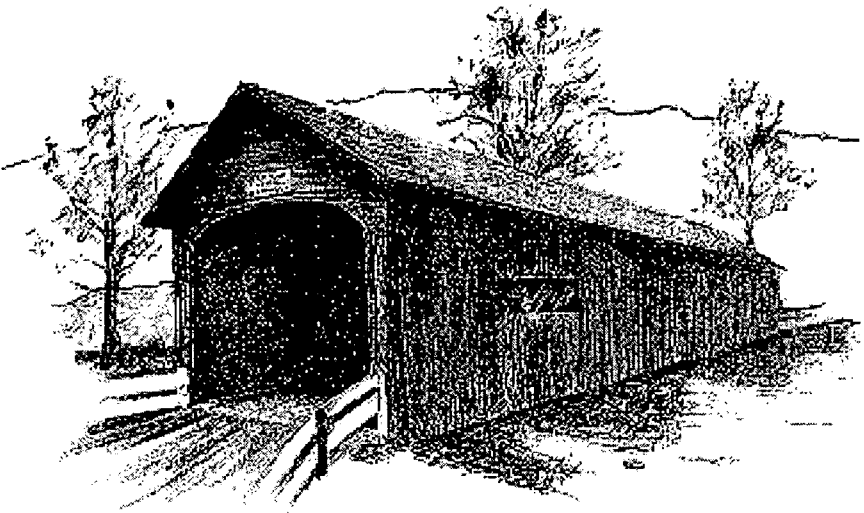


TOWN OF
GUILFORD
VERMONT

FISCAL YEAR
July 1, 2003-June 30, 2004



145th Annual Report

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday	9:00 - 4:00
Tuesday	9:00 - 4:00
Wednesday*	9:00 - 12:00, 6:30 - 8:00pm
Thursday	9:00 - 4:00
Friday	9:00 - 4:00

* *Wednesday: closed afternoon and open evening*

REGULAR MEETINGS

Selectboard: 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 6:30pm
School Board: 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, 6:30pm
Firemen's Meetings & Drills: every Tuesday, 6:30pm
Fire Department Trustees: 1st Monday of each month, 6:30pm
Historical Society: 3rd Monday of January, April, July and October
Library Trustees: 2nd Thursday of each month, 6:30pm
Planning Commission: 1st Wednesday of each month, 7:00pm
Conservation Committee: 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:00pm
Cemetery Commission: 3rd Thursday each month, 5:30pm

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Town Office	254-6857 (fax 257-5764)
Town Garage	254-2755
School	254-2271
Fire Dept.	To report a fire 911

Burning Permits: 254-7138, or 257-4365

Library	257-4603
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Health Officers:

Septic - Douglas McCrae	257-7532
Disease; Water - Dolores Hale	257-5819
Constable - Walter Thorn	257-8932
Dog Officer - John Lynde	254-2217

Dog licenses are due April 1st each year. You may come in between January 10 & April 1 to obtain a new license. A current rabies certificate is needed.

Library Hours: Tuesday 9:30am-6pm; Wednesday 1-8pm; Saturday 9:30am-3pm.

Cover: *The Green River Covered Bridge, drawn by the late Tom Hannan, of Packer Corners. The framed original is on display at the Town Office.*

DEDICATION

Okay, we know that Thanksgiving and the Fourth of July are great holidays; but here in Guilford, the family highlight of our year is Labor Day. Since 1942 (with the sole exception of 1945), Labor Day has been the day the people of Guilford come together to show off to our neighbors from near and far at The Guilford Fair. We show off our animals, our vegetables, our flowers, our arts and crafts, our skills with saws and horse-shoes, and our love of country living. A fun time is had by all; we Guilfordites and our guests, the children and the grandfolks. So this year we dedicate the Town Report to The Guilford Fair for bringing us together to work and play, for promoting pride in our community, and for putting Guilford on the map. *B.T.*



About 30 years ago, at the Fair, the "dunk tank" for the benefit of the fire department draws a crowd. How many faces do you recognize?

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How to understand this report...

The Town of Guilford is administered by the selectmen using money raised by property taxes, license fees, and State Aid to Highways; and the Guilford Central School is administered by the school directors using monies from State Educational Funds, and a share of property taxes. Money to be expended is voted on by the townspeople at Town Meeting.

In simplified terms, the amount of money necessary to run the town for the year is divided by 1% of the appraised value of property in town (or the "grand list") to get the "tax rate". However, Act 60 and 68 have made it more complicated to calculate at town meeting the effect of a vote for a certain amount on your taxes.

This report starts with a statement of appraised value of property in town and the taxes raised last year, and how the raised money is allocated (pages 6-7).

Pages 8-10 show statements and balance sheets of Town funds. On a "statement", the final fund balance equals the opening fund balance plus income and minus expenditures. On a "balance sheet", the fund balance equals the assets minus the liabilities. A "fund balance" is what municipal governments call "profit", or surplus.

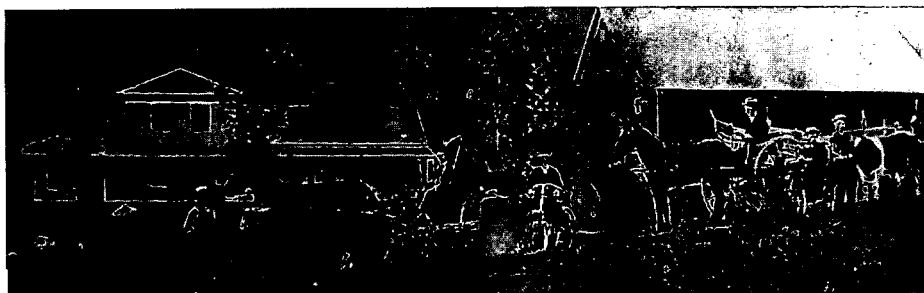
Pages 10-15 show the selectmen's FY2004 budget figures, proposed and actual; and the proposed figures for 2005/06 (Fiscal Year 2006). These amounts include all town expenditures except for the school. The Treasurer's Statement (15-16) has summaries of revenues: the difference between monies appropriated and revenues is the amount to be raised by taxes. Remember that a fiscal year takes its name from the ending year; that is, FY2005 is July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

The Equipment Account and Capital Fund reports on pages 17-18 summarize the fact that the Town Highway Dept. "rents" the highway equipment from the town, having been budgeted an amount of money by the Selectmen. If the Highway Department does not spend all the budgeted money on the equipment, the surplus goes into the Equipment Account, to be spent on new equipment.

