

Annual Report



**Town of Chester, Vermont
Calendar Year 2004**

IN DEDICATION

Following Town Meeting in March, three longtime public servants with over eighty years of combined service to the Town of Chester will pass through the doors of Town Hall into retirement.

Currently serving as Zoning Administrator, Cecil Waldo will be joined by Sandy Walker, Town Clerk and Treasurer (accompanied by Chester, the cat), and Georgia Ethier, Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager. Their collective experience and dedication to community service are impressive.

Each will be truly missed.

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SECOND

ANNUAL REPORT

**OF THE
AUDITORS
OF THE TOWN OF
CHESTER, VERMONT**

AUDITORS

J. H. CABLE

E. W. SPAULDING

R. G. HIGLEY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 2004

EXPLANATION OF THE GRAND LIST

Total Listed Valuation of Real Estate for Taxation	\$194,308,995.00
One Percent of Municipal Valuation	1,943,089.95
Total Listed Valuation of Nonresidential Real Estate for Schools	99,206,336.00
One Percent of Nonresidential School Valuation	992,063.35
Total Listed Valuation of Homestead Real Estate for Schools	95,888,820.00
One Percent of Homestead School Valuation	958,888.20

ANNUAL GRAND LIST INCREASE

1996	1,797,416	(0.020%)
1997	1,808,351	0.06%
1998	1,806,317	(0.003%)
1999	1,813,471	0.004%
2000	1,834,860	0.012%
2001	1,858,066	0.010%
2002	1,890,350	0.021%
2003	1,917,716	0.014%
2004	1,943,090	0.013%

COMPARATIVE TAX TABLE

	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Homestead School Tax Rate	\$1.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Nonresidential School Tax Rate	1.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Municipal Tax Rate	0.94	0.82	0.90	0.76	0.81
School Tax Rate	0.00	1.94	1.74	1.65	1.44

ELECTIVE TOWN OFFICERS

March 4, 2004

	TERM EXPIRES		TERM EXPIRES
MODERATOR:		AUDITORS:	
William E. Dakin, Jr.	2005	John H. (Jack) Cable (Appointed)	2005
		Geraldine W. Foster (Deceased)	2005
TOWN CLERK:		E. W. Spaulding	2006
Sandra K. Walker	2005	Richard G. Higley	2007
LISTERS:		SCHOOL DIRECTORS	
Donald Robinson	2005	TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT:	
Wanda C. Purdy, Chairman	2006	George C. Cook	2005
George C. Cook	2007	Erron J. Carey	2006
		Alison DesLauriers	2007
SELECTMEN:		SCHOOL DIRECTORS	
Michael J. LeClair	2005	UNION NO. 29:	
William L. Lindsay, Chairman	2005	Ginger Roper (Appointed)	2005
Seeley W. Morton	2005	Terry Timura (Resigned)	2005
Arnold P. Stoddard	2006	Gerilyn Donohue	2006
Richard G. Jewett	2007	Alison DesLauriers	2007
		Arunas S. Jonynas	2007
TAX COLLECTOR:		SCHOOL DIRECTORS	
Town Manager		UNION NO. 35:	
Article 14-1977 Town Meeting		Gertrude J. Bennett	2005
		Alonzo W. Neff, Jr.	2006
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS:		Cindy L. Cole	2007
George C. Cook	2006	John R. Coleman	2007
Erron J. Carey	2007	BUDGET COMMITTEE:	
TOWN GRAND JUROR:		Shirley Barrett	2005
John R. Coleman	2005	Roderick G. Bates	2005
		Alice H. Forlie	2005
TOWN TREASURER:		Norman Harrison (Appointed)	2005
Sandra K. Walker	2005	Betsy A. Knapp	2005
		Derek J. Suursoo (Appointed)	2005
AGENT TO DEFEND SUITS:		Edward A. Knapp	2006
John R. Coleman	2005	GENERAL ELECTION-NOVEMBER 2004	
		Justices of the Peace:	
TRUSTEES OF WHITING LIBRARY:		James K. Aspden	
Judith Asch-Goodkin	2005	Kenneth D. Barrett	
Hubert J. Severin	2005	Roderick (Rick) Bates	
James K. Aspden	2006	Everett M. Bennett	
Cynthia L. Collins, Chair	2006	Gertrude J. Bennett	
Marian Mosher	2006	Erron J. Carey	
Joyce Tiemann (Resigned)	2006	Gilbert E. Carey	
Ann Curran	2007	John R. "Jack" Coleman	
Janet Churchill Elliott	2007	William E. Dakin, Jr.	
		Ruth Douglas	
		Ailli R. Farrar	
		Karen Trombley	

OFFICERS APPOINTED

	TERM EXPIRES		TERM EXPIRES
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: Chief of Police		POUND KEEPER: Chief of Police	
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: Christopher Curran, Vice Chair	03-21-05	REGIONAL PLANNING REPRESENTATIVES: Cecil H. Waldo	
Robert M. McIntyre	03-21-05	William L. Lindsay - Alternate	
Richard Rommer	03-21-05		
Patricia Saul, Vice Chairman	03-21-05	ROAD COMMISSIONER: Town Manager	
Paul Dexter, Alternate	03-19-06		
Bruce McEnaney, Chairman	03-19-06	SECRETARY TO SELECTMEN: Georgia A. Ethier	
CEMETERY SEXTON: Kenneth Barrett		SEWER COMMISSIONERS: Board of Selectmen	
CLERK TO SELECTMEN: Seeley W. Morton		SOLID WASTE DIST. REPRESENTATIVES: Bruce McEnaney	
COUNCIL ON AGING: Karen Trombley		Derek Suursoo - Alternate	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CHAIRMAN: Town Manager		TOWN MANAGER: Susan S. Spaulding	
FENCE VIEWERS: Frank E. Balch		TOWN SERVICE OFFICER: Town Manager	
Arthur Farrar (Deceased)			
J. Leon Spaulding		TREE WARDEN: Town Manager	
FIRE WARDEN: Susan S. Spaulding		WATER COMMISSIONERS: Board of Selectmen	
FIRST CONSTABLE: Richard J. Crowson	2005	WEIGHER OF COAL: Frederick C. Degener, Jr.	
SECOND CONSTABLE: Clair F. Hesselton	2005	ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: (apptd. by Planning Commission)	
GREEN-UP DAY CHAIRMAN: Townsend Gilbert		Cecil H. Waldo	09-15-06
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES AND WOOD: Tony Weinberger		Susan S. Spaulding - Alternate	09-15-06
PLANNING COMMISSION: Clair F. Hesselton	03-06-05		
William L. Lindsay (ex-officio)	03-06-05		
Thomas Bock, Chairman	03-19-06		
Naomi Johnson	03-19-06		
Scott Wunderle	03-03-07		
Harry S. Goodell	03-03-07		

APPOINTED BY TOWN MANAGER

Police Chief - Richard H. Cloud

Fire Chief - Jeffery C. Holden

Ambulance Coordinator - Daniel J. Cook

Public Works Director - Graham D. Kennedy

Water/Sewer Superintendent - Jeffery C. Holden

Recreation Director - Stephen W. Nelligan

APPOINTED BY STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Health Officer - Leslie Thorsen (term expires: 12-01-05)

ELECTED BY DIRECTORS OF WINDSOR SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Superintendent of Schools - Edward Brown

OFFICERS' SALARIES

	2003	2004
TOWN MANAGER		
Susan S. Spaulding	\$44,824.00	\$45,968.00
TOWN CLERK & TREASURER		
Sandra K. Walker	36,524.80	37,440.00
SELECTMEN		
Richard G. Jewett	600.00	599.00
Michael J. LeClair	600.00	599.00
William L. Lindsay	600.00	599.00
Seeley W. Morton	600.00	599.00
Arnold P. Stoddard	600.00	599.00
LISTERS		
George C. Cook	4,729.41	5,575.47
Wanda C. Purdy	11,322.26	12,033.01
Donald Robinson	3,626.88	4,784.60
AUDITORS		
John H. (Jack) Cable (Appointed)	000.00	000.00
Richard G. Higley	850.16	900.05
E. W. Spaulding	859.20	897.70
Geraldine W. Foster (Deceased)	813.94	500.55
HEALTH OFFICER		
Leslie Thorsen	800.00	800.00

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

After many years of waiting for our North Street Bridge to be rebuilt, we can report that it was completed in December of 2004, and is a distinct improvement over the old one. Not only does it not have great holes through the deck, but the alignment is much easier for drivers. We thank the abutters who had to put up with almost a year of construction noise, dust, and traffic.

As an added bonus, we also saw the completion of the Church Street Bridge in 2004 along with the improvements to the nearby railroad crossing. We had received a grant for the paving of Church Street, but construction was not complete until November so the paving has been postponed until 2005.

The most difficult issue we have been dealing with this year is the reconstruction and upgrade of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. It took much longer to obtain the necessary State permits than anticipated and given that had happened during a period of incredibly escalating construction costs, we found we needed about \$900,000 more to complete the Plant than anticipated three years ago. This required another bond vote. Having passed the bond after two tries, we are now ready to proceed. It is anticipated the project will go out to bid in March of 2005 with substantial construction during that year. We can report that Rural Development had agreed to a 50/50 match of the additional monies needed. In addition, our legislators are working on some State funding for the project.

Over the years since the completion of the Upstairs project, we have been investing about \$25,000 per year upgrading the Town Hall. This year, we installed new insulating windows which have not only made our employees much more comfortable, but has had an impact on the costs of heating. This year, we are proposing to borrow the amount necessary to finish the critical needs; roof, cupola, chimneys, and air conditioning, and pay it off over five years. If you take a look at the condition of these items, you can well understand why.

One of our longer range concerns is the Solid Waste District. The Joint Agreement is due to expire in 2007. After that, it appears that Vermont and New Hampshire will separate into individual districts. It is our concern that this proceed forward in a timely manner such that there is no interruption of our trash disposal, and we start negotiations with waste disposal companies soon enough to give careful consideration to future contracts.

This year, we see three longtime elected officials and employees retire from the Town. We wish good luck and Godspeed to Sandra, Cecil, and Georgia. We hope you enjoy your retirement after so many years looking after the needs of our citizens.

Respectfully submitted,
William L. Lindsay, Chairman
Richard G. Jewett
Michael J. LeClair
Seeley W. Morton
Arnold P. Stoddard

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

We have had several changes throughout our Departments and are scheduled for more this March. Jim Perry retired after many years of service in the Water/Sewer Departments. He was replaced by Dwayne Nichols who is an excellent addition to those Departments. Harry Goodell took a small step down to Assistant Chief of the Fire Department and Jeff Holden stepped up as Chief. New people in the Highway Department are Jeff Sheldon and Jeremy Orchitt.

This summer's construction project was to grind up and repave Popple Dungeon Road. We have started work on the relocation where it is sloughing toward the river and hope to complete that next summer.

The Fire Department has purchased a used tanker through the Emergency Equipment Fund. This should vastly improve our ability to provide water to areas outside that served by hydrants in the village.

The one project that has kept us very busy all year is the development of the Treatment Plant remodeling plans. The new plant should be state-of-the art and should show savings in our operating expenses. Barry Goodrich and Jeff Holden took several trips to investigate other plants and have worked with our engineers to design the best plant for the money. The bond vote passed in early January. Application has been made to USDA Rural Development for the additional million dollars needed. We have been promised a 50/50 grant/loans split for the additional million, but we will still continue to search for alternative funding to reduce the cost to the users.

Also completed this year were the Church Street and North Street bridges. The North Street bridge had been on the books since 1986 and both bridges had large holes and other serious problems.

The Police Department started a new C.O.R.E. Program to respond to the number of complaints about speeding and the problems associated with ski traffic. Any officer can take a shift where their only job will be traffic control. During that shift, they respond to areas where we have received complaints and to known areas where we see excess speed. At the end of the year, they generated enough fines to pay for the labor and cruiser costs and then some.

As this goes to press, we are working to replace three important positions; Cecil Waldo is retiring as Zoning Administrator, although he has also been a Lister and Selectman. Sandra Walker is retiring as Town Clerk and Treasurer after many years of service. Georgia Ethier is also retiring from her Administrative Assistant position. Many thanks to all of you for your years of dedication to the Town of Chester.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan S. Spaulding
Town Manager

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Town Budget was presented by Town Manager, Susan Spaulding, to the Select Board, Budget Committee, and audience at three separate meetings. A line-by-line item review of the Budget clarified any questions that were presented.

Salary increases are at the minimum. Medical insurances continue to rise. The capital budget has decreased \$33,300.00 as equipment has been replaced, and we were funding a bridge this year. The Town Library Trustees asked for one additional \$5,000.00 to be added to the Budget this year. Although the Trustees have done fund raising to help with expenses, they felt the additional funds were needed to get them through the year. The Selectmen, as well as the Budget Committee, were in agreement to this increase.

The Water and Sewer Departments' Budgets continue to increase. The bond for \$1,000,000.00 was voted and passed, with the users paying for the Plant upgrade, less any grant money to be applied to the bond. Even though there is a substantial increase in these Budgets, they are offset by revenues for a balanced Budget.

The Budget presented this year has only increased \$1,135.00 over last year. We can be proud of a Manager who keeps the taxpayers in mind when proposing a level-funded Budget. The Budget Committee approves the 2005 Budget and recommends approval to the Town of Chester taxpayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Budget Committee

Shirley Barrett
Betsy Knapp
Edward Knapp
Derek Suursoo
Norman Harrison
Alice Forlie
Roderick Bates

REPORT OF THE TOWN AUDITORS

The Auditors have examined the accounts of the Town for the year ending December 31, 2004, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 1681-1689, Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

We have met each quarter during the past year to examine all bills, review payroll records, and reconcile the cash.

DELINQUENT TAXES:

The Delinquent Tax Collector received in September from the Town Treasurer one (1) Warrant for 2004 totaling \$371,146.99 in real and personal property taxes for collection. The total uncollected taxes as of December 31, 2004, was \$256,379.58. There were four abatements this year totaling \$2,367.62. The Delinquent Tax Collector's records were verified and accurately reflect the delinquencies as of December 31, 2004.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS:

The Trust Department of Chittenden Bank provides the Trustees of Public Funds investment advice, custodial service, and periodic reports relative to the assets held in the name of the various funds. The Trust Department's year-end investment advisory account report and other reports as prepared by the Trustees have been reviewed.

WHITING LIBRARY:

The Auditors verified the securities held at Banknorth by the Library and verified the savings account balances managed by the Trustees as of year end. The portion of Library funds managed by the Town was verified as well as revenues and expenditures processed by the Town office.

AUDITORS' STATEMENT:

The municipal accounting program continues to provide an effective computerized management tool in accounting for the Town's financial records. In the process of auditing financial data, we also reviewed Town office procedures for payroll and general receipts and disbursements. These procedures provide good control of Town funds, in our opinion. All invoices approved for payment by the Selectmen and paid by the Town Treasurer have been reviewed for accuracy on a quarterly basis.

The Annual Report is compiled by your Auditors. The natural process of auditing creates interruptions for the Town Manager and office staff. We, therefore, sincerely wish to thank Susan Spaulding, Sandy Walker, Irene Wood, Deb Aldrich, Wanda Purdy, and Georgia Ethier for their patient assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
John H. (Jack) Cable
Richard G. Higley
E. W. Spaulding

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS 2004

	Incurred Expense	Earned Income	Net Expense	Net Appropriation	Surplus/ Deficit
Administration	\$ 276,340.38	\$ 64,653.45	\$ 211,686.93	\$ 188,235.00	(\$ 23,451.93)
Listing	28,331.48	0.00	28,331.48	29,200.00	868.52
Taxes	3,315.38	141,867.16	(138,551.78)	(123,300.00)	15,251.78
Planning	15,536.87	0.00	15,536.87	10,150.00	(5,386.87)
Insurance	405,562.79	0.00	405,562.79	394,700.00	(10,862.79)
Police	288,978.46	80,316.88	208,661.58	176,350.00	(32,311.58)
Fire	128,211.86	90,669.93	37,541.93	29,070.00	(8,471.93)
Ambulance	72,494.97	46,560.95	25,934.02	31,400.00	5,465.98
Communications	13,776.42	6,000.00	7,776.42	7,000.00	(776.42)
Highways	822,764.59	290,153.34	532,611.25	607,700.00	75,088.75
Solid Waste	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	18,800.00	(1,200.00)
Health	2,602.50	2,085.00	517.50	2,300.00	1,782.50
Special Interest	32,796.00	0.00	32,796.00	32,796.00	0.00
Recreation Programs	40,977.56	17,768.32	23,209.24	28,000.00	4,790.76
Parks/Cemeteries	42,576.13	8,497.97	34,078.16	24,650.00	(9,428.16)
Library	57,913.94	0.00	57,913.94	53,800.00	(4,113.94)
Town Hall	22,685.26	0.00	22,685.26	24,450.00	1,764.74
Academy Building	1,220.91	0.00	1,220.91	2,000.00	779.09
Recreation Facilities	38,841.14	0.00	38,841.14	33,500.00	(5,341.14)
Capital	568,787.06	322,354.43	246,432.63	242,300.00	(4,132.63)
County Tax	22,910.09	0.00	22,910.09	25,000.00	2,089.91
Other Income	0.00	925.16	(925.16)	(2,320.00)	(1,394.84)
TOTAL	<u>\$2,906,623.79</u>	<u>\$1,071,852.59</u>	<u>\$1,834,771.20</u>	<u>\$1,835,781.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,009.80</u>

SUMMARY OF SELECTMEN'S 2005 BUDGET

	Spent 2003	Voted 2004	Spent 2004	2005 Ant. Exp.	2005 Ant.Recpt.	Net Budget
Administration	\$ 259,272.61	\$ 266,235.00	\$ 276,340.38	\$ 263,290.00	\$ 81,200.00	\$ 182,090.00
Listing	23,162.35	29,200.00	28,331.48	25,800.00	0.00	25,800.00
Taxes	5,741.59	2,800.00	3,315.38	1,950.00	126,100.00	-124,150.00
Planning	15,153.01	14,650.00	15,536.87	14,650.00	0.00	14,650.00
Insurance	348,339.56	394,700.00	405,562.79	424,700.00	0.00	424,700.00
Police	245,382.72	205,850.00	288,978.46	248,930.00	59,730.00	189,200.00
Fire	55,001.65	54,900.00	128,211.86	55,000.00	9,280.00	45,720.00
Ambulance	64,110.15	75,500.00	72,494.97	75,500.00	39,100.00	36,400.00
Communications	14,208.10	13,000.00	13,776.42	14,000.00	6,000.00	8,000.00
Highways	907,669.85	783,700.00	822,764.59	788,200.00	176,000.00	612,200.00
Solid Waste	15,879.00	20,500.00	20,000.00	23,000.00	0.00	23,000.00
Health	2,340.00	2,300.00	2,602.50	2,300.00	1,700.00	600.00
Special Interest	34,362.00	35,096.00	32,796.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recreation Programs	25,638.78	40,000.00	40,977.56	36,550.00	14,500.00	22,050.00
Parks/Cemeteries	43,047.26	38,600.00	42,576.13	41,100.00	9,450.00	31,650.00
Library	63,303.35	53,800.00	57,913.94	59,300.00	0.00	59,300.00
Town Hall	25,183.40	24,450.00	22,685.26	22,950.00	0.00	22,950.00
Academy Building	500.00	2,000.00	1,220.91	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Recreation Facilities	53,708.89	33,000.00	38,841.14	36,200.00	0.00	36,200.00
Capital	452,934.83	319,800.00	568,787.06	211,500.00	0.00	211,500.00
County Tax	23,367.29	25,000.00	22,910.09	24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00
Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,300.00	-2,300.00
TOTAL	\$2,678,306.39	\$2,435,081.00	\$2,906,623.79	\$2,370,920.00	\$ 525,360.00	\$1,845,560.00
					Surplus \$	1,010.00
					Net Budget	\$1,844,550.00

