

Town of
Brighton, Vermont

ANNUAL REPORT ~ 2003

*Island Pond's New Footbridge
(completed September, 2003)*

Photo courtesy of Richard E. Dill, Esq.



JOHN ALFRED POOR

**International Railway Builder
Founder of Island Pond Village**

**1853 - 150th Anniversaries - 2003
First International Railway in North America
Creation of Island Pond Village**

This year the Town of Brighton celebrated the 150th anniversary of two local historic events. In July 1853 the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada was born, linking Montreal, P.Q. with Portland, Maine through our area. It established the Village of Island Pond as its great halfway terminal.

John Alfred Poor of Portland was the key American promoter of this railway. He had purchased much of the land that is now Island Pond and was influential in making this decision.

From 1853 until recent years, the railroad was the principal employer of the Town and contributed to its prosperity. The Island Pond Historical Society commemorated these historic occasions at its annual meeting in August, 2003. It is appropriate for the Town of Brighton to recognize John Poor and these important milestones in local history.

(Sketch and commentary courtesy of John Carbonneau, President Emeritus of Island Pond Historical Society, Inc.)

Annual Report
of the Town and the Officers of
Brighton, Vermont



OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge allegiance to the Flag
of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands
one nation under God, indivisible
with liberty and justice for all

For the year ending December 31,

2003

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Community Information

March 1, 2004 - School & Town meeting - School meeting at 7:00 PM; Town Business meeting at 7:30 PM, both at Brighton Municipal Building

March 2, 2004 - Town Meeting Elections - 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM at Brighton Municipal Building

April 1, 2004 - Last day to license dogs

General Information

Date of Charter: August 31, 1781

Population: 1,260

Size: 34,368 acres

2003 Educational Grand list: \$768,783.18

2003 Municipal Grand List: \$768,783.18

Telephone Numbers

Fire Emergency	911
Police Emergency	911
Ambulance Emergency	911
Administrative Assistant	723-4753
Brighton Elementary School	723-4373
Day Care Center	723-6231
Fire Station	723-4444
General Information	723-4405
Island Pond Health Center	723-4300
Library	723-6134
North Country Union High School	334-7921
Poison Information	1-802-658-3456
Probate Court	723-4770
Road Foreman	723-6432
Senior Center	723-6130
State Police	723-4343
Town Clerk/Treasurer's Office	723-4405
Town Constable	723-4322
Town Garage	723-5039
Water/Sewer Emergency	723-4424/723-4459

Town Officers

		Term Expires
Moderator	Thomas Donnellan	2004
Town Clerk/Treasurer	Lucille Stevens	2006
Ass't. Clerk/Treasurer	Margaret Castonguay	2006
Selectboard	Robert Merchant	2004
	Peter Sprague	2005
	Ouida Testut	2006
First Constable	Theodore Miller	2004
Listers	E. Elizabeth Galunas	2004
	*Joseph Bremseth	2005
	Muriel Webb	2006
Town Grand Juror	Theodore Miller	2004
Town Agent	Joel Cope	2004
Library Trustees	*Mary Ellen Hannington	2004
	**Krystina Kurzej	2004
	Lisa Clarke	2005
	Elizabeth Cope	2006
	Muriel Webb	2007
	Margaret Castonguay	2008
Cemetery Commissioners	Roger Fletcher	2004
	William Hawkins	2005
	Robert Daniels	2006
School Directors	Emil Lemay	2004
	**Charla Nadeau	2004
	Marshall Frizzell	2005
	J. P. Gervais	2005
	Muriel O'Gorman	2005
	*Betty O'Brien	2006
School Director (NCUHS)	Bernard Henault	2005
Auditors	**Muriel Leonard	2004
	Virginia Wing	2004
	*Beverly Goupee	2005
	Barbara Pratt	2006
Health Officer	**Lydia McMillan	2004
Delinquent Tax Collector	Muriel Web	2004
Water Commissioners	Ralph Wilkins	2004
	Reginald Hunt	2005
	Steve Osborne	2006

		Term Expires
Sewer Commissioners	**Ralph Wilkins	04/01/04
	**Steve Osborne	04/01/05
	**Reginald Hunt	04/01/06
Administrative Assistant	**Joel Cope	
Zoning Administrator	**Albert Goulet	05/02/05
Zoning Board of Adjustment	**Cliff Biron	06/13/04
	**Philip Sanborn	06/13/04
	**Carlisle Whitehill	06/13/05
	**Brian Riggie	06/13/06
	**Alan Wing	06/13/06
Planning Board	*Diane Sharon	09/01/04
	*George Lanoue	09/01/04
	**Maurice Connary	09/01/05
	**Brian Maxwell	09/01/06
	**Marvin Menzel	09/01/06
	**Ouida Testut	06/07/07
	**Donald Breault	09/01/07
	**Samantha Grout	09/01/07
Justice of the Peace	Lisa Clarke	2004
	J. P. Gervais	2004
	Gerald Goupee	2004
	Jennifer Hanlon	2004
	Theodore Miller	2004
	Phyllis Riggie	2004
	Virginia Wing	2004
Town Service Officer	**Roger Fletcher	
* resigned		
** appointed by selectboard		

Warning for Annual Town Meeting 2004

The legal voters for the Town of Brighton and the Brighton Water System are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Town Hall in said town on Monday, March 1, 2004, at 7:30 P.M. to transact the following business:

Articles 1 through 3 are to be voted by Australian ballot at the polls on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM in the town hall:

1. To elect the following Town and Water System officers: Moderator, First Constable, Town Agent, Town Grand Juror, Delinquent Tax Collector, one Lister, and one Auditor, all for one-year terms; one Selectperson, one Water Commissioner, one Lister, one Auditor, and one Cemetery Commissioner for the term of three years each; and one Library Trustee for the term of five years.
2. To elect the following School District officers: Moderator for a one-year term; one School Director for a two-year term; and one School Director for a three-year term.
3. Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$464,608.39?

The following articles are to be considered at the business-meeting portion of the Annual Town Meeting, to be conducted on Monday, March 1, 2004, at 7:30 P.M. in the town hall:

4. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. To hear the reports of the town officers for the past year and to take action thereon.
6. To hear the report of the Water Commissioners for the past year and to take action thereon.
7. To see if the voters shall fix the number of installments and the payment due dates for the collection of taxes as authorized in Title 32, V.S.A. Section 4872. Recommended payments to be due on August 17, September 17, and November 17.
8. To see if the voters shall authorize collection of 2003 taxes through the treasurer as provided for in Title 32, V.S.A. Sections 4792 and 4793.
9. To see if the voters shall authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow money for the operating expenses of the Town of Brighton in anticipation of taxes—such borrowing not to exceed 90 percent of all anticipated revenues.
10. Will the voters authorize borrowing up to \$25,000 to be repaid over five years for design and permitting activity for sidewalk improvements?
11. Will the voters authorize borrowing up to \$20,000 over three years to re-point the south side of the railroad depot?
12. Will the voters authorize borrowing up to \$75,000 over five years to purchase a used grader?

13. Will the voters authorize spending up to \$10,000 as required match for a state grant to study septic issues around the lake?
14. Will the voters authorize spending up to \$8,000 for Holiday Season decorative lights for the downtown?
15. Will the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 to the cemetery commissioners for cleaning and repair of cemetery monuments?
16. Will the voters authorize the Selectmen to accept gifts, grants or other income and to make use of such income in their discretion?
17. Will the voters authorize the expenditure of \$201 for an appropriation to Rural Community Transit?
18. To see if the voters will raise money by property taxes to pay the general expenses of the town and if so, how much.
19. To check the feelings on a Commercial Wind Farm Facility in the Town of Brighton by a show of hands.
20. To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.

Dated at Brighton, County of Essex and State of Vermont, this 22nd day of January 2004.

BRIGHTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Peter Sprague, Chairman

Ouida Testut

Robert Merchant

Selectmen's Report

This year's budget shows an eight percent increase over last year's approved budget. The increases, in many cases, are beyond the control of the Selectmen. Health insurance is up 20%, and the increase in the cost of health insurance amounts to over \$7,000. The cost of our general insurance (property, casualty and liability) is up over \$3,000. The County Tax is up \$6,500. An audit is needed at an estimated cost of \$6,500. The first payment on the new red town truck is due, adding almost \$23,000 to this year's budget.

Other proposed increases include those for necessary maintenance work on the municipal building, train depot, town garage and the road system. This includes adding a porch roof to the main entrance to the municipal building for ice protection, work on the eaves, canopy, windows and alarm system at the depot, and painting at the town garage (about \$10,000 for all). (Next year the municipal building will need significant work around the eaves and windows.) The Warning also includes a request for up to \$20,000 to re-point the south side of the depot. The rest of the building has been re-pointed.

A culvert inventory has been completed and we have identified culverts in need of replacement amounting to over \$7,000. Dale Avenue and North Streets are scheduled for re-surfacing, but we have put off re-surfacing Forest Street until next year. The Contracted services line item is currently set at \$15,600 to pay for street sweeping, road grading and mowing. However, there is an article on the Warning to see if voters will authorize purchase of a used grader for up to \$75,000 over five years. If that purchase is approved, the Contracted services line item will drop by \$8,000. There is an additional \$2,000 added to the equipment fuel line item in the event voters approve the grader purchase.

The decision to ask voters to buy a grader comes from a need to supply residents with better service for their tax dollar. Currently, we want the roads graded at about the same time other towns want their roads graded, so there is some difficulty obtaining the service when we need it. Because of the costs associated with contracting, we do not hire the grader as much as necessary to properly maintain our roads. If we did hire the grader a sufficient number of times, we would be paying enough to make it worthwhile to have our own grader. To keep the roads properly graded, we estimate it will cost about \$17,500 a year, instead of the \$8,000 we now spend. At that rate, we would be able to buy a good used grader in five years, and then be able to remove this cost from the budget for a substantial number of years (except for associated maintenance costs).

We continue to press for sidewalk improvements. We have completed a mostly grant-funded \$20,000 feasibility sidewalk study. We are ready to move to construction of the Main Street sidewalk from Cross Street to Mill Street. The sidewalk line item thus includes a \$4,000 increase for that work. For other sidewalks, the next step is design and permitting, and we are asking voters in the Warning to approve a loan up to \$25,000 over five years for that purpose.

The Island Pond Public Library will get a major renovation this year, expanding into unused space in the municipal building, and making other major improvements. This will be funded by a \$177,000 grant from the Vermont Community Develop-

ment Program and up to \$50,000 from the USDA, a legislative appropriation, and local sources. The Library Trustees are asking to level fund the Library services budget, and are asking that the Librarian's hours be increased and wage be raised to an appropriate level.

