,500
T/ S -Building Grant	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
Interest-Savings-General	3,000	3,618.10	3,000	1,611.77	2,000
Timber Sales & Interest	300	224.55	250	41.66	100
Interest - Reappraisal	0	261.03	0	114.81	150
Railroad Tax	3,000	3,622.42	3,000	0.00	3,600
State pmt-reappraisal/maint GL	13,000	13,426.00	13,000	0.00	13,400
Current Land Use-State of Vt.	16,000	19,269.00	17,000	22,339.00	23,000
Fines - State of Vt.	2,000	15,572.58	5,000	4,412.13	6,500
From Designated Funds					7,462
TOTAL REVENUE	627,210	600,771.34	661,590	376,058.27	724,939.32

* TAX TO BE COLLECTED IF ALL ARTICLES ARE APPROVED BY VOTERS

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

	BUDGET 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2002-2003	BUDGET 2003-2004	ACTUAL 12/31/03	BUDGET 2004-2005
Selectman Salaries/wages	6,000	4,800.00	6,000	2,400.00	6,000
Selectman Conferences	500	274.00	500	35.00	500
Administrative Assistant Wages	13,000	15,520.00	9,950	4,485.92	10,400
Adm Assistant - Vacation	960	0.00	640	550.16	670
Adm Assistant - Holiday	720	80.00	380	253.92	400
Adm Assistant - Sick Pay			130	0.00	130
Health Insurance Adm Assistant	0	6,575.88	4,600	2,110.36	5,000
Selectman Expenses	1,300	2,600.13	1,300	443.30	1,300
Selectman Postage	250	410.98	400	126.01	400
PEG Access TV	800	0.00	400	0.00	400
TOTAL SELECTMAN OFFICE	23,530	30,260.99	24,300	10,404.67	25,200
Treasurer Salary/Wages	23,100	23,100.00	24,000	10,000.00	25,000
Treasurer Expenses	1,700	1,531.08	1,700	1,026.93	1,700
Treasurer Postage	1,000	1,039.68	1,100	248.42	1,100
TOTAL TREASURER OFFICE	25,800	25,670.76	26,800	11,275.35	27,800
Town Clerk Salary	6,500	6,500.00	7,500	3,750.00	8,500
Town Clerk Expenses	4,000	4,420.40	4,000	3,094.96	4,000
Town Clerk Postage	400	555.00	500	299.85	750
Assistant Town Clerk	500	346.50	500	59.50	500
Town Clerk Insurance	3,570	3,069.42	3,570	1,640.72	4,200
TOTAL TOWN CLERK OFFICE	14,970	14,891.32	16,070	8,845.03	17,950

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

	BUDGET 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2002-2003	BUDGET 2003-2004	ACTUAL 12/31/03	BUDGET 2004-2005
BCA Wages	250	0.00	250	0.00	550
BCA Expenses	50	17.68	50	44.20	50
TOTAL BCA EXPENSE	300	17.68	300	44.20	600
Election Wages	2,000	1,570.34	1,000	0.00	3,000
Election Supplies	2,000	3,406.13	3,000	0.00	5,000
Voter Machine Fund	0	0.00	500	0.00	0
TOTAL ELECTION EXPENSE	4,000	4,976.47	4,500	0.00	8,000
Auditors Wages	1,500	854.00	1,500	638.00	1,500
Auditor Expenses	300	26.50	300	398.89	300
Professional Audit Fund	4,000	11,297.05	5,700	0.00	8,500
TOTAL AUDIT EXPENSE	5,800	12,177.55	7,500	1,036.89	10,300
Postage - Town Report	300	246.09	300	0.00	300
Town Report Expenses	1,800	1,181.07	1,800	0.00	1,800
TOTAL TOWN REPORT EXP.	2,100	1,427.16	2,100	0.00	2,100
Listers Wages	27,000	28,536.00	30,000	10,941.75	32,000
Listers Supplies	500	941.99	700	260.15	1,000
Listers Postage	700	295.10	400	0.00	400
Listers Education/Travel	600	548.94	400	289.18	600
Contracted Services	0	0.00	1,700	0.00	1,800
Reappraisal Fund	30,000	27,661.00	30,000	18,454.00	40,000
Software Service/Upgrade	500	365.00	300	52.99	400
TOTAL LISTERS EXPENSE	59,300	58,348.03	63,500	29,998.07	76,200

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

	BUDGET 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2002-2003	BUDGET 2003-2004	ACTUAL 12/31/03	BUDGET 2004-2005
Zoning Administrator wages	1,200	1,200.00	1,200	500.00	1,200
Z/A Wages From Permits	800	520.00	800	210.00	500
Verification Fee Wages	200	1,605.00	200	660.00	200
Z/A Postage	130	151.97	200	37.00	300
Z/A Advertising	40	0.00	0	46.31	0
Z/A Legal Consultation	300	0.00	1,430	0.00	0
Z/A Expenses	250	462.03	200	129.95	200
TOTAL ZONING ADM.	2,920	3,939.00	4,030	1,583.26	2,400
DRB Board Secretary	2,250	2,375.00	3,600	245.00	3,600
DRB Board Wages	350	250.00	600	0.00	600
DRB Board Postage	200	29.01	200	0.00	200
DRB Board Legal Consultant	0	1,775.00	1,500	0.00	0
DRB Board Expenses	300	1,368.80	500	212.97	500
TOTAL DRB EXPENSE	8,940	5,797.81	6,400	457.97	4,900
Planning Board Secretary	2,050	2,894.00	2,200	95.00	2,200
Planning Board Supplies	100	65.10	100	0.00	100
Planning Board Postage	200	287.68	200	5.11	200
Planning Board Expenses	700	522.35	550	119.20	550
TOTAL PLANNING EXPENSE	3,050	3,769.13	3,050	219.31	3,050

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

	BUDGET 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2002-2003	BUDGET 2003-2004	ACTUAL 12/31/03	BUDGET 2004-2005
First Constable Wages	5,000	3,920.00	5,000	1,863.00	5,000
First Constable Expenses	2,100	6,071.59	2,300	5,231.88	4,000
Constable Training	500	0.00	500	0.00	500
Police Liability Insurance	1,200	1,474.40	1,500	2,102.00	1,500
Second Constable Wages	1,000	712.32	0	0.00	0
Second Constable Expenses	500	853.97	0	0.00	0
Police Equipment/ Service	50	0.00	700	40.00	0
Police Vehicle Insurance			0	679.00	
TOTAL CONSTABLE EXPENSE	10,350	13,032.28	10,000	9,915.88	11,000
Janitor Wages	300	326.67	300	180.00	300
Office Supplies	2,500	2,899.26	2,500	1,147.58	2,500
Janitorial Supplies	150	210.30	150	132.95	150
Building Maintenance	2,000	2,683.90	2,000	513.81	2,000
Office Equipment & Maintenance	1,500	3,134.57	2,000	2,033.90	2,000
Capital Fund	15,000	48,130.27	10,000	1,562.00	10,000
Bank Service Charge	50	0.00	50	0.00	50
Property Insurance	4,500	0.00	2,500	3,165.00	4,500
General Liability Ins.	3,410	4,031.00	8,900	3,615.00	8,900
Legal Service Fund	15,000	2,108.10	10,000	204.77	8,000
Ground Maintenance	5,000	4,728.50	5,800	3,312.75	5,500
Electricity - Office	1,500	1,772.21	1,600	731.38	1,800
Fuel - Office	1,500	1,851.30	1,500	499.77	1,800
Telephone - Office	3,500	4,016.45	3,500	2,033.19	4,000
TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSE	55,910	75,892.53	50,800	19,132.10	51,500

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

	BUDGET 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2002-2003	BUDGET 2003-2004	ACTUAL 12/31/03	BUDGET 2004-2005
Wages Animal Control	0	312.50	1,500	625.00	1,500
Animal Control Expenses	0	0.00	700	12.50	200
Poundkeeper Expense	500	1,094.50	1,500	0.00	2,300
Benn. Cty Humane Society	100	0.00	100	0.00	100
Dog Damage	200	240.00	250	240.00	250
Dog Census	100	0.00	100	0.00	0
Vet Expenses			300	798.80	0
TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL	900	1,647.00	4,450	1,676.30	4,350
Health Officer Wages	2,250	2,250.00	2,500	624.99	2,500
Wages Health Sec'y	250	0.00	250	0.00	500
Health Department Postage	100	11.59	100	4.19	100
Health Officer Expenses	500	357.74	500	166.80	500
Verification Fee Wages	50	20.00	50	0.00	50
TOTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT	3,150	2,639.33	3,400	795.98	3,650
Recreational Wages	5,200	5,644.15	6,000	4,963.68	6,000
Recreational FICA Expense	400	477.74	600	425.69	600
Ball Field Maintenance	2,000	1,500.00	2,000	743.75	1,500
Rec. Transportation/Wages	400	600.00	700	600.00	700
Rec. Transportation/Gas	250	0.00	250	149.10	250
Recreational Expenses	250	701.24	250	90.18	250
TOTAL RECREATION EXP.	8,500	8,923.13	9,800	6,972.40	9,300