**2005
BUDGET**

		2003	2004	2004	2005
		Expended	Budget	Expended	Budget
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Selectmen/Manager					
1-411-10	Selectmen	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,995.00	\$ 3,000.00
1-411-70	Expenses	1,129.16	1,000.00	922.85	1,000.00
1-412-10	Manager	44,824.00	45,900.00	45,968.00	47,300.00
1-412-40	Expenses	<u>4,800.00</u>	<u>4,800.00</u>	<u>4,800.00</u>	<u>4,800.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 53,753.16	\$ 54,700.00	\$ 54,685.85	\$ 56,100.00
Administration					
1-413-10	Elections	\$ 1,564.19	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,096.75	\$ 2,000.00
1-414-10	Town Clerk	18,262.40	18,830.00	18,720.00	18,000.00
1-414-11	Town Treasurer	18,262.40	18,830.00	18,720.00	18,000.00
1-415-10	Payroll	100,731.91	100,000.00	109,402.67	103,000.00
1-415-20	Office Supplies	8,166.44	10,000.00	11,600.59	10,000.00
1-415-22	Equipment	6,193.75	5,500.00	2,897.18	3,000.00
1-415-33	Notices	1,262.86	1,000.00	115.00	1,000.00
1-415-34	Telephone	9,148.62	7,500.00	8,338.40	7,500.00
1-415-35	Postage	6,796.48	7,000.00	11,309.95	7,000.00
1-415-36	State Treasurer	1,963.00	1,000.00	1,073.00	1,000.00
1-415-40	VLCT	2,289.00	2,475.00	2,476.00	2,790.00
1-415-41	Training	1,132.50	1,000.00	1,400.00	1,200.00
1-415-56	Legal	170.67	2,500.00	731.07	1,500.00
1-415-57	Auditing	2,523.30	3,000.00	2,298.30	3,000.00
1-415-59	Computer	5,523.65	5,000.00	6,013.81	5,500.00
1-415-60	Service Charge	2,510.55	2,200.00	1,919.66	2,200.00
1-415-62	Town Report	4,123.00	4,200.00	4,435.97	4,000.00
1-415-79	Unclassified	553.37	500.00	10.78	500.00
1-415-90	TAN Interest	<u>14,311.36</u>	<u>16,000.00</u>	<u>15,095.40</u>	<u>16,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 205,489.45	\$ 211,535.00	\$ 221,654.53	\$ 207,190.00
Listing					
1-416-10	Salary	\$ 19,678.55	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,393.08	\$ 22,000.00
1-416-21	General Exp.	2,183.80	5,800.00	4,638.40	2,500.00
1-416-74	Travel	<u>1,300.00</u>	<u>1,400.00</u>	<u>1,300.00</u>	<u>1,300.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 23,162.35	\$ 29,200.00	\$ 28,331.48	\$ 25,800.00

**2005
BUDGET**

		2003 Expended	2004 Budget	2004 Expended	2005 Budget
Taxes					
1-417-20	Tax Billing	\$ 265.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 250.00
1-417-22	Abatement	858.39	200.00	1,411.14	200.00
1-417-23	Appeal Returns	2,884.20	500.00	1,222.24	500.00
1-417-33	Advertising	<u>1,734.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>282.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 5,741.59</u>	<u>\$ 2,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,315.38</u>	<u>\$ 1,950.00</u>
Planning and Zoning					
1-418-10	Salary	\$ 9,993.51	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,867.80	\$ 10,000.00
1-418-21	General Exp.	5,069.50	4,500.00	4,669.07	4,500.00
1-418-62	Printing	<u>90.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 15,153.01</u>	<u>\$ 14,650.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,536.87</u>	<u>\$ 14,650.00</u>
Insurance					
1-419-15	Social Security	\$ 70,921.33	\$ 74,000.00	\$ 77,328.53	\$ 76,500.00
1-419-16	Unemployment	5,261.32	5,400.00	5,392.00	5,400.00
1-419-17	Worker's Comp.	31,480.01	51,000.00	56,647.83	56,000.00
1-419-18	Medical	136,658.29	162,000.00	156,092.32	178,000.00
1-419-19	Life	5,882.80	2,000.00	1,505.37	1,500.00
1-419-20	Retirement	36,752.28	40,000.00	39,060.81	40,000.00
1-419-50	Property/Liab.	43,669.00	43,000.00	51,223.00	50,000.00
1-419-51	Bonds	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
1-419-52	Coinsurance	<u>17,714.53</u>	<u>17,000.00</u>	<u>18,312.93</u>	<u>17,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 348,339.56</u>	<u>\$ 394,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 405,562.79</u>	<u>\$ 424,700.00</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$ 651,639.12	\$ 707,585.00	\$ 729,086.90	\$ 730,390.00

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		2003 Expended	2004 Budget	2004 Expended	2005 Budget
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police					
1-421-10	Payroll	\$ 220,516.99	\$ 193,750.00	\$ 220,445.50	\$ 200,000.00
1-421-15	CORE Payroll	0.00	0.00	4,316.60	2,000.00
1-421-20	Supplies	4,053.25	1,000.00	3,456.53	1,000.00
1-421-23	Equipment	2,964.30	500.00	3,885.40	500.00
1-421-24	DARE	50.00	500.00	1,824.27	500.00
1-421-25	Grant	5,585.31	0.00	9,982.50	35,230.00
1-421-34	Telephone	3,358.38	3,000.00	4,368.57	3,000.00
1-421-36	Training	1,104.00	1,500.00	1,429.00	1,000.00
1-421-40	Police Assoc.	200.00	300.00	245.00	200.00
1-421-45	Homeland Sec.	0.00	0.00	33,349.60	0.00
1-421-68	Vehicles	4,034.12	3,000.00	2,559.46	3,000.00
1-421-74	Travel	379.37	300.00	964.58	500.00
1-421-75	Uniforms	3,137.00	2,000.00	2,151.45	2,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 245,382.72	\$ 205,850.00	\$ 288,978.46	\$ 248,930.00
Fire Department					
1-422-10	Payroll	\$ 23,660.37	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 32,540.69	\$ 25,000.00
1-422-22	Medical	869.00	500.00	1,022.42	500.00
1-422-23	Equipment	8,782.29	7,500.00	11,745.21	7,500.00
1-422-25	Grant	0.00	0.00	61,902.18	0.00
1-422-36	Training	1,090.00	1,000.00	613.81	1,000.00
1-422-40	Dues	570.00	500.00	597.00	600.00
1-422-68	Vehicle Maint.	1,629.99	2,000.00	1,390.55	2,000.00
1-422-79	Hydrants	18,400.00	18,400.00	18,400.00	18,400.00
1-422-80	Mutual Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 55,001.65	\$ 54,900.00	\$ 128,211.86	\$ 55,000.00
Ambulance					
1-423-10	Payroll	\$ 48,888.28	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 53,034.04	\$ 60,000.00
1-423-21	Supplies	5,940.69	5,000.00	8,742.95	5,000.00
1-423-22	Medical Exp.	231.61	500.00	1,187.05	500.00
1-423-23	Equipment	3,411.27	4,000.00	1,806.36	4,000.00
1-423-24	Intercept	4,556.01	3,000.00	3,370.22	3,000.00
1-423-25	Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-423-36	Training	585.00	2,000.00	3,971.00	2,000.00
1-423-68	Vehicle Maint.	497.29	1,000.00	383.35	1,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 64,110.15	\$ 75,500.00	\$ 72,494.97	\$ 75,500.00
Communications					
1-426-10	Dispatching	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
1-426-34	Telephone	3,842.00	3,500.00	4,221.30	3,500.00
1-426-35	Radio Maint.	893.17	500.00	577.37	500.00
1-426-36	Phones/Pagers	5,472.93	5,000.00	4,977.75	5,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 14,208.10	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,776.42	\$ 14,000.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		\$ 378,702.62	\$ 349,250.00	\$ 503,461.71	\$ 393,430.00

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		2003 Expended	2004 Budget	2004 Expended	2005 Budget
PUBLIC WORKS					
Highway					
1-431-10	Payroll	\$ 337,290.90	\$ 345,000.00	\$ 323,859.53	\$ 350,000.00
1-431-21	Supplies	5,892.78	4,000.00	13,898.05	4,000.00
1-321-23	Tools/Equipment	4,594.47	5,000.00	6,258.55	5,000.00
1-431-24	Salt	45,160.82	43,000.00	32,129.77	43,000.00
1-431-25	Sand	31,810.48	35,000.00	34,223.75	35,000.00
1-431-26	Gravel	36,888.09	33,000.00	40,948.87	33,000.00
1-431-27	Hot Mix	1,238.23	2,000.00	1,146.35	2,000.00
1-431-28	Paving	100,000.00	90,000.00	130,490.15	90,000.00
1-431-29	Calcium Chloride	5,880.00	15,000.00	5,668.10	10,000.00
1-431-30	Culverts	10,846.86	5,000.00	6,567.14	5,000.00
1-431-31	Rip Rap	0.00	500.00	565.00	500.00
1-431-32	Bridge Material	6,681.76	15,000.00	5,062.16	20,000.00
1-431-34	Communications	578.35	600.00	637.53	600.00
1-431-36	Training	311.00	500.00	65.00	500.00
1-431-37	Contracted Serv.	9,687.50	8,000.00	5,714.00	8,000.00
1-431-38	Mowing	0.00	10,000.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
1-431-49	Reconstruction	0.00	15,000.00	14,841.00	15,000.00
1-431-50	Flooding	155,373.75	0.00	11,411.70	0.00
1-431-67	Diesel/Gasoline	57,886.22	60,000.00	68,609.18	60,000.00
1-431-68	Vehicle Maint.	47,858.80	45,000.00	51,839.66	45,000.00
1-431-69	Street Lights	26,382.78	26,000.00	26,646.74	26,000.00
1-431-75	Uniforms	6,577.27	6,500.00	7,192.42	6,500.00
1-431-76	Garage Utilities	6,018.35	6,000.00	6,516.54	6,000.00
1-431-77	Garage Water	1,058.23	1,100.00	1,450.35	1,100.00
1-431-78	Fuel	8,007.85	9,000.00	16,694.39	10,000.00
1-431-79	Garage Maint.	1,645.36	3,500.00	1,828.66	3,500.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 907,669.85</u>	<u>\$ 783,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 822,764.59</u>	<u>\$ 788,200.00</u>
Solid Waste					
1-432-37	Eager Beaver	\$ 879.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,000.00
1-432-38	Transfer Station	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 15,879.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 23,000.00</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		\$ 923,548.85	\$ 804,200.00	\$ 842,764.59	\$ 811,200.00

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		2003 Expended	2004 Budget	2004 Expended	2005 Budget
HEALTH AND WELFARE					
1-441-10	Health Officer	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
1-441-20	Animal Care	540.00	500.00	402.50	500.00
1-441-38	Septic Refunds	0.00	1,000.00	1,400.00	1,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 1,340.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,602.50	\$ 2,300.00
Special Interest					
1-442-10	Nursing Service	\$ 10,275.00	\$ 12,300.00	\$ 12,300.00	\$ 0.00
1-442-11	New Beginnings	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-442-12	RSVP	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-442-13	Mental Health	2,791.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-442-14	SEVCA	0.00	2,800.00	2,800.00	0.00
1-442-15	WC Partners	600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00
1-442-16	Meals & Wheels	1,000.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	0.00
1-442-17	Family Center	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
1-442-20	Community Cares	1,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-442-21	SRDC	8,496.00	8,496.00	8,496.00	0.00
1-442-22	Hospice	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-442-23	Meals on Wheels	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-442-24	Diversion	2,000.00	2,900.00	2,900.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 34,362.00	\$ 32,796.00	\$ 32,796.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL HEALTH AND WELFARE		\$ 35,702.00	\$ 35,096.00	\$ 35,398.50	\$ 2,300.00
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
Rec. Programs					
1-451-10	Rec. Payroll	\$ 10,687.50	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,623.25	\$ 23,000.00
1-451-21	Golf	0.00	0.00	275.00	300.00
1-451-37	Baseball	4,465.95	5,000.00	6,789.64	5,000.00
1-451-38	Softball	117.85	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
1-451-39	Tennis	138.69	5,000.00	4,710.36	250.00
1-451-40	Soccer	6,236.73	6,000.00	4,362.51	5,000.00
1-451-42	Camps	439.96	500.00	479.98	500.00
1-451-43	Skateboard Park	840.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-451-44	Basketball	2,711.60	2,500.00	4,736.82	2,500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 25,638.78	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,977.56	\$ 36,550.00

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		2003 Expended	2004 Budget	2004 Expended	2005 Budget
Parks & Cemeteries					
1-452-10	Payroll	\$ 34,866.13	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 39,208.44	\$ 35,000.00
1-452-21	Supplies	1,847.21	3,000.00	1,558.96	2,000.00
1-452-23	Equipment	1,240.96	1,000.00	0.00	500.00
1-452-39	Trees	2,388.96	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
1-452-40	Perpetual Care	1,950.00	1,000.00	1,050.00	1,000.00
1-452-76	Water	80.00	100.00	84.73	100.00
1-452-77	Memorial Day	674.00	500.00	674.00	500.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 43,047.26</u>	<u>\$ 38,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 42,576.13</u>	<u>\$ 41,100.00</u>
Library					
1-455-10	Payroll	\$ 43,145.57	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,557.78	\$ 0.00
1-455-20	Janitorial Service	2,532.00	0.00	1,615.00	0.00
1-455-22	Library Fund	5,100.00	42,000.00	42,000.00	47,000.00
1-455-68	Maintenance	4,974.64	3,000.00	4,739.04	3,500.00
1-455-76	Utilities	4,169.65	5,500.00	3,848.43	5,500.00
1-455-77	Water/Sewer	333.24	300.00	374.00	300.00
1-455-78	Fuel	3,048.25	3,000.00	2,779.69	3,000.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 63,303.35</u>	<u>\$ 53,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 57,913.94</u>	<u>\$ 59,300.00</u>
Town Hall					
1-456-10	Payroll	\$ 3,659.43	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,909.20	\$ 4,000.00
1-456-21	Supplies	1,041.41	1,500.00	1,184.29	1,000.00
1-456-68	Repair/Maint.	7,314.26	5,000.00	5,287.30	5,000.00
1-456-76	Utilities	6,287.02	7,000.00	6,167.95	6,500.00
1-456-77	Water/Sewer	538.16	550.00	625.45	550.00
1-456-78	Fuel	4,154.69	4,000.00	3,531.07	3,500.00
1-456-79	Trash	2,188.43	2,400.00	1,980.00	2,400.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 25,183.40</u>	<u>\$ 24,450.00</u>	<u>\$ 22,685.26</u>	<u>\$ 22,950.00</u>
1-457-68	Academy Building	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,220.91	\$ 2,000.00
Recreation					
1-458-11	Lifeguards	\$ 34,758.90	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 28,247.11	\$ 26,000.00
1-458-20	Pool Improvement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-458-21	Supplies	2,842.70	1,500.00	1,454.64	1,500.00
1-458-22	Concession	0.00	0.00	2,433.73	2,500.00
1-458-41	Skating Rink	8,457.90	0.00	180.63	200.00
1-458-68	Pool Maintenance	4,557.22	3,000.00	3,899.83	3,000.00
1-458-76	Utilities	3,092.17	3,000.00	2,625.20	3,000.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 53,708.89</u>	<u>\$ 33,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 38,841.14</u>	<u>\$ 36,200.00</u>
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION		\$ 211,381.68	\$ 192,350.00	\$ 204,214.94	\$ 198,100.00

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		2003 Expended	2004 Budget	2004 Expended	2005 Budget
CAPITAL					
Bridges & Roads					
1-461-27	North Street	\$ 59,608.42	\$ 0.00	\$ 147,471.00	\$ 0.00
1-461-28	Church Street	0.00	0.00	31,014.26	0.00
Equipment					
1-462-82	Copier	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,250.00	\$ 0.00
1-462-83	Cruiser	25,472.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-462-84	Highway Truck	68,010.00	70,000.00	70,480.85	60,000.00
1-462-85	Tanker	0.00	55,000.00	55,552.15	0.00
1-462-86	Defibrillator	0.00	8,500.00	10,971.06	0.00
1-462-87	Loader	90,367.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-462-88	Plow/Mower	12,287.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-462-89	Excavator	0.00	22,500.00	92,500.00	15,000.00
1-462-90	Grader	27,991.66	28,000.00	27,193.89	28,000.00
Fund Transfers					
1-470-86	Highway Equip.	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
1-470-87	Bridge	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
1-470-88	Emergency Equip.	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
1-470-89	Reappraisal	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
1-473-35	Town Hall	44,197.63	22,300.00	22,241.00	25,000.00
1-473-36	Academy Building	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-473-37	Record Rest.	0.00	3,500.00	2,112.85	3,500.00
TOTAL CAPITAL		\$ 452,934.83	\$ 319,800.00	\$ 568,787.06	\$ 211,500.00
OTHER GOVT. EXPENDITURES					
1-475-61	County Tax	\$ 23,367.29	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 22,910.09	\$ 24,000.00
TOT. CHESTER BUDGET		\$ 2,677,276.39	\$ 2,433,281.00	\$ 2,906,623.79	\$ 2,370,920.00

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REVENUES**

		2003 Receipts	2004 Budget	2004 Receipts	2005 Budget
TAXES					
1-318-01	Railroad Taxes	\$ 1,134.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,224.72	\$ 1,100.00
1-318-03	Land Use	65,696.36	60,000.00	63,291.00	60,000.00
1-319-02	Penalties/Int.	82,757.47	65,000.00	77,351.44	65,000.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 149,587.83</u>	<u>\$ 126,100.00</u>	<u>\$ 141,867.16</u>	<u>\$ 126,100.00</u>
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
1-321-01	Liquor Licenses	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,200.00
1-321-02	Planning/Zoning	7,884.46	4,500.00	8,815.81	5,000.00
1-321-03	Fish & Game	580.00	500.00	517.00	500.00
1-321-04	Dog Licenses	1,843.50	1,800.00	1,911.50	1,800.00
1-321-05	Other Licenses	148.00	300.00	195.00	300.00
1-321-06	Rabies	345.00	400.00	392.00	400.00
1-321-07	Motor Vehicle	1,180.00	1,000.00	1,133.50	1,000.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 13,330.96</u>	<u>\$ 9,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 14,264.81</u>	<u>\$ 10,200.00</u>
GENERAL GOVT.					
1-341-11	Recording Fees	\$ 42,527.30	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 38,711.37	\$ 35,000.00
1-341-12	Administrative Inc.	5,296.52	5,000.00	3,832.60	5,000.00
1-341-41	Tax Sale	1,371.95	1,000.00	330.00	1,000.00
1-341-51	Interest	11,436.46	30,000.00	7,514.67	30,000.00
1-341-71	Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-341-72	Cobra Reimb.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 60,632.23</u>	<u>\$ 73,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 50,388.64</u>	<u>\$ 71,000.00</u>
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVT.	<u>\$ 223,551.02</u>	<u>\$ 208,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 206,520.61</u>	<u>\$ 207,300.00</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police Department					
1-342-11	Court Fees	\$ 10,284.81	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 21,879.21	\$ 20,000.00
1-342-12	Payroll Reimb.	805.50	3,000.00	13,945.17	3,000.00
1-342-14	DARE	1,000.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
1-342-15	Other Income	1,270.00	1,000.00	1,161.00	1,000.00
1-342-16	Grants	0.00	5,000.00	43,331.50	35,230.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 13,360.31</u>	<u>\$ 29,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 80,316.88</u>	<u>\$ 59,730.00</u>