The line item for the Listers is increased because the Selectmen and the Listers feel it is time for the town to initiate a tax-mapping program. Under the new state grand list process the Listers enter the acreage and the value is automatically computed. For fairness, it is most important that the acreage of each parcel is accurate and that all parcels are accounted for. Getting tax parcel maps will enable this.

We have added \$4,000 to the Waste Management line item to pay for a bulky day at which residents may dispose of unwanted bulky items such as couches and mattresses, and to pay for signs and security cameras at the new recycling center, owing to the unacceptable amounts of illegal dumping occurring there. On the positive side, the recycling center will soon be accepting used oil and batteries and fluorescent light bulbs

Long-term debt is up by \$10,000 because the town did not receive some of the grant reimbursements in this fiscal year and had to borrow additional funds. Those reimbursements will show up this year in the revenue side of the budget under Refunds & Reimbursements.

Last year, with the support of the voters and some grant monies, a number of good projects were completed. A new 50-year warranty steel roof has been put on the municipal building (supported by a \$15,000 grant from Historic Preservation). The sidewalk feasibility study (supported by a \$16,000 grant from the Enhancement Program) has laid out the issues and given us direction for a more extensive sidewalk improvement program. A new \$11,000 culvert was put in on Five Mile Square (supported by a \$10,000 grant from the Agency of Transportation). A mile of Pleasant Street was re-surfaced (with the help of an \$85,000 grant from the Agency of Transportation). Newark Road was re-graveled (with the support of a \$12,000 grant from the Agency of Transportation). The first reappraisal in over 15 years was completed, resulting in a significantly increased and more equitable Grand List and lowering the tax rate dramatically. A new recycling shed was built (with the support of a \$3,100 grant from the Waste Management District).

The increased economic and construction activity in Island Pond has caught the attention of legislators, economic development professionals and potential business developers. The town is moving forward, and this budget reflects our best judgments about what is needed to keep the town on the track to prosperity.

Lastly, little happens without the support of good employees, and people of good will, and for both we are thankful. Towns, by law, need to have people fill statutorily created local offices. From time to time, there are openings on various boards, such as Planning and Zoning boards, Auditors, Listers, Library trustees, and other offices. The town very much needs people to serve their community by volunteering to perform the critical functions involved in running a municipality. If you are interested, watch local bulletin boards for notices of vacancies for offices, or contact us at the town offices (723-4405) to let us know you are interested if a position opens.

2004 Proposed Budget & 2003 Budget Report

	APPROVED 2003	ACTUAL 2003	PROPOSED 2004
DEPARTMENTAL BREAKDOWN			
010 PERSONNEL			
020 Wages	\$ 73,174.40	\$ 75,003.80	\$ 73,174.40
025 Overtime	10,000.00	10,511.72	10,000.00
030 Health & Life Ins.	20,364.81	20,584.66	23,055.99
040 Social Security	6,362.84	6,541.95	6,362.84
050 Retirement	7,901.57	8,171.88	7,901.57
060 Mileage	1,600.00	1,811.95	1,600.00
070 Training	100.00	0.00	100.00
099 Total Personnel Costs	119,503.62	122,625.96	122,194.80
125 ROADS & STREETS			
126 Gravel	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
127 Salt & Chloride	9,000.00	7,128.95	10,000.00
128 Sand	3,500.00	3,043.25	4,000.00
129 Asphalt Patch	450.00	549.98	450.00
130 Paving	8,000.00	8,000.00	6,000.00
130A Paving loan	4,820.00	4,820.00	4,906.97
131 Culverts	3,500.00	1,745.00	7,600.00
132 Survey & Engineering	0.00	5.22	0.00
133 Bridge & Rd Cnstrct.	14,000.00	13,571.35	14,000.00
134 Sidewalks	6,000.00	15,370.69	10,000.00
135 Supplies & Materials	2,500.00	2,338.21	2,500.00
136 Street Signs	1,000.00	1,362.22	500.00
137 Foot Bridge	0.00	0.00	3,400.00
138 Contracted services	15,000.00	16,533.00	15,600.00
139 Total Roads & Streets	72,270.00	78,967.87	83,456.97
175 GARAGE			
176 Heating Fuel	2,000.00	1,988.04	2,000.00
177 Electricity	1,250.00	1,283.85	1,450.00
178 Water & sewer	416.00	416.00	416.00
180 Bldg. Maint. & Rep	3,000.00	214.97	4,000.00
186 Telephone	500.00	481.13	500.00
189 Total Garage	7,166.00	4,383.99	8,366.00
190 EQUIPMENT			
191 Equipment Purchase	2,000.00	1,749.51	2,474.00
192 Maint. & Repair	10,000.00	9,714.38	10,000.00
193 Fuel	10,000.00	8,802.65	12,000.00
194 Bucket Loader	15,881.08	15,954.20	0.00
195 Equip. Reserve Fund	27,000.00	27,000.00	27,000.00
196 Red truck payment			22,856.12
198 Total Equipment	64,881.08	63,220.74	74,330.12
199 TOTAL ROAD DEPT.	263,820.70	269,198.56	288,347.89

	APPROVED 2003	ACTUAL 2003	PROPOSED 2004
200 TOWN CLERK & TREASURER			
220 Clerk & Asst. Salary	39,715.21	39,796.25	39,715.21
225 Treas. & Asst. Salary	10,000.00	9,918.96	10,000.00
230 Health Insurance	6,315.89	6,363.70	7,311.41
240 Social Security	3,803.21	3,803.35	3,803.21
250 Retirement	4,722.94	4,722.88	4,722.94
260 Mileage	100.00	0.00	100.00
270 Training	100.00		100.00
296 Telephone/FAX	900.00	733.65	900.00
299 TOTAL CLERK & TREAS	65,657.26	65,338.79	66,652.78
300 ADMIN ASS'T			
320 Salary	24,900.00	24,960.00	24,900.00
330 Health Insurance	7,608.86	7,791.29	8,966.78
340 Social Security	1,904.85	1,909.44	1,904.85
350 Retirement	2,365.50	2,371.28	2,365.50
360 Mileage	500.00	1,126.45	1,000.00
370 Training	50.00	50.00	50.00
390 Equipment	200.00	0.00	200.00
396 Telephone	1,200.00	1,544.31	1,500.00
308 TOTAL ADMIN ASS'T	38,729.21	39,752.77	40,887.13
400 POLICE DEPARTMENT			
420 Wages	25,747.87	25,747.80	25,747.87
430 Health Insurance	5,970.54	6,113.35	7,076.35
440 Social security	1,969.71	1,969.76	1,969.71
450 Retirement	2,446.05	2,446.06	2,446.05
470 Training	100.00	0.00	100.00
490 Equip. Repair & Purchase	400.00	374.45	400.00
491 Car Expense	7,800.00	7,800.00	7,800.00
495 Special Police	0.00		0.00
496 Telephone	600.00	471.82	600.00
499 TOTAL POLICE DEPT.	45,034.17	44,923.24	46,139.98
500 MUNICIPAL BUILDING			
580 Supplies	1,400.00	2,525.69	2,500.00
581 Heating Fuel	7,475.00	7,462.35	7,000.00
582 Water	1,100.00	1,100.00	825.00
583 Sewer	980.00	980.00	735.00
584 Electricity	4,000.00	5,101.62	4,800.00
585 Bldg. Maint & Repair	3,500.00	2,803.91	7,000.00
586 Rubbish Removal	1,591.80	1,325.79	1,400.00
587 Roof Project	8,400.00	26,400.00	8,551.67
599 TOTAL MUN. BLDG.	28,446.80	47,699.36	32,811.67
600 RAILROAD STATION			
680 Supplies	400.00	412.12	450.00
681 Heating Fuel	5,500.00	5,963.29	5,200.00
682 Water	220.00	228.00	220.00
683 Sewer	196.00	207.20	196.00
684 Electricity	1,750.00	1,630.70	1,600.00

	APPROVED 2003	ACTUAL 2003	PROPOSED 2004	
Railroad Station con't.				
685	Maint. & Repair	3,000.00	3,182.09	5,000.00
686	Snow Removal	750.00	443.75	850.00
699	TOTAL RR STATION	11,816.00	12,067.15	13,516.00
700 FIRE & RESCUE DEPT.				
710	Rescue Squad Approp.	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
711	Ambulance	4,966.58	4,966.58	4,966.58
720	Wages	3,000.00	2,998.60	3,500.00
725	Officers	800.00	800.00	1,800.00
730	Accident/Disability Ins.	880.00	912.00	880.00
770	Training	3,500.00	2,669.73	3,500.00
771	Fire Watch	250.00	0.00	250.00
773	Mutual Aid	60.00	60.00	60.00
774	Banquet & Awards	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
775	Miscellaneous	2,600.00	1,452.00	2,600.00
776	Forest Fire Warden	150.00	150.00	150.00
781	Heating Fuel	2,000.00	2,174.71	2,000.00
782	Water	216.00	220.00	216.00
783	Sewer	196.00	196.00	196.00
784	Electricity	900.00	1,038.06	900.00
785	Maint. & Repair Bldg.	4,000.00	4,479.87	4,000.00
791	Equip. Purchase	5,000.00	4,339.18	5,000.00
792	Equip. Maint. & Rep.	4,000.00	3,770.60	4,474.00
793	Equipment Fuel	500.00	185.21	500.00
796	Telephone	500.00	601.66	500.00
797	Paging System	500.00	0.00	500.00
798	Siren Electricity	0.00	0.00	0.00
799	TOTAL FIRE & RESCUE	41,018.58	38,014.20	42,992.58
800 MAINTENANCE DEPT.				
820	Wages	20,800.00	20,800.00	20,800.00
830	Health Insurance	5,970.54	6,107.08	7,076.35
840	Social security	1,591.20	1,591.20	1,591.20
850	Retirement	1,976.00	1,976.00	1,976.00
899	TOTAL MAINT. DEPT.	30,337.74	30,474.28	31,443.55
000 ROAD DEPARTMENT				
010	Personnel	119,503.62	122,625.96	122,194.80
125	Roads & Streets	72,270.00	78,967.87	83,456.97
175	Garage	7,166.00	4,383.99	8,366.00
190	Equipment	64,881.08	63,220.74	74,330.12
199	TOTAL ROAD DEPT.	263,820.70	269,198.56	288,347.89
900 GENERAL FUND				
902	Town Clerk & Treas.	65,657.26	65,338.79	66,652.78
903	Admin. Asst.	38,729.21	39,752.77	40,887.13
904	Police Protection	45,034.17	44,923.24	46,139.98
905	Municipal Building	28,446.80	47,699.36	32,811.67
906	Railroad Station	11,816.00	12,067.15	13,516.00
907	Maintenance Dept.	30,337.74	30,474.28	31,443.55