The rest of the report is further detail of income and expenses, including the school section (pp.27-46); followed by reports from organizations supported by the Town, listings of Town Officials, Vital Statistics, and Town Meeting Minutes and Warnings.

AUDITORS' STATEMENT

We [and the professional auditing firm Jack Laasko & Associates, PC] have verified the existence of stated cash balances, inspected securities, examined the accounts and records of Town Officers and of the School Board, and to the best of our knowledge believe them to be true statements of the accounts of the Town for the year ending June 30, 2004. Pursuant to Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 24, Section 983, we have established the Selectboard's



Buggys and bicycles on display for the photographer.

yearly salary as follows: \$1,200 for each member. The board member serving as clerk used to receive a higher salary for doing additional work, but nowadays all board members do additional work. We would like to recognize the Selectboard for the time and effort they put in for the town (they're certainly not in it for the money!).

Our auditing work is made easier due to the skills of Barbara Oles, the Town Clerk and Treasurer, as well as those of Administrative Assistant Kate Snow. The computerized bookkeeping system presents a clear and complete picture of the financial activity. As "amateur" auditors, we further appreciate the work and oversight provided by the professional auditing firm.

We do not reproduce the entire professional audit in this report, partly due to space considerations, but complete copies are available to any townsperson at the Town Office.

We report that Guilford currently carries no indebtedness to the next fiscal year.

Town reports are complicated, and we try to present the information as clearly as possible. We welcome comments and suggestions.

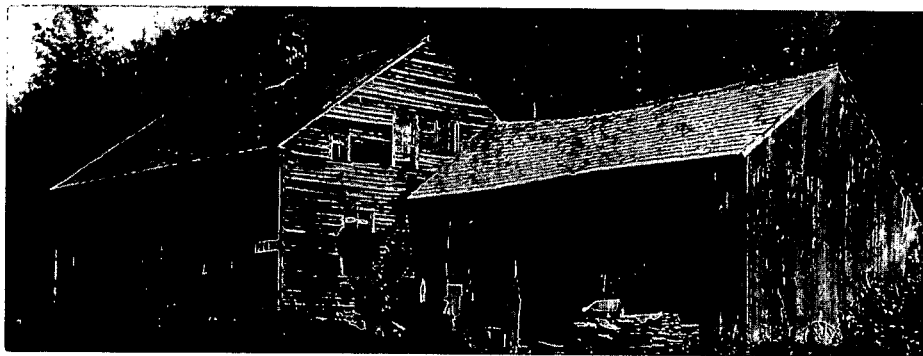
Neil Quinn
Bob Tucker
Cathrine Wilken

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Another year has passed and it's time once again to recap the year.

With a colder than normal winter and low snowfall, the expected rough mud season didn't develop. The town crew was able to get ditches cleaned and roads graded fairly early. The Weatherhead Hollow project is finished and waiting for blacktop in early summer. No more monies are needed to be voted. There are two areas of concern on major routes: a section of Green River Road is caving into the river adjacent to a previous major cave-in; a section of Greenland Bend is also caving in. Both will need attention in the near future.

The town had a major equipment failure - the engine on the loader. After



West Guilford Post Office, early 1900s (see picture on page 26 also).

a long spell in the shop, finding an engine, and many trips by the technician, it has returned back to normal. A new grader was ordered early in summer and finally arrived in December.

The Sheriff's Department continues to patrol under a new contract. The town requested varied patrol times at random locations.

A fire alarm which is integrated with a security service was installed at the Town Garage.

Work has been done at the Town Garage to comply with OSHA preventative regulations. (Some towns have been inspected and fined heavily for noncompliance.)

The Board has touched up Town personnel policy to clarify overtime procedures.

Selectboard meetings are still held the second and fourth Mondays at 6:30pm. We encourage folks to attend. If you would like an item on the agenda, you need to call the office ahead of time so it can be addressed.

Richard Clark, Chair
Dennis Franklin
Calvin Grandy

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's Office recorded 807 documents (67 more than 2003), issued 20 marriage licenses and 6 civil union licenses, filed 16 births, 13 death certificates and burial permits. We also issued 104 fish and game licenses and 546 motor vehicle renewals for the state. 631 dog licenses and 7 special kennel licenses were also issued.

Sally Carpenter is still very graciously volunteering some time to copy Grand Lists onto acid free paper so that we may bind them and help preserve this information as a permanent record. Rohan Providence continues to keep our computers running efficiently and I thank him for his time and trouble.

In March Roberta Bremmer, my assistant, held a rabies clinic along with

the Humane Society at the Guilford Fire Station so people could get their dogs' rabies shots and license them at the same time. We would like to thank Jennifer Ruopp, a resident veterinarian, for her time giving these shots. This went over well last year and they are hoping to do it again this year.

If you are a resident of Guilford, remember to file your HS131 form when you do your income taxes as this affects the amount of education taxes you pay. There is a penalty if you do not file this form. Any elderly resident who does not need to file an income tax form should still file this HS131. These forms are available in the Town Clerk's Office.

Once again, thank you for letting me serve as your town clerk and treasurer.

Barbara B. Oles
Town Clerk/Treasurer

REPORT OF THE LISTERS

The town reappraisal of all property is still underway. We have completed about two thirds of the inspections, and we intend to be finished this spring, '05. In the late spring we expect to mail a notice of the new assessed values to each property owner. This will be our estimate of your property's market value. You will have a chance to review the values, and ask us questions about the process and appeal your value to us if you wish to do so. Your tax bill will come out in August as usual. Remember, the property assessment deals with market values, not with tax bill amounts. You have some control over your tax bill when you vote for town and school budgets. Larger budgets lead to higher taxes.

The last reappraisal was completed in 1984, and values were updated in 1988. We must do the reappraisal because our CLA - common level of appraisal - is about 62 %. This means properties on average are assessed at 62% of selling prices; we need to bring that up to 100%. When all assessed values increase, that does not increase your individual tax bill: improvements to your property and voting to raise more taxes will increase tax bills.

More important is the COD - coefficient of dispersion rate - a measure of the equity of assessments. Ours is now at 22%, higher than the average of 18.5% in Windham County. The 22 towns in Windham County range from 8% to 26%. Five towns have a higher spread than ours. The lower the percentage, the better.

Your board of Listers appreciates your continued cooperation with our property inspections. If you have not seen us, we will be in touch with you in the next month or two.