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		2003		2004		2004		2005
		Receipts		Budget		Receipts		Budget
Fire Department								
1-342-21	Other Income	\$ 3,419.26	\$	1,000.00	\$	20,487.75	\$	1,000.00
1-342-22	Andover	8,280.00		8,280.00		8,280.00		8,280.00
1-342-23	Grant	<u>0.00</u>		<u>16,550.00</u>		<u>61,902.18</u>		<u>0.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 11,699.26	\$	\$ 25,830.00	\$	\$ 90,669.93	\$	\$ 9,280.00
Ambulance Service								
1-342-31	Service Revenue	\$ 31,371.60	\$	\$ 30,000.00	\$	\$ 26,449.89	\$	\$ 25,000.00
1-342-32	Gifts	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
1-342-33	Other Income	85.16		0.00		6,011.06		0.00
1-342-34	Andover	<u>14,100.00</u>		<u>14,100.00</u>		<u>14,100.00</u>		<u>14,100.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 45,556.76	\$	\$ 44,100.00	\$	\$ 46,560.95	\$	\$ 39,100.00
1-343-20	Tower Rent	\$ 6,000.00	\$	\$ 6,000.00	\$	\$ 6,000.00	\$	\$ 6,000.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		\$ 75,716.33	\$	\$ 105,430.00	\$	\$ 223,547.76	\$	\$ 114,110.00
PUBLIC WORKS								
Highway								
1-344-11	Diesel Sale	\$ 27,280.00	\$	\$ 20,000.00	\$	\$ 30,276.99	\$	\$ 20,000.00
1-344-12	Material Sale	5,800.00		1,000.00		9,004.00		1,000.00
1-344-13	State Aid	189,080.14		155,000.00		184,472.24		155,000.00
1-344-14	Other Income	2,022.20		0.00		3,085.90		0.00
1-344-15	Flood Reimb.	155,375.00		0.00		22,824.06		0.00
1-344-24	From Reserves	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>		<u>40,490.15</u>		<u>0.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 379,557.34	\$	\$ 176,000.00	\$	\$ 290,153.34	\$	\$ 176,000.00
HEALTH AND WELFARE								
1-345-01	Septic Permits	\$ 350.00	\$	\$ 500.00	\$	\$ 485.00	\$	\$ 500.00
1-345-02	Septic Refunds	<u>1,300.00</u>		<u>1,200.00</u>		<u>1,600.00</u>		<u>1,200.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 1,650.00	\$	\$ 1,700.00	\$	\$ 2,085.00	\$	\$ 1,700.00

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		2003 Receipts	2004 Budget	2004 Receipts	2005 Budget
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
Recreation					
1-346-11	Programs	\$ 14,416.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 14,851.00	\$ 12,000.00
1-346-12	Material Sale	2,344.64	0.00	2,817.32	0.00
1-346-13	Pool Income	<u>1,709.70</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>1,442.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 18,470.34	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 19,210.32	\$ 14,500.00
Parks & Cemeteries					
1-347-21	Sale of Lots	\$ 1,225.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 405.00	\$ 1,000.00
1-347-22	Grave Preparation	6,251.00	4,000.00	3,780.00	4,000.00
1-347-23	Cemetery Funds	2,989.73	5,000.00	1,881.97	3,000.00
1-347-25	Perpetual Care	2,075.00	750.00	1,125.00	750.00
1-347-26	Other Income	425.01	0.00	219.00	0.00
1-347-40	Town Hall	<u>553.00</u>	<u>700.00</u>	<u>1,087.00</u>	<u>700.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 13,518.74	\$ 11,950.00	\$ 8,497.97	\$ 9,450.00
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION		\$ 31,989.08	\$ 25,950.00	\$ 27,705.25	\$ 23,950.00
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT					
1-348-11	Excavator	\$ 88,872.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 92,500.00	\$ 0.00
1-348-12	Tanker	0.00	0.00	55,000.00	0.00
1-348-23	North St. Bridge	59,607.00	0.00	147,471.00	0.00
1-348-24	Church St. Bridge	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>27,383.43</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 148,479.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 322,354.43	\$ 0.00
OTHER INCOME					
1-349-11	Poor Funds	\$ 686.63	\$ 720.00	\$ 7.91	\$ 700.00
1-350-12	Cyprus Minerals	<u>1,558.46</u>	<u>1,600.00</u>	<u>925.16</u>	<u>1,600.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 2,245.09	\$ 2,320.00	\$ 933.07	\$ 2,300.00
TOTAL BUDGET REVENUES		\$ 863,187.86	\$ 520,000.00	\$ 1,071,860.50	\$ 525,360.00

COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2004

ASSETS

	2004	2003
CASH		
Petty Cash	\$ 215.00	\$ 215.00
Chittenden Checking	<u>146,040.98</u>	<u>114,919.92</u>
TOTAL CASH	\$ 146,255.98	\$ 115,134.92
RESTRICTED CASH		
Chittenden Bridge Fund	\$174,789.77	\$153,562.63
Chittenden Grafton Street Bridge Fund	0.00	27,356.06
Chittenden Emergency Fund	141,379.26	121,434.17
Chittenden Development Fund	339,771.74	331,220.92
Chittenden Equipment Fund	107,441.69	62,061.64
Chittenden Reappraisal	<u>126,321.42</u>	<u>97,184.68</u>
TOTAL RESTRICTED CASH	\$ 889,703.88	\$ 792,820.10
RECEIVABLES		
Delinquent Taxes	\$256,379.58	\$288,626.27
Interest - Del. Taxes	32,167.36	42,200.46
Penalty - Del. Taxes	<u>20,586.92</u>	<u>23,077.27</u>
TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES	\$ 309,133.86	\$ 353,904.00
LONG-TERM RECEIVABLES		
Comm. Dev. Loans	<u>\$128,498.17</u>	<u>\$ 52,563.16</u>
TOT. LONG-TERM RECEIVABLES	\$ 128,498.17	\$ 52,563.16
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,473,519.89	\$1,314,422.18

LIABILITIES

	2004	2003
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 0.00	\$ 243,510.26

EQUITY

RESERVES		
Construction	\$ 56,509.85	\$100,000.00
Historical Society	15,890.00	25,000.00
Memorials	855.00	855.00
Academy Building	<u>5,336.62</u>	<u>5,336.62</u>
TOTAL RESERVES	\$ 81,591.47	\$ 131,191.62

RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES

Chittenden Bridge Fund	\$174,789.77	\$153,562.63
Chittenden Grafton Street Bridge Fund	0.00	27,356.06
Chittenden Emergency Fund	141,379.26	121,434.17
Chittenden Development Fund	339,771.74	331,220.92
Chittenden Equipment Fund	107,441.69	62,061.64
Chittenden Reappraisal	<u>126,321.42</u>	<u>97,184.68</u>
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	\$ 889,703.88	\$ 792,820.10

UNCOLLECTED LONG-TERM NOTES

Comm. Dev. Loans	\$ 128,498.17	\$ 52,563.16
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TOTAL EQUITY

UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	\$1,099,793.52	\$ 976,574.88
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>373,798.37</u>	<u>94,337.04</u>
	<u>\$1,473,591.89</u>	<u>\$1,314,422.18</u>

**TOWN OF CHESTER
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES
DECEMBER 31, 2004**

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	ENTERPRISE FUNDS
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 146,255.98	\$183,869.84	\$347,360.67
Receivables:			
Delinquent Taxes	309,133.86	0.00	13,458.96
Notes Receivable	128,498.17	21,958.73	0.00
Restricted Assets:			
Restricted Cash	<u>889,703.88</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,473,591.89	\$205,828.57	\$360,819.63
LIABILITIES, EQUITY & OTHER CREDITS			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Bonds Payable	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>139,153.46</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$139,153.46
EQUITY/OTHER CREDITS			
Fund Balance:			
Reserves	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 52,393.71
Retained	0.00	0.00	221,666.17
Restricted	889,703.88	0.00	0.00
Future Exp.	81,591.47	205,828.57	0.00
Long-Term Notes	128,498.17	0.00	0.00
Undesignated	<u>373,798.37</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS	\$1,473,591.89	\$205,828.57	\$360,819.63
TOTAL LIABILITIES EQUITY/CREDITS	\$1,473,591.89	\$205,828.57	\$360,819.63

**STATEMENT OF LIABILITY OF THE TOWN
FOR BORROWED MONEY
GENERAL FUND**

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

Notes borrowed during the year:

Chittenden NA - 1.80% dated 01-07-04	\$1,000,000.00
Chittenden NA - 2.00% dated 05-26-04	200,000.00

Notes paid during the year:

Chittenden Bank - 10-05-04	1,000,000.00
Chittenden Bank - 09-20-04	200,000.00

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
DECEMBER 31, 2004**

General Fund

REVENUES

Taxes	\$5,644,314.12
Licenses/Fees	14,264.81
General Government	50,388.64
Public Safety	223,547.76
Public Works	290,153.34
Health & Welfare	2,085.00
Culture & Recreation	27,705.25
Capital Equipment	280,058.63
Other Income	983.07
TAN and Current Expense Note	1,950,000.00
Fund Transfers	0.00
Track Reimbursement	25,877.49
Flood Reimbursement	132,707.43
Freeman Grant	<u>3,592.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$8,645,677.54</u>

EXPENDITURES

Selectmen/Manager	\$ 54,685.85
Administration	221,654.53
Listing	28,331.48
Taxes	3,315.38
Planning/Zoning	15,536.87
Insurance	405,562.79
Police	288,978.46
Fire	128,211.86
Ambulance	72,494.97
Communications	13,776.42
Highway	822,764.59
Solid Waste	20,000.00
Health & Welfare	2,602.50
Special Interest Groups	32,796.00
Recreational Programs	40,977.56
Parks & Cemeteries	42,576.13
Library	57,913.94
Town Hall	22,685.26
Academy Building	1,220.91
Recreation Facilities	38,841.14
Capital Expenditures	568,787.06
County Tax	22,910.09
Tax Anticipation Note	1,000,000.00
Current Year Expense Note	200,000.00
CTSD Assessment	3,639,411.00
Accounts Payable 2004	457,014.26
Transfers	10,110.00
Escrow	<u>16,650.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$8,229,809.05</u>

Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ 415,868.49
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Fund Balance 1/1/04	\$1,047,636.39
Fund Balance 12/31/04	\$1,463,504.88

**WATER DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 2004**

SUMMARY

Earned Income 2004	\$148,775.38
Incurring Expenses 2004	<u>179,340.86</u>
Excess of Expenses over Revenues	(\$ 30,565.48)

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	2004	2003
Cash on Hand		
Chittenden Sweep Account	\$ 57,915.30	\$ 9,554.24
Chittenden Reserve Fund	52,078.58	51,743.02
Accounts Receivable	<u>5,266.03</u>	<u>10,744.35</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$115,259.91	\$ 72,041.61
LIABILITIES		
Vermont Bond Bank	\$139,153.46	\$160,471.07
Reserve Fund Reserve	<u>52,078.58</u>	<u>51,743.02</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$191,232.04	\$212,214.09
Excess of Liabilities over Assets	\$ 75,972.13	\$140,172.48
Change in Fund Equity	138,115.31	37,787.31

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Cash on Hand January 1, 2004		\$ 49,025.37
Interest Earned - Reserve Fund	\$ 526.14	
Cash Receipts 2004	<u>148,775.38</u>	
TOTAL		<u>149,301.52</u>
		\$198,326.89
Cash Disbursements 2004		<u>179,340.86</u>
CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2004		\$ 18,986.03
Chittenden Checking	\$ 52,078.58	
Chittenden Reserve Fund	<u>57,915.39</u>	
TOTAL		\$109,993.97
Due to General Fund	<u>\$ 91,007.94</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 18,986.03

**2005 BUDGET
WATER DEPARTMENT**

		2003	2004	2004	2005
		Receipts	Budget	Receipts	Budget
REVENUES					
03-311-01	Water Rents	\$115,207.36	\$125,000.00	\$108,145.97	\$125,000.00
03-311-02	Delinquent	13,306.78	13,000.00	16,321.18	15,500.00
03-311-03	Penalty/Interest	1,846.82	1,500.00	1,952.89	1,800.00
03-311-04	New Connection	0.00	3,000.00	2,500.00	0.00
03-311-05	Jeffrey Lease	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
03-311-06	Hydrant Fees	20,400.00	20,000.00	18,600.00	20,000.00
03-311-07	Interest	284.64	500.00	185.89	500.00
03-311-09	Other Income	621.18	0.00	69.45	0.00
03-311-10	Capital Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
03-311-11	Reserve Fund	0.00	8,500.00	0.00	21,000.00
	TOTAL	\$152,666.78	\$172,500.00	\$148,775.38	\$184,800.00

		2003	2004	2004	2005
		Expended	Budget	Expended	Budget
EXPENDITURES					
03-411-10	Labor	\$ 75,851.20	\$ 61,500.00	\$ 67,129.00	\$ 67,000.00
03-411-15	Fringe Benefits	13,046.30	20,000.00	23,113.42	20,000.00
03-411-23	Tools	3,782.33	1,500.00	415.34	1,500.00
03-411-24	Meters	2,038.98	1,000.00	1,082.22	1,000.00
03-411-25	Collection	3,667.49	5,000.00	2,245.25	2,500.00
03-411-29	Chemicals	7,371.62	7,000.00	8,751.20	7,200.00
03-411-32	Hydrants	78.74	3,000.00	12,067.10	3,000.00
03-411-36	Training	181.00	100.00	70.00	100.00
03-411-37	Contracted Ser.	1,789.00	2,500.00	2,850.00	3,000.00
03-411-38	Well Repair	954.00	3,000.00	166.17	0.00
03-411-39	Testing	793.53	1,300.00	1,367.00	1,350.00
03-411-58	Computer	1,082.63	1,000.00	275.62	1,000.00
03-411-60	Service Charges	1,248.65	1,100.00	1,005.61	1,100.00
03-411-61	State Fees	1,378.76	1,000.00	1,398.11	1,500.00
03-411-68	Vehicle Maint.	1,395.53	500.00	1,427.15	1,000.00
03-411-76	Utilities	13,964.69	15,000.00	13,576.91	15,000.00
03-411-78	Gas	705.68	750.00	1,504.30	750.00
03-411-79	Miscellaneous	13.09	0.00	1,217.00	0.00
03-411-80	Capital Impr.	0.00	8,000.00	11,306.27	21,000.00
03-411-90	Bond	20,610.99	21,320.00	16,642.07	22,000.00
03-411-91	Bond Interest	13,201.12	11,730.00	11,731.12	10,200.00
03-411-95	Reserve Fund	0.00	6,200.00	0.00	4,600.00
	TOTAL	\$163,155.33	\$172,500.00	\$179,340.86	\$184,800.00

**VERMONT MUNICIPAL BOND BANK
 WATER DEPARTMENT
 BOND PAYMENT SCHEDULE
 1992 SERIES 2 BOND
 \$137,869.28**

	Principal	Percent Interest	Interest	Semi-Annual Debt Service	Fiscal Total
06-1-04			2,480.90	2,480.90	
12-1-04	7,326.96	7.55	2,480.90	9,807.86	12,288.76
06-1-05			2,204.16	2,204.16	
12-1-05	7,913.11	7.55	2,204.16	10,117.27	12,321.43
06-1-06			1,905.28	1,905.28	
12-1-06	8,546.17	7.55	1,905.28	10,451.45	12,356.73
06-1-07			1,582.49	1,582.49	
12-1-07	9,229.86	7.55	1,582.49	10,812.35	12,394.84
06-1-08			1,233.88	1,233.88	
12-1-08	9,968.25	7.55	1,233.88	11,202.13	12,436.01
06-1-09			857.38	857.38	
12-1-09	10,765.71	7.65	857.38	11,623.09	12,480.47
06-1-10			445.38	445.38	
12-1-10	<u>11,637.73</u>	7.65	<u>445.38</u>	<u>12,083.11</u>	<u>12,528.49</u>
	\$65,387.79		\$21,418.94	\$86,806.73	\$86,806.73

**VERMONT MUNICIPAL BOND BANK
WATER DEPARTMENT
BOND PAYMENT SCHEDULE
1992 SERIES 2 BOND
\$90,916.40**

	Principal	Percent Interest	Interest	Semi-Annual Debt Service	Fiscal Total
06-1-04			949.66	949.66	
12-1-04	3,990.65	7.55	949.66	4,940.31	5,889.97
06-1-05			798.93	798.93	
12-1-05	4,046.90	7.55	798.93	4,845.83	5,644.76
06-1-06			646.08	646.08	
12-1-06	4,107.65	7.55	646.08	4,753.73	5,399.81
06-1-07			490.93	490.93	
12-1-07	4,173.27	7.55	490.93	4,664.20	5,155.13
06-1-08			333.31	333.31	
12-1-08	4,244.14	7.55	333.31	4,577.45	4,910.76
06-1-09			173.01	173.01	
12-1-09	<u>4,520.67</u>	7.65	<u>173.01</u>	<u>4,693.68</u>	<u>4,866.69</u>
	\$25,083.28		\$6,783.84	\$31,867.12	\$31,867.12

**VERMONT MUNICIPAL BOND BANK
 WATER DEPARTMENT
 BOND PAYMENT SCHEDULE
 1990 SERIES 1 BONDS
 \$250,000.00**

	Date	Rate	Principal	Interest	Debt Service
25	06-1-05			2,090.00	2,090.00
26	12-1-05	7.000	10,000.00	2,090.00	12,090.00
27	06-1-06			1,740.00	1,740.00
28	12-1-06	7.000	10,000.00	1,740.00	11,740.00
29	06-1-07			1,390.00	1,390.00
30	12-1-07	7.000	10,000.00	1,390.00	11,390.00
31	06-1-08			1,040.00	1,040.00
32	12-1-08	7.000	10,000.00	1,040.00	11,040.00
33	06-1-09			690.00	690.00
34	12-1-09	6.900	10,000.00	690.00	10,690.00
35	06-1-10			345.00	345.00
36	12-1-10	6.900	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>345.00</u>	<u>10,345.00</u>
			<u>\$60,000.00</u>	<u>\$14,590.00</u>	<u>\$74,590.00</u>

**SEWER DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 2004**

SUMMARY

Earned Income 2004	\$262,791.22
Capital Income	140,000.00
Incurred Expenses 2004	209,732.85
Capital Expenses	<u>105,005.83</u>
Excess of Expenses over Income	\$193,058.37