	APPROVED 2003	ACTUAL 2003	PROPOSED 2004
General Fund con't.			
908 Fire & Rescue	41,018.58	38,014.20	42,992.58
909 Selectmen	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
919 Board of Civil Authority	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
920 Listers	12,500.00	14,447.00	15,000.00
921 Auditors	1,600.00	1,784.00	1,800.00
922 Zoning Administrator	3,750.00	3,750.00	3,750.00
923 Planning Commissioners	2,100.00	1,950.00	2,100.00
924 Zoning Board	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
925 Health Officer	750.00	750.00	750.00
926 Library Wages	9,240.00	9,006.92	14,857.50
927 Library Service	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
928 Unemployment Ins.	3,411.00	3,983.90	3,170.00
930 General Insurance	21,164.70	20,352.09	24,557.74
931 Social Security	2,768.54	4,027.53	3,500.00
940 Town Officers Mileage	350.00	306.88	350.00
960 Town Officers Training	900.00	981.40	900.00
970 Dog Control	600.00	1,596.99	1,500.00
971 Street Lights	14,000.00	12,664.10	13,000.00
972 Recreation	14,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
973 County Tax	21,756.74	21,756.74	28,257.36
974 Long Term Debt	50,000.00	50,000.00	60,000.00
976 Interest Expense	8,000.00	6,534.59	8,000.00
977 RR Station Debt	18,056.00	18,056.25	18,056.00
978 Town Meeting-Elections	2,500.00	1,807.00	3,000.00
979 Office Supplies	10,000.00	14,527.43	10,000.00
980 Legal Services	10,000.00	7,470.87	6,000.00
981 CPA & Consultants	0.00	0.00	6,500.00
982 Waste management	12,000.00	12,459.53	16,000.00
983 Advertising	800.00	755.32	700.00
984 Clockwinder	156.00	156.00	156.00
985 VLCT	1,094.00	1,094.00	1,178.00
986 NVDA	643.00	643.00	643.60
987 NEK Mental Hlth	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
988 Home Health Services	937.50	937.50	1,000.00
989 Adult Education	200.00	200.00	200.00
990 Area Agency on Aging	800.00	800.00	800.00
991 STEP ONE	125.00	125.00	125.00
992 VT. Independent Living	150.00	150.00	150.00
993 Miscellaneous	1,100.00	704.96	1,000.00
994 Resource & Cons. Dist.	50.00	50.00	50.00
995 911 Emergency Service	500.00	500.00	0.00
996 Restoration of Records	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
997 Forest Management	250.00	12.21	0.00
998 Emergency Mgmt.	1,000.00	1,231.38	0.00
999 Red Cross	0.00	0.00	0.00
1000 Green-Up Day	50.00	50.00	100.00
1001 Fire Truck	14,828.12	14,828.12	14,828.12

	APPROVED 2003	ACTUAL 2003	PROPOSED 2004
General Fund con't.			
1002 VABVI	500.00	500.00	500.00
1003 NEK Youth Corps	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
1004 Fireworks for July 4th	500.00	500.00	500.00
1005 Parade	100.00	0.00	0.00
1006 Home & School Assoc.	450.00	450.00	500.00
1007 Reappraisal	8,640.00	1,926.00	8,640.00
1008 Frontier Animal Society	500.00	500.00	500.00
1009 Essex Co. Nat. Res. Dist	200.00	200.00	200.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	535,510.36	548,246.50	583,713.02
TOTAL ROAD FUND	263,820.70	269,198.56	288,347.89
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$799,331.06	\$817,445.06	\$872,060.91

2004 EXPECTED REVENUES & 2003 REVENUES

	Approved 2003	Actual 2003	Proposed 2004
ROAD DEPARTMENT			
State Aid for Roads	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 69,243.66	\$ 69,243.66
Equipment Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property Tax	196,820.70	196,820.07	219,104.23
Total - Road Dept.	263,820.70	266,063.73	288,347.89
GENERAL FUNDS			
Building Rents	43,000.00	38,789.71	43,608.56
Railroad Tax	1,693.00	1,693.56	1,693.56
Unorganized Towns	4,200.00	0.00	0.00
Town Clerk's Fees	9,000.00	13,064.40	10,000.00
Sewer Service Fee	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
Water Service Fee	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Police Fines	20,000.00	18,871.20	20,000.00
Licenses	4,000.00	5,725.00	5,000.00
Dog Licenses & Fees	1,800.00	870.00	800.00
Delinquent Taxes	75,000.00	123,586.16	65,000.00
Del. Tax Interest	2,500.00	5,445.65	2,500.00
Other Earned Interest	2,500.00	6,650.71	2,500.00
Refunds & Reimbursements	3,955.03	6,682.23	36,180.00
Misc. Revenue	0.00	282.00	0.00
Property taxes	358,227.67	264,173.62	373,684.37
Long term loan	0.00		0.00
Beginning Cash on Hand	-2,865.34		10,248.53
Total - General Funds	535,510.36	498,334.24	583,713.02
Total - Roads	263,820.70	266,063.73	288,347.89
TOTAL REVENUES	\$799,331.06	\$764,397.97	\$872,060.91

Statement of Taxes Raised

School Tax

State Educational Property tax rate	\$ 0.91	
Local School Property tax rate	0.14	
Total Educational tax rate		\$ 1.05
Educational Grand List	\$ 768,783.18	
Education tax rate	1.05	
Total Raised for School		\$ 807,222.34
Municipal Tax		
Municipal Grand List	\$ 768,783.18	
Municipal tax rate	0.70	
Total Raised for Municipal		\$ 538,148.23
Amount billed	\$1,347,156.46	
Pilot	9,231.00	
State (Hold-Harmless)	19,721.00	
Total to be collected		\$1,376,108.46
Collected	\$ 1,259,177.16	
Delinquents turned over to tax collector	111,738.72	
Abated	3,863.84	
Credit for 2003 taxes (State Appeal)	2,839.44	
Refund	(1,747.97)	
Total		\$ 1,375,871.19

Tax Rate Breakdown

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
General	0.534	0.657	0.669	0.681	0.440
Roads	0.344	0.282	0.356	0.384	0.260
School	1.308	1.493	1.459	1.523	1.050
Total Tax Rate	2.186	2.432	2.484	2.588	1.750

Statement of Delinquent Taxes

Year	Beginning Bal.	Collected	Abated	as of 12/31/03
2001	\$ 5,453.29	\$ 5,452.27	\$ 1.02	\$ -
2002	75,509.06	72,561.96	12.33	2,934.77
2003	111,738.72	45,568.71	-	66,170.01
Total	\$192,701.07	\$123,582.94	\$13.35	\$ 69,104.78

Delinquent Property Taxes

(AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003)

2002

Buoniconti, Kyle	\$95.51
Costa, David	168.73
Costa & Silloway	922.20
Costa, David & Sandra	185.28
Garfield, Walter	616.28
Pepin, Beverly	946.77

Total 2002 Delinquent Taxes

\$ 2,934.77

2003

Adelphia	\$87.48
Akstin, Calvin	820.74
Allen, Paul	666.75
Barthell, Robert	164.50
Bean, Timothy	1,433.25
Bedard, David	30.33
Bellis, Neil	33.69
Belmore, Helen	311.23
Belmore, Richard	890.73
Bissonette, Steve	883.74
Bizzaro, Robert	589.74
Bone, James	745.50
Bonnett, Edward	661.50
Breault, Donna	1,743.63
Broome, George, Jr.	69.99
Broome, George, Sr.	13.98
Buoniconti, Kyle	820.74
Carey, Scott	42.00
Cassidy, Dennis	27.99
Castrogiovanni, Beatrice	1,023.75
Chalifoux, Est. of Grace (R. Morey portion) ...	61.24
Chingris, Dean	464.91
Collins, Ross	882.00
Colcombe, Craig	458.50
Cook, William, Jr.	45.48
Costa & Silloway	1,870.74
Costa, David	68.25
Costa, David	2,337.99
Dalton, Jerome	306.24
Daniels, Doris	341.25
Desrochers, Est. of Maude	451.50
Deslandes, Jeffrey	491.74
Dittner Properties	3,377.49
Flanders, James	5.10
Garfield, Walter	885.48
Gee, Robert	326.66
Gendron, Dustin	696.48

2003 con't.

Gerstel, David	2,542.80
Goulet, Loren & Vanessa	433.98
Gray, Charles & Brenda	178.50
Griggs, Wanda	367.50
Haberern, Edward	1,828.74
Hannington, Kendall	1,260.00
Hicks, Gena	775.23
Hunt, Mary	101.50
Hussey, John	1,302.00
Jacobs, Maurice	527.28
King, Ward	467.25
Kinney, Alson	429.42
Knipe, Est. of John	1,433.25
Knox, Robert	995.73
Labelle, Louis	1,529.49
Lane, Michael	69.39
Leavens, Clair	1,023.75
Maloney, Gloria	3,578.73
Marcus, Catherine	694.74
Marsden, Dianne	1,168.98
Marsh, Allen	1,506.75
Marsh, Jake	617.72
Martin, David, et al	194.25
Martin, Earl & Francine	157.50
Martin, Earl & Francine	652.74
Maxwell, Dwight	621.20
Maxwell, Dwight	656.25
McMillan, Lydia	1,069.02
McMillan, Lydia	178.50
Miller, Gregory	2,185.74
Milham, Robert	222.24
Moore, William	244.51
Morey, Rachel	586.23
Northern Counties Health	155.73
O'Keefe, Vickie	84.29
Oertell, Peggy	636.99
Oertell, Peggy	78.75
Osgood, George	750.75
Osgood, George	1,709.73
Perry, Debra	122.49
Peters-Jacobas, Jane	52.01
Peters-Jacobas, Jane	66.24
Petruzzi, Peter	3.62
Quigley, Louis	474.75
Ruiter, Urban	500.00
Shearer, Gregory	239.73
Stacey, Verna	360.84
Stebenne, Normand	225.25

2003 con't.