	BUDGET		ACTUAL	BUDGET		ACTUAL	BUDGET	
	2002-2003			2003-2004			2004-2005	
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES								
Wages E911	1,200	1,200.00		1,200	500.00		1,200	
Expenses E911	200	273.94		200	119.97		200	
TOTAL E911 ADMINISTRATION	1,400	1,473.94		1,400	619.97		1,400	
Delinquent Tax Expenses	400	132.83		400	0.00		400	
Forest Fire Expenses	150	0.00		150	0.00		150	
Street Lights Electricity	17,000	16,547.02		17,000	6,745.29		17,000	
Railroad Signs	50	0.00		50	0.00		50	
TOTAL MISC. EXPENSE	17,600	16,679.85		17,600	6,745.29		17,600	
Transfer Station Wages	40,000	31,582.43		40,000	15,475.72		40,000	
Transfer OT	0	362.71		0	0.00		0	
T/S FICA Expense	3,000	2,413.05		3,100	1,183.97		3,100	
Building Maintenance		250.00		2,500	60.03		2,500	
T/S Supplies	1,000	1,956.56		1,800	375.77		1,800	
T/S Engineer	5,000	6,898.93		7,000	674.40		7,000	
Consultant	500	3,311.55		500	0.00		500	
Equipment Fuel & Oil	1,000	369.20		1,000	27.00		1,000	
T/S Mortgage	4,800	4,800.00		4,800	2,400.00		4,800	
Equipment Insurance	1,500	1,336.00		1,600	971.00		1,200	

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

	BUDGET 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2002-2003	BUDGET 2003-2004	ACTUAL 12/31/03	BUDGET 2004-2005
Facility Insurance	800	213.00	800	0.00	800
Brush Burning Expense	300	300.00	300	150.00	300
Building Fund	10,000	140.00	5,000	0.00	0
T/S Equipment Maint...	1,000	1,832.95	1,000	0.00	2,000
T/S Equipment Fund	20,000	(1,470.00)	6,000	26,018.00	5,000
Transportation - Trash	15,000	10,125.49	15,000	5,336.53	13,500
Tipping Fee - Trash	30,000	25,999.17	37,000	14,160.40	32,000
Transportation - Recycle	2,000	5,075.95	1,000	92.40	4,500
Recycle Disposal	0	1,481.00	4,200	756.40	2,200
Recycle Container Rent	0	400.00	0	0.00	0
Demolition Disposal	3,000	11,500.00	12,000	2,500.00	10,000
Free Dump Day	10,000	9,607.10	10,000	0.00	10,000
Propane Tank Disposal	0	345.00	500	75.00	500
T/S Toilet	620	990.00	1,080	450.00	1,080
Telephone	0	145.56	500	235.11	600
T/S Heat	500	451.19	500	50.75	650
Safety Equipment	0	54.26	750	27.63	500
Education	250	0.00	1,000	0.00	250
CFC Removal/Ref./Air Cond.	500	876.50	500	496.00	1,000
T/S Adm. Expenses/Travel	1,000	450.21	1,000	65.30	500
Hazardous Waste Disposal	2,500	1,478.00	2,500	0.00	2,500
Solid Waste Implementation Plan	0	0.00	0	0.00	4,670
TOTAL T/S EXPENSE	154,270	123,275.81	162,930	71,581.41	154,450

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	BUDGET 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2002-2003	BUDGET 2003-2004	ACTUAL 12/31/03	BUDGET 2004-2005
Town Fire Alarm Tel. Charges	0	1,786.78	0	688.45	0
Dispatch Charges	5,500	5,500.00	5,500	5,830.00	5,500
County Tax	14,000	13,340.27	14,500	14,744.02	15,000
Glebe Land	190	185.82	190	0.00	190
Tax Stabilization Fund	7,000	0.00	0	0.00	0
Benn. Cty Regional Commission	2,660	2,657.00	2,710	2,697.00	2,750
Vermont League of Cities/Towns	2,320	2,314.00	2,370	2,635.00	2,840
Payroll Exp. FICA	8,200	10,725.67	10,500	3,819.21	11,000
Municipal Retirement	3,000	2,573.92	5,300	1,302.50	3,500
Worker's Compensation Ins.	12,500	8,142.00	10,000	16,117.00	12,000
Officer Bond	500	712.00	750	825.00	830
Public Official Liability Insurance	0	4,660.28	4,800	6,838.82	6,800
Tax Refunds	0	396.57	0	0.00	0
Short Term Interest	500	0.00	500	0.00	500
Contingency	0	0.00	11,000	0.00	11,000
Deficit (2002-2003)	0	0.00	0	0.00	38,089.32
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE	56,370	52,994.31	68,120	55,497.00	109,999.32
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	459,820	457,834.08	486,300	236,801.08	541,749.32
BALLOT ARTICLES	167,390	167,390.00	178,990	175,290.00	183,190
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXP.	627,210	625,224.08	665,290	412,091.08	724,939.32

TOWN OF POWNAL, VERMONT
BALLOT ARTICLES -- COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT

	<u>VOTED</u> <u>2002 - 2003</u>	<u>PAID</u> <u>2002 - 2003</u>	<u>VOTED</u> <u>2003 - 2004</u>	<u>PAID</u> <u>2003 - 2004</u>	<u>REQUEST</u> <u>2004 - 2005</u>
Pownal Valley Fire Dept.	39,600	39,600	43,500	43,500	\$ 43,500
PVFD Fire Truck Sinking	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
R.S.V.P.	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
VT Ctr. For Indep. Living	440	440	440	440	440
Home Health Agency	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
Bennington Tutorial Center	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Senior Citizens	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
SW VT Area Agency on Aging	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Solomon Wright Library	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	12,000
Pownal Fire Protect. Assoc.	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	42,000
Pownal Rescue Squad	20,000	20,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Project Against Violent Enc.	700	700	700	700	600
PVFD 4x4 Fire Truck	14,950	14,950	14,950	14,950	14,950
Oak Hill Children's Center	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
BROC	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
Bennington Project Independ.	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
VT Green-up	200	200	200	200	200
Voting Machine Purchase	6,000	6,000	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pownal Little League					5,000
TOTAL BALLOT ARTICLES	<u>\$167,390</u>	<u>\$167,390</u>	<u>\$175,290</u>	<u>\$ 175,290</u>	<u>\$ 183,190</u>

**TOWN OF POWNAL, VERMONT
WASTEWATER FUND - COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2003**

ASSETS:

Cash	\$ 948,856.03
Accounts Receivable	0.00

TOTAL ASSETS:

\$ 948,856.03

LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	\$ 56,343.52
Due to General Fund	0.00
Bond Anticipation Note	1,007,739.22
SRF Loan Payable	992,262.78

TOTAL LIABILITIES:

\$ 2,056,345.52

FUND BALANCE:

Fund Balance July 1, 2002	\$ (451,297.64)
Change in Fund Balance	(656,191.85)

Fund Balance June 30, 2002	<u>\$ (1,107,489.49)</u>
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TOWN OF POWNAL, VERMONT
WASTEWATER FUND -- REVENUE / EXPENSE REPORT

	<u>BUDGET</u> 2002 - 2003	<u>ACTUAL</u> 2002 - 2003	<u>BUDGET</u> 2003 - 2004	<u>ACTUAL</u> 12/31/03	<u>BUDGET</u> 2004 - 2005
WASTEWATER FUND REVENUES					
User Fees	0.00	0.00	0	\$ -	0
Waste Water Fund Taxes	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0
Interest Bond Anticipation Note	0.00	47,878.41	0	16,521.42	42,500
VT 324 WW Project	0.00	0.00	0	55,540.05	0
TOTAL REVENUES	0.00	<u><u>47,878.41</u></u>	0	<u><u>72,061.47</u></u>	<u><u>42,500</u></u>

WASTEWATER FUND FUNDS-EXPENSE

	<u>BUDGET</u> 2002 - 2003	<u>ACTUAL</u> 2002 - 2003	<u>BUDGET</u> 2003 - 2004	<u>ACTUAL</u> 12/31/03	<u>BUDGET</u> 2004 - 2005
Project Coordinator	0	3,930.00	0	3,450.00	
Asst. Project Coordinator	0	0.00	0	760.00	
Project Coordinator Expenses	0	474.09	0	355.64	
FICA Expense	0	300.67	0	322.09	
Total Labor	0	4,704.76	0	4,887.73	
Legal Services	0	9,212.50	0	24,569.07	
Recording Easements	0	175.00	0	1,484.00	
Land Easements	0	7,097.30	0	0.00	
Other Non Eligibles	0	39,257.62	0	144.40	
Total Non Eligibles	0	55,742.42	0	26,197.47	
Predesign	0	73,402.84		14,990.71	
WWTF Design	0	242,030.11		30,596.90	
Collection Design	0	267,573.33		87,681.24	
WWTF Construction 1st Year	0	0.00		0.00	
WW Collection 1st Year	0	0.00		0.00	
Total Eligibles		583,006.28		133,268.85	
Interest Expense BAN	0	58,541.16	42,500	26,922.81	42,500
Site Remediation	0	2,075.64		484.25	
Total Expenses		704,070.26		191,761.11	42,500