Frank Rafferty
Jeremy Gold

TREASURER'S CALCULATION OF TAXES

FY2004

	MUNICIPAL	EDUCATION
APPRAISED VALUE		
Real Estate - Grand List 2003	\$94,113,496.00	\$94,113,496.00
Personal Property		
Cable		461,362.00
Contracts		96,800.00
Veterans Exemption	(50,000.00)	
	<u>\$94,063,496.00</u>	<u>\$94,671,658.00</u>

GRAND LIST CALCULATION:

1% of Appraised Value	\$940,634.96	\$946,716.58
Tax Rate	<u>0.6800</u>	<u>2.7800</u>
Grand List times Tax Rate	\$639,631.77	\$2,631,872.09

TAXES BILLED

Real Estate & Cable	\$3,269,107.11
Lister Adjustments	<u>0.00</u>
	\$3,269,107.11

FY2004 TAXES COLLECTED:

Real Estate	\$3,044,254.88
Delinquents	224,852.23
Fractional Difference	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL TAXES	\$3,269,107.11

Marguerite Evans talks with Tom Ragle at a Golden Agers luncheon.



MONIES VOTED AT TOWN MEETING

MARCH 2, 2004

	BUDGET	REVENUES	RAISE BY TAXES	TAX RATE
TOWN 7/2004-6/2005				
General Fund	\$324,943.00	(\$153,016.00)	\$171,927.00	0.182
Highway Fund	546,528.00	(142,761.00)	403,767.00	0.427
Human Services	98,061.00	0.00	98,061.00	0.104
Capital Fund - Bridges	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.011
Junkyard Cleanup	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.016
	\$994,532.00	(\$295,777.00)	\$698,755.00	0.739
Local Agreement Rate			2,262.12	0.002
Total Town Tax Rate			701,017.12	0.742
TOWN GRAND LIST - 2004				
		\$945,235.57		
General Budget	171,927.00	113,061.00	284,988.00	0.301
Highway Budget	403,767.00	10,000.00	413,767.00	0.438
Local Agreement Rate			2,268.35	0.002
				0.742

	BUDGET	REVENUES	RAISE BY TAXES
SCHOOL			
Elementary	\$2,558,651.00	(\$469,562.00)	\$2,089,089.00
BUHS	1,392,545.00		1,392,545.00
WSESU	109,413.00		105,482.00
GSSG State Aid			0.00
School Budget	\$4,060,609.00	(\$469,562.00)	\$3,591,047.00

STATE EDUCATION TAX RATES FOR 2005

HOMESTEAD TAX RATE

Base Homestead Tax Rate	1.050
District Spending Adjustment	1.572
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	65.90%
Homestead Tax Rate to be Assessed	2.505

NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE

Base Non-Residential Tax Rate	1.540
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	65.90%
Non-Residential Tax Rate to be Assessed	2.337

SCHOOL GRAND LIST - 2004

Education Land Value - Homestead	\$618,983.00	\$1,550,366.72
Education Land Value - Non-Residential	\$331,811.00	\$775,409.13

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

ALL FUND TYPES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

	GENERAL FUND	REVENUE FUND	CAPITAL FUND	TRUST FUNDS
REVENUE:				
Property Taxes	\$645,634	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest/Penalties Del Taxes	34,651	0	0	0
Intergovernmental	308,333	0	0	0
Permits and licenses	6,455	0	0	0
Contributions	0	0	0	2,000
Charges for services	27,234	0	0	0
Reimbursement from Library	14,331	0	0	0
Interest Income	3,265	99	894	352
Miscellaneous	9,368	0	0	0
	<u>1,049,271</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>894</u>	<u>2,352</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
General Government	269,095	0	0	0
Public Safety	11,370	0	0	0
Public Works	540,327	0	0	0
Solid Waste Management	16,425	0	0	0
Health and Welfare	76,767	0	0	0
Library	14,331	0	0	0
Cemetery Maintenance	1,692	0	0	0
Revolving Loan Fund	0	0	0	0
County Tax	14,019	0	0	0
Capital:	0	0	94,855	0
	<u>944,026</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>94,855</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess(Deficit) of Revenue	105,245	99	(93,961)	2,352
Operating Transfers	(179,468)	0	179,742	(274)
Excess (Deficit)	<u>(74,223)</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>85,781</u>	<u>2,078</u>
Fund Balance July 1, 2003	383,498	36,154	136,117	44,696
Fund Balance June 30, 2004	<u>\$309,275</u>	<u>\$36,253</u>	<u>\$221,898</u>	<u>\$46,774</u>

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BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES

JUNE 30, 2004

	GENERAL	REVOLVING LOAN	CAPITAL	TRUSTS
ASSETS				
Cash	\$170,917	\$17,728	\$221,898	\$6,780
Investments	0	0	0	39,994
Accounts receivable	1,006	0	0	0
Delinquent taxes receivable	152,732	0	0	0
Notes receivable	0	18,525	0	0
Due from other funds	0	0	0	0
Prepaid expenditures	11,385	0	0	0
Total Assets	336,040	36,253	221,898	46,774
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	5,696	0	0	0
Due to other funds	0	0	0	0
Deferred revenue	3,631	0	0	0
Payroll and withholdings	17,438	0	0	0
Total Liabilities	26,765	0	0	0
FUND BALANCES				
Reserved	114,227	36,253	221,898	46,744
Unreserved:				
Designated	147,451	0	0	0
Undesignated	47,597	0	0	0
Total Fund Balances	309,275	36,253	221,898	46,744
Total Liabilities + Fund Balances	\$336,040	\$36,253	\$221,898	\$46,744

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES

GENERAL FUND

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUE:			
Property Taxes	634,707	645,634	\$10,927
Delinquent Penalty & Interest	32,000	34,651	2,651
Intergovernmental	182,430	308,333	125,903
Library Reimbursement	14,232	14,331	99
Permits & Licenses	4,500	6,455	1,955
Charges for Services	18,000	27,234	9,234
Interest Income	8,000	3,265	(4,735)
Miscellaneous	100	9,368	9,268
	893,969	1,049,271	155,302

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
EXPENDITURES:			
General Government	271,424	269,095	2,329
Public Safety	9,250	11,370	(2,120)
Public Works	537,092	540,327	(3,235)
Solid Waste Management	15,650	16,425	(775)
Health and Welfare	71,681	76,767	(5,086)
Library	14,232	14,331	(99)
Cemetery maintenance	1,700	1,692	8
County Tax	14,498	14,019	479
	935,527	944,026	(8,499)
Excess Revenue over Expenditures	(41,558)	105,245	146,803
Operating Transfers Out	(49,400)	(179,468)	(130,068)
Excess Revenue over Expenditures	(\$90,958)	(74,223)	\$16,735
Fund Balance, July 1, 2003		383,498	
Fund Balance, June 30, 2004		\$309,275	