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	2004	2003
Cash on Hand		
Chittenden Sweep Account	\$237,050.64	\$ 61,968.89
Chittenden Reserve Fund	316.15	315.13
Accounts Receivable	<u>8,192.93</u>	<u>14,832.76</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$245,559.72	\$ 77,116.78
 LIABILITIES		
Reserve Fund Reserve	<u>\$ 315.13</u>	<u>\$ 315.13</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 315.13	\$ 315.13
 Excess of Assets over Liabilities	 \$245,244.59	 \$ 76,801.85
Change in Fund Equity	\$168,442.74	\$ 35,821.50

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Cash on Hand January 1, 2004		\$ 62,284.02
Cash Receipts 2004	\$402,791.22	
Reserve Fund Interest	<u>122.45</u>	
TOTAL		<u>402,913.67</u> \$465,197.69
Cash Disbursements 2004		<u>314,738.68</u>
CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2004		\$150,459.01
Chittenden Checking	\$237,050.64	
Chittenden Reserve Fund	<u>316.07</u>	
TOTAL		\$237,366.71
Due General Fund		<u>86,907.70</u>
TOTAL		\$150,459.01

**2005 BUDGET
SEWER DEPARTMENT**

		2003		2004		2004		2005
		Receipts		Budget		Receipts		Budget
REVENUES								
04-311-01	Sewer Rents	\$ 195,281.04	\$	\$ 200,000.00	\$	\$ 227,571.94	\$	\$ 200,000.00
04-311-02	Delinquent Rents	20,324.21		15,000.00		28,331.86		20,000.00
04-311-03	Penalty & Interest	2,478.42		3,000.00		3,052.38		3,000.00
04-311-04	New Connection	0.00		3,000.00		2,500.00		2,500.00
04-311-07	Interest	625.13		1,200.00		744.54		650.00
04-311-09	Other Income	48.32		0.00		590.50		0.00
04-311-10	Reserves	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 218,757.12</u>	\$	<u>\$ 222,200.00</u>	\$	<u>\$ 262,791.22</u>	\$	<u>\$ 226,150.00</u>

		2003		2004		2004		2005
		Expended		Budget		Expended		Budget
EXPENDITURES								
04-411-10	Payroll	\$ 44,577.00	\$	\$ 61,500.00	\$	\$ 66,188.50	\$	\$ 63,500.00
04-411-15	Fringe Benefits	7,754.17		15,000.00		23,113.42		15,000.00
04-411-23	Tools	229.98		1,400.00		521.39		1,400.00
04-411-24	Lab. Equipment	570.25		500.00		1,132.62		1,000.00
04-411-25	Plant Maintenance	466.16		2,000.00		2,066.31		2,000.00
04-411-26	UV Disinfection	1,257.50		1,500.00		1,153.88		1,500.00
04-411-28	Sludge Disposal	51,705.00		45,000.00		45,630.00		45,000.00
04-411-29	Chemicals	2,224.02		2,500.00		1,086.46		2,500.00
04-411-32	Pump Stations	307.50		3,000.00		2,540.20		3,000.00
04-411-35	Training	63.00		200.00		15.00		100.00
04-411-36	Collection System	5,975.43		7,000.00		0.00		5,000.00
04-411-37	Contracted	2,031.25		2,000.00		3,525.00		2,500.00
04-411-38	Engineering	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
04-411-39	Testing	1,911.00		2,000.00		2,138.00		2,100.00
04-411-45	Flood Insurance	1,038.00		1,500.00		1,076.00		1,100.00
04-411-48	Computer	1,053.63		1,000.00		408.13		1,000.00
04-411-60	Service Charge	1,233.23		1,000.00		1,114.70		1,000.00
04-411-61	State Fees	334.75		300.00		100.00		300.00
04-411-68	Vehicle Maint.	1,414.82		500.00		613.81		500.00
04-411-76	Utilities	20,353.59		19,000.00		23,109.79		22,000.00
04-411-79	Unclassified	25.00		0.00		150.00		0.00
04-411-80	Capital Expense	0.00		20,000.00		34,049.64		0.00
04-411-90	Bonds	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
04-411-91	Bond Interest	1,613.33		0.00		0.00		0.00
04-411-95	Reserves	0.00		30,300.00		0.00		0.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 146,138.61</u>	\$	<u>\$ 217,200.00</u>	\$	<u>\$ 209,732.85</u>	\$	<u>\$ 170,500.00</u>

PLANT UPGRADE

Revenues

EPA Grant	\$ 66,691.00
Line of Credit	<u>73,309.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 140,000.00

Expenditures

04-420-25	Plant Upgrade	\$ 5,845.00
04-420-38	Engineering	89,040.00
04-420-39	Testing	4,962.50
04-420-56	Legal Expense	970.00
04-420-91	Interest	<u>4,188.33</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 105,005.83

CHESTER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Cash Balance January 1, 2004	\$278,359.58	
Deposits	12,127.35	
Interest Income - Bank	<u>2,032.50</u>	
TOTAL		\$292,519.43
DISBURSEMENTS:		<u>(81,237.86)</u>
Cash Balance December 31, 2004		\$211,281.57
Notes Receivable		<u>128,498.17</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE		\$339,771.74

GRAFTON STREET BRIDGE FUND

Balance January 1, 2004	\$ 27,356.06	
Interest Income	<u>27.37</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 27,383.43
Due to General Fund		<u>27,383.43</u>
Balance December 31, 2004		0.00

BRIDGE FUND

Balance January 1, 2004	\$153,562.63	
Interest Income	<u>1,227.14</u>	
TOTAL		\$154,789.77
Due from General Fund		<u>20,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2004		\$174,789.77

**EQUIPMENT INVENTORY
DECEMBER 31, 2004**

	Cost	Purchase	Replace
Air Compressor (Highway)	\$ 7,073.01	1981	None
Air Compressor (Fire)	7,260.56	1990	2015
Ambulance - Ford E-450	89,822.00	1998	2020
Backhoe Loader - John Deere 410D	104,310.00	1996	2008
Chipper - Bandit	16,500.00	1996	2020
Excavator - John Deere 120C	92,500.00	2004	2016
Fire Truck - Ford (1992)	141,872.00	1991	2010
Fire Truck - Ford Pumper L9513 (1997)	160,318.80	1996	2016
Loader - John Deere 544H	115,371.00	1997	2007
Loader - Caterpillar 928G (2003)	88,873.00	2003	2013
Pick-Up - Ford F250 (2002) (Highway)	25,905.00	2002	2006
Pick-Up - Ford F250 XL 4x2 (Water)	22,485.00	1999	2009
Pick-Up - Ford F250 XL (2004) (Sewer)	16,623.00	2004	2014
Police Cruiser - Ford Expedition (2004)	25,169.12	2003	2006
Police Cruiser - Ford Expedition (2004)	26,299.00	2004	2007
Police Cruiser - Ford Expedition (2004)	20,799.00	2004	2007
Road Grader - John Deere 770CH (2002)	120,900.00	2002	2012
Sidewalk Plow - MT5 Trackless	60,000.00	1999	2009
Trailer - Rogers	10,730.00	1995	2020
Trailer - Karavan	3,332.00	1998	2023
Trailer - Triton (2004)	1,455.00	2004	2014
Truck (Tanker) - Mack (1985)	55,452.15	2003	2023
Truck 1 Ton Utility- Ford - F350 (Fire)	19,619.00	1990	2005
Truck 1 Ton Dump - Ford F350 (Cemetery)	42,659.00	1996	2006
Truck (Flatbed) - Ford F350	20,000.00	1994	None
Truck (Dump) - Sterling L7500 (2001)	73,100.00	2000	2005
Truck (Dump) - Sterling L7500 (2002)	73,516.00	2001	2006
Truck (Dump) - Sterling L7500 (2003)	59,551.00	2002	2007
Truck (Dump) - Sterling LT9500 (2004)	67,060.00	2003	2008
Truck (Dump) - Sterling L7500 (2005)	67,384.00	2004	2009
York Rake	5,000.00	2000	2030

REAPPRAISAL FUND

Balance January 1, 2004	\$ 97,184.68
Deposits	28,258.00
Interest Income	<u>878.74</u>
Balance December 31, 2004	\$126,321.42

EQUIPMENT FUND

Balance January 1, 2004	\$ 60,061.64
Interest Income	379.05
Received from General Fund	<u>45,000.00</u>
Fund Balance December 31, 2004	\$107,441.69

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FUND

Balance January 1, 2004	\$120,434.17
Interest Income	945.09
Due from General Fund	<u>20,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2004	\$141,379.26

TOWN OF CHESTER LAND AND BUILDING ASSETS

DESCRIPTION	ACREAGE	VALUATION
Adams Family Aquifer	30.53	\$ 36,000
Library building	0.43	629,700
Historical Society building	3.86	347,100
Town Hall	0.41	287,200
Wiley land, Cobleigh Street	3.00	40,200
Wastewater Treatment Plant	11.35	354,200
Colbeth land, Grafton Street	0.12	3,500
Quimby lot, School Street	1.10	11,000
Dodge land	9.08	32,400
Cemetery, North Street	5.74	59,500
Town Garage	6.12	361,100
Hadley land	14.10	32,600
Peck land, Reservoir Road	4.00	26,500
Henry land, old Salt Shed	0.63	17,200
Water Tank site (GMUHS)	1.00	9,000
Pinnacle Recreation area	37.28	142,800
Well site, Canal Street	3.00	42,400
Flamstead Acres, Lot 45	0.11	7,500
Field, vic. North Street Bridge	0.50	6,000
Cemetery, Spoonerville Road	0.28	7,600
Well site, Jeffrey Well, Route 103	17.00	49,100
Cemetery, Pleasant View	8.90	24,200
The Green, Main Street	1.50	47,400
Cemetery, Brookside, Main Street	3.80	259,000
Cemetery, Poplar Grove, Popple Dungeon	0.42	6,700
Park, Depot Street	0.55	27,300
Weatherby Farm, Reservoir Road	40.00	54,000
Perry/Pierce land Reservoir Road	501.35	527,200
Bouchard land, Smokeshire Road	0.12	8,100
Cemetery, Smokeshire Road	0.49	6,300
Cemetery, West Chester	1.00	10,400

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Officers of the Chester Police Department responded to 1,802 calls for service in 2004 which include:

DWI	17	Unlawful Trespass	11
Assault	17	Domestic Assault	18
Disorderly Conduct	5	Controlled Substance	15
Larceny	37	Arson	1
Fraud	9	Accidents	73
Vandalism	35	Accidents, Injury.	13
Burglary	29	Mistreatment of Child	2
Theft - Automobile	5	Disturbing the Peace	5
Illegal Possession - Minor	7	Conditions Violation	7
Disorderly Conduct	5	False Info. to Police	3
Harassing Phone	20	Probation Violation	3
Kidnaping	2	Fireworks	3
Bomb Threat	2	Arrest on Warrant	5
Fugitive	3	Careless & Negl. Oper.	2
Motor Vehicle Disturbance	70	DLS Criminal	7
Attempting to Elude	1	Littering	7
LSA Motor Vehicle	7	Ambulance Assist	31
Canine Use (Police Dogs)	35	Burglary Alarm	43
Agency Assist	520	Citizen Dispute	22
Citizen Assist	131	E911 Hang-Up	53
Dead Body	2	Juvenile Problem	29
False Alarm	33	Motorist Assist	29
Lost Property	13	Vehicle Ident. No.	54
Susp. Person/Circum.	132	Welfare Check	30
Traffic Hazard	18	Misc.	216
Threatening	7		

The Chester Police Department was asked to increase their time in motor vehicle enforcement. Officer Wilson, while at the Vermont Police Academy, developed and designed the C.O.R.E. Program. Community Oriented Radar Enforcement (C.O.R.E.) Program means that the Department's officers run radar in locations recognized by the community to be problem areas. The C.O.R.E. Program also uses the money that is generated from ticket revenues to pay for the salary and the cost of the cruiser to operate those details. In 2003, the Chester Police Department wrote 200 tickets and 512 warnings. In 2004, those statistics increased to 614 tickets and 834 warnings.

In 2004, the Chester Police Department was awarded over \$38,000 in grants. With these grants, the Town of Chester purchased 16 new mobile radios, 10 new portable radios, a new repeater system, and two new base radios. With this new town-wide radio communication system, we are now able to communicate with the Town Office, and the Town Highway, Fire, and Ambulance Departments.

Last year, the Chester Police Department also continued with the ongoing programs including working with kids. Members of the Department coached baseball, soccer, basketball, and skiing.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard H. Cloud
Chief of Police

**DRUG FORFEITURE FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 2004**

REVENUES:

Interest Chittenden Bank	\$ 324.35	
Revenues	67,368.18	
Payroll Reimbursement	20,225.42	
Accounts Receivable	<u>21,958.73</u>	
TOTAL		\$109,876.68

EXPENDITURES:

02-421-10 Payroll	\$ 62,040.73	
02-421-15 Fringe Benefits	19,232.92	
02-421-20 Supplies	459.43	
02-421-23 Equipment	5,954.59	
02-421-25 K-9	855.45	
02-421-30 Special Investigations	500.00	
02-421-34 Telephone	4,910.03	
02-421-36 Training	3,701.03	
02-421-68 Vehicle Maintenance/LeasePay.	33,414.75	
02-421-75 Uniforms	<u>187.98</u>	
TOTAL		\$148,063.35

**DRUG FORFEITURE
RECONCILIATION OF CASH
Year Ending December 31, 2004**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2004	\$149,464.78	
Receipts	74,815.46	
Disbursements	41,664.08	
Prior Years Adjustment	<u>1,253.68</u>	
		\$183,869.84
Chittenden	\$ 52,337.27	
Stratevest Closed Out January 30, 2004		
Certificate of Deposit	<u>131,532.57</u>	
TOTAL		\$183,869.84

LLEG BLOCK GRANTS

Cash on Hand January 1, 2004	\$ 5,216.00
Interest Income	<u>90.67</u>
	\$ 5,306.67
Disbursements	<u>\$ 3,137.78</u>
Cash on Hand December 31, 2004	\$ 2,168.89

REPORT OF THE CHESTER AMBULANCE SERVICE

This year, our Service was requested a total of 208 times with the transport of 166 patients from the following situations:

137	Medical Emergencies
40	Trauma Emergencies
19	Motor Vehicle Accidents
2	Public Assists
9	Stand-By (Fire Scenes, etc.)
1	Transfer

To date, we have 24 members that range in certification levels including: 7 EMT-Intermediates, 6 EMT-Basics, 2 First Responders, 7 Trainees, and 2 Drivers. Three of our trainees are currently enrolled in EMT courses and if all goes well, they will be certified as EMT-Basics by early March 2005. We also have 2 EMT-Basics currently enrolled in an Intermediate course and, again if all goes well, they will also be certified at that level during March. We wish all of them the best of luck.

Due to curriculum changes, our current Intermediates also attended training sessions during the month of June. As a result, they are now certified to administer additional drugs in the pre-hospital setting for cardiac, diabetic, and respiratory problems.

We are always looking for new recruits, especially people that can be available for weekday calls. If interested and would like further information, please call me at 875-3134 or by talking to any of our members. You can also visit us on the web at www.chesterambulanceservice.org.

We purchased a new defibrillator that operates with biphasic technology. This technology is still fairly new, but has already been proved to be successful. Thanks to a grant from the Department of Homeland Security and a donation from the Chester Volunteer Rescue Squad, the Town's responsibility for this purchase was defrayed from the total cost of \$10,949.00 to an amount of \$6,500.00. Our old defibrillator is still in service, but is now being utilized as a first response unit by one of our members who lives closer to our more remote coverage area to the west.

During 2004, a committee was formed to start looking into the possibilities of acquiring some land and to begin the planning stages for a new emergency services building. This project is fast becoming a necessity for the Town as all departments, including Highway, are in need of more space. Federal and State mandates continue to place more requirements on each department which, in many cases, demand purchasing equipment, supplies, and training materials for the protection and safety of our personnel. We also need to look into the future of fire and emergency medical service coverage. As volunteers are becoming harder to recruit and retain, where will we stand during the next 20 years? At this time, a piece of land on Pleasant Street has been retained, and we are asking for approval of a bond to make the actual purchase. This would be a major step toward a multi-year project and as everyone knows, real estate prices continue to escalate.

We would like to thank all Town departments including the Town Manager and Select Board. We would also like to thank the members of Springfield Fire Department, the staff at Springfield Hospital, everyone who graciously donated, and all taxpayers of Chester and Andover. Without your support, we would not be able to operate at our current level of pre-hospital care.

I would like to personally recognize and give thanks to every member of our service:

Deb Albert
Deb Aldrich
Heather Bonnett
Scott Bonnett
Mary Ann Bonneville
Scott Bonneville
Linda Carroll
Laurie Cloud

Candi Cook
Hillary Forauer
Allison Forney
Reid Greenburg
Joyce Hill
Jeff Holden
Steve Mancuso
Ken Markwell

Mike Pelkey
Mark Phelps
Eric Richardson
Manasseh Tourigney
Marie Tyrell
Ben Whalen
Mary Wilson

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel J. Cook, Coordinator

REPORT OF THE CHESTER VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

The Chester Volunteer Rescue Squad, once again, would like to thank everyone in the community for their continued support. Because of your support and the help of the volunteer members, the Rescue Squad was able to help the Chester Ambulance Service purchase a new, state-of-the art Zoll Defibrillator. This very important piece of equipment is used when someone is in cardiac arrest. It is also used as a heart monitor and EKG machine. This is the same equipment used by hospitals and Paramedic services.

We continue to promote the safety and education of the community through teaching CPR and being involved with community functions.

Our goal this year is to see the Town acquire land to build an Emergency Services building. To date, we have contributed a third of the down payment to hold the land. The lot we are looking to put the building on is located on Pleasant Street. We will be getting more information out to the public soon. Yes, a very big project but a greatly needed one.

We would like to thank the citizens and businesses of Chester and Andover for their continued support over the years. Also, thank you to the Chester Police Department for their continued support and response to calls and thank you to the Chester Fire Department for their assistance at motor vehicle crashes. With a new President coming in, I would like to personally thank all of the members of the Rescue Squad who have continued to volunteer their time to help support our purpose. We could not do it without you! Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Albert, President
Chester Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc.
P. O. Box 913,
Chester, VT 05143

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Much has been taking place in the Zoning Office during 2004. A total of one hundred and fourteen (114) applications have been received and acted upon since the first of the year. Seventeen (17) applications had to be referred to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for review. In addition, seventeen (17) applications were received which were routed to the Planning Commission for consideration (see their report). There have been many complaints received concerning junkyards which seem to flourish around Town. This has become a troublesome issue which could cost the Town very substantial monies to abate.

The applications were:

13 New Homes	8 Signs
11 Changes of Use	44 Additions
3 Variances	28 Sheds/Barns
2 Home Occupations	4 Miscellaneous

Respectfully submitted,
Cecil H. Waldo
Administrative Officer

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Of the seventeen (17) applications which were routed to the Planning Commission for consideration, six (6) concerned subdivisions totaling sixteen (16) lots. All are considered minor subdivisions and were reviewed and permitted in short order. The Planning Commission also was requested to approve five (5) Boundary Line Adjustments that have yet to be completed as the respective deeds haven't been filed. The six (6) Site Plan Reviews took considerable time as the Commission conducted actual visits to each of the subject sites.