TOWN OF POWNAL, VERMONT
EXPENDABLE FUNDS -- COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 2003

ASSETS:

Arbour Cemetery Fund	\$ 2,492.93
Burrington Cemetery Fund	1,694.16
Gardner Historical Cemetery Fund	2,516.60
Morgan Cemetery Fund	1,313.39
Glebe Land Fund	582.68
Neighborhood Watch Fund	1,238.62
Act 200 Grant	1,168.28
Landfill Improvement Grant	5,568.18
Pownal Housing (PHRRL) Fund	16,123.93
Martin Potter Fund	1,060.57
Vt Dev Grant 03/031MP	250.19
Friends of Forest	0.00
Recreation Implementation Fund	1,800.06
Wick Drain MM	197,162.16
Total Cash	\$ 232,971.75

Accounts Receivable	0.00
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TOTAL ASSETS:

\$ 232,971.75

LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	105.00
Loan Wick Drain	197,445.00
Due to General Fund	\$ 3,415.85

TOTAL LIABILITIES:

\$ 200,965.85

FUND BALANCE:

Fund Balance July 1, 2002	\$ 45,301.11
Change in Fund Balance	(13,295.21)
Fund Balance June 30, 2003	\$ 32,005.90

Pownal Housing Rehabilitation
Revolving Loan (PHRRL) Fund
June 30, 2003

Checking Account: July 1, 2002	\$15,947.50
Interest Income	176.43
Repayments	0.00
Checking Account: June 30, 2002	\$16,123.93

Loan Balance July 1, 1999	\$2,152.50
Repayments	0.00
Outstanding Loan Balance June 30, 2003	\$2,152.50

TOWN OF POWNAL, VERMONT
EXPENDABLE FUNDS -- REVENUE / EXPENSE REPORT

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
	2002 - 2003	2002 - 2003	2003 - 2004	12/31/03	2004 - 2005
EXPENDABLE FUND REVENUES					
INTEREST TRUST FUNDS					
Arbour Cemetery Fund	0	28.97	0	7.33	0
Burrington Lot	0	19.40	0	4.98	0
Gardner Cemetery	0	28.79	0	7.42	0
Morgan Cemetery	0	15.03	0	3.86	0
Glebe Land	0	6.66	0	1.47	0
Neighborhood Watch Program	0	14.19	0	3.65	0
Friends of Forest		36.77	0	0.00	
Rec. Fund Implementation	0	0.06	0	4.32	0
TOTAL INTEREST TRUST FUNDS	0	149.87	0	33.03	0
Interest ACT 200	0	3.14	0	0.60	0
Interest Landfill Imp.	0	45.74	0	8.15	0
Interest PHRRl	0	176.43	0	32.74	0
Interest Martin Potter	0	30.43	0	15.66	0
Wick Drain	0	0.00	0	160,809.83	0
Wick Drain - Interest	0	82.16	0	1,258.22	0
Loan Repayment PHRRl	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
VHCB Grant 2002-074	0	150,000.00	0	0.00	0
MGP #1 (FOF) Grant	0	7,500.00	0	0.00	0

	BUDGET 2002 - 2003	ACTUAL 2002 - 2003	BUDGET 2003 - 2004	ACTUAL 12/31/03	BUDGET 2004 - 2005
VCDP Grant 003/03MP	0	4,551.00	0	3,413.00	0
Rec. Fund Donations	0	1,800.00	0	25.00	0
Friends of Forest Donations		3,413.75	0	0.00	0
TOTAL REVENUES	0	167,752.52	0	165,596.23	0
EXPENDABLE FUND EXPENSES					
Arbour Lot Flowers	0	25.00	0	0.00	0
Burrington Lot	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
Gardner Cemetery	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
Morgan Cemetery	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
Glebe Rent to School	0	185.82	0	185.82	0
Neighborhood Watch Program	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
ACT 200 Grant Expenses	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
Landfill IMP. Grant	0	415.00	0	2,823.69	0
M Potter for Needy Children	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
VHCB Mgt Planning Grant	0	3,415.85	0	5,225.20	0
Vt Dev Grant 03/03MP Exp	0	4,300.81	0	4,232.29	0
MPG #1 (FOF) Grant Exp.	0	12,500.00	0	0.00	0
VHCB Grant Exp 2002-074	0	150,000.00	0	0.00	0
Friends of Forest Exp.	0	10,026.07	0	0.00	0
Wick Drain Expenses	0	365.00	0	162,822.48	0
Recreation & Imp. Fund			0	21.40	
TOTAL EXPENSES	0	181,233.55	0	175,310.88	0

RECYCLE PROGRAM

ALLOWED ITEMS

Corrugated Cardboard
Box Board (cereal, cracker boxes ect.)
Paper, White and Colored, Newspapers and Inserts,
Magazines and Catalogs, Junk mail.
Do not mix in plastic & foam packing materials.
Glass Bottles, Clear, Green or Brown
Cans, Aluminum and Tin
Plastic Containers, # 1 & #2.
Soda, Milk, Water, Soap, and Food Tubs
Scrap Metal

PREPARATION

Flatten Cardboard.
Remove all caps and Lids
Rinse Containers Clean

EXCLUDED ITEMS (TRASH)

Milk and Juice Cardboard Cartons
Plastic Bags, Liners, Tarps, and Film
Tape, Cap Lids, Foam Packing , Wet Material
Dishes, Pyrex, Plastic or Metal. Windows
Ceramics, Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Flower Pots

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Check with attendant for disposal of Batteries,
Fluorescent Light Bulbs and Waste Motor Oil.
Note: No brake fluid, solvents, water or antifreeze may
be mixed with waste oil.

There will be two Household Hazardous Waste Collection
Days per year. One in the Spring and one in the Fall.

Free Dump Day – Is now a day of your choice to be completed by
June 30th. Valid Transfer Station Sticker required. You are allowed
only two trips which must be done in the same day. No vehicles
larger than ¾ ton pickups permitted.

Items Allowed – 4 car or light truck tires without rims;
1 refrigerant unit (Freezer, refrigerator or air conditioner); Household
trash, stoves, washers, dryers, used motor oil & batteries.

Items not allowed on free dump day – Propane tanks, Tires with
rims, & construction debris.

TOWN OF POWNAL TRANSFER STATION FEES

Effective January 1, 2004

1. UNDESIGNATED HOUSEHOLD TRASH

a. 13 gallon plastic bag	1.50
c. 25 gallon barrel	2.50
d. 30 gallon plastic bag or trash barrel	3.00
e. 39 gallon plastic bag	3.25
f. 45 gallon bag or barrel	4.00
g. 55 gallon barrel or trash	8.25
h. Each cubic yard of unpacked trash	22.00
i. Each cubic yard of packed trash	45.00
j. 55 gallon burning barrel as of 9/2/90	FINE 100.00

2. TIRES

a. Small Rec. & Garden tractor tires.	Each	1.50
b. Car / Lt Truck tires (up to 16" in diameter)		2.00
c. Passenger Lt Truck tires (over 16" up to 19")		3.50
d. Truck tires up to 16.5"		11.00
e. Oversize Truck tires		28.00
e. Off road - less than 300 lbs.		80.00
f. Off road - more than 300 lbs.		130.00

Tires must be removed from Rims

3. MISCELLANEOUS FURNITURE

a. Box springs, mattresses, sofa, sofa beds, stuffed chairs, rugs (Each piece)	Each	\$ 5.00
b. Tables, chairs, beds		3.00
c. TV's		3.00
d. Demolition / Construction Debris - per yard		50.00

4. WHITE GOODS

a. Stoves, washers and dryers, water heaters	FREE
b. Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners	5.00
c. Propane tanks 20 lb. & 30 lb.	5.00

5. RECYCLE MATERIALS

FREE

Transfer Station Hours:

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Transfer Station Permit Fee per household \$ 17.00

Fees subject to change

TOWN OF POWNAL, VERMONT
ROAD FUND -- COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2003

ASSETS:

Cash	\$ 274,083.45
Pre-Paid Expenses	\$ 16,429.00
Accounts Receivable	1,602.00

TOTAL ASSETS:	<u>\$ 292,114.45</u>
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LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	\$ 24,770.08
Accrued Wages	2,318.25

TOTAL LIABILITIES:	<u>\$ 27,088.33</u>
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FUND BALANCE:

Fund Balance July 1, 2002	\$ 296,064.84
Change in fund Balance	(31,038.72)

Fund Balance June 30, 2002	<u>\$ 265,026.12</u>
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Liability: Caterpillar Loader-June 30,2003	\$ 32,768.11
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**TOWN OF POWNAL
REVENUE / EXPENSE STATEMENT
ROAD FUND
2002 - 2003**

REVENUE:	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Tax Revenue	\$383,310	\$383,310.00
State Aid	100,000	116,710.96
State Grant - Blacktop	0	0.00
State Grant - Bridge	0	0.00
State Grant - Culverts	0	0.00
Miscellaneous	0	200.00
Interest - Checking/Savings	5,200	2,858.05
Interest - N. Pownal Bridge	0	894.90
TOTAL REVENUES:	456,750	\$503,973.91
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	508,510	\$535,012.63
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES		(31,038.72)
FUND BALANCE July 1, 2002		296,064.84
FUND BALANCE June 30, 2003		<u>\$265,026.12</u>