Stone, Michelle	1,102.38	
Storey, Allen c/o Chris Pratt	488.25	
Stringer, Walter	252.00	
Sykes, David	409.52	
Tardif, Simon	1,518.99	
Tillinghast, Alan	13.42	
Tucker, Paulina	377.41	
Weed, Connie	29.73	
Widmer, David	423.48	
Widmer, David	1,256.49	
Williamson, Martin	17.32	
Williamson, Martin	2.52	
Willhauck, Robert.....	<u>1,084.11</u>	
Total 2003 Delinquent Taxes		\$ 66,170.01
Grand Total Delinquent Taxes		\$ 69,104.78

Brighton Revolving Loan Fund

PSB Savings Acc #1107000003

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$ 2,404.36
Interest earned	\$ 17.07	

2003 Payments:

Loan #	Borrower	Original Loan/Date	Payments
1	Mahoney, Michael & Rolinda	\$4,000.00 - Feb 96	\$ 950.00
2	Pepin, Rachel	3,000.00 - May 96	0*
3	Doyon, Nancy (Bowman)	1,500.00 - July 97	0*
4	Maxwell, Christopher	2,500.00 - Feb 01	510.00
5	Glover, Leona	2,000.00 - Jan 02	539.76
6	Glover, Leona	2,000.00 - May 03	<u> </u>
Total 2003 Payments			\$1,999.76

Total Income		\$ 2,016.83
* Delinquent		

Expenses:

Loan #6	\$(2,000.00)	
Total Expenses		<u>(2,000.00)</u>
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$2,421.19

Brighton HUD Account

CNB C.D. Acct #450155170

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$ 4,682.37
Interest earned	\$68.28	
Transfer to General Chkg. CNB Acct. #450115213 for Recycle Shed	<u>\$ (4,750.65)</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$ 0.00

Water Department Proposed Budget

	2003 Budget	2003 Actual	2004 Budget
Income			
Cash on hand			
PSB Chkg Acct #5107000072	\$ 6,759.66	\$ 6,759.66	\$ 2,362.01
Water Rents	147,000.00	141,573.69	147,000.00
Interest from Sinking Fund	5,000.00	8,564.18	5,000.00
New Connections	5,000.00	5,000.00	7,000.00
Sale of Materials	2,000.00	369.83	2,000.00
Camp Lease	200.00	25.00	200.00
Interest from Delinquencies	1,000.00	509.28	1,000.00
New Connection			
CNB Svgs.Acct. #404769918	-	15,047.14	-
Grant	-	300.00	-
Miscellaneous	-	138.06	-
Total Income	\$166,959.66	\$178,286.84	\$164,562.01
Expenses			
Labor	\$6,000.00	\$6,667.50	\$7,000.00
Social security	575.00	716.63	800.00
Commissioners stipend	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
Operating Supplies	6,000.00	8,221.47	7,000.00
Insurance	3,350.00	3,359.68	3,820.00
Equipment maintenance	2,000.00	805.15	1,000.00
Equipment hire	4,000.00	15,544.50	5,000.00
Tools	1,000.00	595.18	750.00
Paving	3,000.00	-	5,500.00
Electricity	3,000.00	2,682.26	3,000.00
Legal fees	500.00	-	500.00
Town service fee	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Advertising	200.00	-	200.00
Plant Operations	65,775.00	65,775.00	63,300.00
Rent	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Equipment purchase	1,000.00	1,668.74	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	2,000.00	3,150.41	2,500.00
Bond payment -FMHA	54,100.00	54,100.00	54,100.00
Hydrant repair	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
Water testing	3,500.00	1,642.00	2,000.00
Permit fees	1,500.00	296.31	1,500.00
Total Expenses	\$170,200.00	\$175,924.83	172,170.00

Water Sinking Fund

CNB Savings Acct #402649718		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$14,096.70
Interest earned	\$ 74.07	
Transfer to PSB Chkg. Acct. #5107000072 ..	<u>(6,000.00)</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$ 8,170.77
CNB CD Acct #449410570		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$101,189.95
Interest	\$ 1,459.31	
Transfer to PSB Chkg. Acct. #5107000072 ..	<u>(2,562.18)</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$100,087.08
Total of Water Sinking Fund		\$108,257.85

New Connection Water Savings

CNB Savings Acct #404769918		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$ 14,963.74
Interest earned	\$ 83.40	
Transfer to PSB Water Chkg. Acct. #5107000072	<u>(15,047.14)</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$ 0.00

Sewer Department Proposed Budget

	2003 Budget	2003 Actual	2004 Budget
Income			
Cash on hand			
PSB Chkg. Acct. #5107000073	\$ 6,499.64	\$ 6,499.64	\$ 418.66
Sewer rents	87,500.00	84,404.73	87,500.00
Interest from Delinquencies	1,000.00	2,165.65	2,000.00
Sewer permits	200.00	325.00	300.00
Refunds	-	1,600.00	-
Total Income	\$ 95,199.64	\$ 94,995.02	\$ 90,218.66
Expenses			
Labor	\$5,000.00	\$1,020.00	\$5,000.00
Social Security	550.00	284.58	550.00
Plant Operations	65,775.00	65,033.33	63,300.00
Commissioners stipend	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
Town service fee	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
General Insurance	2,225.00	2,739.78	3,125.00
Electricity	11,000.00	10,249.89	10,500.00
Equipment purchase	2,000.00	3,530.92	3,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	3,128.42	1,000.00
Supplies	1,000.00	216.89	1,000.00
Water rent	220.00	172.55	275.00
Capital Improvements	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 98,970.00	\$ 94,576.36	\$ 97,950.00

Brighton Sewer Capital Improvement Fund

CNB CD Acct #449661270		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$ 46,240.52
Interest earned	<u>\$ 597.37</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$ 46,837.89
CNB CD Acct #449662070		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$ 46,479.53
Interest earned	<u>\$ 1,444.20</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$ 47,923.73
Total Sewer Capital Improvement Fund ...		\$ 94,761.62

Brighton Sewer Sludge Removal Fund

CNB CD Acct #448981070		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$ 24,561.43
Interest earned	\$ 503.68	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$ 25,065.11
CNB CD Acct #440366570		
Balance as of Jan 1, 2003		\$ 15,412.38
Interest earned	\$ 299.98	
Balance as of Dec 31, 2003		\$ 15,712.36
Total Sludge Removal Fund		\$ 40,777.47

Water-Sewer Operations Account

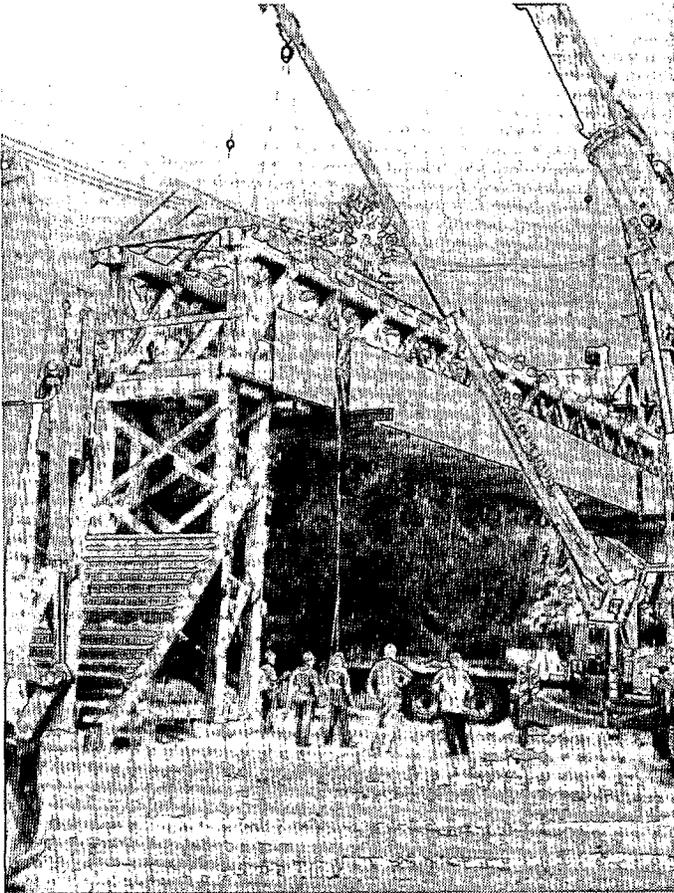
	2003 Budget	2003 Actual	2004 Budget
Income			
Cash on hand			
CNB Chkg Acct #456302601	\$ 114.63	\$ 114.63	\$ 4,702.61
Water payments	65,775.00	65,775.00	63,300.00
Sewer payments	65,775.00	64,831.25	63,300.00
Refund - Miscellaneous		89.97	-
Total Income	\$131,664.63	\$130,810.85	\$131,302.61
Expenses			
Contract Operations	\$ 92,500.00	\$ 94,328.69	\$ 95,000.00
Maintenance	8,000.00	7,621.24	8,000.00
Utilities	2,300.00	2,384.39	2,500.00
Vehicle Allowance	2,500.00	2,154.03	2,300.00
Chemicals	8,000.00	8,043.61	8,000.00
Supplies	3,750.00	2,458.89	3,000.00
Labor & Overtime	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Administration	2,000.00	354.58	1,000.00
Propane	2,000.00	2,445.1	2,500.00
Line Maintenance	2,500.00	2,400.00	2,500.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	952.49	1,000.00
Truck Expenses	5,000.00	1,465.21	4,000.00
Total Expenses	\$131,050.00	\$126,108.24	\$131,300.00

Delinquent Water & Sewer Users

(AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003)

	WATER	SEWER
Akstin, Calvin	\$ 55.00	\$ -
Allen, Paul	113.71	205.60
Belmore, Richard	481.10	853.68
Bone, James	705.30	891.72
Bonnett, Edward	745.52	1,017.58
Cahill, Arland	110.00	-
Castonguay, Francis	574.18	460.43
Castrogiovanni, Beatrice	1,070.80	1,736.02
Coker, Belynda	55.00	49.00
Collins, Lindi	58.00	53.20
Costa & Silloway	3,094.20	2,938.80
Daniels, Doris	223.30	58.24
Deslandes, Jeffrey	405.60	609.65
Dittner Properties	198.14	4.26
Dobrynski, Gerald	320.28	359.34
Dobrynski, Gerald (Loons)	1,737.68	1,758.79
Foy, George	92.67	51.12
Friedman, Jack	60.11	-
Garfield, Walter	613.46	863.76
Glover, Leona	56.56	-
Goulet, Loren	85.27	49.48
Griggs, Wanda	149.38	107.00
Hackett, Ervill	473.73	355.88
Hannux, Richard	55.53	-
Hicks, Gena	361.00	306.84
Higgins, Eric	55.00	49.00
Home, Marcia	77.23	74.89
Kinney, David	337.54	204.05
Kontois, Katherine (Meredith)	838.35	780.72
Lane, Michael	529.62	624.01
Letourneau, Marc	75.08	74.40
Mandigo, Scott	105.47	139.29
Marcus, Catherine	433.42	689.00
Marsden, Dianna	323.39	356.53
Marsh, Allen	306.88	309.02
Marsh, Todd	251.10	251.08
Martin, Earl Jr.	791.27	-
Miller, Gregory	111.10	-
Molloy, David	223.30	-
Morey, Rachel	419.99	-
O'Keefe, Jonathan	55.00	49.00