For the first time in many years, the Vermont Legislature has passed massive changes to the Vermont Statutes which will affect our local zoning regulations for years to come. This will require substantial time on the part of Chester's Planning Commission to revise and update the Chester Zoning Regulations.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Bock, Chairman
Harry Goodell
Clair Hesselton
Naomi Johnson
Scott Wunderle

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment met on seventeen (17) occasions and reviewed various appeals concerning Changes of Use, Amendments of Permits, Additions to Projects, and Variances. Each appeal received serious consideration as to the impact on neighborhoods, traffic, capacity of the Town's facilities, bylaws, parking, landscaping, and other factors. All appeals were approved with conditions.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce McEnaney, Chairman
Christopher Curran
Robert McIntyre
Richard Rommer
Patricia Saul
Paul Dexter, Alternate

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

In 2004, the Chester Fire Department responded to a total of **102** Fire calls as follows.

Assist Chester Ambulance Service	2
Assist Chester Police Department	2
Bomb threat	1
Carbon Monoxide investigation	2
Chimney Fire	8
False alarm	9
Forest fire	4
Fuel leak	2
Good intent call	5
Grass/brush fire	5
Illegal burns (brush and trash)	4
Motor vehicle accident	15
Motor vehicle fire	5
Mutual aid to other towns	14
Odor/smoke investigation	4
Power lines down	5
Snowmobile accident	1
Structure fire	14
TOTAL CALLS	<u>102</u>

As many of you may already be aware, as of July 1, 2004, I have stepped up to the position of Chief and Harry Goodell, Chief for 12-½ years, has stepped down to Assistant Chief. Harry has agreed to this to help assure a smooth transition for the good of the Department. I appreciate this so that I may have time to become familiar with all the paperwork that the job entails.

Also this year, the Department has put into service some much-needed equipment; a Tanker and 12 new air packs. The Tanker is on a 1985 Mack chassis with a 4000-gallon tank. After many months of searching, the truck committee found an ideal truck for our needs, and with our limited funds, we were able to purchase, refurbish, and put into service an excellent source of water supply for our Department. I would like to thank all of those involved in the project for a job well done.

We were also able to purchase 12 new Scott NXG (Next Generation) SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) and extra air cylinders, at no cost to the taxpayers, through grants and a generous donation from the Yosemite Engine Company of nearly \$17,000 dollars. The Yosemite Engine Company is made up of the members of the Chester Fire Department with the purpose of raising funds to support the Fire Department in purchasing needed equipment.

The SCBA have heads-up display in the masks to allow the user to easily keep track of air usage and voice emitters to enhance communication. The packs have smaller, light-weight air cylinders and are about half the weight of our older packs. This will help cut down on firefighter fatigue and improve maneuverability. The packs have built-in PAS (Personal Alarm Systems) and quick-change air cylinder system to allow air cylinder changes in less than 10 seconds if needed.

I would like to thank the Fire Explorers and all of the members of the Chester Fire Department for their hard work and dedication over the year. I would also like to thank the Chester Ambulance Service, Chester Police Department, and the Chester Highway Department for their assistance whenever they are needed. All of these Departments work well together as a team whenever the need arises.

And last but not least, I would like to thank the members of the community who support us. I ask for your continued support in March and vote yes for the Article that would

allow us to purchase land for the future construction of an Emergency Services building. This building will house the Police, Fire, and Ambulance Departments and provide a much-needed space that all three Departments have needed for some time. It will also allow the Highway Department to use the old Fire and Ambulance bays for equipment that is now left outside. We have been looking for a good location for some time that is available and affordable, and feel that we have found the ideal location. It is a central location with multiple avenues of approach with good road frontage and enough land to allow for a training area or an area for fund-raising events to support the three Departments.

We have formed a building committee comprising two members from each Department, Police, Fire and Ambulance, a Select Board member, and a prominent member of the community. We have met with a company which specializes in Emergency Services buildings; they agreed that the site is a good one and are willing to put together a needs assessment study for us to present to the public in an informational meeting. We believe that this is the best deal for the taxpayers and if we pass it up, we are likely not to find a location that suits our needs as well and will cost us much more if we delay any longer. The volunteers have donated \$3,000 to put a hold on the property until March Town Meeting when the voters can vote on its purchase.

We don't expect to build on it right away; however, the purchase of the land is the first step of many to complete this project. This project will benefit every person in this community and be a big boost for the morale of the members of these Departments who serve the community. The needs of these Departments have long since been out grown and even if we start now, it will be several years before we can complete it. Thanks for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Holden
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE YOSEMITE ENGINE COMPANY

The Yosemite Engine Company has had a fairly good fund-raising year as a result of the dedication of our members. Our traditional fund-raising efforts were a success, and we will be trying a few new endeavors in the upcoming year.

The Engine Company had one significant purchase for 2004. Chester Fire Department applied for and received a Federal grant to update our aging self-contained breathing apparatus. In conjunction with that Federal grant, the Yosemite Engine Company contributed \$16,943 toward the purchase of twelve new SCBA at no cost to the Town.

Looking toward the future, as our Town expands, the Engine Company is willing to tailor its fund-raising efforts to better our community and make further donations to Chester's Firefighters.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert "Red" MacAllister, Secretary

SNOWFALL

Shown in Inches

SEASON	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	TOTAL
1984-85	0	10	16.25	7	11	13	5	62.25
1985-86	0	11.5	14.5	27	18	8.5	8.5	79.5
1886-87	0	18	23	54.5	1	9	4	109
1987-88	4	11	15	19	36	7.5	1	89.5
1988-89	0	0	9.5	7.5	15.5	9	6	47.5
1989-90	0	5	15.5	38	27	6	0	91
1990-91	0	1	13.5	21	10.5	8.5	0	54.5
1991-92	0	2	20.5	5.5	8.5	5	7.5	47
1992-93	0	3	5.5	26.5	40	26	7	108
1993-94	.5	0	13.5	46	13	22	0	94
1994-95	0	5	6	7	15	4	0	37
1995-96	0	8	29.5	32	9.5	22.5	11	112.5
1996-97	.5	4	19.75	30	22.75	22	8	106.5
1997-98	0	19	13	25.5	7	15	0	79.5
1998-99	0	1.5	6	34	9.5	19	0	70
1999-00	0	.5	2.5	20.25	26.5	15	1	65.25
2000-01	.5	1	16	6	27.5	53	0	103
2001-02	0	0	8	30.5	5.5	20.5	2	68.5
2002-03	7	18.75	31.5	27.5	17.5	5	15.5	122.75
2003-04	.5	5	30.75	10	14.5	12.25	0	68.5
2004-05	0	0	11					
Average	0.62	5.70	15.27	23.74	16.79	15.4	3.83	80.78

REPORT OF THE FIRE WARDEN

The Town of Chester issued over 500 burn permits during 2004 and without any serious fires. People no longer have to come into the Town Offices to get their permit; they may just call. During working hours, one should call 875-2173 and after hours or during the weekend, I can be reached at 875-2714. Although a permit is not required when snow is on the ground, we do appreciate a call so that we are aware of locations of burns and do not send out our fire equipment because we get a call reporting smoke.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan S. Spaulding
Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

Greetings to the Town of Chester from the Health Officer. I hope everyone had a healthy and productive year. For those of you who were diagnosed with new illnesses, I hope you are receiving the care you need, and that you are following the recommendations put forth by your health care provider.

This year, as everyone is well aware, there was a shortage of the flu vaccine. Everyone, regardless of their vaccine status, should wash their hands frequently and avoid touching your face with unwashed hands. If your children are sick, keep them home, and if you are sick, please stay home as well!

The Childhood Lead Prevention Program is still in effect. The guidelines recommend all toddlers aged one and two should be tested for lead. In Vermont, 9 percent of two year olds tested, as well as 5 percent of one year olds tested, had elevated lead levels. In 2003, only 68 percent of one year olds and only 13 percent of two year olds were screened. Any questions? Call 1-800-439-8550 for the Lead Program at the Vermont Department of Health.

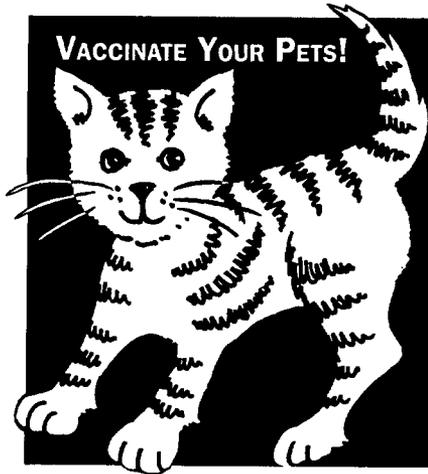
And finally, Vermont has seen an increase in diabetes in people over 18. This has increased by 7,000 new cases since the year 2000! The risks for this disease are obesity or overweight, as well as lack of exercise and heredity. In 2003 only 51 percent of Vermonters met the requirement for moderate physical activity. Diabetes was the sixth leading cause of death in Vermont in 2002. Please make a New Year's Resolution to cut down on sugar and fat and begin exercising! I know a lot of people work very hard all day, but in addition to this a simple brisk walk for 20 minutes three times a week can cut down your risk of diabetes!! (And give you more energy.)

That's all from the Health Officer; have a healthy and safe New Year. If anyone has any questions or comments for me, I can be reached at 875-3942.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie M. Thorsen, RN BBA
Chester Town Health Officer

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.



Questions? Call the Vermont Rabies Hotline
1-800-4-RABIES (472-2437)

Vermont Department of Health • Health Surveillance Division
P.O. Box 70, Burlington, VT 05402 • 863-7240 or 1-800-640-4374

2005 DOG AND CAT RABIES CLINICS

Athens - Sat., March 5, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Old School House - \$7

Chester - Sat., March 19, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Town Garage - \$7
Dog Licenses available for Chester residents only

Bellows Falls - Sat., March 12, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Village Garage
next to Playground - \$7

Rockingham - Sat., March 26, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Rockingham Vet.
Clinic, Lower Bartonville Road - \$7

Reminder to renew dog licenses by April 1
(Neutered: \$6; Non-Neutered: \$10)

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY SEXTON

The Cemetery Department maintains seven cemeteries (three in Village area, four outside), the Village Green, the Town Garage lawn, Memorial Field, the Library lawn, the Pinnacle Recreation Area, and several small areas for a total of approximately 32 acres to be mowed. Village cemeteries are mowed on a two-week rotation and other areas in the Village are mowed weekly. The four outside cemeteries are mowed monthly.

The following activities took place in the Town cemeteries during 2004:

	<u>Brookside</u>	<u>North St.</u>	<u>Pleasant View</u>	<u>Outside Cemeteries</u>
Lots/Grave Spaces Sold	2	0	5	0
Monument Bases/ Foundations Installed	4	0	10	1
Cornerstone Sets Purchased/ Installed	1	0	4	0
Military Markers Placed	0	1	2	1
Burials	1	2	10	1

The Cemetery Sexton is a member of the Vermont Cemetery Association, an organization dedicated to excellence in the care and administration of cemeteries in the State of Vermont. The Sexton also belongs to the Vermont Old Cemetery Association, an organization dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Vermont's historic cemeteries.

Jeffrey Sheldon was hired this year to assist the Cemetery Sexton in anticipation of the Cemetery Sexton's future retirement. The new position will be Cemetery and Parks during the fair weather and Highway during the winter months.

As a reminder to owners of lots in Chester cemeteries, please remove summer seasonal arrangements from lots by October 31 and fall/winter seasonal arrangements by April 15. Also, the planting of trees and shrubs is not allowed in cemetery lots.

I would like to thank everyone involved with Chester cemeteries for their help and encouragement in working with me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Barrett
Cemetery Sexton

CHURCH STREET BRIDGE

19TH CENTURY

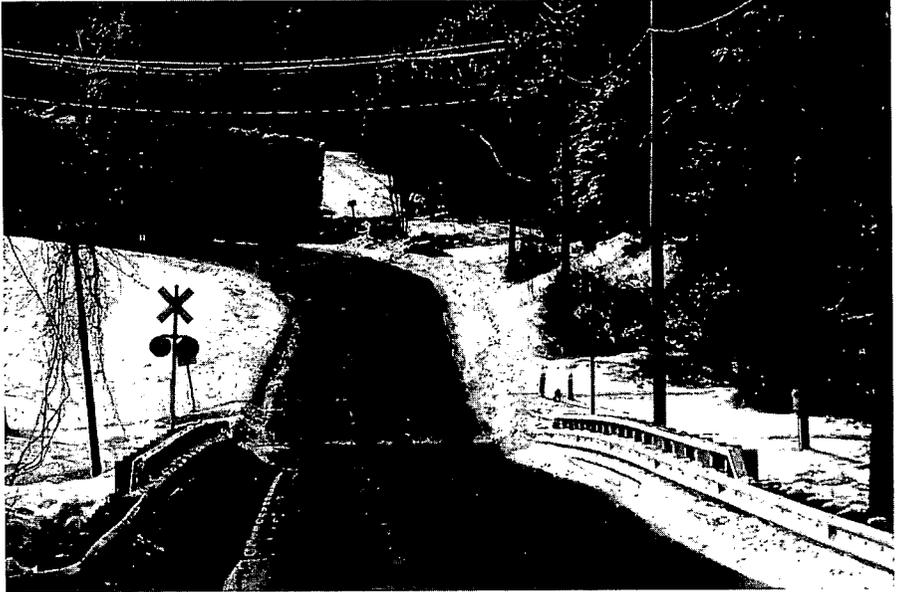


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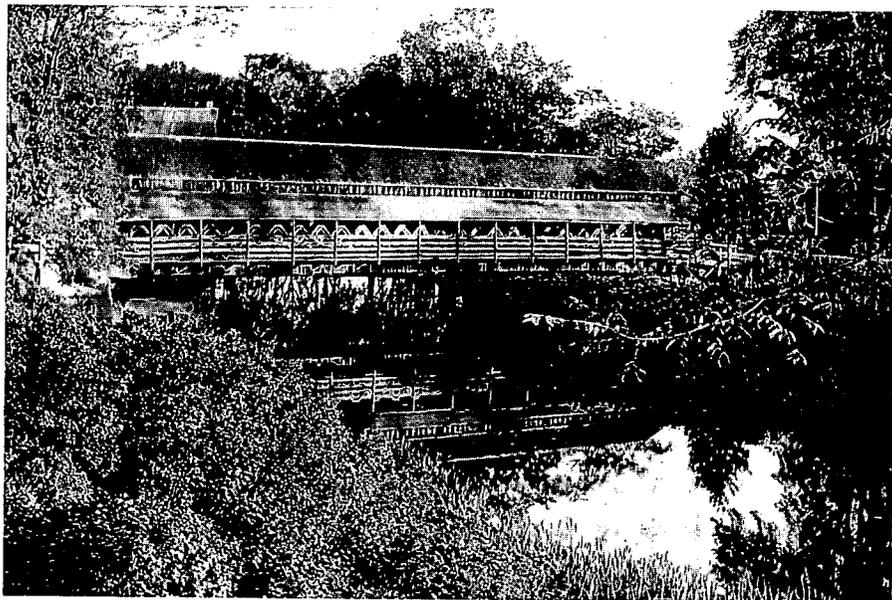
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NORTH STREET BRIDGE

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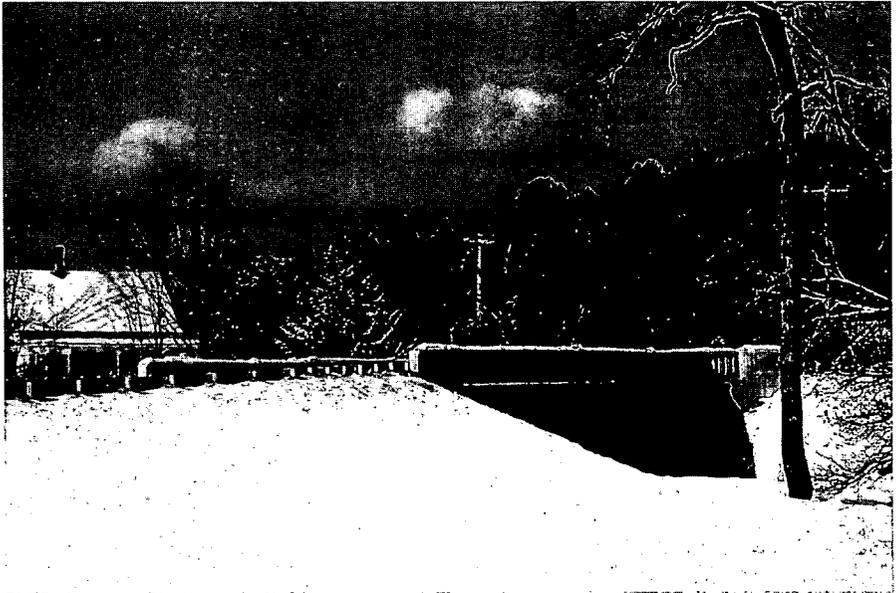


NORTH STREET BRIDGE

20TH CENTURY



21ST CENTURY



LISTERS' REPORT

The Town of Chester received a letter from the State of Vermont indicating that it was time to look toward doing a reappraisal. The Listers have started the process by sending out letters looking for proposals from eighteen reappraisal companies around New England. The due date for these proposals is the end of January 2005. With this in mind, the reappraisal probably will not start until at least 2006. But we have been getting some of the ground work done toward that end. We have all the sales data on Excel to make sorting and analysis easier.

Act 68, the new educational funding law that replaces Act 60, caused the Listers additional work this year. Attending informational meetings, refiguring homestead amounts, and explaining to the public the new tax structure took a lot of time. The one thing that seemed to cause the most confusion was the HS-131 Homestead Declaration form. As it stands now, this will be a yearly form to be filed and everyone who owns a home and is a full-time resident must file. There will be penalties for those who do not.

The Listers have a new Current Use computer program that was offered free through the Vermont Association of Listers. We are currently transferring data and expect to generate notices and reports from this program this spring.

We had only a few grievances and none of them went on to the Board of Civil Authority.

Respectfully submitted,
Wanda C. Purdy, Chair
George C. Cook
Donald W. Robinson

REPORT OF THE RECREATION DIRECTOR

This year saw an overall increase in participation by the citizens of Chester. Enrollment in youth programs is on the rise. Programs for adults are being instituted.

Without a doubt, the most used facility in Town is the skateboard park. Rain or shine, year round, it is in use. To their credit, the kids who use the facility also help maintain it. A crew of skateboarders helped paint and clean up the area last spring. We were able to resurface some of the most-needed jumps. More need to be rebuilt and resurfaced. We had hoped to organize some competitions, but until the facility is repaired and made safer, that is not a possibility. The Recreation Department has received some donations in memory of Shawn Forbes. Those funds will be applied to design upgrades and repairs. The potential for this facility to increase and expand its use is tremendous. We will continue to work on long-range plans and designs.

The Town pool was well attended this year although the water did not warm up until early July. Consideration to heating the pool remains in the long-range plans. Planned repairs to the pool walls were completed this year, and next year the skimmers will be repaired as leaks are getting worse. Our theater program grew this year, and the participants were enthusiastic about its return. The tennis courts were resurfaced this year and are used for lessons as well as club matches. A new hitting wall was installed with donations of materials and labor.

Both Little League fields were overhauled with the much appreciated help of the students who attended the Opportunities in Learning School. Enrollment increased for these programs, and we take this opportunity to thank the parents and coaches for a great season. Parent volunteers make youth programs possible.