ROAD FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2003

Blacktop Fund	78,207.10
Reserve for General Bridge Fund	13,706.04
North Pownal Bridge Fund	82,424.32
Gravel Crushing Fund	15,914.82
Equipment Fund	35,792.57
Building Fund	7,183.64
Tax Stabilization Fund	24,000.00
Undesignated	7,797.63
TOTAL ROAD FUNDS	<u>\$265,026.12</u>
LIABILITY: Caterpillar Loader	\$32,768.11

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

1. Undesignated Fund Balance - Apply to FY 2003-2004 Taxes	\$ 7,797.63
2. Tax Stabilization fund - Apply to FY 2003-2004 Taxes	\$ 24,000.00

TOWN OF POWNAL, VERMONT
ROAD FUND -- COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT

	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2002-2003</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2002-2003</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2003-2004</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>12/31/03</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2004-2005</u>
ROAD FUND: REVENUE					
Road Fund Taxes	383,310	383,310.00	392,441.30	392,441.30	* 418,402.37
Interest-Savings-Road	5,200	2,858.05	4,700	701.54	1,400
Int. No. Pownal Bridge	0	894.90	0	142.65	150
State Aid	100,000	116,710.96	100,000	59,221.27	110,000
State Grants-Bridge	0	0.00	0	0.00	
State Grants-Blacktop	0	0.00	0	0.00	
State Grant-Culverts	0	0.00	0	28,000.00	
Misc. Revenue	0	200.00	0	0.00	
From Undesignated Funds	0		19,308.70	0.00	7,797.63
From Designated Reserve Funds	0		0	0.00	24,000
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>488,510</u>	<u>503,973.91</u>	<u>516,450</u>	<u>480,506.76</u>	<u>\$ 561,750.00</u>

* TAX TO BE COLLECTED IF ARTICLE IS APPROVED BY VOTERS.

	<u>BUDGET</u> 2002-2003	<u>ACTUAL</u> 2002-2003	<u>BUDGET</u> 2003-2004	<u>ACTUAL</u> 12/31/03	<u>BUDGET</u> 2004-2005
ROAD FUND EXPENSES					
BLACKTOP FUND					
Blacktopping-Overlay	60,000	87,839.75	50,000	69,190.00	64,000
Road Prep & Construction	12,000	4,145.00	12,000	0.00	10,000
Blacktop Crack Sealing	5,000	3,540.00	3,000	0.00	5,000
Blacktop Patch Materials	2,000	3,425.24	3,000	2,227.00	3,000
TOTAL BLACKTOP FUND	79,000	98,949.99	68,000	71,417.00	82,000
Regular Wages					
Administrative Asst. Wages	119,800	120,907.44	126,050	52,700.52	126,000
Adm Assistant - Vacation	5,200	5,200.00	9,950	4,485.92	10,400
Adm Assistant - Holiday		0.00	640	550.16	670
Adm Assistant - Sick Pay		0.00	380	253.92	400
Adm Assistant - Health Ins.		0.00	130	0.00	130
Overtime Pay	12,000	1,356.00	4,600	2,110.37	5,000
Sick Pay	0	16,409.94	12,000	6,009.23	16,000
Vacation Pay	3,000	336.00	1,370	0.00	1,260
Holiday Pay	3,000	1,780.80	3,160	2,085.60	3,260
FICA Expense	10,500	3,177.60	4,070	1,742.40	3,780
Health Insurance	37,000	11,333.78	10,900	5,188.87	12,000
		32,516.39	33,900	15,448.27	39,000

	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2002-2003</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2002-2003</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2003-2004</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>12/31/03</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2004-2005</u>
ROAD FUND EXPENSES					
VLCCT Unemployment Ins.	4,000	4,122.56	4,390	2,118.56	4,400
MUN. Retirement	5,500	5,350.37	5,800	2,322.85	6,200
Workmans Comp Insurance	6,500	10,117.00	10,500	17,512.00	22,000
Equipment Maintenance	25,000	35,019.75	25,000	23,813.21	30,000
Radio Repair	300	269.77	300	3.17	300
Radio Purchase	1,000	464.34	1,000	0.00	1,000
Fuel, Oil, & Grease	15,000	20,142.24	17,000	4,603.38	15,000
Gravel Crushing-Fund	10,000	30,000.00	10,000	0.00	10,000
Site Mortgage Payment	7,200	7,200.00	7,200	3,600.00	7,200
Roadside/Brush Contr Serv	500	1,035.00	1,000	200.00	1,500
Roadside/Brush Other	0	300.00	0	0.00	0
Culvert/Bridges Contr Serv	10,000	7,700.00	10,000	12,000.00	10,000
Culvert/Bridges Materials	7,000	14,580.65	7,000	1,545.16	5,000
Roadsigns	1,000	2,175.76	1,000	101.13	500
Guardrails & Posts	0	(300.00)	0	12.17	0
Sign/Guardrail Contr Serv	3,000	0.00	3,000	0.00	0
Contracted Plow & Sand	3,000	2,551.25	3,000	1,088.75	3,000
Salt	30,000	30,892.59	30,000	4,690.64	25,000
Liquid Chloride	12,000	15,276.15	16,000	6,453.75	14,000
Equipment Fund	40,000	36,656.20	40,000	26,013.95	40,000

	BUDGET 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2002-2003	BUDGET 2003-2004	ACTUAL 12/31/03	BUDGET 2004-2005
ROAD FUND EXPENSES					
Road Adm. Expenses	200	673.41	500	241.62	1,200
Tools-Hardware & Supplies	3,000	2,513.00	2,000	1,193.27	2,000
Advertising	800	498.60	500	213.76	0
Training & Education	500	870.00	1,300	0.00	1,000
Safety Equipment	0	0.00	1,000	535.95	500
Telephone	1,200	1,064.05	1,500	569.25	1,200
Fuel @ Garage (Heat)	500	0.00	1,000	243.13	1,000
Building Fund	8,000	816.36	8,000	663.00	6,000
Tax Stabilization Fund	1,000	0.00	0	0.00	0
Electricity	2,500	1,845.64	3,000	576.90	2,500
Auto Insurance	10,000	9,732.00	10,000	10,706.00	11,000
Building Insurance	500	220.00	500	0.00	500
Liability Insurance	1,760	1,258.00	1,760	1,136.00	1,800
Bank Service Charge	50	0.00	50	0.00	50
Short Term Interest	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
Bridge Fund-General	3,000	0.00	3,000	0.00	3,000
No. Pownal Bridge Fund	5,000	0.00	5,000	0.00	5,000
Contingency			10,000	0.00	30,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	488,510	535,012.63	516,450	284,149.86	561,750

FIXED TOWN ASSETS

June 30,2003

<u>ASSET CATEGORY</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Roads	\$ 3,505,300
Buildings	463,000
Machinery & Equipment	384,659
Municipal Land	353,000
Constable Equipment	7,510
Office Equipment	27,149
Total Fixed Asset Value	<u>\$ 4,740,618.00</u>
LIABILITIES:	
Transfer Station / Gravel Bed Site	\$ 38,497.43
Caterpillar Loader	32,768.11
Total asset Liabilities	<u>\$ 71,265.54</u>
Net Value of Fixed Asset Group	<u>\$ 4,669,352.46</u>

Town of Pownal -- Delinquent Taxes
January 15, 2004

Name	Year(s)	Principal
Adler, Lura	2000-2003	10,178.54
Aja, Dorothy	2002-2003	2,909.36
Alta Garden Estate MHP, Inc.	2001-2003	8,398.93
Altiery, Ethel T	2002-2003	3,292.41
American Premier	2003	916.44
Andrews, Donald R & Sylvia	2001-2003	3,146.62
Andrews, Dorothy	2003	166.52
Baker, Deborah	2002-2003	350.08
Baldwin, Mark W	1998-2003	7,106.93
Ballance, Michele & Richard	1999-2003	727.73
Barber, Richard	2003	1,101.91
Barbiero, Anthony	2003	1,819.07
Barney, Douglas E	2003	893.30
Belville, Brenda	2003	1,077.36
Bemis, Heather	2002	600.21
Bentley, Edna	2001-2003	3,949.16
Bentley, Harriet	1997-2003	1,107.20
Bisson, Joseph L	2003	2,315.65
Bongiovanni, Steve	2003	3,873.05
Bourdon, Richard	2003	515.50
Brennan, Terry	2003	333.67
Briggs, Devin	2001-2003	98.39
Briggs, Martha	2002-2003	1,223.11
Brroks, William R	2003	455.49
Brown, James A	2000-2003	4,512.57
Brown, James A	1998-2003	2,047.93
Brown, Ralph A	1998-2003	3,191.22
Brown, William	2003	171.83
Bruso, William F Sr	2001-2003	2,089.47
Bump, Joseph	2003	327.30
Burdick, Donna Lee	2002-2003	2,115.51
Bushee, Janice	2002-2003	803.16
Bushee, John	2003	1,802.88
Canales, Lynn A	2001-2003	2,258.03
Cannell, Christian	2001-2002	3,378.94
Cardonnel, Brian	2001-2003	317.88
Cardonnel, Roxanna	2000-2003	3,747.83
Caron, Albert	2003	733.70
Chaplin, Lenny Jr	1999-2003	402.13
Chenaille, Joseph Est.	1999-2003	3,916.04
Colgrove, Jeffrey	2001	11.60
Conseco Finance	2003	1,767.42
Cook, Cheryl	2003	226.38
Cook, David	2001-2003	479.08