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SELECTBOARD'S BUDGET

	FY04 BUDGET	FY04 ACTUAL	FY05 BUDGET	FY06 PROPOSED
SELECTMEN				
Selectmen	3,150.00	3,150.00	3,150.00	3,600.00
Assistant	16,806.00	16,745.00	17,479.00	18,004.00
Social Security	22,163.00	20,779.73	22,194.00	23,650.00
Retirement	9,615.00	8,668.21	9,791.00	11,056.00
Health Insurance	57,903.00	49,721.46	49,702.00	56,370.00
Dental Insurance	2,117.00	2,186.80	2,512.00	2,638.00
Miscellaneous	50.00	18.81	50.00	50.00
Advertising	700.00	282.10	500.00	400.00
Meetings	1,400.00	1,184.74	1,000.00	1,000.00
VLCT	1,621.00	1,621.00	1,716.00	2,007.00
General Liability	10,600.00	10,990.00	10,600.00	10,152.00
Public Officials Liability	2,722.00	1,939.00	2,491.00	2,690.00
Workmen's Comp	10,140.00	12,181.19	10,219.00	13,369.00
Legal Services	4,000.00	2,536.07	3,500.00	3,000.00
Newsletter	800.00	1,068.70	800.00	1,000.00
Office Repair/Maint.	1,500.00	1,946.57	1,500.00	2,000.00
Office Grounds/Rubb.	1,200.00	1,503.00	1,400.00	1,500.00
Building Imp.-Town Bldgs.	2,500.00	1,402.45	6,000.00	7,500.00
Electricity	1,500.00	1,413.50	1,600.00	1,600.00
Heating - kerosene	1,050.00	771.01	900.00	1,100.00

	FY04 BUDGET	FY04 ACTUAL	FY05 BUDGET	FY06 PROPOSED
Abatements		2,032.86	0.00	0.00
Vehicle Damage	500.00		500.00	500.00
	152,037.00	142,142.20	147,604.00	163,186.00
BCA				
Stipend - meetings	200.00	75.00	200.00	2,500.00
Ballot Clerks/Moderator	200.00	120.00	675.00	200.00
Ballot Printing	100.00	67.18	200.00	200.00
	500.00	262.18	1075.00	2,900.00
AUDITORS				
Compensation	1,500.00	1,117.50	1,500.00	1,500.00
Outside Audit	6,500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Town Report Postage	350.00	386.64	400.00	425.00
Town Report Printing	1,600.00	1,650.28	1,600.00	1,700.00
	9,950.00	9,154.42	9,500.00	9,625.00
LISTERS				
Compensation	14,000.00	14,607.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Reappraisal Salaries		1,860.00	0.00	0.00
Reappraisal Expenses		6,557.97	0.00	0.00
Meetings & Courses	300.00	15.00	100.00	75.00
Mapping	1,000.00	680.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Travel Expense	300.00	31.20	0.00	50.00
	15,600.00	23,751.17	13,100.00	13,125.00
DEL. TAX COLLECTOR				
Compensation	15,000.00	16,948.55	15,000.00	15,000.00
TOWN CLERK/TREAS.				
Compensation	35,550.00	35,550.84	36,795.00	37,899.00
Asst. Clerk/Treas	24,637.00	24,854.35	25,709.00	26,480.00
Office Supplies Expense	5,500.00	5,600.33	5,500.00	5,700.00
Telephone	1,500.00	2,074.83	1,500.00	2,000.00
Record Preservation	2,000.00	1,936.18	2,000.00	2,000.00
Preservation Reserve		140.00	0.00	0.00
Travel Expense	1,200.00	988.64	1,200.00	1,100.00
Office Equipment	5,000.00	4,805.53	2,000.00	1,000.00
Technical Support	1,200.00	609.90	1,200.00	1,000.00
	76,587.00	76,560.60	75,904.00	77,179.00
LIBRARIAN				
Compensation	14,232.00	14,330.90	15,316.00	16,414.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
Board Expenses	250.00		250.00	250.00
PLANNING COMMISSION				
Board Expenses	1,000.00	38.95	1,000.00	2,000.00
Planning Grant		236.75	0.00	0.00
	1,000.00	275.70	1,000.00	2,000.00

	FY04 BUDGET	FY04 ACTUAL	FY05 BUDGET	FY06 PROPOSED
CONSTABLE				
Compensation	1,500.00	370.01	1,500.00	800.00
School Certification	100.00		0.00	0.00
Travel & Expenses	400.00	77.18	200.00	150.00
Equipment	600.00	23.00	100.00	100.00
	2,600.00	470.19	1800.00	1050.00
Traffic Contr, & Enforc.C/S	3,800.00	2,471.85	3,800.00	3,000.00
POUND-KEEPER				
Kennel/Pound Keeper C/S	1,500.00	2,590.00	2,500.00	2,555.00
Dog Officer		1,070.00	0.00	300.00
Boarding Fees		1,110.00	0.00	0.00
Veterinary Services		428.00	0.00	0.00
Travel & Expenses		444.99	0.00	0.00
	1,500.00	5,642.99	2,500.00	2,855.00
HEALTH OFFICERS				
Compensation	300.00	190.00	300.00	300.00
Permit Processing		1,180.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies & Expenses	50.00		50.00	50.00
Travel	100.00		100.00	100.00
	450.00	1,370.00	450.00	450.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
Pager stipend	2,400.00	3,000.00	2,400.00	3,000.00
EM Fund		1,000.00	0.00	0.00
EM Drill		2,348.56	0.00	0.00
Rad. Emer. Resp. Grant		1,808.87	0.00	0.00
	2,400.00	8,157.43	2,400.00	3,000.00
FIRE WARDEN				
Compensation	300.00		300.00	300.00
Permit Processing	150.00	293.50	200.00	200.00
	450.00	293.50	500.00	500.00
CEMETERIES				
Mowing - Contracted	1,200.00	1,692.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Mapping - Maplehurst	500.00		0.00	0.00
Repair Head Stones	500.00		0.00	500.00
	2,200.00	1,692.00	3,500.00	4,000.00
SOLID WASTE				
Stipend - meetings	300.00	275.00	300.00	300.00
Assessment	15,350.00	15,350.00	15,377.00	14,990.00
Recycle Bin Space Rental		800.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
	15,650.00	16,425.00	16,877.00	16,490.00
COUNTY TAX				
Assessment	14,498.00	14,019.13	14,367.00	12,780.00
TOTAL GENERAL BUDGET	328,704.00	333,967.81	324,943.00	343,804.00