Our soccer, basketball, softball, and baseball programs are enthusiastically run by parents and community members. Over the next couple of years, many of our "veteran" parents will move on with their children to the next level of sport. We thank them all for making youth sports a huge success in Chester. We encourage and depend on new volunteers and ask anyone interested to contact the Director of Recreation with any questions. The Snack Shack was a great success this year, providing lunch, snacks, and beverages for anyone at the Pinnacle. The program not only supported itself and provided a needed service but raised some funds to offset other youth program costs.

We have some plans for this winter, some of which, of course, rely on favorable weather. First is a plan to create a mini-half pipe at the Pinnacle. We have plans to move snow and create a recreational opportunity for the kids in Town. Second is the skating area at Cobleigh Field. Nets will be available to allow for ice hockey to be played along with the figure skating which is already available. Lights may be used for night skating. Third is the availability of the weight room at Green Mountain Union High School. The Recreation Department has been working closely with Scott Renfro to provide some new equipment and supervision in the weight room. The facility is open to Chester residents on Tuesday and Thursday evenings through the winter from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and use the Nautilus and elliptical machines, treadmill, stationary bikes, and free weights.

It was a great year overall for the recreational health of our Town. Looking ahead, long-range plans include expanding and improving the facility at the Pinnacle. There is potential at this site for increased services and events. We would like to see a Pavilion built which would create sheltered eating and cookout areas. This would allow family gatherings, events, and overall broadened use of the recreation area. The Recreation Department sees the potential for a large, indoor facility sometime down the road. Providing year-round healthy activities for our community members of all ages is the goal.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen W. Nelligan
Director of Recreation

**STATEMENT OF TRUST FUNDS
HELD BY TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

Investments	Market Value
Investment Income - 2004	\$ 1,844.48*
Short-Term Investments	8,058.53
Mutual Funds: Fixed Income	189,031.99
Equity	<u>281,885.54</u>
TOTAL	\$480,820.54

*\$1,844.48 to be disbursed January 2005

**TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS
PAYABLES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004**

Due Town of Chester:	\$ 1,514.43
Due Chester Town School District:	
Abbie Ingalls School Fund	3.68
Due Chester Schools:	
Williams School Fund	281.62
Ojanen Latin Fund	2.60
Due Whiting Library:	
Holden Fund	<u>42.15</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,844.48

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

The Statements of Trust Funds, Payables, and Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended December 31, 2004, for the Trustees of Public Funds have been prepared from the report of Chittenden Investment Services.

Respectfully submitted,
Erron J. Carey
George C. Cook

**TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
2004**

Funds	Receipts		Income Disbursements			Principal Invested
	Income	Principal	To Town	To Schools	To Library	
Cemetery Fund	\$ 587.31	\$ 1,000.00*	\$ 587.31	\$	\$	\$ 1,000.00
Campbell for Poor	47.86		47.86			
Samuel Adams Cemetery	0.15		0.15			
Howe-Peabody	276.10		276.10			
Fullerton Cemetery	2.41		2.41			
Samuel Adams Poor	149.64		149.64			
Salter Poor Fund	3.68		3.68			
Cyprus Minerals	447.28		447.28			
Abbie Ingalls School	3.68			3.68		
Williams School Fund	281.62			281.62		
Ojanen Latin	2.60			2.60		
Holden Library	42.15				42.15	
Capital Gains Distributions		3,996.89				3,996.89
TOTAL	\$ 1,884.48	\$ 4,996.89	\$ 1,514.43	\$ 287.90	\$ 42.15	\$ 4,996.89
			82.069%	15.641%	2.290%	

*From Individuals - Perpetual Care

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY AND BOARD OF TAX ABATEMENT

The world will little note, nor long remember that there were isolated places of calm rather than of strife or storm in 2004. One such islet of peace was Chester's Board of Civil Authority. For the first time in long years, the Board had not one single appeal from a tax assessment to deal with. We do not know whether this reflected faith in the judgment calls of the Town's three Listers in assessing the comparative value of one property alongside another, resignation to the inevitability of taxes, or diversion of interest and other concerns. All we know is that we were quiet.

The Board of Tax Abatement had no such calm but still had a reasonably quiet year. That Board consists of the local Justices of the Peace, the Selectmen, the Town Treasurer, and the Listers. The Board's power to eliminate or relieve individual tax assessments is limited by State law to cases where there is evidence of...

- ...the death of taxpayer who is insolvent at death
- ...the removal of the taxpayer from the State
- ...manifest error by the Listers in the assessment
- ...a loss of property (e.g., by fire)
- ...the taxpayer's inability to pay the taxes and collection fees

Most of the cases before us involved loss of property or the taxpayer's movement out of state. These are straightforward ones. The alleged "inability to pay" is tougher. There is no leeway in the law for oversight in meeting tax deadlines or in recognizing unproven hardship in paying the tax bills. If case by case leeway was possible, there can be little doubt that there would be a floodgate of appeals each year. The legislature knew what they were doing when they drew up that list of allowable cuts.

All the ten incumbent Justices were reelected in the November's voting. Town Meeting in March 2004 authorized the election of two more Justices in view of the population passing the 3,000 mark. One of the two new Justices, Everett Bennett, has been a Justice before. The other, Roderick Bates, is a newcomer to the Board.

The fact that the Board of Civil Authority's duties as supervisor of local elections go ahead so smoothly is due to the extraordinary services of the Town's Clerk and her staff. We thank them sincerely.

Respectfully submitted,
John R. Coleman, Chairman
Board of Civil Authority
and Board of Tax Abatement

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

YEAR	WARRANT RECEIVED	TAXES COLLECTED	TAXES ABATED	B.C.A. ADJ.	BALANCE DUE	INTEREST DUE	PENALTY DUE
1998	\$ 1,643.61	\$ 1,003.65	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$ 639.96	\$ 710.36	\$ 51.21
1999	3,552.49	62.36	0.00	0.00	3,490.13	3,245.92	279.21
2000	10,650.74	6,313.75	0.00	0.00	4,336.99	3,252.74	346.95
2001	23,936.08	20,325.55	0.00	0.00	3,610.53	2,058.00	288.86
2002	59,908.71	42,984.72	0.00	0.00	16,923.99	6,600.37	1,353.93
2003	188,934.64	136,100.69	0.00	0.00	52,833.95	11,091.90	4,226.74
2004	371,146.99	194,235.34	2,367.62	0.00	174,544.03	5,208.17	14,040.02
	<u>\$659,773.26</u>	<u>\$401,026.06</u>	<u>\$ 2,367.62</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$256,379.58</u>	<u>\$32,167.36</u>	<u>\$20,586.92</u>

PROCEDURES FOR TAX SALE

A Tax Sale is a remedy available to a municipality to ensure collection of its local property tax. The right to sell real estate to satisfy taxes is a wholly statutory right. The first step is to have the Tax Collector "extend" his Warrant on the property in question.

The next step is to advertise such property for sale at public auction, both publicly on the Notice Board and in a local newspaper, as well as Notices of Tax Sale sent directly to the property owner by registered mail. All mortgage and lien holders are sent the same notice.

After three successive weeks of advertising, and at least ten days from the last advertisement, the property is sold at public auction if the taxes remain unpaid. The owner of a property may redeem the property within one year by paying to the Tax Collector the tax due, together with 1% interest per month plus all associated charges. The Tax Collector then returns the funds to the purchaser and releases the property from the Tax Sale Lien.

When the time for redemption (i.e.: one year) has passed, and the property has not been redeemed, the Tax Collector will execute and deliver to the purchaser a Quit Claim Deed.

The Town of Chester may become the purchaser at a Tax Sale, if a bid equal to the tax and costs is not made at such Sale. Property so acquired may be held, leased, sold and conveyed like other real estate belonging to the Town of Chester. The redemption period of one year also applies to the Town.

2005 PROPERTY TAXES DUE SEPTEMBER 15, 2005

After this date, all Delinquent Taxes have an 8% penalty plus interest of 1% per month for the first 3 months and 1 1/2% per month thereafter.

Your property will be subject to Tax Sale after this date, in accordance with Article 5, Title 32, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Voters of Chester:

SIZE OF THE WINDSOR SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION

As of July 1, 2004, the Windsor Southwest Supervisory Union consisted of the following 11 school boards:

SCHOOL BOARDS	DIRECTORS	VOTES
Andover	3	1
Baltimore	3	1
Cavendish	5	3
Chester	3	1
Landgrove	3	1
Londonderry	3	1
Peru	3	1
Weston	3	1
Chester-Andover Elementary School	5	3
Flood Brook Union School	8	3
Green Mountain Union High School	7	3
TOTALS	<u>46</u>	<u>19</u>

The Chester Board of School Directors has representation on the Supervisory Union Board in accordance with Vermont Statutes.

FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDS AND PROGRAMS

Please see the Chester-Andover and Green Mountain Annual Reports.

ENROLLMENT

The following is the grade enrollment for your Town School District of students attending Chester-Andover Elementary School and Green Mountain Union High School as of October 12, 2004:

GRADES	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Ungraded	TOTAL
	36	31	29	34	31	43	40	45	45	43	49	29	30	1	524

Chester has 10 students tuitioned to other schools; 3 school-choice students that attend other schools and 1 student in the Job Corps.

CONTINUED COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

During the past year, agendas of the School Board meetings have been sent to the local papers prior to the meetings. The Chester-Andover Elementary School Board meets the first and third Mondays of each month. Green Mountain Union High

School Board meets the first and third Thursdays of each month. The public is invited to all meetings. Each month, a list of activities which will take place in the schools is publicized in the area newspapers.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special Education Programs, supported in part by Federal and State funds, provide essential instructional and related services to eligible students with special needs such as those with a specific learning disability, an orthopedic handicap, a speech or hearing impairment, or other handicapping condition. After a formal evaluation is completed and determines that a student is eligible for special education services under Federal and State law, an Individual Education Program (IEP) is developed for the student to address those special needs that cannot be met through the regular education program alone.

For further specific information related to curriculum programs, school finance, and other school items, please see the Chester-Andover Elementary School and Green Mountain Union High School Annual Reports.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Chester for their continued support and understanding of education.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward J. Brown
Superintendent

**CHESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF CASH
JUNE 30, 2004**

Cash on Hand July 1, 2003	\$ 32,254.99
Add Cash Receipts for year	<u>5,905,155.06</u>
TOTAL	\$5,937,410.05
Deduct Cash Disbursements for year	<u>\$5,873,123.61</u>
Excess Revenues over Expenditures	\$ 64,286.44

**CHESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2004**

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 205,335.85	
Accounts Receivable	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 205,335.85

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 29,479.33	
Loan Payable	<u>599,980.00</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 629,459.33

EQUITY

Undesignated Fund Balance	(<u>\$ 424,123.48</u>)	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		\$ 205,335.85

**CHESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004**

REVENUES

Local Share/State	\$ 37,769.00
Bank Interest	850.66
Abbie Ingalls Fund	50.75
Williams Fund	587.88
State Support Grant	2,900,658.00
Local Share/Town	1,488,197.00
Transportation	100,940.00
Mainstream Block Grant	145,863.00
Special Education	451,960.00
EEE	20,463.00
State-Placed Student	<u>18,071.00</u>
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	 \$5,165,410.29

EXPENDITURES

Special Education	\$ 818,299.40
Technical Center	39,367.00
Student Services	85,337.11
Supervisory Union Assessment	169,316.21
School Clerk/Treasurer	500.00
School Directors	75.00
Business Services	5,092.35
CAES Assessment	1,806,750.98
GMUHS Assessment	2,419,357.32
Regular Education Programs	<u>15,199.00</u>
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	 \$5,359,294.37

Reconciliation of Cash June 30, 2004

Total Receipts	\$5,165,410.29
Total Expenditures	<u>5,359,294.37</u>
	(\$ 193,884.08)

CHESTER TOWN DISTRICT SCHOOL BUDGET

EXPENDITURES

	Fiscal Year 2004-2005	Fiscal Year 2005-2006
GMUHS Assessment		
Regular	\$2,082,248	\$2,504,610
Special Education	143,730	459,398
Transportation	180,658	200,883
Bond	26,470	25,791
CAES Assessment		
Regular	1,588,893	1,925,439
Special Education	162,720	414,400
Transportation	66,998	68,033
Bond	15,213	14,720
Special Education		
Mainstream Block Grant	146,512	158,495
Bill Back	685,195	0
EEE	60,000	60,000
Other Instructional Services	30,000	50,000
Supervisory Union Assessment	184,725	0
Bank Charges	11,000	100
Bank Interest	0	16,000
School Directors	75	75
Clerk Treasurer	500	500
Technical Center	132,232	0
Audit Fee	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
TOTAL	\$5,519,669	\$5,900,944

REVENUES

Prior Year's Deficit	\$ (250,000)	\$ (323,684)
Abbie Ingalls Fund	60	60
Lease Land	60	60
Interest	5,000	2,000
Capital Debt Hold Harmless	0	0
Special Education	357,331	393,249
Block Grant	146,512	158,495
EEE	20,909	19,941
Transportation	116,600	126,390
Basic Education For Technical Ctr.	88,770	0
Education Spending Revenue	<u>5,034,427</u>	<u>5,524,433</u>
TOTAL	\$5,519,669	\$5,900,944

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by DOE

	LEA: 047			Act 68
	S.U.: Windsor Southwest			
	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	Act 68
PRELIMINARY				
District: Chester				
County: Windsor				
Expenditures				
1.	Budget (local budget, excluding special programs reported in line 3, full tech expenditures and any Act 144 expenditures)			
2.	+	\$4,752,860	\$4,953,999	\$5,519,944
3.	+	75,141	86,685	not applicable
4.	+	\$4,828,001	\$5,040,684	\$5,519,944
5.	+	-	-	-
6.	+	-	-	-
7.	+	-	-	-
8.	+	-	-	-
9.	+	\$4,828,001	\$5,040,684	\$5,519,944
10.	+	-	-	-
11.	+	-	-	-
12.	+	\$4,828,001	\$5,040,684	\$5,519,944
13.	-	-	-	-
14.	-	-	-	-
Revenues				
15.	+	\$ 617,667	\$ 527,375	\$ 396,472
16.	+	705	-	-
17.	+	-	-	-
18.	-	-	-	-
19.	-	-	-	-
20.	-	\$ 618,372	\$ 527,375	\$ 396,472
21.	-	-	-	-
22.	-	\$ 618,372	\$ 527,375	\$ 376,511
23.	-	\$4,209,629	\$4,513,309	\$5,524,433
24.	-	547.64	528.47	529.04
25.	-	\$ 7,687	\$ 8,540	\$ 10,046
25a.	-	not applicable	not applicable	threshold=\$10,889
26.	+	not applicable	not applicable	threshold=\$11,347
27.	+	not applicable	not applicable	10,046
28.	-	not applicable	not applicable	147.736%
29.	-	\$ 1,655	\$ 1,764	based on \$6,800
30.	-	\$ 93.61%	\$ 89.74%	based on \$1.02
31.	-	\$ 1,740	\$ 1,940	based on \$1.05
32.	-	3.01%	3.21%	based on \$1.02

Locally adopted or warned budget

Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget

Gross Act 68 Budget

Total revenues

Adjusted local revenues

Education Spending (Act 68 definition)

Education Spending per Equalized Pupil

District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)

Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized

Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)

Estimated homestead tax rate, actual

Household Income Percentage for income sensitivity

The projected base education spending amount of \$6,975 is subject to Legislative approval. The base education homestead tax rate of \$1.02 and the income percentage cap of 1.85% are based on the recommendation of the Governor's Office and are subject to Legislative approval.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CHILD FIND (SECTION 504) NOTICE WINDSOR SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION

The Windsor Southwest Supervisory Union is required by Federal laws 94-142 and Section 504 and State regulations to identify and locate all persons with disabilities between the ages of birth and 21 who may be in need of regular education, special education services, or accommodations in accessing public education. If you know of any individual residing in the Towns of Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, and Weston whom you suspect of having such needs but who is not currently receiving them, please contact the Director of Special Services/504 Coordinator, Madelyn Crudo Burke at 875-3365, Ext. 23, or Nancy Malette, Case Manager at 875-3365, Ext. 21, or the school principals at Cavendish, Chester-Andover, Flood Brook, or Green Mountain.

NON-DISCRIMINATION DISCLAIMER

The School Board recognizes its obligation to respect the legal rights of all students, parents, employees, applicants for admission or employment, and those conducting business with the District. The Board will comply with all applicable Federal and State non-discrimination laws including Title VI, Title IX, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, and will not discriminate against any person or group on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, gender, age, handicapping condition and/or disability, or sexual orientation. A process of referral, evaluation, and placement of handicapped students exists in accordance with Section 504.

WHITING LIBRARY

The Trustees and staff of the Whiting Library wish to convey our deepest gratitude to the Town of Chester, the individual contributors, and our wonderful volunteers and friends. We especially note a generous donation from the Hansen Savage Estate. We could not manage without all of you.

The year 2004 has been outstanding in your Library. The Freeman Foundation Grant continues to enrich our services and building. Please notice the new bicycle rack outside and the changing table in the bathroom. Our media room now has new shelving to accommodate our collections of DVDs and Books-on-CD, courtesy of the Grant. The Librarian has purchased many PBS and BBC programs such as Agatha Christie's "Miss Marple" and "Poirot," "Sherlock Holmes," "All Creatures Great and Small," and "Brideshead Revisited." This type of program has been frequently requested by our patrons and is extremely popular. Additional reference books are enhancing our collection.

The Freeman Grant continues to fund a computer teacher and a Children's Librarian. It also enables us to be open until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. The computer classes, taught by Bill Lundy, are offered on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for three-week sessions. Please telephone us if you are interested, whether you are a beginner or beyond.

Our children's services include our weekly story hour with crafts and songs. This is the first social experience for most of the children and is an opportunity for their parents to get to know each other. Parents were also deeply involved in our Summer Reading Program, "Telling Tails" (animal themed), which included a patriotic pet parade, a stuffed animal hospital, and a K-9 demonstration. Chester's Paul Ippolito led a sing-along at the final program. Rounding out our children's services are school visits, junior librarians, and Red Clover discussion groups for home-schooled children. A new young adult section has been created in the Reference Room for sixth to twelfth-grade youth and has proven to be very popular. Travel kits are now available for younger children on long car rides.

Our Book Discussion Group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. Some of the books read this year includes Memoirs of a Geisha, Girl with a Pearl Earring, and Carelli's Mandolin. We always welcome new members or visitors.

The Library continues to offer tax preparation assistance through AARP. Three-trained professionals are available.

We continue to offer the Vermont-on-line Library to Chester residents. It is a vast resource of information from journals and newspapers in areas of news, business, medicine, literature, etc. Go to www.vtonlinelib.org

Other programs this year included "19th Century Popular Music," a Vermont Humanities program given by Eric Bye of Chester; two gardening programs by local residents; an author reading event, cosponsored with Misty Valley Books; a reading/discussion program given by the Weston Playhouse on one of their upcoming plays, also with Misty Valley Books; and poetry readings. During the holiday season, we had an edible ornament-making program for the bird's tree.

The Chester Art Guild continues to enrich our Library with rotating exhibits. Some of the artists featured this year include Robert Sydorowich, Ann Mausaloff, Barbara Brady, and Sue Zeller.

We issued 164 new library cards this year, Internet usage numbered 2,100, and 183 outside groups used our community rooms. Tutoring is often done there as well. A piano has generously been donated to this room.