**Town of Pownal -- Delinquent Taxes
January 15, 2004**

Name	Year(s)	Principal
Coons, Louis	2000-2003	2,280.88
Cote, Leonard V	2002-2003	624.68
Craft, Richard III	2003	864.62
Craft, Richard W & Marylou	2001-2003	5,227.16
Crawford, TEDDI	2003	594.60
Crone, John	2002	237.06
Cronin, John Peter	2003	599.10
Dane, Charles P & Bobbie Grogan	1998-2003	3,681.65
Darling, Bruce	2003	398.22
Davis, Mitch	2002	20.18
Dean, Cindy Dufour	2003	224.80
Dean, John F Jr & Roseina	1998-2003	3,045.07
Dean, Rickey	1999-2003	1,332.10
Dickie, Catherine	1998-2003	842.48
Dickie, James F	2003	2,282.92
Dickinson, Albert	2003	2,582.94
Dubrevil, Ann M	1998-2003	2,634.38
Dupis, Tina	2003	370.94
Duval, Leonard Sr & Lucy	1999-2003	2,254.16
Duval, Shad	2002	110.96
Eisenlohr, Christopher	2003	253.66
Erenhouse, Joann	2003	6,147.78
Fanning, Robert	2003	548.23
Feathers, Robert & Ann	1998-2003	622.95
Gagne, Michael	2003	147.29
Gallager, Donald	2003	47.03
Gardner, Robert J	2002	972.79
Gardner, Robert & Jane	2002-2003	3,606.34
Gates, Christopher	2002	1,634.19
Gervais, Robert I	2002-2003	215.23
Goddard, Kristina	2003	248.20
Granger, Carl	2002-2003	266.62
Grant, Debra	2003	20.41
Gregory, Francis J	2003	218.20
Guerard, John	2002-2003	525.82
Haag, Lawrence H E	1999-2003	1,614.04
Haggerty, Leo & Elberta	1994-2003	1,425.90
Haner, Harold	2002-2003	356.96
Hannibal, Scott	2003	280.93
Harding, Gary A	2001-2003	4,607.91
Harger, Bernard	2001-2003	92.90
Harrington, Erika L	2002-2005	482.94
Harris, Daniel & Joan	2000-2003	656.66
Hartman, Leo F. Jr	2003	11.53
Harris, Leo Sr	2003	325.00

Town of Pownal -- Delinquent Taxes
January 15, 2004

Name	Year(s)	Principal
Hartman, Linda	2002-2003	152.24
Hattat, Gregory A	2003	1,944.71
Heald, Barbara	2003	398.22
Hope, William	2003	256.39
Humes, Samuel	2003	4,811.31
Hunter, Mark	2003	253.66
Hurley, Laura	2003	1,091.00
Interstate Properties	2002-2003	383.21
Joly, Ruth	2002-2003	2,808.43
Kelley, Ronald	1997-2003	826.58
Kelly, Debra A	2003	864.62
Kenyon, Peter J & Gail	2003	431.02
King, Frank F Jr	2003	2,000.00
Koste, Eric	1999-2003	2,138.60
La Marco, James	2003	160.92
La Plant, Monique	2002-2003	3,963.29
Lamas, Wilson	2003	381.85
Lanmpiasi, Jeremy	2003	2,776.60
Lane, James E & Edna M.	1997-2000	1,544.16
Le Clair, Ann	2000-2003	892.70
Lemire, John G	2003	376.40
Leonard, Jeffrey	2003	679.15
Leonard, Richard	2003	401.91
Lescarbeau, Thomas	2000-2001	823.43
Lillie, Keith A	2003	1,957.58
Lown, Paul H & Linda	1999-2003	1,802.85
Main, Christopher	2003	289.12
Mazza, Anthony F Jr	1999-2003	2,775.68
McMahon, John F Jr	2003	51.82
Medeiros, Francis	2003	351.85
Metcalf, Duane V & Sandra	2003	1,731.96
Metcalf, Peter A	2003	2,367.47
Metcalf, Kathleen	1999-2003	4,787.99
Miller, Cynthia R	2002-2003	827.56
Miller, Mark H & Joann	2000-2003	2,185.97
Miller, Preston	2001-2003	3,044.65
Mills, John J &	2003	289.12
Mintrone, Joseph A	2003	1,126.85
Mintrone, Joseph L	2003	874.35
Montgomery, James M. . et als	2002-2003	1,538.08
Mooney, Kenneth F	2003	2,648.40
Morgan, Dave E. & Pat Champagne	2003	665.51
Morgan, Rosalie	2003	200.00
Morse, Leon A Jr & Julie A	2002-2003	2,471.58
Murphy, Lawrence M	2002-2003	1,286.11

Town of Pownal -- Delinquent Taxes
January 15, 2004

Name	Year(s)	Principal
Murray, Robbyn L	2000-2003	2,089.73
Myers, Richard Sr	2003	189.14
Myers, Ruth A	2002-2003	1,779.54
Myers, Tina	2003	204.56
Nassif, Allen	2003	75.76
Notchick, Ken	2003	578.23
Noyes, Raymond	2003	49.10
Olansky, Jason S	2003	2,713.86
Paquette, Gary	2002-2003	3,721.83
Parker, Anthony	2001-2003	321.50
Parker, Vicki	1999-2003	786.71
Patterson, Jason	2003	2,809.33
Pinsonneault, Joseph	2003	935.53
Pownal Tanning Co.	2002-2003	110.24
Pratt, Floyd W Jr	2003	668.24
Pratt, Harold Estate	2002	163.92
Proper, Charles F	2000-2003	7,711.00
Prue, Gerald	2003	1,808.33
Rabideau MHP	2003	414.58
Ramey, Tara	2002	34.47
Randall, Steve C	2000-2003	2,124.07
Regnaiere, Raymond	1999-2003	2,580.10
Reynolds, Jason R	2000-2003	1,741.75
Rice, Lawrence & Patricia	1999-2003	1,203.72
Richey, David L & Marina	2002	200.10
Rolnick, Nolan	2003	316.39
Rolnick, Robert	2003	159.11
Rousseau, A	2003	180.02
Roy, K Est.	2003	1,939.25
Ruggles, Franklin Sr & Barbara	2003	1,322.84
Ruggles, Kenneth	2003	567.37
Sadlak, Mary	2003	2,484.75
Sampson, Shirley	2002-2003	551.14
Sanders, Jerod	2003	188.20
Sargent, Barbara R	2002-2003	1,231.28
Saunders, Frank R	2003	2,394.75
Savoir, Theresa C	2000-2003	2,278.78
Scott, Kenneth	2003	250.00
Seagrace Corporation	2002-2003	1,123.70
Silvernail, George	2003	529.14
Snide, Francis	2003	1,410.41
Snyder, Joan M (Cannell)	2002	1,563.58
Soucie, Alfred H & Irene	2002-2003	779.70
Stevens, Dennison	1999-2003	871.82
Stryko, Kathleen F	2001-2003	3,526.26

**Town of Pownal -- Delinquent Taxes
January 15, 2004**

Name	Year(s)	Principal
Sugg, Carroll D	2001-2003	858.18
Szekeres, Rodger	2003	20.72
Szekeres, Rodger	2003	250.70
Taylor, Justus	2003	168.70
Terenzio, Joe Jr	2002-2003	1,970.82
Thomas, Michael	2001-2003	4,283.78
Thompson, Edwin	2000-2003	425.16
Tift, Roger	2002-2003	482.94
Tornabene, Charleen	2003	885.63
Towslee, Tammy	2003	575.16
Valjet, Lawrence	2001-2003	193.86
Weber, Micheal E Jr	2000-2003	1,373.83
Weeden, Doreen	2002-2003	220.48
Wielt, Daniel	2001-2002	1,079.54
Wilkenson, Donna	2002-2003	209.98
Williams, Allen J	2002-2003	1,333.35
Willoughby, Robin	2002-2003	2,179.20
Wilson, William	1999-2003	483.76
Winslow, Greg	2003	256.49
Woodard, Marilyn	2001-2003	3,427.03
Woodcock, David E	2002-2003	1,059.76
Wright, Donald	2003	185.47
Wright, Lloyd	2000-2003	1,535.32
Zacher, Linda	2003	1,437.39
Zacher, Richard	2003	1,497.40
Zeh, Donna	2003	294.57
		<u>\$ 295,403.89</u>

Summary By Tax Year

1989	144.32
1990	151.41
1992	161.16
1994	195.36
1997	620.79
1998	3,751.62
1999	6,485.13
2000	17,395.60
2001	32,079.95
2002	65,257.12
2003	<u>169,161.43</u>

\$ 295,403.89

Bennington Area Home Health

Bennington Area Home Health provided home care services to 1,127 residents of Bennington, North Bennington, Woodford, Pownal and Shaftsbury during the time period of October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003. These visits were provided to individuals ranging in age from newborn to over 100 years of age.