	WATER	SEWER
O'Keefe, Vickie	56.00	50.40
O'Keefe, William	461.94	778.82
**Quick, Monica	744.07	1,114.67
Santaw, Raymond (Dale Ave.)	419.12	644.82
Schneider, Charles	181.40	110.58
Sharon, Michael	55.00	49.00
Stebenne, Normand	143.65	50.30
The Avalon	62.00	56.12
Wilhauck, Robert	289.99	-
Totals	\$ 19,242.43	\$ 19,186.09



Miscellaneous Funds

ACT 200 FUNDS

CNB Savings Acct #405776718		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$ 1,706.72
Transfer to Gen. Chkg.		
CNB Acct. #450115213	<u>\$ (1,706.72)</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$0.00
CNB Checking Acct #409126401		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$ 248.31
Transfer to Gen. Chkg. CNB Acct.#450115213 for Legal Fees	<u>\$ (248.31)</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$ 0.00
Total Act 200 Funds		\$ 0.00

BRIDGE & ROAD CONSTRUCTION

CNB Savings Acct #446255618		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$ 28,276.57
Interest earned	<u>\$ 172.20</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$ 28,448.77

FOOT BRIDGE REPORT

CNB Grant/Revenue Anticipation Note		
#611187416		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$ 731,686.79
Interest earned	\$ 26,721.77	
State of Vermont	<u>446,811.63</u>	
Total Revenues		\$1,205,220.19
Expenses:		
H.T.A. Engineering Company	\$ 37,216.23	
R. C. Construction	540,589.00	
Interest paid	25,226.21	
Citizens Energy	3,015.98	
Green Mountain Electric	<u>41.67</u>	
Total Expenses		\$(606,089.09)
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$ 599,131.10

FOOT BRIDGE SAVINGS ACCOUNT

(FORMERLY CALLED FOOT BRIDGE PROJECT)

PSB Savings Acct #1106000088

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$ 6,189.94
Donations	\$ 1,000.00	
Interest earned	58.01	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003	<u> </u>	\$ 7,247.95

BRIGHTON RECYCLING BUILDING

PSB Savings Acct #1100000107

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$ 1,863.61
Grant - NEK Waste Management District	\$ 3,141.29	
Interest earned	20.87	
Payment toward recycling building	<u>(5,025.77)</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$ 0.00

SIDEWALK SAVINGS

PSB Savings Acct. #1101000119

Beginning balance as of Jan. 9, 2003		\$ 5,579.99
Interest earned	\$ 30.96	
Transferred to General Chkg. CNB Acct. #450115213 for sidewalk expense	<u>(5,610.95)</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$ 0.00

HEAVY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL FUND

CNB CD Acct. #451028370

renewed as CNB CD #449694970

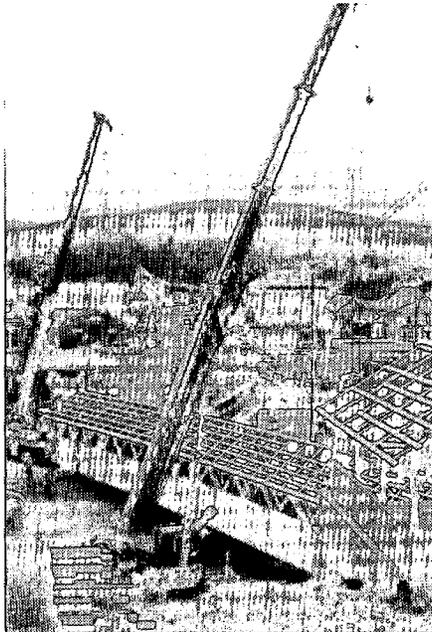
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$ 34,837.58
Interest earned	\$ 257.15	
2003 Appropriation from General Account CNB Chkg. Acct. #450115213	<u>27,000.00</u>	
Total Revenue		\$ 62,094.73
Expenses:		
Payment for new truck	<u>\$(17,450.91)</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$ 44,643.82

REVOLVING EQUIPMENT FUND

PSB Savings Acct #1109000001		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$ 796.85
Receipts:		
Donation (fines)	\$ 1,950.00	
Interest earned	7.87	
Total Receipts		1,957.87
Expenses:		
Equipment - Mobil Vision	\$ (595.00)	
Repair to First Constable's vehicle	(1,104.71)	
Total Expenses		(1,699.71)
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$ 1,055.01

VCDP HOUSING REHABILITATION

PSB Savings Acct. #1102000118		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$ 4,180.35
Interest earned	\$ 34.69	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$ 4,215.04



Brighton Library Report

CNB Checking Acct #410081601

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003 \$ 105.51

Receipts:

Town Appropriations	\$ 9,000.00
Northeast Learning	644.87
Donations	518.09
Refunds/Reimbursements	5,235.33
Miscellaneous	2,400.39
Freeman Grant	17,190.00

Total Receipts \$ 34,988.68

Expenses:

Telephone & Cable	1,837.89
Office Supplies	172.93
Library Supplies	864.76
Postage & Box Rent	156.00
Books	2,891.08
Mileage	338.83
Library Improvements	4,546.69
Videos	315.26
Magazines/Newspapers	19.00
Performer	250.00
Snacks	119.53
Publicity	49.05
Workshop Conference	100.00
Postage Return	51.52
Vermont On Line	571.98
Computer Printer	358.45
Copies	268.83
Other Equipment	30.44
Cleaning	120.00
Freeman Grant	5,578.54
Success by Six	320.00
Miscellaneous	2,926.61

Total Expenses (21,887.39)

Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003 \$ 13,206.80

Library Improvement Savings Account

PSB CD #3101000003

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003 \$ 23,178.77

Interest earned

	\$ 343.18
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Total Revenue \$ 23,521.95

Expenses

Study for Library Improvement - transferred to CNB Chkg. Acct. #410081601	\$(4,546.69)
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Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003 \$ 18,975.26

Gladys Brooks Foundation Grant Report

PSB CD Acct. #3100000020		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$ 40,150.36
Interest earned	\$ 1,803.47	
Less Interest transferred to PSB Chkg.		
Acct. #5106000112	<u>(150.36)</u>	
		<u>1,653.11</u>
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$ 41,803.47
CNB Chkg. Acct. #401639401		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$ 45.27
Transfer to PSB Chkg. Acct. #5106000112 ..	\$ (45.27)	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$ 0.00
PSB Chkg #5106000112		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$ (29.61)
Interest from PSB CD #3100000020	\$ 150.36	
Transfer from CNB Chkg. Acct. #456759501 ..	72.00	
Transfer from CNB Chkg. Acct. #401639401 ..	<u>45.27</u>	
		<u>\$ 267.63</u>
Total Revenue		\$ 238.02
Expenses		
Books	\$ (31.13)	
Magazines/Newspapers	<u>(22.00)</u>	
Total Expenses		\$ (53.13)
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$ 184.89

Library Childrens' Books/Programming Account

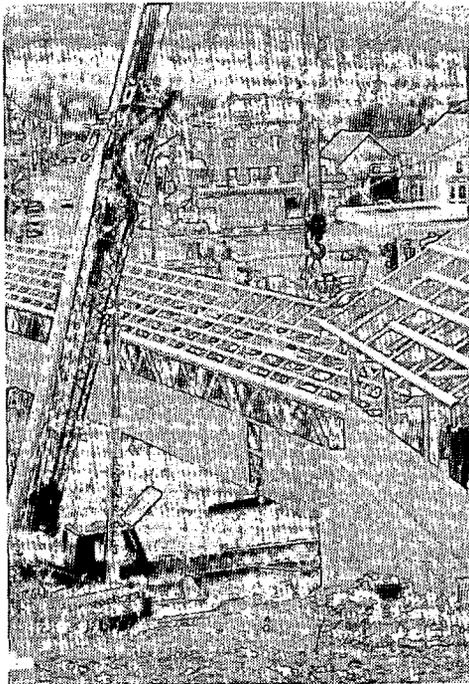
CNB Chkg Acct #456759501		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$ 3,045.41
Income:		
Transfer from Programming - CNB Chkg.		
Acct. #456760901	\$ 13.13	
Grant	<u>3,500.00</u>	
Total Income		\$ 3,513.13
Expenses:		
Books/Programming	<u>(2,322.58)</u>	
Total Expenses		\$ (2,322.58)
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$ 4,235.96

Library Programming Account

CNB Chkg. Acct. #456760901	
Balance as of Jan.1, 2003	\$ 13.13
Transfer to Children's Books/Programming	
CNB Chkg. Acct. #456759501	<u>\$ (13.13)</u>
Balance of as Dec. 31, 2003	\$ 0.00

Library Improvement Donation Account

PSB Savings Acct. #1109000166	
Beginning balance as of July 9, 2003	\$ 456.17
Donations	\$ 5,852.50
Coin Drop	353.71
Interest	<u>14.57</u>
Total Revenues	<u>6,220.78</u>
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003	\$ <u>6,676.95</u>



Librarian's Report

In 2003 the Board of Trustees for the Island Pond Public Library had a vision of what the library should and could be, and set in motion a dynamic plan to accomplish this goal. When I was asked to become Director of the Library on May 1st, I was glad to become part of this project and help to steer us on the course they had set.

That same month we received a Vermont Public Library Foundation - Freeman Foundation grant in the amount of \$17,190. This allowed us to acquire some essential equipment, books for adults, and most importantly to hire an assistant librarian so we can provide better services and longer hours (we are now open 28 hours a week, including Thursdays until 7:00 pm). Rebecca Murray filled that position and became a vital part of our team. With a team effort we were able to participate in the Summer Reading Program for children by hosting six events and inspiring our participants to accomplish their book reading goals.

As this was happening, the Board, including new member Krystyna Kurzej, and led by the efforts of Secretary Elizabeth Cope, began the fund-raising and assembling of a grant appeal to expand and renovate the library in order to have the space and facilities we so desperately need. Through private donations, book sales, bake sales, raffles and a coin drop, the citizens of Brighton and surrounding towns participated. We at the Library continued to work with what we had to make it a better place (though still small) to visit and to use.

Subsequently, our grant appeal was accepted for hearing by the Vermont Community Development Program. We went before them on Dec. 10th, and through all the efforts of the Board, myself, and representatives from the town and the school, we were informed by Dec. 20th that we were going to receive \$177,135. This, along with the other funds raised, will allow us to accomplish the plan that started the year.