The beautiful and unusual 19th Century architecture of your Library is looking so much better since the overgrown yew shrubs were removed. Our thanks for the Town for this work.

Finally, we invite you all to a Library open house on Wednesday, April 13, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. where you can see for yourselves the changes in the Library, meet the members of our new Friends of the Library and perhaps join, and enjoy refreshments and live music with your neighbors and friends.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Lindman, Library Director

TOWN MANAGED FUNDS

Savings Account (Chittenden Bank)

Balance 01-01-04	\$60,599.32
Paid to Town	<u>31,911.06</u>
Balance Available	\$28,688.26

Deposits	\$61,115.37
Interest Income	<u>470.22</u>
Balance December 31, 2004	\$90,273.85

Less: Due to Town - Expenses	\$14,999.25
- Payroll	<u>41,127.37</u>

Balance available 12-31-04	\$34,147.23
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**STATEMENT OF FUNDS
HELD BY TRUSTEES OF WHITING LIBRARY
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

Cash

Cash on Hand	\$ 100.00
Memorials Savings Account (Banknorth)	5,208.14
Regular Savings Account Balance (Banknorth)	5,072.98

Investments

Banknorth C/D (Maturity 04-21-05)	Market Value \$22,385.41
Eaton Vance Income Fund (735.372 shares)	4,838.75
J. P. Morgan & Chase Common Stock (1,427.3819 shares)	53,169.98

SPRINGFIELD/CHESTER REGIONAL RECYCLING AND TRANSFER CENTER

Three years of partnership has benefitted the cause while magnifying the effort. The welcomed volume of recycled materials rapidly fills our newly acquired storage space and forwards our shipping schedules. Regional population has been declared "stagnant;" however, there is little evidence of this at our site. Gradual, steady growth in clientele and calculating the best manner to restructure our operation remain the two overarching themes affecting the Springfield/Chester Recycling Center and Transfer Station.

What some regard as a small contribution has financed some important improvements. Nickels, bottle, and can donations have allowed the purchase of: tools, a garden cart, items for packing recyclables, construction of a storage loft, cement for construction of another pad, and will cover the cost of our trailer storage units. The original Formation Committee diligently oversees your donations. We are fortunate to have a Department of Public Works to skillfully construct items for our needs and a creative staff that can engineer other plant alterations. Hancor Corporation has filled a void created by the sale of Ben and Jerry's. We have relied heavily on their generosity through contributions of shipping containers and recently some construction materials.

Another big plus for all area recycling centers was the hiring of a Recycling Coordinator for our Solid Waste District. Rachael Zegarius can be reached at the Ascutney Regional Planning office. She assists with many aspects of our work. Removal of our hazardous commodities requires peripheral resources. Rachael is an important resource.

A concern for vehicle stickers has surfaced; however, a fair assessment of regional users is essential. A user inventory is the fairest system for deciding on a cost-sharing assessment. The evaluation system will most likely be employed during the warmer months.

Specific informational sheets are available at the Chester Town office and True Value Hardware.

Respectfully submitted,
Seeley Morton
Hallie Whitcomb

SOUTHERN WINDSOR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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

During FY 2004, member towns contributed 4 percent to the Regional Planning Commission's annual budget of \$616,365.00. Town dues assessment was based on \$1.00 per person using 2000 census data, which for the Town of Chester was \$3,044.00. The remaining revenues were derived from federal and state funding sources: Federal funding supported transportation planning activities and the administration of Community Development Block Grants; State funds were derived from the Agency of Natural Resources for environmental planning, and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for land use planning and other related activities.

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

In addition to providing ongoing technical assistance to member towns, in the last year, the Regional Planning Commission assisted the Town of Chester with several projects. The SWCRPC continues to work on traffic mitigation issues along Route 103 during the ski season, assisted the Planning Commission with completing the adoption process of the Town Plan, provided technical assistance on zoning related issues, and is working with public safety officials on emergency management issues.

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

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

CHESTER-ANDOVER FAMILY CENTER

I would first like to thank all of you who help support us through the year with donations of food, money, and your time. As we approach our 10th anniversary, we find that the support from our community remains stalwart. I would also like to remember Perry Edgar; without his help and commitment, the CAFC would not have had such a successful start. We are all better for knowing him and having him as such an important member of our community. He is missed by all of us.

We continue to provide assistance from our food shelf on a regular basis, serving different families on alternate Thursdays throughout the year. During the holidays, we provided Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to as many as 48 families and individuals. The gratitude that was expressed was heartwarming. Our schools and local business continue year after year to be generous and many, it seems, look forward each year to doing so. We have some that shop at Christmas and take great joy in the thought that what they provide will go to a child that might not have had much else to look forward to. This truly is the Christmas spirit at work. This year found us purchasing a medium-sized chest freezer to help store our donations of turkeys. We received large donations of turkeys from two area businesses as well as produce and boxes to package the meals. The Lions Club provided five complete family meals and one area business supplied one as well as a local church Sunday school. Thank you.

In addition to holiday meals, each family was afforded a free shopping day at the boutique after Christmas. We find that those who take advantage of it certainly do not abuse it, and many become frequent shoppers and steady customers.

The Feed the Thousands Campaign always provides much needed food and money during a time in the year when our resources are put to the test. Each year, the community answers the call by digging deeper and giving generously. I spoke with one of the Springfield Savings and Loan officials who head the drive and he praised our schools, commenting that they outperformed all the other schools in other towns. This is a credit to them as well as you, the parents. Each year, we hear of children who make it their mission to contribute. Some bring in money they have earned or saved and some have their parents take them shopping and bring in what they buy. The look on a child's face when they give us their donation is inspiring. It reminds us that compassion and doing well have their own reward.

The boutique continues to provide affordable shopping for all and at times is quite busy. We continue to receive donations of clothes and other items that provide our inventory. It is helpful to us if donations are clean and usable. Just remember if it's not good enough for YOU to wear, it's probably not saleable. It then becomes a disposal problem for us as well. Please understand that it is also difficult for us to take donations that are not in season as storage is limited. We continue to find items left when we are closed and this is a problem. There is no protection from the elements and a quick shower, snow, or rain can ruin what was left.

The area in which we continue to struggle is that of the volunteer. There are no paid employees. Our volunteer base directly affects our hours of operation. I'm sure that more than one person has arrived to shop and found us closed when we should have been open. Primarily this occurs due to lack of coverage. It is our policy that we not open unless two people are able to be in attendance. This is for our safety, as well as those who shop. If you would be able to commit to a three to four-hour time slot once a week, we would like to talk to you; please stop by.

The CAFC provides a necessary resource for many families and individuals. Helping when times are tough and providing for many who are just getting started in adult life. We have seen young people shopping for work clothes and as well as providing encouragement for their success. It is gratifying to have those who we have helped in the past return to provide assistance in the form of money or food once they have returned to their feet.

Once again, I would like to thank all of you for your support and urge you to continue doing so. This is a community effort and epitomizes what a Vermont community is all about. Taking care of its own.

Respectfully submitted,
Everett M. Bennett, President

WINDSOR COUNTY PARTNERS

Mentors for Youths

Our youth mentoring program celebrated its 30th anniversary this year. The Vermont Commission on National and Community Service recognized our milestone with a Governor's Award for Outstanding Community Service while we continued to provide at-promise youth with positive, healthy, and supportive adult role models that help improve our youth's self-esteem, direction, and leadership potential.

Last year, we supported 32 mentoring partnerships for children aged 10-17 throughout Windsor County, and served two Chester residents. Our corps of committed Senior Partner volunteers spent over 3,780 hours with these children, providing them with guidance, modeling of healthy behaviors, and fun and wholesome activities and opportunities.

We also sponsored 13 activities allowing all of our Partnerships to get together and share a fun and cost-free activity. Each activity contained an anti-substance abuse component and fostered a congenial and fun-filled atmosphere completely devoid of violence, alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs. Partners especially enjoyed singing holiday carols to nursing home residents, climbing at The Wall, a pool and pizza party, and our 30th anniversary celebration picnic.

Our adult volunteers initially commit to meet for about three hours each week for a year with a child of the same sex. Many mentoring relationships last three or more years. All of our services are free of charge to the volunteers, children, and families we serve.

The organization is in the process of finalizing a five-year strategy plan that seeks to expand the organization to support 100 mentoring partnerships by December 2009. We request continued support of our work to better serve more of our area's youth.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Mary Beth Heiskell, Executive Director, at (802) 674-5101 or (800) 491-5101 or windsorcountypartners@adelphia.net.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Beth Heiskell, Executive Director

RETIRED & SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM OF WINDSOR COUNTY

In 2004, the RSVP volunteer program joyfully celebrated its 30th anniversary in Windsor County. RSVP was established locally in 1974 as part of the Corporation for National and Community Service. With generous sponsorship by Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont and the United Way, RSVP has matched hundreds of individuals over the age of 55 with agencies and neighbors who benefit from their donation of skills and talents. After joining RSVP, many of these folks volunteer for 5, 10 or even 20 years, giving their time generously to a variety of positions and places. The savings to local nonprofit organizations, schools, and public agencies over the years has been tremendous.

Last year, 25 Chester volunteers donated over 3,000 hours to support Chester-area community organizations. They are a remarkable group, and we are very grateful to each and every one of them. Among the services they provided were assisting at Whiting Library and the Vermont Center for the Book, staffing the Chester Information Booth, serving on the board of Meals on Wheels, reading to students at Chester-Andover Elementary School, and providing support services at Springfield Hospital. Throughout Windsor County, RSVP volunteers offered more than 22,500 hours of service to 65 organizations.

Today, RSVP is evolving to meet the changing needs of our communities. With new staff on board, we are energized to help caring people find their niche in the world of the future.

Literacy: The newest program we have established is a basic literacy program at the Southern State Correctional Facility. This program has been extremely well received, and we hope to support its growth and add a community literacy project in FY2005.

Environment: We are expanding our collaboration with the Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks & Recreation, due to the success of our pilot project. In addition to the maintenance of trailheads in the western region of Windsor County, we will expand into Ascutney State Park, offering both maintenance and interpretive information to visitors at the summit.

Digital Divide: Because computer literacy has become essential for communication and success in many endeavors, we hope to recruit computer tutors in 2005 to work with seniors and other community members on computer skills.

Emergency Preparedness: Another initiative we have undertaken is working with the local fire departments to support Emergency Preparedness efforts. As part of both the local and national security picture, volunteers will be trained to work at emergency shelters, provide food for staff responding to emergency events, and create a public awareness program of the coordinated operations plans in place in case of disaster.

Independent Living: Because of our emphasis on helping seniors and disabled persons remain independent in their homes, we have developed a small transportation program, "**Stepping Out.**" RSVP collaborates with the Council on Aging of Southeastern Vermont to find volunteer drivers for those without a network of family and friends to get to needed appointments, grocery stores, and pharmacies.

Decision-making: RSVP will continue the Thresholds decision-making program at Southern State Correctional Facility, and develop a similar program at the women's facility in Windsor, specifically adapted to the needs of that population.

As we move ahead into the 21st century, we look to the **Baby Boomers** to find out how RSVP can be their ticket to fulfillment. It is our hope that individuals age 55+ who are new to our communities, still in the workforce, or just retiring will get in touch to see how they can continue RSVP traditions and create new ones. Please contact us by phone at 885-2083, by email at rsvp@vermontel.net, or at our Web site www.vtrsvp.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Wendlandt, Director

COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT, INC.

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

- **Community Cares Network**, a program of COASEV, coordinates an array of services to Chester residents including transportation to doctors' appointments and the hospital, friendly visiting, banking and errands, and special service days to assist with house chores. Volunteers, local fund raising, and town and COASEV funding supports CCN's activities of enabling Chester residents to live independently at home.
- **Information and Assistance** -- through the Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 -- Providing resources, tips, applications for benefits, and assistance with health insurance information.
- **Senior Nutrition** -- Home-delivered meals are currently provided through a contract with Meals and Wheels of Greater Springfield. A total of 6,112 meals were served to 99 Chester clients during 2004.
- **Transportation** -- Providing door-to-door accessible transportation with Community Cares Network. In addition, special arrangements are made for non-Medicaid seniors requiring medical transportation.
- **Case Management** -- Providing one-on-one case management to those wishing to stay in their community and by managing the Medicaid Waiver Program which provides nursing home-like care. With self-neglect referrals, we assist the individual to become aware of and access services thus regaining control of their lives. COASEV is currently providing services to 78 clients, an increase of 11.4 percent over 2003. The estimated cost for this service for Chester seniors during 2004 was \$65,910.
- **Advocacy** -- Assisting with accessing a wide array of benefits such as VHAP pharmacy, fuel assistance, food stamps, telephone Lifeline, tax rebates, and Supplemental Security Income. These services are provided through home visits.
- **Care Giver Respite** -- Through grants, we are able to provide respite assistance for care givers of those diagnosed with dementia and other chronic diseases.
- **Senior Companion Program** -- Providing friendly visiting as well as a stipend employment opportunity for older, limited income workers.
- **Planning** -- for seniors is accomplished by working with legislators, other agencies, and the communities we serve.
- **Successful Aging Initiatives** -- Providing a series of small community grants for groups and organizations to create and expand their programs.

Your Town contribution of \$2,800 generates \$15,867 in Federal matching funds to support these activities. Services are provided at no cost but participants are encouraged to make anonymous, voluntary contributions. The support of Chester citizens as well as that of the hundreds of volunteers and dedicated staff make these services possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Saunders, Executive Director

MEALS & WHEELS OF GREATER SPRINGFIELD INC.

Your Meals on Wheels Program continues to do the work of taking care of those who are in need of nutritional assistance in Chester. In doing so, it is proving that Chester is providing for those who are temporarily in need of the most basic help.

Chester Meals on Wheels is serviced by Meals & Wheels of Greater Springfield Incorporated, the sole management of this nutrition project. They make all the relevant decisions and have complete responsibility for the operation of this Program under the strictures provided by the contract under the Older Americans Act.

The Program is presently providing meals to the recipients seven days a week and making deliveries five days a week. Last year, the deliveries were lifted from the three-days-a-week schedule in order to more adequately service the needs of the clients who are the prime consideration in everything done by this Program. In addition, the Program increased its Coordinators from two to three to see that the service meets the operating needs of the clients. By this measure, we now have a Coordinator who is responsible for the Chester-area clients.

In increasing the Coordinators by one, the staff now totals four part-time members in support of the seventy-five volunteers that make this Program possible.

Many who are part of the Chester Meals on Wheels Program attend the congregate meals served at the Congregational Church on Main Street in Springfield. All in Chester are encouraged to join them at these dinners as well as at the Monthly Banquets on one Thursday each month. They are festive occasions with special entertainment, community speakers, door prizes, and with birthday recognitions. It is anticipated that more entertainment will be provided in the future, especially at the Monthly Banquets.

In the words of the wise, your Meals Program is the best held secret in this area.

Our deep appreciation to the Town of Chester who has made this Program possible by their support; the Board of Directors express their very big thank you to all.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond Nymalm, Chairman
Board of Director

SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Southern Windsor County's regional economy has continued to make important strides in 2004. These investment steps taken now lay the foundation for further focused implementation.

Our work of economic development is set against a backdrop of the Regional Strategic Plan for Southern Windsor County (see our website for detail, www.springfielddevelopment.org). This vantage provides the anchor for direction, resource allocation and setting of organizational priorities. And to get our work accomplished, the "tools of our trade" are many and varied, and include technical assistance or other program resources, as follow: International Business Development; State of Vermont and Federal Business Procurement; Access to Employee Training Programs; Energy Efficiency Programs; Help in Keeping Manufacturers Competitive; Business Plan Development; Marketing Support; Facilitation of Public and Private Financing; Permitting Assistance; Workforce Development Programs, and Tax Credit Program.

These tools are used to support established businesses in the region as our #1 goal. We do this through the Business Visitation Program (BVP) – that is a program of regular, structured company visits as a way for us to see and hear firsthand about the issues affecting our economy. The recently conducted "Business Forum" held in Chester was a great success; a good way to highlight resources, share information and encourage business networking. All Chester companies were invited as well as the Town Officials. We feel that this forum further strengthened the relationship between the Town of Chester, the local development corporation, Chester businesses, and the SRDC organization. We see this forum as a model for other towns in the region.

Regional Development Corporations have many other competing priorities, such as business recruitment. We spend a good amount of time generating and following up company leads and contacts – our success rate is quite high here as our region has much to offer. Within the last year, we have developed a regional brand for doing business in Southern Windsor County, and we're working on the rollout now. We anticipate completion of the SRDC marketing plan this fiscal year and believe this will be another important step in the identification and packaging of new business opportunities for Springfield and our region. Here are some additional ways we work to provide value-added for our economy: Chester Business Visitation Program and Forum; Strong Chester representation on the SRDC Board of Directors; Effective communication flow with the Town Manager, Select Board members and the Chester Development Group; Sustainable Technology Incubator to serve as the Region's innovation and entrepreneurial needs; VT Hardwoods relocated at the old Bear Paw facility; SRDC Newsletter *Economically Speaking*, an important tool for providing information to established and prospective business to the region (Chester put information into our last publication); Active marketing of available "value-added" real estate for economic development; Acting as a resource and advocate to the Town of Chester, and the Chester Development Group in achieving local development goals.

We appreciate your support of SRDC and economic development in the region – and we look forward to continuing to work with and for you. Please contact us with any of your comments or questions; carol@springfielddevelopment.org, (802) 885-3061.

Respectively submitted,
Carol Lighthall, Executive Director

GEORGE D. AIKEN RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council celebrated 40 years of "making things happen" for towns with natural resource conservation and rural development projects this past year. We are here to serve your community. We coordinate and facilitate assistance to town governments, school districts, fire departments, watershed groups, and nonprofit organizations in the six southern Vermont counties. By bringing together help from our extensive network of resources, we can focus technical and financial resources on your specific needs. We get technical assistance and staff help through the U. S. Department of Agriculture but private sources make up most of our budget. The Council is a self-supporting 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Highlights of our work in the six counties in 2004 include:

- Thirteen towns received a total of \$68,685 to improve water quality and upgrade back roads through our better back-roads grants.
- We are developing complete water supply plans identifying all potential useable water sources for fire fighting for three towns.
- Twenty-six towns received funding and engineering assistance to design and install dry hydrants as a source of water to fight fires.
- We provided \$60,000 in grants and \$119,000 in loans to support agritourism on farms.
- One town received assistance from a consultant to help them prepare for and go through an ISO (Insurance Service Office) evaluation. Towns are given a rating from one to ten by the ISO and many insurance companies use that rating to set their rates. If a town can lower their ISO rating, it may lead to lower insurance costs for businesses and residents in that town.
- We serve as the fiscal agent for the White River Partnership, Orange County Headwaters project, and Connecticut River Birding Trail.
- Teams of high school students from throughout the area participated in the Vermont Envirothon.