<u>Service</u>	<u>Volume</u>
Nursing	17,173
Physical Therapy	3,400
Speech Therapy	189
Occupational Therapy	964
Social Work	416
Home Health Aide/PCA	21,074
Homemaker	<u>1,810</u>
Total Visits	45,931

Bennington Area Home Health provides access for medically necessary home care services regardless of ability to pay, and provides access to health and flu clinics. These services are made possible through town funding and charitable contributions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia H. Maroney RN, Executive Director

Pownal Senior Citizen Center

Balance July 1, 2002	\$ 1,240.29
Revenue Town of Pownal	\$ 2,500.00
Expenses	
Electric	321.08
Oil	527.25
Cleaning	420.00
Mowing	240.00
Snow Plowing	282.00
Painting & Repairs	462.28
Miscellaneous	<u>45.39</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 2,298.00
Balance June 30, 2003	\$ 1,442.29
Ernest Burdick, Treasurer	

BENNINGTON PROJECT INDEPENDENCE

Bennington Project Independence provides Adult Day Care and Day Health Rehabilitation Services for frail older persons and younger disabled adults conditions and their families from Pownal and the surrounding communities in Bennington County.

In 2003, Bennington Project Independence, Adult Day Care and Day Health Rehabilitation Service continued to provide a safe, sensitive and supportive day center program for adults who either prefer not or should not be alone for extended periods during the day. BPI serves people with delicate or chronic medical conditions that need care or support, persons who feel socially isolated without many family and friends, as well as serving persons with Alzheimer's Disease and other cognitive impairments who need specialized assistance. People can be safe, active and cared for during the day and return to the comfort of their own or their family's home in the evening.

Our goal is to help people get the most out of their lives and prevent premature institutional placement of persons potentially at risk. BPI is here to help caregivers provide the best possible care for their loved ones. Knowing that their family member has a safe and caring day center to attend, allows the caregiver to continue to work, take care of their own children, take a break or take care of the other important aspects of life. Caregiving without support or relief can have a profoundly stressful effect on all of the family and our community.

With continued support from communities like Pownal, BPI was able to strengthen the family support component of our program with our "Families Together" monthly gatherings and expand the range of individually-tailored and meaningful activities for our Participants.

BPI's activities are opportunities. Our professional staff offer a wide range of social and recreational activities, fitness and wellness groups, community trips and intergenerational events. Our Nurses provide an exceptional range of health care services. Our handicapped accessible vans help us provide community access and specialized assistance. We also provide personalized, confidential caregiver education, assistance and resource referral.

We, at Bennington Project Independence are truly grateful for the continued support from the residents of Pownal and look forward to continuing to provide the highest quality Adult Day Care and Day Health Rehabilitation Services for Pownal individuals and families in need.

Respectfully,

Linda Wichlac, Executive Director

BROC

Community Action in Southwestern Vermont

First, BROC would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Pownal who have supported the agency through the balloting process over the years, acknowledging the important work we do. This past year BROC continued to experience a large increase in limited income families who needed help just meeting their *basic* needs -- enough food on the table; heat for warmth through the winter; and a roof over their heads.

BROC helped meet the basic needs of 112 families in the Town of Pownal between 10/1/02 and 9/30/03. This number included 4 **homeless families** that needed transitional or permanent housing assistance. In addition, BROC weatherized 17 homes, comprised of 44 individuals through our Weatherization & Energy Conservation program. BROC's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) reimbursed 1 day care home provider (\$2,580.20) in Pownal for serving nutritious meals to about 10 children in their care. BROC also created several new partnerships and collaborations throughout the year with local organizations and businesses to help raise food for our emergency food shelf; as well as to help raise much needed funds through events and fund raising so that the needs of our neighbors continue to be met.

BROC staff work hard each and every day to not only address immediate crisis, but to work on developing prevention plans with each person who needs our help. We are very proud of moving an individual or family -up from the effects of poverty in their lives. In doing so, we advance our mission of "Helping people. Changing Lives." and we thank you, the Pownal community, for helping make this possible.

Linda G. Rooker, Executive Director

Mary Jean Inglee, President, Board of Directors

Oak Hill Children's Center

Thank you Pownal, for helping make 2003 another exciting year for Oak Hill Children's Center!

In September, Oak Hill reached a milestone when the program moved into a new building, adjacent to the Pownal Elementary School and the Pownal satellite of Head Start. Oak Hill's new location allows children a smooth transition between programs. It also makes future collaborations easier to facilitate. **Thank you Pownal School District for allowing Oak Hill to conduct child care programs out of the historic Oak Hill building, which was our home for many years!**

Oak Hill Children's Center is committed to providing high quality programs (Infant, Toddler, Preschool & School Age) for children, in our community. Oak Hill is a non-profit organization, governed by an all volunteer board of directors. Our staff includes a full time Program Director, a 1/2 time Development Director, 7 full time and two part-time teachers. At present, forty-four children are enrolled at Oak Hill, 85% of the children are from the Pownal Community. It is a warm, wonderful space to teach and nurture children while they are away from home and school.

It is vital to the Board of Directors that the organization continue to be self-sustaining, however, the reality is that financial stability will be an ongoing battle for Oak Hill Children's Center. The major expense for the Center will continue to be staff and ongoing building maintenance.. Oak Hill's history has demonstrated its capacity to secure multiple grants from various private, state and community foundations which fund program initiatives, maintain quality staffing and building renovations and maintenance, but Oak Hill Children's Center will always need Pownal's continued financial support to maintain operating revenue between grant cycles. Pownal's support allows Oak Hill to sustain programs and maintain everyday building expenses.

Thank you for your continued support! Please call with any questions, or if you'd like a tour of our newest community asset.

Sincerely, Gail Tanzman, Co-President

Pownal Fire Protective Association, Inc.
P.O. Box A Pownal, VT 08261
802-823-7907

Pownal Fire Protective Association Inc. responded to 124 emergency calls in the year 2003.

In January 2003 we received our state license to respond to emergency medical calls as a First responder agency. We currently have ten first responders and one E.M.T. for weekday EMS calls with Village Ambulance Service.

We have also kept active in other training such as basic firemen-ship class and continuing education classes on Hazardous Materials, also three of our firefighters completed a state certified firefighter 1 course which included a total of 187 hours of training.

Besides regular Monday night training sessions all firefighters meet on Thursday nights for a weekly bingo fundraiser. The Pownal Fire Department has been holding weekly bingo games since 1950 and with the money that has been raised from bingo we have purchased all firefighting equipment, apparatus and the new (1992) station. Because of a steady decline of bingo players over the past several years, we are asking for \$2,000 more in 2003/04 plus \$5,000 for a separate budget line item for medical supplies, continuing education, and re-certifications.

For those of our Pownal residents who have some free time and would like to join our organization and give back to the community, please feel free to stop by the RT 346 Fire Dept. or call 823-7907 and ask for information.

Respectfully submitted by:

Craig O'Dell ,Fire Chief

POWNALESCUE SQUAD, INC.
P.O. Box 334 Pownal, VT. 05261

Pownal Rescue Squad Inc. answered 128 calls in its 42nd year of service last fiscal year. Due to September 11th and the formation of Homeland Security, the emergency medical services are making great changes. Pownal Rescue Squad is currently in the process of stocking our ambulances in accordance to these new regulations from both State and Federal levels. This means Pownal Rescue squad will be purchasing the necessary equipment to meet these new requirements. Through both Federal and State grants some of these obligations have been met, without any burden to the towns people, but a lot still needs to be done. Because of Federal and State requirements along with sky rocketing medical costs, 2003/2004 poses some significant challenges to Pownal Rescue Squad fiscally. We are confident though, with Pownal Rescue Squad's dedication, and your support, these challenges can be met.

Monies received from Town last year were as follows:

- \$12,000 - was placed in to a sinking fund for a new ambulance.
- \$ 6,000 - was used towards insurance expenses
- \$12,000 - was used towards operating expenses.

Operating and insurance expenses for the year totaled \$26,882.68.

These extra costs were supplemented by donations, memorial contributions, Federal and State grants, along with third party billing of insurance companies. (Pownal Rescue Squad never collects the balance from the patient.)

All of our members are volunteers, and our only form of payment is the help we give to our community and its citizens. We are always in need of more volunteers. If you might be interested in joining please stop by the Squad House the 1st or 3rd Tuesday of any month.

Village Ambulance Service, from Williamstown, Massachusetts continues to provide coverage for our town from 6am to 6pm Monday thru Friday. We are also urging everyone to please have their new 911 numbers clearly posted. In the event of an emergency this helps locating the residence much faster and easier. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Chittenden RN, EMT-I

Chief of Pownal Rescue Squad Inc.