We were recognized by the Department of Libraries for meeting a new Standards level heretofore not attained by the library, have added hundreds of new books, upgraded our computer facilities (including high-speed internet access), and started to coordinate programs with Brighton School and provide more hours for High School student access.

I look forward to continuing our work (and there will be plenty of it) in the coming year so that we can fulfill the vision that brought me here to begin with.

Respectfully submitted,
John Zuppa- Library Director

Special Thanks to:

Our Story Hour Providers: Susan Vera, Sally Lafoe

Our Substitute Assistant: Jean Morris

Our Volunteers and Donors

Our Board of Trustees: Lisa Clarke (Chair), Elizabeth Cope (Secretary),

Peggy Castonguay, Muriel Webb, Krystyna Kurzej

Lakeside Park

CNB Checking Acct. #400959201

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$ 62.18
Receipts:		
Town appropriation	\$ 15,000.00	
Grant	3,201.00	
Donations	100.00	
Miscellaneous	49.39	

Total Receipts		\$ 18,350.39
Expenses:		
Operating expenses	\$ 4,315.92	
Electricity	439.03	
Skating Rink	1,055.31	
Basketball Court	7,076.62	
Grant	3,233.83	
Equipment Repair & Maintenance	1,506.71	

Total Expenses		\$(17,627.42)
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$ 785.15

Cemetery Report

CNB Checking Acct #400455801

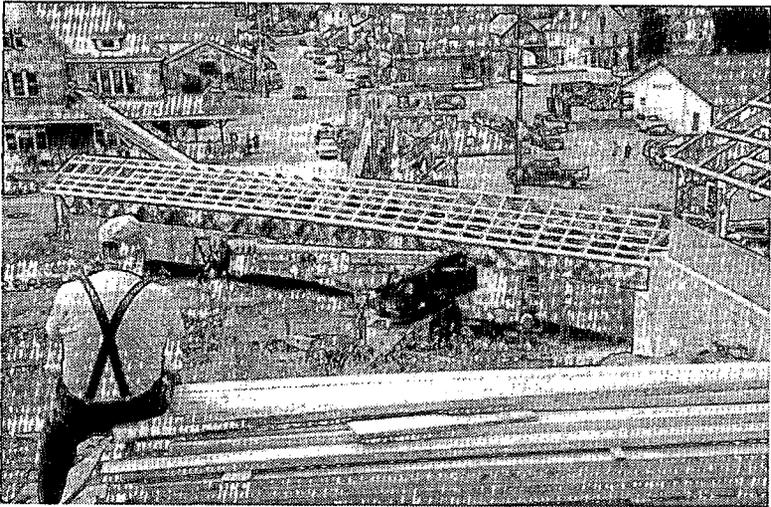
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$ 1,338.37
Receipts:		
Putnam Fund dividends	\$ 497.68	
Wellington Fund dividends	577.20	
Sale of lots	100.00	
Interest from PSB Svgs Acct. #1103000052	2,500.00	
Corner markers	100.00	

Total Receipts		\$ 3,774.88
Expenses:		
Maintenance	\$ (3,884.47)	
Commissioners salaries	(50.00)	
Corner markers	(350.00)	

Total Expenses		\$ (4,284.47)
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$ 828.78

Cemetery Trust Fund & Savings

George Putnam shares	\$ 24,007.87
Wellington Fund	\$ 21,737.26
Consolidated Gas CNB CD Acct #44919670	
balance as of Jan. 1, 2003	\$ 605.22
Interest earned	17.86
	\$ 623.08
Con. Gas CD balance as of Dec. 31, 2003.	\$ 623.08
Total	\$ 46,368.21
PSB Savings Acct. #1103000052	
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003	\$ 3,613.82
Interest from Savings	\$ 23.28
Perpetual Care	100.00
Transferred to CNB Chkg. #400455801	(2,500.00)
	\$ 1,237.10
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003	\$ 1,237.10
PSB CD Acct. #3103000001	
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003	\$ 4,800.92
Interest earned from savings	\$ 91.97
	\$ 4,892.89
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003	\$ 4,892.89
CNB CD Acct. #449466070	
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003	\$ 51,152.17
Interest earned	\$ 2,845.41
	\$ 53,997.58
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003	\$ 53,997.58
Total Trust fund, CDs & Savings	\$106,495.78



Town of Brighton Indebtedness

	Bal. 01/01/03 Principal	Borrowed 2003	Amt. Paid Principal	Balance 12/31/03
Road Department				
Bucket Loader - CNB Loan #449810050	\$ 15,026.40	\$ 0.00	\$ 15,026.40	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 15,026.40	\$ 0.00	\$ 15,026.40	\$ 0.00
General				
RR Renovations -				
CNB Loan #447658150	\$ 149,988.42	-	\$ 10,523.02	\$ 139,465.40
Fire Truck - CNB Loan #610782650	53,129.37	-	12,381.14	40,748.23
Ambulance - CNB Loan #449819450	4,764.11	-	4,764.11	-
Tax anticipated '02 - CNB Loan #449826750	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-
Reappraisal - PSB Loan #7013000209	35,054.13	-	7,265.06	27,789.07
Foot Bridge - CNB Loan #449830550	-	724,800.00	-	724,800.00
Roof Loan - PSB Loan #7014022341	-	33,600.00	-	33,600.00
Paving Loan - PSB Loan #7013022342	-	19,280.00	-	19,280.00
Tax anticipated '03 - CNB Loan #449829150	-	60,000.00	-	60,000.00
Tax anticipated '03 - CNB Loan #449827550	-	215,837.00	215,837.00	-
Totals	\$ 292,936.03	\$1,053,517.00	\$300,770.33	\$1,045,682.70
Water Department				
Water Bond - USDA 91-03	\$ 705,709.00	\$ -	\$ 13,716.11	\$ 691,992.89
Totals	\$ 705,709.00	\$ -	\$ 13,716.11	\$ 691,992.89
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,013,671.43	\$1,053,517.00	\$329,512.84	\$1,737,675.59

Railroad Renovation Project

PSB Savings #1103000117

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$ 5,068.63
Transfer from RR Station Repair Savings		
PSB Acct. #1103000120	\$ 3,055.12	
Interest earned	<u>43.03</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$ 8,166.78

Railroad Station Repair

PSB Savings #1103000120

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2003		\$ 3,354.30
Interest earned	\$ 25.82	
Transferred to RR Renovation Savings		
PSB Acct. #1103000117	\$(3,055.12)	
Repair on roof canopy	<u>(325.00)</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003		\$ 0.00

Police Activity Report

Warnings Issued	1,232
Traffic Tickets Issued	950
Dog Complaints	165
Motor Vehicles	98
Juveniles	47
Domestics	45
Assisting Agencies	40
Disorderly Conduct	38
Trespassing	36
Vandalism	29
Assaults	23
Drug Investigations	18
Larcenies	17
Snowmobile Violations	14
House Checks	10

2003 was a busy year with a total of 580 complaints received and answered. There were 16 criminal arrests made.

It is a privilege to have been elected and to have served as your First Constable every year since 1983, and it is my wish to continue to serve and protect the citizens of the Town of Brighton.

Sincerely,
Theodore E. Miller, First Constable

Brighton Fire Department Report

It's been a very busy year. Many of our members attended our regional school for a weekend of training in a wide range of activities. These included propane gas, vehicle extrication, air pak, and interior fire fighting. There was also a rookie course for our entry-level members. Instructors from the Rescue Training Institute came here for a 2-day vehicle extrication course that was very informative and exciting.

The Vermont State Fire Fighters Association held its annual convention in Newport. We participated in the parade. We also participated in the Pittsburg, NH convention parade.

Keith Weaver, Refuge Manager of the Sylvio O. Conte National Fish & Wildlife Refuge, provided the department with support and assistance. One benefit of this help was a FEMA Grant that provided our firefighters with clothing, hand tools and a portable pump. Keith also helped us obtain through donation, an enclosed snowmobile trailer to carry our equipment.

We also received a Homeland Security Grant to purchase a UHF radio for the truck and a thermal imaging camera. This can be used to detect "hot spots" in walls or elsewhere that may not be visible to the naked eye. It may also be used to search for missing persons including a person who may have been ejected from a vehicle.

We still meet the second and fourth Mondays of every month. Please feel free to stop in anytime with questions or to view the equipment.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Members of the Brighton Volunteer Fire Department
Chief Rick Hannux

Kingdom Corps

THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM CONSERVATION SERVICE CORPS

Thanks in part to the support from the residents of the Town of Brighton, the Kingdom Corps was able to provide educational and employment opportunities to 54 local youth while completing priority conservation and community service projects throughout the region.

Well over 100 young people applied to the Corps for 2003, nine of which were selected from Brighton to work on six conservation crews. This summer the Corps fielded its first ever backcountry crew made up of 16-18 year old youth who worked and lived in the backcountry for a week at a time. One of the positions on the backcountry crew was filled by a young person from Island Pond who had a very powerful experience, and in fact after the summer he went to school for urban forestry.

The leadership team is crucial to the success of the program and this summer two crew leaders and four JR leaders were young people from Island Pond. Most were past crewmembers and all proved successful at taking on a high level of responsibility and leadership. One of those leaders met our ideal criteria of having worked her way up from a 13-year old crewmember to the leadership role she served in during 2003.

In total \$20,640 in wages were paid directly to young people from Island Pond during the summer of 2003.

Crews worked on a variety of projects in the area including work on public lands, trails, riverbanks and in State Parks. 2003 was a successful summer and I am confident that the community of Island Pond benefited both from the work that was completed and even more so from the lessons that its youth gained through the Kingdom Corps experience.

Respectfully submitted,
Ross Stevens, Program Director

Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District

2003 REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF BRIGHTON

The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District provides many services for the town of Brighton. Most people know us as the recycling center on Church Street in Lyndonville, but we are much more than that. Materials such as used motor oil, fluorescent bulbs, hazardous waste, electronics, scrap metal, and lead-acid batteries are also accepted year round, and hazardous waste is collected during the summer.

Brighton constructed a new recycling center during 2003 with the help of the NEKWMD and a grant from the State of Vermont. The NEKWMD also did the paperwork to certify the new recycling center. The 2003 recycling rate for the Town of Brighton was 21.5%. Every ton of trash costs approximately \$100, while recycling costs the town \$44.75 per ton in hauling fees. Therefore, as residents recycle more the town can lower its overall waste management costs.

A household hazardous waste collection will be held in Brighton this next summer. The NEKWMD also runs a household hazardous waste collection through the summer months at the Lyndonville recycling center. This is open to residents and conditionally exempt generator businesses from all NEKWMD towns. Used motor oil, lead-acid batteries and fluorescent light bulbs will soon be collected at the Brighton recycling center. These materials are removed and properly handled by the waste district.