	FY04 BUDGET	FY04 ACTUAL	FY05 BUDGET	FY06 PROPOSED
HUMAN SERVICES				
Windham Regional	2,844.00	2,844.00	2,844.00	2,975.00
Rescue, Inc.	9,207.00	9,207.00	10,742.00	15,345.00
Windham Cty. Youth Serv.	1,605.00	1,605.00	1,605.00	1,605.00
United Way Get INFO	360.00	360.00	360.00	360.00
Women's Crisis Center	950.00	950.00	950.00	1,000.00
Morningside	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Fire Department	30,000.00	30,000.00	55,000.00	55,000.00
Visitng Nurse Alliance	4,780.00	4,780.00	5,025.00	5,528.00
Retired Sr. Vol.	485.00	485.00	485.00	485.00
HCRS	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Council on Aging	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
Library	13,000.00	13,000.00	14,000.00	16,000.00
Hospice	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Gathering Place	450.00	450.00	500.00	500.00
Brat Area DropIn Ctr	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Early Education Services	850.00	850.00	850.00	0.00
Brattleboro Area Aids	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
Windham County Reads			500.00	0.00
Senior Meals-on-Wheels				300.00
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	69,731.00	69,731.00	98,061.00	104,298.00
SUBTOTAL	398,435.00	403,698.81	423,004.00	448,102.00
TOWN GARAGE				
Operating Supplies	5,300.00	5,572.55	5,300.00	5,300.00
Heat	1,400.00	2,042.81	1,400.00	2,400.00
Signs & Posts	4,000.00	1,925.68	4,000.00	4,000.00
Small Tools & Equipment	3,000.00	801.28	3,000.00	3,000.00
Telephone	1,000.00	1,140.03	1,000.00	1,200.00
Bldg. Maintenance	1,000.00	10,512.66	1,000.00	1,000.00
Hazardous Waste Disposal		1,969.27	1,500.00	1,500.00
Electricity	1,600.00	2,131.80	2,400.00	2,400.00
Miscellaneous	50.00		50.00	50.00
Radios & Repair	700.00	573.25	700.00	700.00
	18,050.00	26,669.33	20,350.00	21,550.00
HIGHWAY-GENERAL				
Compensation	99,838.00	96,065.43	102,833.00	113,116.00
Gravel	25,000.00	28,992.99	25,000.00	30,000.00
Chloride	14,000.00	10,771.62	14,000.00	14,000.00
Guard Rails	27,000.00	1,629.66	27,000.00	27,000.00
Culverts	4,000.00	2,995.30	4,000.00	4,000.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	59.90	100.00	100.00
Rental Equipment		5,046.00	0.00	0.00
Rental Trucks	2,000.00	544.35	2,000.00	2,000.00
C/S Tree Removal	2,500.00	4,100.00	2,500.00	2,500.00

	FY04 BUDGET	FY04 ACTUAL	FY05 BUDGET	FY06 PROPOSED
Grader	13,200.00	16,987.50	13,200.00	13,200.00
Loader	7,300.00	10,028.50	7,300.00	7,300.00
Backhoe	8,400.00	8,974.50	8,400.00	8,400.00
2001 Ford	3,650.00	3,823.50	3650.00	3,650.00
1994 International	10,800.00	4,719.00	10,800.00	10,800.00
1990 International	5,200.00	2,530.00	5,200.00	0.00
1998 International	4,500.00	3,608.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
2001 International	10,800.00	6,853.00	10,800.00	10,800.00
2001 Tractor	9,000.00	8,712.00	9000.00	9,000.00
2004 International		1,419.00	0.00	10800.00
Hazardous Mitigation Grant		13,747.20	0.00	0.00
	247,288.00	231,607.45	250,283.00	271,166.00
RETREATMENT				
C/S Materials & Labor	85,000.00	85,480.64	85,000.00	85,000.00
WINTER MAINTENANCE				
Compensation	68,693.00	56,527.83	70,753.00	77,828.00
Sand	21,400.00	14,604.79	21,400.00	25,000.00
Salt	11,000.00	10,091.70	11,000.00	13,000.00
Chloride	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Grader	7,755.00	7,705.50	7,755.00	7,755.00
Loader	8,910.00	6,202.00	8,910.00	8,910.00
Backhoe	1,300.00	1,224.50	1,300.00	1,300.00
2001 Ford	6,800.00	4,004.00	6,800.00	6,800.00
1994 International	11,880.00	8,112.00	11,880.00	7,200.00
1990 International	7,200.00	3,492.00	7,200.00	0.00
1998 International	6,528.00	6,696.00	6,528.00	6,528.00
2001 International	11,880.00	9,588.00	11,880.00	11,880.00
Tractor		936.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
2004 International		3852.00	0.00	11,880.00
TOTAL WINTER	164,346.00	133,036.32	168,406.00	169,201.00
BRIDGES				
Compensation	2,708.00	581.49	2789.00	3068.00
Plank & railings	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Painting	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Cement	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Covered Bridge	200.00	175.80	200.00	200.00
BR#42 WHH 4 corners		73,726.32	0.00	0.00
BR#24 WHH Packer Cor		36,881.55	0.00	0.00
Rental	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
Loader	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
Backhoe	400.00	124.00	400.00	400.00
2001 Ford	250.00	60.00	250.00	250.00
1994 International	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
1998 International		0.00	0.00	0.00

	FY04 BUDGET	FY04 ACTUAL	FY05 BUDGET	FY06 PROPOSED
2001 International	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
TOTAL BRIDGES	22,408.00	126,549.16	22,489.00	22,768.00
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	537,092.00	603,342.90	546,528.00	569,685.00
TOTAL GEN. & HWY	935,527.00	1,007,041.71	969,532.00	1,017,787.00
Spec. Article - Junkyard cleanup		0.00	15,000.00	0.00
Spec. Article - WHH Project 50,000.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Spec. Article - Bridge Fund		10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Spec. Article - Bonnyvale Bridge (Ogden)				30,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	985,527.00	1,017,041.71	994,532.00	1,047,787.00