**POWNA VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
PO BOX 345
POWNA, VERMONT 05261-0345**

The Pownal Valley Fire Department would like to thank the people in the Town of Pownal for your continued support.

Pownal Valley Fire Department responded to 52 emergency calls in 2003. When a major storm hit Pownal this past summer we were able to apply our training in Search & Rescue and successfully coordinated relevant activities with other Town entities.

The North Pownal Station was upgraded with ceiling insulation and had a new roof installed.

We continue to see our facilities being used by several community groups for their activities.

**FY 2002 – 2003 SUMMARY
Town Appropriated Funds**

Fire Truck Payment	
1999 4X4 Freightliner - Payment 3 of 11	\$ 14,957.26
Operations & Maintenance expenses:	
Vehicle Fuel & Maintenance	\$ 7,505.93
Buildings & Utilities	13,864.00
Equipment, Training & Communications	11,171.28
Office Supplies & Misc.	1,319.20
Insurance	<u>7,134.00</u>
Total Operations & Maintenance	\$ 40,994.41
Received from Town of Pownal	
1999 4X4 Freightliner – Payment 3 of 11	\$ 14,950.00
Fire Truck Sinking Fund	7,000.00
Operations & Maintenance	39,600.00
Cash Donations	\$ 1,415.00
Reserve Fund Balance	
Fire Truck Sinking Fund	\$ 18,787.00

Michael Gardner Jr., Chief

PROJECT AGAINST VIOLENT ENCOUNTERS

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services

P.O. Box 227 Bennington Vermont 05201 802-442-2370 office V/TTY...

. 802-442-2111 emergency hotline

PAVE is a United Way Member Agency

In 2003 PAVE continued to offer comprehensive services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Those services include: 24-hour emergency hotline, court and social service advocacy, support groups, transitional housing, emergency financial assistance, information and referrals, community education, healthy relationship curriculum for schools and access to several different types of emergency, safe housing. Services are free and confidential.

All volunteer advocates are trained and supervised by staff. These dedicated citizens helped us provide safety, support and options to more than 1,000 individuals in the past year. The volunteer coordinator continues a vigorous recruitment process and tailors the training schedule to the needs of potential volunteers.

Our supervised visitation program, Family Time, provides children with safe access to their non-custodial parent. The size of this program has doubled in the past year. The nine trained monitors supervise visits for families with issues related to violence, separation or divorce. Visits take place in neutral locations throughout the community.

We continue to offer violence prevention programming to young people throughout Bennington County. Our focus this year is on: healthy relationships - high school, community service - middle school, and management of anger - "Hands are not for hitting" - elementary grades. In addition in collaboration with CAT-TV we are developing a teen video project that will enable high school students to raise and address issues of importance to local teenagers.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff I thank you for your ongoing commitment to PAVE. Our staff and volunteers promise to continue to offer quality services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and respond to each town's desire for healthy and violence free communities.

Sincerely, .

Joan M. Sakalas

Executive Director

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program RSVP of Bennington County

The goal of RSVP remains one of *"reinvesting the talents and skills of a lifetime"* in our communities. RSVP initiates and develops programs for seniors who wish to volunteer and provides support to volunteers in the form of excess liability insurance, training, transportation, and recognition. There are currently 37 Pownal residents actively serving as RSVP volunteers in nonprofit agencies and public institutions throughout Bennington County. During this past fiscal year Pownal received a total of **4,325 hours** of service from RSVP volunteers. Using a modest figure of \$10.00 per hour, this service represents a total value of \$43,250 returned to the community as noted by the following list which represents just a few of the stations served.

Tax Aide/Council on Aging	Pownal Rescue Squad
Solomon Wright Library	Senior Nutrition
Pownal Fire Department	Head Start
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	
Red Cross Transportation & Blood Mobile	
Bennington Area Home Health	

These 37 RSVP volunteers also serve in a variety of other ways that benefit citizens in communities throughout the county. Examples include: serving as hospital "Gray Ladies"; coordinating volunteer recognition functions; serving in an advisory capacity to the RSVP project director and directors of other non-profit organizations; participating in fund raising events; delivering meals on wheels; knitting or crocheting lap blankets for nursing home residents, or hats and mittens for children in area daycare centers; and assembling bulk mailings for agencies with a critical need to get their service information out to community residents.

RSVP is a very cost effective organization with a modest budget. Town support is critical to the development of new and creative opportunities for volunteers, as they address pressing community needs!

Solomon Wright Public Library

"Access and Service"

Freeman Grant funds have provided the Pownal library for a second year with funds for adult & children's programming, new reference materials and equipment purchases. The following programs have been presented to date:

Holiday Storytellers, Elizabeth C. Stanton, Vermont in the Revolutionary War, Vermont Ballads, Wild and Exotic Birds, "Eat More Pie!", Abby M. Hemenway-Vt. historian, and more to come!

The Pownal Historical Society, GED classes, Tax-Aides from AARP, and the growing Valley Book Club are among the most frequent users of the Community Room. Displays featured this year have been "Buttons-History & Collecting," "The Sap is Running" (Pownal's sugar makers) and "As Far As the Eye Can See-the Louis and Clark Expedition.

Computer use is steadily growing with novices and the young "pros" both taking advantage of the two new computers at our workstations. Patrons are encouraged to use the **Vermont Online Library** database which offers many sources for reference information both in the library and with a password **at home**. This **Free Access** for Pownal residents is a wonderful resource made possible by the Vermont Department of Libraries and our local library. (Get your password /website address at the Circulation desk)

Expansion of services include Books on Tape/CD, large print titles, cable access for computers, newsletters and programming along with our standard free interlibrary loan services, free library cards, volunteer assistance, copier/fax/scanner availability, materials located upon request, bestsellers, new children's books and magazines added to our shelves every week that can be borrowed.

Our request for this upcoming budget year reflects the need for continued good service for our town's residents of all ages and the attempt to maintain the building which is over 35 years old but still serves the community well. We hope you will support our efforts and feel free to visit us with questions, book requests or for computer access. The volunteer staff, director and board thank you for your continued support and donations.

Contact information: Phone/fax 823-5400
(Pownal pub@vals.state.vt.us)
P.O. Box 400 Pownal, Vt. 05261

SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

This report briefly describes the services and support provided to elders in Pownal by the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging during the past year; these included:

Senior Meals:

The Council provided funding for meals served to elder residents of Pownal. This funding helped make available 1,370 meals that were prepared and delivered to the homes of 15 older persons in your community who were in need of this special support. This service, provided through contract, is often referred to as "Meals on Wheels". In addition, 26 Pownal elders participated at one or more of the luncheon sites available in our region, enjoying 1,072 meals.

Case Management Assistance:

40 elder residents of your community were served by SVCOA Case Management staff who provided help with applications and problem solving around programs such as Fuel Assistance, 551, Medicaid, Food Stamps, etc.

Other Services:

The Council on Aging also made available the following services to help support older persons in your community: 1) Telephone support through our "Senior Helpline" (786-5991 or 1-800-642-5119). This service provided easy phone access to elders and others in need of information about available programs and supports for older persons; 2) Health benefit counseling information and form filing assistance through our SHIP Program; 3) Legal service support through a contract with the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project;

4) Provision of information related to elder issues through the "Elder Connection" column written by Barbara Hanson appearing weekly in the Bennington Banner; 5) Nutrition education and counseling provided by a Registered Dietician to elders who needed to improve their dietary intake; 7) Senior Companion support on a one on one basis for frail, homebound elders; 8) Elder Care Clinician outreach services to elders struggling with a variety of mental health issues provided through a contract with United Counseling Services; 9) Community Development assistance and 10) Caregiver information and support for family members and others who are providing help to elders in need of care.

The Tutorial Center

Helping to meet the educational needs of our community

This past year at The Tutorial Center has again been one of exciting growth. Due to the support from towns such as Pownal, we were able to provide a growing range of unique and vital services to more and more people.

Once again. The Tutorial Center has been recognized by the Vermont Department of Education as the most cost-effective adult basic education provider in the state. We pride ourselves on stretching every dollar to its limit.

A special highlight of this past year was the opening of a Community Computer Lab in our Manchester branch, *which was made possible entirely through donations*. In recognition of The Tutorial Center's role as a community education provider, IBM donated over \$30,000 in computer equipment, Microsoft donated \$33,000 in software, Adelphia provided high-speed internet access, and Southern Vermont College provided free technical support to establish the Lab. This Lab now complements the existing Lab in our Bennington branch and enables us to offer accessible computer literacy and computer-based instruction conveniently to all residents of Bennington County. Overall highlights of our past year at The Tutorial Center include:

- **For adult learners** -338 students were enrolled in basic education classes (a 10% increase over the previous year) and received approximately 9,500 hours of FREE instruction; 73 adults passed the GED exam or received their high school diploma; 25 adults received English as a Second Language instruction; 27 adults were enrolled in our award-winning Bridge-to-College program; and 52 adults participated in basic computer skills classes.
- **For children** - 173 students received individual tutoring instruction, with a total of 3,656 hours of instruction provided - virtually all subject areas were taught including all levels of math, reading, writing, and foreign languages; more than 15 students enrolled in an alternative education program offered at The Tutorial Center; and 38 students participated in our summer enrichment program.
- **For families** - 7 community family literacy workshops called *Building Links* were offered.