The money for the NEKWMD budget comes from the sale of recyclables (20%), State grants (3%), hauling fees (8%), miscellaneous fees and income (9%), and a surcharge on every ton of trash disposed of from NEKWMD towns (60%). This surcharge is dropping from \$21.50 to \$21.00 for 2004 – this is the fourth year in a row that the surcharge has dropped. Residents of the Town of Brighton paid 1.5% of the District budget in 2003, based on hauling fees and surcharge.

We are looking forward to a full slate of events during 2004. The hazardous waste depot will be open from June 1 to October 1 by appointment. A hazardous waste collection is planned in Brighton on Monday, August 2 from 10 am to 1 pm. Clothing drop and swaps are scheduled for April 9-10 and September 10-11 at the Fenton Chester arena in Lyndonville and spring and fall in Derby – these events have grown in popularity over the last two years, and we now regularly send 2/3 of the clothing collected back into the community for reuse!

Please give us a call at 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602 with any questions, comments, or waste management issues that you have. We can also be reached by e-mail at progmgr@nekwmd.org or on the web at www.nekwmd.org.

Thank you and happy recycling!

Northeastern Vermont Development Association

True to our mission, Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) worked hard during the past year to meet the economic development and planning needs of the region's municipalities and businesses. 2003 was our 53rd year of dedicated service to the people of the Northeast Kingdom.

Many of our projects were regional in nature and therefore benefited every single community in this region. A good example of this is the unmet transportation needs survey, which gauged the gap between the availability of and the need for transportation services in the Northeast Kingdom.

We also continued to provide essential technical services to town and city officials. This work included conducting transportation studies (including a bridge and culvert inventory) and traffic counts (including counts in Brighton); preparing, reviewing and commenting on municipal planning documents; certifying Municipal Plans; interpreting and explaining planning law, as well as wind power and local zoning issues, to planning and zoning officials; and preparing GIS maps. NVDA also continued to offer reliable and knowledgeable grant writing and grant administration services to a number of towns. NVDA has assisted the Town of Brighton in the application for a VCDP grant for the library.

On the economic development front, the Charles E. Carter Business Resource Center in NVDA's St. Johnsbury-Lyndon Industrial Park was near completion at the end of the past year. The Business Resource Center provides warehousing and manufacturing space, as well as a technical and industrial training facility. In Brighton, NVDA has assisted a small business with a grant, prepared the airport master plan, and continues to work with the Island Pond Woodworkers.

As in the past, in 2003 we continued to work closely with the Small Business Development Center to create and retain jobs throughout the Northeast Kingdom. To cite a few examples: We assisted Easton Hockey/EHM Production in Newport with a tax credit application, which will result in 60 jobs within a few years; we helped WT Solutions in St. Johnsbury to purchase industrial sewing equipment and to find a facility, thereby creating 50+ jobs; and we helped Chebe, a bread manufacturer in Orleans to locate a production facility. NVDA also continues to work with Ethan Allen on the company's long-term needs.

Companies that NVDA assisted in the recent past include MSA Gallet in Newport, which continues to grow and receive contracts for its high quality helmets from the US Army; and Bogner of America, also located in Newport, which has diversified from being solely a garment manufacturer to a warehouse and distribution center for some large clothing companies.

Four business loans were approved from our revolving loan funds in 2003. NVDA also added a technical assistance grant program in order to help small businesses with a variety of projects. We approved twelve grants for small businesses in eight communities. Projects included marketing plans, patent applications, Act 250 application assistance and an architectural design.

We look forward to continue serving you in 2004, and we appreciate your much-needed support.

Sincerely
Steve Patterson, Executive Director

Orleans-Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.

The Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice has served your community since 1969. We are a non-profit home care agency whose mission is to provide services to every individual in need. Our dedicated staff works with clients, their families, physicians, and other area providers to ensure that people receive the care they need while maintaining their independence and their ability to remain in the comfort of home. Your continued commitment to us enables us to continue our commitment to the community.

I want to thank you for your past financial support, it has been greatly appreciated. As you know, last year we were able to reduce the amount of our request due to a positive performance for the previous two fiscal years. However, as we predicted last year, the reductions in reimbursement imposed by Medicare have caused us to fall back to a less optimistic bottom line. Some of this can be attributed to the \$192,436 in free services we provided last year. We are asking the voters for an appropriation to help defray some of this cost and allow us to continue to provide all of the services required in your community.

It is important to remember that OEVNA&H is unlike other non-profit organizations who work with a fixed budget—they are aware of how much money they have to spend before they provide services. Our budget is based on actual payment for services rendered and we are not compensated if there is no payment source. In fact, since we began providing services we have provided over \$825,000 worth of free care. Our budget for the upcoming year is based on projections from prior years, but if our projections fall short, so do our revenues.

We thank you for your generous support and look forward to serving your community in 2004.

Regards,
Nancy J. Warner, Executive Director

RCT – Rural Community Transportation

RCT is a nonprofit corporation providing transportation to the elderly, handicapped and disabled in your community through a volunteer service. The drivers are reimbursed at the rate of 36 cents per mile for the use of their vehicles. RCT coordinates the trips and reimburses the drivers every two weeks for all the trips received. RCT has provided one thousand nine (1,009) trips for the residents of the Town of Brighton for the past year. With level funding from the state for over five years and the increased request for service, RCT needs your help.

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

Cordially,
Mary E. Grant, Executive Director

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.

We are the Northeast Kingdom Adult Education and Literacy Program (formerly Adult Basic Education). We provide on-demand home and learning center educational services to Brighton residents as well as to almost anyone in Caledonia, Essex or Orleans counties over the age of sixteen who wants to improve basic education skills. The program has full service learning centers in Newport and St. Johnsbury, part-time centers in North Troy, Island Pond, Hardwick and Lyndonville and home tutors who travel everywhere in the three counties. As always, demand for adult basic education services remains very high. In 2003, we provided over 19,000 hours of direct instruction to 948 students. We are currently serving 213 adults who are working on a GED or high school diploma. Some of our other students are studying for the Commercial Driver's License or working to improve job readiness or job skills. Our Drop-Out Recovery Program, which allows adults to earn a competency based high school diploma at no additional cost to the high school, continues to grow in popularity. We now have 7 people in the program and last year 3 earned their diplomas. We also have seen an increase in GED testing.

Your support of the Northeast Kingdom Adult Education and Literacy program will be helpful to us during the coming year. Our town monies are vital. Town funds are used for many program purposes. They have helped us pay the rent for our learning centers and offer our students higher quality and more comprehensive instructional resources. Over the years, town funds have helped us purchase workbooks, instructional supplies, reference materials and instructional software. We hope you will continue your support of the Northeast Kingdom Adult Education and Literacy program.

Respectfully submitted,
William V. Crenshaw, Executive Director

Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) greatly appreciates the Town of Brighton for including a contribution to VABVI in their 2003 budget.

Our mission is to enable Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence. We were established with assistance from Helen Keller and the American Foundation for the Blind in 1926. Since then, our agency has provided services to any visually impaired Vermonter who needs them, at no cost to the client, due to the financial support we receive from individuals, businesses, civic organizations, and municipalities as well as state and federal grants. Last year we served 1,413 people statewide – 1,128 adults and 285 children.

Our services for children include teaching and support at home and in the classroom. Our Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVI) instruct in Braille, and acquire materials such as textbooks in alternative formats appropriate for each child's visual impairment, whether it's Braille, large print or on audiotape. They also assist classroom teachers in instructing with less emphasis on visual learning, such as writing on the blackboard. We also plan educational overnight camps each year, so the students can exercise their independent and daily living skills in a supportive environment. In addition, we also provide transitional services for teens looking beyond high school to higher learning or independent living.

For adults, we make visits to homes to help adapt the home for safety and ease of mobility. We mark stoves, microwaves, thermostats and other appliances for ease of use and help organize pantries and closets to make cooking and other daily living tasks manageable and reasonably efficient. We provide orientation and mobility lessons, including white cane instruction, so that people can get around on their own. We sponsor Peer Assisted Learning and Support (PALS) groups, bi-monthly meetings for peer education and group support, which meet in 11 locations around the state, including Newport. We served one adult in Brighton last year.

Volunteers are an important part of our organization. Last year 204 VABVI volunteers drove 181,206 miles and donated 14,631 hours of service – the equivalent of seven and a half full time employees – either by driving, reading, shopping, brailleing, working in our offices or other capacities. It is in large part because of these volunteers that we spent 87 cents out of every dollar on direct services in your community last year. To become a volunteer or to learn more about our services, contact us at 1-877-350-8838 or general@vabvi.org or visit our website at www.vabvi.org.

Vital Statistics – Births

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
Sarah Nadeau	January 5	Paul Nadeau	Charla Sargent
Jordan Marsh	February 13	Allen Marsh	Hope Pray
Hannah Bates	February 15	Jeremy Bates	Jennifer Maynard
Colby Marcoux	May 2	Eric Marcoux	Heather Blake
Joseph Ferri	May 23	Timothy Wilson	Angela Ferri
Ethan Theroux	May 23	Reginald Theroux	Jennifer Osborne
James Rooney	June 10	John Rooney	Cynthia Czupil
Adam Sykes	June 24	Michael Sykes	Melanie Halpern
Ivy Little	July 9	Peter Little	Amy Neuenfeldt
Austin Jones	July 15	George Jones	Katrina Lafoe
Raine LaCourse	August 18	Benjamin LaCourse	Lynne Daniels
Morgan Bean	August 27	James Webb	Jennifer Bean

Vital Statistics – Marriages

<u>Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Date</u>
Andrew Bertsch	Island Pond	Tracy Wheeler	Island Pond	Feb. 7
Joshua Swartwood	Lynchburg, VA	Shanna DeLaBruere	Lynchburg, VA	Feb. 22
John Amey	Pittsburg, NH	Cindy-Lou Buteau	Pittsburg, NH	June 20
Jeremy Bates	Island Pond	Jennifer Maynard	Island Pond	June 21
Timothy Nadeau	Island Pond	Amy Grady	Island Pond	July 5
Frederick Doucette, Sr.	Island Pond	Sandra Norris	Derby	July 12
Michael Lane	Island Pond	Jacintha Faust	Island Pond	July 15
Charles Pronto	Island Pond	Lindi Collins	Island Pond	July 19
Christopher Dale	Warner, NH	Cathlyn Haigh	Warner, NH	July 26
Timothy McCullough	C.Barnstead, NH	Linda Castrogiovanni	C.Barnstead, NH	Nov. 29

Vital Statistics – Deaths

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
Viola Marquis	January 1	83	Newport
Diane Bartlett	January 24	63	Newport
Ernest Dubois	February 1	84	Barre
Selina Stafford	April 1	92	Burlington
Monique Castrogiovanni	April 13	34	Island Pond
Melvin Ashman	April 25	76	Island Pond
Christina Bellis	April 27	92	Island Pond
Albert H. Pratt	July 6	95	Newport
Louise Applebee	July 16	86	Island Pond
Archie Gillis	July 22	78	Island Pond
Gwendolyn Hunt	August 24	81	Island Pond
Charles Garfield, Jr.	September 14	62	Newport
Eugenie Poulin	November 25	99	Newport
Herbert Caouette	November 26	86	Lyndonville
Roland DeLaBruere	December 6	82	Island Pond
Alice Fields Paradis	December 27	75	Burlington

Auditors' Report

We have examined and audited the financial records of the Town of Brighton, Vermont for the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003. To the best of our knowledge and ability, we found the financial accounts presented to us by the town clerk in order and correct. This year the responsibility of managing all of the Library accounts was added to the duties of the town clerk and treasurer. Lucy has handled all of the responsibilities of the position in an exemplary manner.