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

REVENUE SUMMARY

	FY04 BUDGET	FY04 ACTUAL	FY05 BUDGET	FY06 PROPOSED
GENERAL				
Taxes-General	\$171,705.00	\$182,617.20	\$171,927.00	\$172,685.00
Taxes-Junkyard	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00
Taxes-Human Services	69,731.00	69,731.00	98,061.00	104,298.00
Subtotal Tax Revenues	241,436.00	252,348.20	284,988.00	276,983.00
Surplus '04	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,121.00
Surplus '02	33,958.00	33,958.00	0.00	0.00
Surplus '03	0.00	0.00	26,189.00	0.00
Int. Del. Taxes	16,000.00	17,478.82	16,000.00	16,000.00
Interest-Current	8,000.00	3,265.29	6,000.00	4,000.00
Town Clerk Fees	18,000.00	27,233.59	18,000.00	23,000.00
Penalty Del. Taxes	16,000.00	17,171.88	16,000.00	16,000.00
Librarian Wages & Fica	14,232.00	14,330.89	15,316.00	16,414.00
Licenses & Permits	4,500.00	6,455.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Trust Interest	300.00	186.43	200.00	200.00
Misc. Revenues	0.00	9,084.46	0.00	0.00
State Funds:				
Pagers & VEMA Funds	2,400.00	13,460.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
State Land Tax	2,274.00	5,216.00	5,216.00	5,216.00
Current Use	36,385.00	35,860.00	38,373.00	38,373.00
Pilot Program	4,950.00	4,879.00	3,722.00	3,722.00
DDGL Study & Reappraise	0.00	7,455.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Other Revenues	156,999.00	196,034.36	153,016.00	172,758.00
TOTAL GENERAL	398,435.00	448,382.56	438,004.00	448,102.00
HIGHWAY				
Taxes	343,271.00	343,271.00	403,767.00	403,247.00
Taxes -Paving/Bridges	50,000.00	50,000.00	10,000.00	30,000.00
Subtotal Tax Revenues	393,271.00	393,271.00	413,767.00	433,247.00

	FY04	FY04	FY05	FY06
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED
Surplus '04	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,777.00
Surplus '02	57,000.00	57,000.00	0.00	0.00
Surplus 03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Aid	136,421.00	165,708.58	142,561.00	142,561.00
AOT funds	0.00	72,670.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment Earnings		125,437.00		
Misc. Funds	0.00	3,383.48	0.00	0.00
Local Fines	100.00		0.00	0.00
Interest - Taft Trust	300.00	87.34	200.00	100.00
Subtotal Other Revenues	193,821.00	424,286.40	142,761.00	166,438.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY	587,092.00	817,557.40	556,528.00	599,685.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$985,527.00	\$1,265,939.96	\$994,532.00	\$1,047,787.00

APPROPRIATION/EXPENSE SUMMARY

	FY04	FY04	FY05	FY06
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED
General Expenses	\$328,704.00	\$333,967.81	\$324,943.00	\$343,804.00
Human Services	69,731.00	69,731.00	98,061.00	104,298.00
Junkyard Cleanup	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00
Highway	537,092.00	665,764.30	546,528.00	569,685.00
Capital Fund-Paving-Bridge	50,000.00	50,000.00	10,000.00	30,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$985,527.00	\$1,119,463.11	\$994,532.00	\$1,047,787.00

SUMMARY OF HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS

Balance July 1, 2003 \$206,211.08

Receipts:

Money raised at Town Meeting	343,271.00
Capital Fund -	50,000.00
State Aid	165,708.58
AOT Funds	72,670.00
VEMA Funds	0.00
FEMA Funds	
Capital Fund Reimbursement	0.00
Equipment Earnings	125,437.00
Transfer In - Taft fund	87.34
Local Fines	
Misc. Highway Revenue	3,383.48

Total Highway Revenues 966,768.48

Expenditures:

General	(231,607.45)
Winter	(133,036.32)
Retreatment	(85,480.64)
Bridges	(126,549.16)
Equipment Expense	(62,421.40)

	FY04 BUDGET	FY04 ACTUAL	FY05 BUDGET	FY06 PROPOSED
Town Garage		(26,669.33)		
Total Expenses		(665,764.30)		301,004.18
Transfer out to Capital Projects				(179,741.53)
Fund Balance June 30, 2004				121,262.65
Restricted funds:				
Equipment Account		(63,015.60)		
Reserve Loader Repair		(15,000.00)		
Ogden Bridge Fund		(19,469.65)		
Unrestricted Balance, June 30, 2004				\$23,777.40

EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT EARNINGS

Grader:				
Earnings		\$24,693.00		
Repairs		(6,606.57)		
Fuel		(2,108.33)		15,978.10
Loader:				
Earnings		16,230.50		
Repair		(2,674.80)		
Fuel		(2,108.24)		11,447.46
Ford Truck '01				
Earnings		7,887.50		
Repairs		(2,158.50)		
Fuel		(2,133.22)		3,595.78
International Truck '01				
Earnings		16,958.00		
Repairs		(11,567.64)		
Fuel		(2,108.24)		3,282.12
International Truck '94				
Earnings		12,039.00		
Repairs		(6,461.50)		
Fuel		(2,078.83)		3,498.67
International Truck '90				
Earnings		7,232.00		
Repairs		(2,449.54)		
Fuel		(1,312.96)		3,469.50
International Truck '98				
Earnings		10,304.00		
Repairs		(6,158.02)		
Fuel		(2,108.24)		2,037.74
International Truck '04				
Earnings		6,371.00		
Repairs		(880.57)		
Fuel		(939.15)		4,551.28

Backhoe		
Earnings	14,074.00	
Repairs	(1,908.64)	
Fuel	(2,001.99)	10,163.37
Tractor '01		
Earnings	9,648.00	
Repairs	(3,346.34)	
Fuel	(1,310.08)	4,991.58
Total Net Earnings		\$63,015.60

CAPITAL FUNDS

The Capital Projects Fund was established to account for financial resources to be used for the purchase of major facilities and equipment. This fund includes the equipment account established at the 1962 Town Meeting with net equipment earnings to be set aside from General Account into a savings account to be used for the purchase of any future equipment.

	PROJECTS FUND	EQUIPMENT FUND	TOTAL
Balance July 1, 2003	\$35,495	\$100,622	\$136,117
Deposits:			
Interest Earned	606	289	894
Transfer from General Fund	100,000	79,742	179,742
Total Income	100,606	80,030	180,636
Purchases:			
Weatherhead , dump truck	(1,065)	(93,790)	(94,855)
Total Expenses	(1,065)	(93,790)	(94,855)
Balance June 30, 2004	\$135,035	\$86,862	\$221,897

TOWN CLERK FEES

Fish & Game Licenses	\$2,287.00	
Paid to Fish & Game Dept	(2,162.00)	\$125.00
Search & copy fees	5,830.79	
Remitted to State	(654.20)	5,176.59
Legal Document Fees	17,125.00	
Preservation Fund Fees	2,918.00	
Vehicle Registration Fees	1,619.00	
Copier Fees	0.00	
Misc.	270.00	21,932.00
Town Clerk Fees		\$27,233.59
Set aside for preservation*	\$2,778.00	
Net Town Clerk Fees		\$24,455.59

*Vt Statute allows a charge of \$1.00 per page of document to be used for preservation

Balance Preservation Fund 6/30/04	\$10,158.59
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ANIMALS REPORT

Revenue:		
Dog Licenses, 654 dogs	\$3,955.00	
Dog Fees	385.00	
Dog Fines	0.00	4,340.00
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Expenses:		
Poundkeeper Wages	(2,590.00)	
Dog Officer	(1,070.00)	
Boarding Fees	(1,110.00)	
Vet Fees	(428.00)	
Travel & Expenses	(444.99)	
Dog Damage	0.00	
Fees to State	(610.00)	(6,252.99)
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Net Earnings (loss)		(\$1,912.99)

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Trustees: Michael Dusavitch, Elly Majonen, Don McLean

C.P. WOOD FUND

This is a permanent fund of \$5,370.50. The income is to be used for town purposes.