The Town of Pownal has generously supported the work of The Tutorial Center. We are very grateful to the town for supporting Our literacy efforts in the past and we look forward to your continued support.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jack Glade, Executive Director

Vermont Center for Independent Living

*Citizens with disabilities working together
for dignity, independence, and civil rights*

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of the Vermont Center for Independent Living, I would like to express my appreciation for the Town of Pownal's donation to VCIL in the amount of \$440.00. This generous contribution enables VCIL to accomplish our mission of supporting and empowering Vermonters with disabilities.

Your gift will support VCIL's services in your community. Our programs include information and referral, individual and systems advocacy, peer counseling and independent living skills training, independent living resources including home access modifications, Meals on Wheels for Vermonters with Disabilities Under Age 60, and the Sue Williams Freedom Fund.

With your gift, and the gifts of others, we will reach even more Vermont communities and Vermont citizens with disabilities. With over twenty years of services, support and advocacy, we're helping to build a society where everyone has opportunity, and where everyone can make a difference, and where we all can expect dignity, independence, and civil rights. We truly appreciate your interest and support. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Deborah Lisi-Baker
Executive Director

With offices in Bennington, Brattleboro and Burlington

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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 Pownal.

Bioterrorism - Emergency Preparedness: The Vermont Department of Health is actively working with local, state and federal agencies to assure a rapid and effective response to bioterrorism and other public health threats or emergencies.

Food & Lodging Inspections: The five greatest risks for food borne outbreaks are: keeping food too long at improper temperatures, inadequate cooking, contaminated equipment, food from an unsafe source, and poor personal hygiene among food handlers. Inspections include review of a 44-item check list to evaluate food storage, preparation and handling as well as to identify 'where there is a high likelihood of practices contributing to illness if left uncorrected. Of the 5 establishments in Pownal 5 inspections were completed by a sanitarian during 2002.

Reportable Disease Case Investigations 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 115 cases of disease in Bennington- County.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children ('WIC'): During 2002, 144 women, infants and children living in Pownal 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.

Town Health Officer Program: Every town in Vermont has a town health officer who is nominated by the select board and appointed by the commissioner of health. Town health officers work on a variety of environmental and health issues, and respond to calls on public health concerns as varied as animal bites, West Nile virus, rental code complaints, and septic systems. The Health Department supports health officers with training, information and technical assistance. During 2002, the Health Department assisted your town health officer and town residents 7 times.

Vaccine-Preventable Diseases: The Health Department distributed 9105 doses of vaccine to health care providers in Bennington County. This represents a value of \$127,348.65 to these communities, especially children living in Pownal.

West Nile Virus (WNV) Surveillance: The Vermont Departments of Health and Agriculture conduct surveillance for WNV each year from June until cold weather limits mosquito activity in the fall. In 2003 In Bennington County from June-Sept. 19th 2003, 38 dead birds were reported, 13 were tested, and 3 were found to be infected with West Nile virus. There were no reported human or equine cases reported during this same time period.

If you would like more information about these efforts, or if you have a public health concern, please call the Bennington District Office at 802-447-3531 . 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.

TOWN OF POWNAL WARNING 2004

The inhabitants of the Town of Pownal, qualified to vote in the Town Meeting, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Pownal Elementary School in said Town on Monday, March 1, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock in the afternoon, and on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 for Australian Ballot voting at the Pownal Center Firehouse to vote for the following issues and candidates:

Moderator for 1 year
Selectman for 3 years
Selectman for 1 year
Selectman for 1 year
Lister for 3 years
Lister for 1 year
Lister for 1 year
Auditor for 1 year
Auditor for 1 year
Collector of Delinquent Taxes for 1 year
Town Agent for 1 year
Grand Juror for 1 year
Grand Juror for 1 year
Trustee of Public Monies for 2 years
Trustee of Public Monies for 2 years

The floor meeting on March 1, 2004 will open at the Pownal Elementary School at 7:30 P.M., for Articles 1 through 3, then stand adjourned until 7:00 A.M., at the Pownal Center Firehouse for Australian Ballot voting on Articles 4 through 26. Polls will be open from 7:00 A.M., until 7:00 P.M., at the Pownal Center Firehouse.

Register to vote! You must apply by 2:00 P.M. on Monday, February 23, 2004, if you want to vote in the Town Meeting.

Absentee Ballots are available! If you'll be out of town on Town Meeting Day, or are ill or disabled, apply at the Town Clerk's Office by Monday, March 1, 2004. You or a family member may apply in person, by phone, or in writing.

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED MARCH 1, 2004:

- Article 1.** To hear reports of Town Officials and take action thereon.
- Article 2.** To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to receive taxes until they become delinquent.
- Article 3.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow monies from time to time, as needed, in anticipation of taxes.

BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE VOTED MARCH 2, 2004:

- Article 4.** The election of all Officers required by law.
- Article 5.** Shall the Town appropriate \$ 541,749.32 for the General Expenses of the Town, of which \$ 378,367.35 is to be raised by taxes?
- Article 6.** Shall the Town appropriate \$ 561,750.00 for the maintenance and construction of highways of the Town, of which \$ 418,402.37 is to be raised by taxes?
- Article 7.** Shall the Town appropriate \$ 2,500 toward support of the Senior Citizen Center?
- Article 8.** Shall the Town appropriate \$ 1,800 toward the support of the program and service provided the Town by the Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council?
- Article 9.** Shall the Town appropriate \$ 440 for the support of disabled Vermonters by the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
- Article 10.** Shall the Town appropriate \$ 1,000 for the support of services rendered to the Town by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program?

- Article 11.** Shall the Town appropriate \$ 1,200 for the support of services rendered the Town by the Southwestern Vermont Area Agency on Aging?
- Article 12.** Shall the Town appropriate \$ 12,000 for the operation and maintenance of the Solomon Wright Library?
- Article 13.** Shall the Town appropriate \$ 42,000 toward the operation and maintenance of the Pownal Fire Protective Association, Inc.?
- Article 14.** Shall the Town appropriate for the operation and maintenance of the Pownal Valley Fire Department, consisting of the East Pownal Fire Company, Pownal Center Company, and the North Pownal Fire Company, the sum of \$ 43,500?
- Article 15.** Shall the Town appropriate for a fire truck sinking fund for the Pownal Valley Fire Department the sum of \$ 7,000?
- Article 16.** Shall the Town appropriate, for payment number five of eleven on the lease/purchase of the 1999 Freightliner 4x4 fire truck located in the Pownal Valley Fire Dept. Center Station, the sum of \$ 14,950?
- Article 17.** Shall the Town appropriate \$ 30,000 for the Pownal Rescue Squad toward ambulance replacement, insurance, operation and maintenance?
- Article 18.** Shall the Town appropriate \$ 600 for the support of services rendered to the Town by the Project Against Violent Encounters?
- Article 19.** Shall the Town appropriate \$ 5,000 toward the support of the Oak Hill Children's Center?
- Article 20.** Shall the Town appropriate \$ 2,500 toward the support of Bennington Project Independence?

- Article 20.** Shall the Town appropriate \$ 2,500 toward the support of Bennington Project Independence?
- Article 21.** Shall the Town appropriate \$ 2,500 toward the support of the program and service provided the Town by the Bennington Tutorial Center?
- Article 22.** Shall the Town appropriate \$ 11,000 toward the support of the Bennington Home Area Health Agency?
- Article 23.** Shall the Town appropriate \$ 200 for the support of Vermont Green-up?
- Article 24.** Shall the town appropriate \$ 5,000 for the support of the Pownal Little League Association?
- Article 25.** Shall the town vote to create a Conservation Commission, which may inventory and conduct studies of the municipal natural resources?
- Article 26.** Shall the town vote to have the term of the Delinquent Tax Collector changed from 1 year to 3 years beginning March 2005?

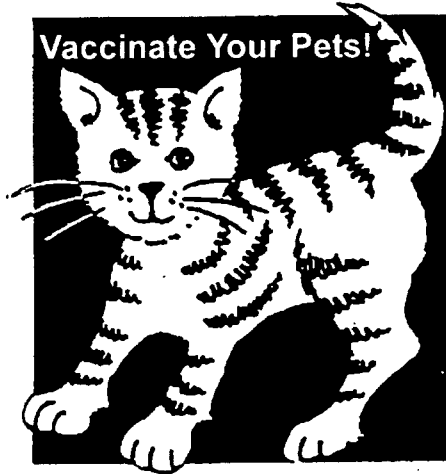
Dated at Pownal, Vermont on this 22nd day of January 2004.

Pownal Board of Selectmen:

Nelson Brownell, Chairman
Harry Percey, Vice Chairman
Marilyn Gardner
Harold Marshall
Don Prouty

RABIES ALERT

Rabies is a disease that can kill animals and people.



Vermont law requires rabies shots for all CATS and DOGS.

Rabies shots help protect pets and pet owners from rabies.

Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance. Remember, rabid animals have been found in all Vermont counties.

Vermont Rabies Hotline

1-800-4-RABIES (472-2437)

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