Other current projects include helping a town with flooding problems, erosion control and stream-bank stabilization in several locations, helping to develop community centers and recreation fields and two projects helping to connect residents with locally grown food. We currently have funding available for low interest loans (3.0 - 5.0%) to develop agritourism ventures on farms. Do you have a project or program that could use some assistance to "make it happen?" Over the years, the George D. Aiken RC&D Council has helped many communities and organizations on a variety of projects. We work on a request basis, so the first step is up to you, giving us a call. For information and free consultation, call Kenneth Hafner, our RC&D Coordinator, at (802) 728-9526 or email: kenneth.hafner@vt.usda.gov.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Farnsworth, Chair

BIRTHS		DATE OF BIRTH 2004	SEX	PLACE OF BIRTH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
Abrah Maureen Farrar	June 12, 1988	F	Springfield	Alan R. Farrar	Kimberly M. Amidon	
Hannah Elizabeth Paul	July 9, 1996	F	Springfield	Brian L. Pelletier	Jody L. Paul	
Lauren Angelina Greenslet	January 7	F	Springfield	Trevor L. Greenslet	Cortney A. Greenslet	
Jacob Elijah Thayer	January 23	M	Springfield	Christian L. Thayer	Jessica L. Spafford	
Zoe Renee Chaves	April 24	F	Springfield	Andrew D. Chaves	Samantha J. Dwinell	
Grace Nicole Guild	May 18	F	Brattleboro	Thaddeus M. Guild	Jan M. Furhat	
Noah Raymond Schilling	May 21	M	Springfield	Stephen P. Schilling	Mollie C. Robertaccio	
Jazmin A. Beam	May 22	F	Springfield	Jacob A. Beam	Amanda M. Smith	
Eva Jayne Svec	May 23	F	Springfield	Jeffrey J. Svec	Wendy R. Diskin	
Corinne Helen Lindberg	June 1	F	Springfield	Stuart N. Lindberg	Michele J. Mauti	
Andrew Fred Wilson	June 18	M	Springfield	Jeremy J. Wilson	Dianna M. Cox	
Jorran Keith Bickford	August 4	M	Springfield	Roger W. Bickford	Crystal A. Loveland	
Hannah Lee Farrar	August 4	F	Brattleboro	Michael D. Farrar	Heather L. O'Neil	
James Christopher Birmingham	August 26	M	Springfield	Eugene A. Birmingham	Laurie E. Schon	
Sydney Angelina Handren	September 14	F	Springfield	Mark E. Handren	Lillian M. White	
Courtney Lynn Spaulding	September 15	F	Springfield	Roy E. Spaulding	Kelly J. Crossman	
Tristan Anais Prescott	October 1	F	Brattleboro	Matthew A. Prescott	Phillisa A. Jones	
Adeline Allison Belcher	November 9	F	Springfield	Aaron J. Belcher	Eliabeth A. Cook	
Austin Roger Stoodley	November 9	M	Springfield	Jeffrey F. Stoodley	Sarah R. Baraw	
Eliza Faith Robichaud	November 14	F	Rutland City	Mark J. Bursque	Shannon H. Robichaud	

MARRIAGES

NAME OF GROOM	RESIDENCE	NAME OF BRIDE	RESIDENCE	DATE 2004	PLACE OF MARRIAGE
Allen C. Barrette	Sanford, ME	Justine L. Higgins	Sanford, ME	May 29	Chester
Thomas J. Bystrek, Sr.	Chester	Marion L. Maxfield	Cromwell, CT	June 24	Chester
Samuel W. Calkins, Sr.	Westfield, MA	Lillian E. Lindsay	Westfield, MA	April 26	Springfield
Adrian C. Charest	Sudbury, MA	Abigail J. Thomas	Sudbury, MA	July 10	Chester
Trevor R. Colburn	Chester	Adrian C. Perkins	Chester	September 5	Chester
Gerald C. Cross	Claremont, NH	Susan E. Reed	Chester	March 20	W. Townshend
Joey E. Dyson	Chester	Silvia J. Alva	Chester	March 6	Rockingham
Andrew R. Erskine	Chester	Jennifer L. Cawvey	Chester	November 13	Weathersfield
Michael D. Farrar	Chester	Heather L. O'Neil	Chester	May 15	Chester
Jeremy L. Foreman	Chester	Lani S. LaBelle	Chester	September 11	Chester
Ronald P. Gorman, Jr.	Jacksonville, FL	Kimberly P. Smatt	Boston, MA	June 26	Chester
Evan H. C. Grant	College Park, MD	Pamela C. Toschik	College Park, MD	May 22	Chester
Jeffrey J. Henderson	Nantucket, MA	Melissa D. Benson	Nantucket, MA	April 17	Chester
Paul V. Huggon	Chester	Nikki Geannelis	Chester	August 7	Chester
Christopher E. Inzerillo	Hubbardston, MA	Julie A. Carleton	Hubbardston, MA	August 17	Chester
Steven M. Landolt	Worcester, MA	Colleen A. Mullaney	Worcester, MA	August 20	Bartonsville
Norman L. Lowden III	Chester	Courtney L. Dwinell	Chester	August 21	Andover
Timothy J. Mack	Chester	Kathleen L. James	Chester	August 28	W. Fairlee Cir.
Kenneth E. Markwell, Jr.	Chester	Angela S. Murray	Chester	August 20	Andover
Sean P. Meagher	Townshend	Jenifer A. Bristol	Townshend	June 5	Chester
Lance W. Nelligan	Chesapeake, VA	Kara Y. Ewell	Chesapeake, VA	July 31	Chester
Peter A. Newkirk	Walpole, NH	Heather L. Health	Walpole, NH	October 23	Rockingham
Dwayne A. Nichols	Chester	Cathy J. Brusseau	Springfield	September 18	Weathersfield
Timothy E. Parsons	Gill, MA	Sandra M. Young	Gill, MA	February 14	Chester
Robert G. Perham	Chester	Linda M. Thayer	Chester	December 3	Chester
Troy A. Rietta	Chester	Martha C. Dole	Chester	September 5	Chester
Alex S. Robertson	Ocala, FL	Tanya M. Shyer	Ocala, FL	July 8	Chester
Michael E. Wallace	Waterbury, CT	Frances D. Lutz	Waterbury, CT	December 31	Chester
Thomas A. Warin	Somerville, MA	Nora D. McGunnigle	Somerville, MA	October 5	Chester
Russell C. Watson	Albany, NY	Linda Larschan	Adirondack, NY	July 1	Chester
Gayland M. Williams	Chester	Priscilla J. Lynch	Chester	September 18	Chester

CIVIL UNIONS

PARTY A	RESIDENCE	PARTY B	RESIDENCE	DATE 2004	PLACE OF CIVIL UNION
Kimily A. Harrison	Cincinnati, OH	Shirley D. Conrad	Florence, KY	October 9	Chester
Jeanne M. Kratt	Buffalo, NY	Cheryl J. Potter	Cheektowaga, NY	August 2	Ludlow
Diana P. Lavenuta	Woodbridge, VA	April J. Clemens	Woodbridge, VA	December 21	Chester
Kenneth D. Rozell	Sherman Oaks, CA	Michael S. Neuwirth	Sherman Oaks, CA	May 30	Chester
Michael G. Skora	Sherman Oaks, CA	Robert J. Rukavina	Sherman Oaks, CA	May 30	Chester

DEATHS		RESIDENCE
NAME	DATE OF DEATH 2004	PLACE OF DEATH
SEX	AGE	
Dorothy H. Adams	March 23	Chester
Mary S. Adams	November 3	Chester
Fannie M. Aho	January 2	Springfield
Gilbert F. Bastian III	November 13	Springfield
Norma E. Bratton	December 19	Springfield
Dennis M. Cody	December 28	Springfield
Alfred Cohn	June 19	Chester
Florence E. Duby	September 27	Springfield
Maurice B. Durgin, Jr.	October 27	Springfield
Perry L. Edgar	May 25	Hartford
Arthur P. Farrar	December 16	Lebanon, NH
Geraldine W. Foster	September 7	Springfield
Gladys A. Gleason	February 7	Springfield
Mary E. Goss	June 29	Chester
Donald C. Heath	December 19	Chester
W. Freel Hudkins	July 22	Chester
Maynard A. Jackson, Sr.	September 11	Chester
Amy M. Kendall	February 19	Springfield
Eila M. Liuska	February 27	Chester
Erwin E. Massey	May 14	Springfield
Paul F. Massey	January 26	Hartford
Frank H. Murray	June 17	Springfield
Elmer G. Sanford	December 26	Springfield
Hanson M. Savage	July 2	Townshend
James L. Shillabeer	January 23	Chester
Dawn M. Stillwell	November 9	Chester
Elizabeth L. Vigneault	September 20	Chester
Sally A. C. G. B. Villemaire	June 27	Chester
Anno M. von Heimburg	May 12	Chester
Muriel C. Whitney	March 18	Ludlow
Francis E. Williams	December 19	Springfield

SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND THE TOWN MEETING

The annual Town School District Meeting and Town Meeting were held March 1, 2004, on the Second Floor of the Town Hall. Voting on Article 1 and the first three Articles of the Town School District Meeting were by Australian Ballot on March 2, 2004, on the Second Floor of the Town Hall.

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING:

The Town School District Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Moderator, Mr. William E. Dakin, Jr., with the Pledge to the Flag. Mr. Dakin asked for permission for nonresidents to speak if it was necessary. There were no objections and the Moderator would use his discretion on any Article that may be of interest to them.

The Warning was read for the Chester Town School District Meeting. Directors were introduced: Chairman, Erron J. Carey, George C. Cook, and Alison DesLauriers.

ARTICLE 1, 2, and 3: School officers elected. See page 3 of this Report.

ARTICLE 4: Voted to raise the sum of \$5,519,669.00 to pay current expenses and any part of the Town School District's indebtedness, payable to the Town School Treasurer on September 15, 2004.

ARTICLE 5: Voted to authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of the Town School District's indebtedness.

ARTICLE 6: Voted to authorize the Town School District to accept payment from the State Department of Taxes under Act 68.

ARTICLE 7: Voted to accept the reports of the Town School District officers.

ARTICLE 8: Voted to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.

The Moderator called for a three-minute break so that the Boards could change places.

TOWN MEETING:

The Moderator introduced the members of the Select Board: Chairman, Seeley Morton, Richard Jewett, Arnold Stoddard, Michael LeClair, William Lindsay, and the Town Manager, Susan Spaulding. The Moderator then asked for permission for the Town Manager and Graham Kennedy, the Director of Public Works, to speak if necessary.

The Warning was then read.

House Representative, Erron Carey, was given permission to speak to the Assembly before the regular meeting began because she needed to be at another Town Meeting. She was happy to report that the North Street Bridge would be completed by the coming fall. She has been working very diligently toward that goal. She said that if any citizen had a question or concern, she was available by telephone or mail. She received a round of applause.

The Moderator then called the Assembly to the business at hand.

ARTICLE 1: Election of officers. See page 3 of this Report.

- ARTICLE 2:** Voted to accept gifts and trust funds for perpetual care of cemetery lots in accordance with conditions of said gifts and trusts as follows: Margaret V. Daly, \$75.00; Theodore and Janice Hastings, \$150.00; Richard H. and Christine Spaulding, \$150.00; Keith and Joyce Hill, \$250.00; John and Elaine Stone, Edward and Joni Stone Lastes, \$375.00; William Salo, Jr., and Joyce A. Gagnon, \$125.00; Ulrich and Ann Waldmann, \$250.00; R. Judson Bolles, \$375.00; Carl and Linda Davison, \$125.00.
- ARTICLE 3:** Voted to exempt from municipal and school taxation for a period of five years, 100% of the Fair Market Value of the land and buildings occupied by the Gassetts Grange.
- ARTICLE 4:** Voted to elect 12 Justices of the Peace as provided by Law given the 2000 Census figures.
- ARTICLE 5:** Voted to raise a sum not to exceed \$70,000.00 for the purchase of an excavator to be financed over five years.
- ARTICLE 6:** Voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,700.00 to assist the Meals on Wheels with the expense of providing hot and cold home delivered meals and other nutritional needs to qualified residents of the Town of Chester.
- ARTICLE 7:** Voted to appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to RSVP to develop opportunities for people 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community through volunteer service.
- ARTICLE 8:** Voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,800.00 to the Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont. The sum of \$1,000.00 goes to the Council on Aging and the sum of \$1,800.00 goes to Chester Cares Network, a community based, long-term care program of the Council.
- ARTICLE 9:** Voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,900.00 to assist the Windsor County Court Diversion Program, Inc., in paying operating expenses.
- ARTICLE 10:** Voted to appropriate and raise in taxes \$600.00 for Windsor County Partners for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County.
- ARTICLE 11:** Voted to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Chester-Andover Family Center.
- ARTICLE 12:** After being amended to raise the budgeted amount by \$12,300.00, it was voted to raise the amount of \$1,793,220.53 payable to the Town Treasurer on September 15, 2004.
- ARTICLE 13:** Voted to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness.
- ARTICLE 14:** Voted to accept the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 2003.

ARTICLE 15: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

The foregoing is not a complete copy of the minutes of the Annual Meetings, but only an excerpt from the record. A complete copy of the minutes may be found in General Records Volume 12 in Town Hall.

/s/ Sandra K. Walker
Town Clerk/CVC

**TOWN OF CHESTER
WARNING
NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall Second Floor in said Town on Tuesday, November 30, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., to act on the following Article by Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the bonds of the Town of Chester, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 (ONE MILLION DOLLARS), less any grants or assessments, be issued for the purpose of completing Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements authorized by the Town at the March 6, 2001, Annual Meeting thereof (Australian Ballot).

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 20th day of October, 2004.

*/s/ William L. Lindsay, Chairman
/s/ Richard G. Jewett
/s/ Michael J. LeClair
/s/ Seeley W. Morton
/s/ Arnold P. Stoddard*

SUMMARY OF THE BOND VOTE

The result of the November 30, 2004, Bond Vote on the Second Floor of the Town Hall by Australian Ballot on the following:

ARTICLE 1

Shall the bonds of the Town of Chester, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 (ONE MILLION DOLLARS), less any grants or assessments, be issued for the purpose of completing Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements authorized by the Town at the March 6, 2001, Annual Meeting thereof.

The results of the vote are as follows:

YES: 196

NO: 316

*/s/ Sandra K. Walker
Town Clerk/CVC*

**TOWN OF CHESTER
WARNING
NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall Second Floor in said Town on Tuesday, January 11, 2005, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., to act on the following Article by Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the bonds of the Town of Chester, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 (ONE MILLION DOLLARS), less any grants or assessments, be issued for the purpose of completing Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements authorized by the Town at the March 6, 2001, Annual Meeting thereof; said bonds to be paid by the Wastewater system users (Australian Ballot).

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 15th day of December, 2004.

/s/ William L. Lindsay, Chairman
/s/ Richard G. Jewett
/s/ Michael J. LeClair
/s/ Seeley W. Morton
/s/ Arnold P. Stoddard

SUMMARY OF THE BOND VOTE

The result of the January 11, 2005, Bond Vote on the Second Floor of the Town Hall by Australian Ballot on the following:

ARTICLE 1

Shall the bonds of the Town of Chester, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 (ONE MILLION DOLLARS), less any grants or assessments, be issued for the purpose of completing Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements authorized by the Town at the March 6, 2001, Annual Meeting thereof; said bonds to be paid by the Wastewater system users.

The results of the vote are as follows:

YES: 258

NO: 71

/s/ Sandra K. Walker
Town Clerk/CVC

**WARNING FOR CHESTER
TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

The Legal Voters of the Town of Chester School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall Second Floor on Monday, February 28, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. to act on the following Articles. Voting on Articles 1, 2, and 3 will be by Australian Ballot on March 1, 2005, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Second Floor.

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect Town School District Officers for the ensuing year by Australian Ballot.
- ARTICLE 2:** To elect Directors for Chester-Andover Elementary School for the ensuing year by Australian Ballot.
- ARTICLE 3:** To elect Directors for Green Mountain Union High School for the ensuing year by Australian Ballot.
- ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town School District will vote to raise money to pay current expenses and any part of the Town School District's indebtedness, if so, the amount, to whom paid, and when paid.
- ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town School District will authorize the Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of the Town School District's indebtedness.
- ARTICLE 6:** To authorize the Town School District to accept payment from the State Department of Taxes under Act 68.
- ARTICLE 7:** To act on the reports of the Town School District Officers for the year ending December 31, 2004.
- ARTICLE 8:** To transact any other business deemed proper when met.

Dated at Chester, Vermont, January 28, 2005.

/s/ Erron J. Carey
/s/ Alison DesLauriers
/s/ George C. Cook
Chester Town School District Directors

**TOWN OF CHESTER
WARNING
NOTICE OF TOWN MEETING**

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall Second Floor in said Town on Monday, February 28, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., to act on the following Articles. Voting on Article 1 will be by Australian Ballot on March 1, 2005, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Second Floor.

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect Town Officials for the ensuing year as provided by the Public Laws of Vermont and citizens to serve on the Budget Committee (Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to accept gifts and trust funds for perpetual care of cemetery lots in accordance with conditions of said gifts and trusts as follows: Susan Ericson and Cris Ericson, \$250; David and Joy Loveland, \$250; Robert E. and Olive C. LeBrun, \$250; Bradford and Diann Gorham, \$250; James and Paula Perry, \$125.
- ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise money to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness; if so, the amount, to whom and when paid.
- ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$75,000 for the repairs to the Town Hall to be paid for over five years.
- ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to use a sum not to exceed \$20,000 from the Equipment Fund for the purchase of a vehicle for the Highway Department.
- ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to purchase land owned by Arthur Fornier on Pleasant Street for the sum of \$147,000 for the future site of a Public Safety building, one-third to be paid from Forfeiture Funds and the balance to be financed over five years.
- ARTICLE 7:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$12,300) to help support the health care and hospice care of patients in their homes by staff and volunteers of the **Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire**.
- ARTICLE 8:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY ONE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,791) to help support outpatient services by staff of **Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc.**
- ARTICLE 9:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,800.00) toward the support (\$1,000) of the Council On Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. for its services of case management, information, referral, nutrition and caregiver support and the continued support (\$1,800) of the Chester Cares Network, a community based, long term care program of the Council On Aging for Southeastern Vermont.

- ARTICLE 10:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of **EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND FORTY NINE DOLLARS (\$8,649.00)** to help support the **Springfield Regional Development Corporation**.
- ARTICLE 11:** Shall the town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,900 (*same amount as last year*) to assist the Windsor County Court Diversion Program, Inc. in paying operating expenses.
- ARTICLE 12:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of **TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED and 00/100 (\$2,700.00)** to assist with the cost of operating the Meals on Wheels program that provides hot and cold congregate and home delivered meals and other nutritional needs, to qualified residents of Chester daily.
- ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town of Chester will appropriate the sum of \$3000.00 (three thousand dollars) to assist in the services of the Chester-Andover Family Center for individuals and families in need.
- ARTICLE 14:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to RSVP, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Windsor County, to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community through volunteer service?
- ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to have the members of the Budget Committee appointed by the Selectmen rather than elected by the voters.
- ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness.
- ARTICLE 17:** To act on the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 2004.
- ARTICLE 18:** To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not including the expenditures of Town Funds or other business acted upon in the preceding Articles.

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 24th day of January, 2005.

/s/ William L. Lindsay, Chairman
/s/ Richard G. Jewett
/s/ Michael J. LeClair
/s/ Seeley W. Morton
/s/ Arnold P. Stoddard

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TOWN MEETING

February 28, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.
in Town Hall Second Floor

March 1, 2005

in Town Hall Second Floor
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING

First and Third Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION'S MEETING

First and (if needed) Third Monday 7:00 p.m.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT'S MEETING

Monday 7:00 p.m. as required

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