Balance July 1, 2003	\$5,370.50	
Interest	43.05	
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		5,413.55
Disbursements:		
Town of Guilford	(43.05)	
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Balance June 30, 2004		\$5,370.50

AURELIA D. TAFT FUND

This is a permanent fund of \$10,800.00. The income is to be used for care of Cemetery Road, then other town highways.

Balance July 1, 2003	\$10,800.00	
Interest	87.34	10,887.34
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Disbursements:		
Town of Guilford	(87.34)	
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Balance June 30, 2004		\$10,800.00

MRS. C.A. KING & JOHN LYNDE FUND

This is a permanent fund of \$1,000.00. The income is to be used for support of Guilford Schools.

Balance July 1, 2003	\$1,000.00	
Interest	8.09	1,008.09
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Disbursements:		
Town of Guilford School District	(8.09)	
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Balance June 30, 2004		\$1,000.00

MRS. C.A. KING FUND

This is a permanent fund of \$1,000.00. The income is to be used for the care of the King Cemetery Lot, with the balance for support of Guilford Schools.

Balance July 1, 2003	\$1,000.00	
Interest	8.09	1,008.09
Disbursements:		
Town of Guilford School District	(8.09)	
Balance June 30, 2004		\$1,000.00

LT. COL. CHARLES L. BULLOCK & MRS. MARY ELLEN BULLOCK EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

This was originally a permanent fund of \$10,000, which was increased three times by additional \$2,000 contributions from the Bullock Estate, in 1990, 2001, and 2004, resulting in a permanent fund of \$16,000. The income from interest is to be used to "allow Guilford students to attend any two- or four-year institution of higher education, including technical school and post-graduate work". For the second year running, the Trustees express concern that, although this Fund was established in 1990, no student loans have yet been made. We urge the Selectboard and its loan committee to begin making use of these funds for their intended purpose.

Balance July 1, 2003	\$14,000.00	
Additional Bquest	2,000.00	
Interest	127.20	16,127.20
Disbursements:		
Town of Guilford	(127.20)	
Balance June 30, 2004		\$16,000.00
Accumulated interest as of June 30, 2004		\$4,866.97

BIRDIE COOK FUND

Trustee: Barbara Oles

Voted at 1950 Town Meeting that after account reached \$1,500 the income to be available to Selectmen to use at their discretion.

Balance July 1, 2003		\$2,381.25
Interest	18.34	
Balance June 30, 2004		\$2,399.59
Available for use by Selectmen		\$899.59

BRAINARD S. GALE FUND

Trustee: Barbara Oles

Originally Good Boy Fund set up by John E. Gale in memory of Brainard S. Gale (born July 22, 1869). Given in August 1963 by Richard E. Gale and John C. Gale. The income to be used to purchase books or educational

materials for Guilford School Library. Withdrawal to be made at the discretion of the Town Clerk.

Balance July 1, 2003	\$ 313.99
Interest	.99
Balance June 30, 2004	<u>\$ 314.98</u>

WARREN WILDER FUND

Trustees: Emery Evans, David Franklin

In trust, income to be used for the care of the Blanchard Cemetery in town.
Unused portion to be used for the care of other cemeteries in town.

Balance July 1, 2003		\$5,138.86
Receipts		
Putnam Fund, dividends	83.70	
First VT Bank interest	2.92	86.62
		<u>5,225.48</u>
Disbursements		
Ethan Ogden (mowing)	(371.99)	
		<u>4,853.49</u>
Change in Putnam Fund	330.27	
		<u>\$5,183.76</u>
Geo Putnam Fund of Boston		
252.107 shares	4,323.64	
Savings Account First VT	860.12	
Assets June 30, 2004		<u>\$5,183.76</u>

CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Trustee: Gerald James

Interest from this fund to be divided equally between the Town and care of Guilford cemeteries.

Balance July 1, 2003	\$4,690.79
Earned Interest	14.13
Cemetery Care	(0.00)
Town of Guilford	(0.00)
Balance June 30, 2004	<u>\$4704.92</u>

REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The Guilford Housing Rehabilitation Program is to improve and to maintain the housing and quality of life of low and moderate income residents of the Town of Guilford. The program was first implemented in Algiers for sewer connections from existing eligible structures to the Algiers Fire District collection system. The principal and interest payments that represent pro-

gram income received from the Agency Fund portion of the loan will be directed to the Program account. These monies will create a revolving loan fund account to continue a Town specified program for failed septic systems or other housing rehabilitation work.

Balance July 1, 2003	\$17,629.20
Repayments	0.00
Interest	98.93
Expenses	0.00
Balance June 30, 2004	\$17,728.13
Loans Outstanding	\$18,525.00
Fund Balance June 30, 2004	\$36,253.13

INSURANCE ON BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

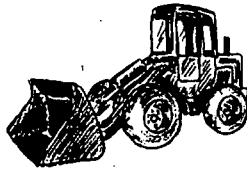
Central School building & contents	\$1,636,514
Central School storage shed & contents	28,615
Town Garage, old building	37,317
Town Garage, new building	235,209
Fuel Storage Shed	22,500
Generator Shed	11,500
Salt Shed	20,000
Chloride Storage Tank	8,000
Library building & contents	70,503
Museum (Old Town Hall)	99,680
Town Office, building & contents	207,954
Green River Covered Bridge	500,000

We are advised that there is Fire and Public Liability on the grader, loader, and town trucks which is considered adequate by the Selectmen. In 1987 Guilford joined the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Insurance Fund to cover the buildings and equipment listed above, except the Central School. The VLCT self-insurance program can provide significant refunds to the Town. As of September 1993 all school insurances were combined with WSESU to save on premium costs.