Board of Auditors

Muriel Leonard
Barbara Pratt
Virginia Wing

Minutes of Annual Town Meeting

MARCH 3, 2003

The legal voters for the Town of Brighton and the Brighton Water System are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Town Hall in said town on Monday, March 3, 2003 at 7:30 PM to transact the following business:

Articles 1 through 3 are to be voted by Australian ballot at the polls on Tuesday, March 4, 2003 from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM in the town hall.

Moderator Thomas Donnellan called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. He then read

Articles 1-3: To elect the following Town & Water System officers: Moderator, First Constable, Town Agent, Town Grand Juror, Delinquent Tax Collector and one Select person, all for one year terms; One Library Trustee for a two year term; one Select Person, One Town Clerk-Town Treasurer, one Water Commissioner, one Lister, one Auditor, one Library Trustee and one Cemetery Commissioner for the term of three years each; and one library Trustee for the term of five years.

2. To elect the following School District officers: Moderator for a one-year term; One School Director for a one-year term; two School Directors for a two-year term; and one School Director for a three-year term.

3. Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$461,476.00?

The following articles are to be considered at the business meeting portion of the Annual Town Meeting, to be conducted on Monday, March 3, 2003 at 7: 30 PM in the town hall:

4. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited earlier.

5. To hear the reports of the town officers for the past year and to take action thereon. No action was taken.

6. To hear the report of the Water Commissioners for the past year and to take action thereon. No questions so no action taken.

7. To see if the voters shall fix the number of installments and the payment due dates for the collection of taxes as authorized in Title 32, V.S.A. Section 4872. Recommended payments to be due on Aug. 19, Sept. 19 and Nov. 19. Craig Goulet motioned to accept this article. Seconded by Alan Wing. Voice vote. Ayes have it. Article seven is carried.

8. To see if the voters shall authorize collection of 2003 taxes through the treasurer as provided for in Title 32, V.S.A. Sections 4792 and 4793. Edward Bickford made a motion to accept article 8. Seconded by Theodore Firestone. Voice vote called for. Ayes have it. Article 8 is passed.

9. To see if the voters shall authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow money for the operating expenses of the Town of Brighton in anticipation of taxes-such borrowing not to exceed 90 percent of all anticipated revenues. Marshall Frizzell motioned to accept article 9. Seconded by Charles Pronto. Voice vote. Ayes have it. Article 9 is passed.

10. Will the voters authorize the expenditure of \$24,100 over 5 years to match state funds to pave Pleasant Street and to gravel Newark Road under the Class 2 resurfacing program? Edward Bickford made a motion to accept Article 10. Seconded by Marshall Frizzell. Bob Merchant explained this article. The board wants to pave one mile of Pleasant St. from the cemetery to Lakeshore Drive. This project will also include culverts and ditching. The Newark Rd. project will include three or more inches of crushed gravel on 1.7 miles on the Newark Rd. A voice vote was called for. Ayes have it. Article 10 is passed.

11. Will the voters authorize the expenditure of \$66,172.62 over three years to purchase a new town truck? Francis Allard motioned to accept article 11. Edward Bickford seconded the motion. Francis Allard made a motion to amend Article 11 to read, "Will the voters authorize the expenditure of \$66,172.62 over five years to purchase a new town truck? The annual payments of \$13,234.52 be paid from the Heavy Equipment Capital Fund." Edward Bickford seconded the motion. After much discussion a voice vote was called for. Nays have it. The amendment is defeated. Voice vote called for on original article. Ayes have it. Article 11 is passed.

12. Will the voters authorize the expenditure of \$52,000 over five years to pay for necessary repairs to the roof, flashing and eaves of the municipal building? Marshall Frizzell made a motion to accept article 12. Edward Bickford seconded the motion.

Before this article was discussed, William Johnson, our representative was present for short discussion of issues that concern our town. Act 60 seemed to be the major topic of conversation. Mr. Johnson answered a few questions, then had to leave to attend another meeting.

Peter Sprague made a motion to amend this article to read \$42,000 instead of \$52,000. Theodore Miller seconded the motion. Peter Sprague explained that the town has received a grant of \$10,000 from Historic Preservation. Voice vote on amendment. Ayes have it. The amendment is carried. Another voice vote was called for. Ayes have it. The amended article 12 is carried.

13. Will the voters authorize the appropriation of \$500 to the Frontier Animal Society of Vermont, Inc. to help defray their shelter maintenance expenses? Lindi Collins explained that the area finally has a humane society in Orleans which will cover this area. Lindi Collins motioned to accept article 13. Bernie Henault seconded the motion. Voice vote called for. Ayes have it. Article 13 is passed.

14. Will the voters authorize the appropriation of \$200 to the Essex County Natural Resources District to support their work with landowners and youth? Reginald Hunt made a motion to accept article 14. George Foy seconded the motion. Nobody seemed to know too much about this organization except that they worked with farmers and did other conservation work. Voice vote called. Too close to call so a show of hands was called for. Article 14 was passed.

15. To see if the voters will raise money by property taxes to pay the general expenses of the town and if so, how much? Charles Pronto motioned to accept article 15. Seconded by Craig Goulet. The amount of the proposed budget is \$785,411.06. A paper ballot was requested. Results: Yes-57 No-18. Article 15 is carried.

16. To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting. Being no other business, Bernie Henault made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM. Joel Cope seconded the motion. All in favor. So carried.

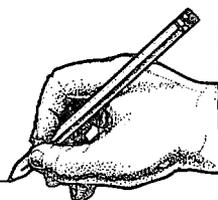
Brighton Town Clerk's Office, March 5 A.D. 2003 at 8:00 A.M. received the instrument of which the foregoing is a true record.

Attest: Margaret Castonguay
Ass't. Town Clerk

Attest: Peter Sprague
Select Person

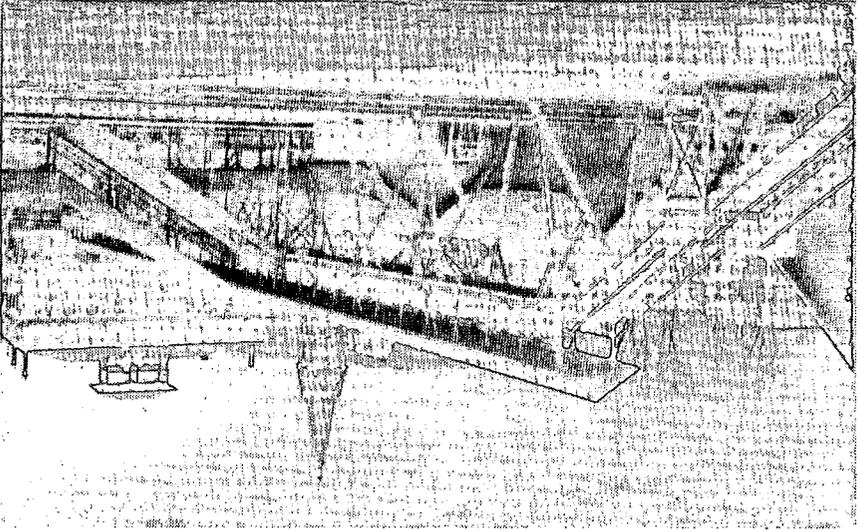
Attest: Thomas P. Donnellan
Moderator

*Notes, Questions,
Ideas for Discussion*

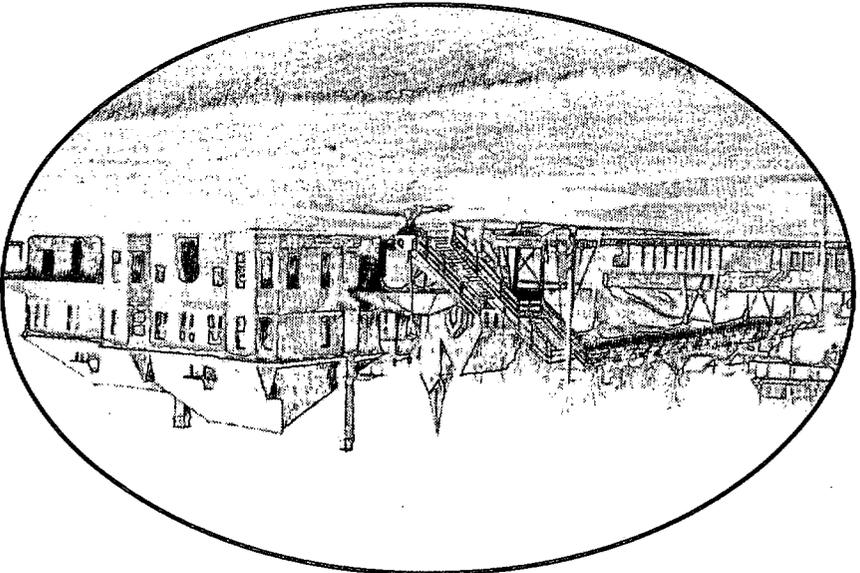


An earlier footbridge located at east end of present Railroad Station
(circa 1900)

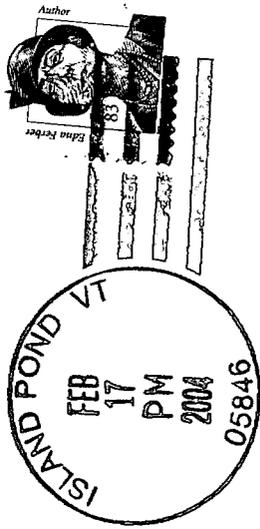
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Island Pond's Footbridge (1903/1904-1973)



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