TOWN HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT LIST

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL
2004	International	79 Series dump truck w/wing and plow
2002	John Deere	6405 4WD tractor
2002	Landpride	roadside mower for 6405 tractor
2001	Ford	1-ton dump truck w/Boss V snowplow
2001	International	2574 dump truck
2001	Swenson	SBD9 tailgate sander
1998	International	2574 dump truck
1998	Caterpillar	416C tractor-loader-backhoe
1998	Caterpillar	IT28G loader and forks

1995	Caterpillar	140 all wheel drive grader
1994	International	2574 dump truck
1993	Morbark	EZ2036 brush chipper
1987	York	road rake (hydraulic)
	Craig	11' reversible snow plow & wing
	Craig	9' dozer blade (grader)
	Everest	9' wing plow for '94 truck
	Glenhill	11' reversible plow (for loader)
	Miller	Bobcat 225 portable welder/generator
	Millermatic	250 wire feed welder
	Onan	25kw generator
	Swenson	hopper sander for '98 International
		2 snowplows & frames for trucks
		10' wing plow for '01 International
		6,000 gal. poly storage tank for chloride
		1,025 gal. poly spreader tank for chloride



TOWN ORDINANCES

The following are the Ordinances which are in effect in the Town of Guilford:

Flood Hazard Area Bylaw

1. Permit Requirements
2. Flood Plain Map

Highway Ordinance (to be revised)

1. Driveway Standards and Permit
2. Town Highway Specifications and Classifications
3. Town Trails and Pent Road Regulations

Ordinance for Road Naming and Road Addressing

1. Numbering System
2. Road Signs

Traffic Ordinance

1. Speed Limits
2. Parking Regulations
3. Traffic Signs and Control Devices

Ordinance for Regulating Telecommunications Facilities

1. Permit Requirements
2. Design Requirements

Ordinance for the Control of Dogs

1. Licensing Requirements
2. Impoundment Fees

Sewer Ordinance Relating to Individual and Multi-Unit On-Site Sewer Disposal

1. Systems Required
2. Permit Requirements

Trailer Park Ordinance

1. Fees
2. License Application and Requirements

The following ordinance is that of the Algiers Fire District #1 in the Village of Algiers in Guilford.

1. Ordinance Regulating the Use of Public and Private Sanitary Sewerage Systems

These ordinances are available in the Town Offices during regular business hours for inspection, or copies at a nominal fee.



DELINQUENT TAX POLICY

1. The delinquent tax collector will not accept late payment of real estate taxes if the penalties are not included.
2. If a delinquent taxpayer has not made arrangements for satisfactory monthly payments to the tax collector six months from the due date, the property will be put up for a tax sale.
3. Partial payments will be at least the total taxes and penalties divided by the number of months remaining before the next due date.
4. There will be no grace period allowed for late payments without penalty except for mailed payments postmarked on or before the due date.

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

Barbara M. Hunt, Tax Collector

July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004

YEAR	RECEIVED FOR COLLECTION	COLLECTED	ABATED	BALANCE
1993	912.40	0.00	0.00	912.40
1994	1,196.82	0.00	0.00	1,196.82
1993	912.40	0.00	0.00	912.40

1994	1,196.82	0.00	203.28	993.54
1995	1,313.21	273.15	4.76	1,035.30
1996	1,257.40	0.00	0.00	1,257.40
1997	4,496.44	268.07	728.75	3,499.62
1998	4,647.10	209.02	367.08	4,071.00
1999	529.35	214.14	315.21	0.00
2000	12,623.58	7,843.07	353.78	4,426.73
2001	36,852.57	19,256.59	0.00	17,595.98
2002	80,293.95	35,902.86	0.00	44,391.09
2003	225,352.23	150,803.21	0.00	74,549.02

\$369,475.05	\$214,770.11	\$1,972.86	\$152,732.08
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INTEREST	17,478.82
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TOTAL COLLECTED	\$232,248.93
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Delinquent Tax Collector's Fees (8% penalty)	\$17,171.88
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DELINQUENT TAX LIST

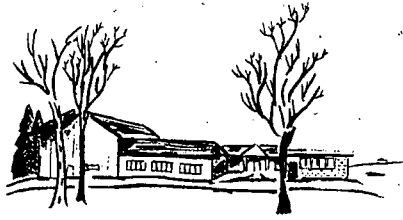
as of June 30, 2004

	2003	2002	2001	PREVIOUS YEARS
Anthony, Charles D.	\$692.00	\$111.98		
Bell, Alexander & Sherry	1,225.52			
Bell, Tammi & Benjamin D.	471.46	2,531.16		
** Blake, Sheri & West, Donald	2,335.50			
Boyd, James & Brenda	712.76	650.96		
** Bump, Lucile	342.54			
** Centered Connections	4,241.96			
** Clifford, Paul B.	2,207.48	2,016.08	1,910.87	
* Dana, William A. & Thomas A.	550.14	502.44	422.93	
* Earle, Dayton W. Sr & Deborah	1,280.20	1,169.20	224.85	
** Farnum, Richard R. Jr & Linda	3,875.20	1,220.18		
* Fisher, Reed T. & Mary L.	1,097.88			
Garland, Richard		1,006.80		
Gehman, William H. Jr			108.57	5,323.25
** Good, Lucille C. &	2,411.62	2,202.52	253.33	
* Gorman, Robert	1,110.31	919.88	91.92	
Hanson, Dwight A. & Sheila A.	1,965.28	1,794.88	1,701.22	1,510.88
Herzlinger, Jeffrey	166.08	151.68	143.76	127.68
Herzlinger, Jeffrey &	169.54	154.84	146.76	130.34
** Jaqueth, Marilyn G. &	2,951.38	1,095.48		3,135.47
** Kail, Kenneth L. & Dina I.	2,038.22			
* Kratz, John E.				3,238.90
** Labrusciano, Susan B.	2,588.08	43.78		
** Lashway, Reita J. & Eduard E.	1,778.44			
Lashway, Richard A. &		2,979.88	1,411.35	
** Lee, Barbara J.	3,051.72	2,787.12	1,494.82	
* Lee, Erwin H. & Marie S.	407.08			
* Lippke, London	2,799.14	2,556.44	1,929.63	

	2003	2002	2001	PREVIOUS YEARS
** Luhn, Arthur	1,864.94			
Maulucci, Constance E.	4,117.40	3,760.40		
Mulvey, Joseph	86.50	79.00	74.88	
Murray, Paul R.		1,396.72	1,323.83	984.98
** Nasuta, Paul A.	2,716.10	2,480.60	1,839.46	
Norwood, Joseph K.	1,477.42			
** Pond, Philip E. & Jandi V.	76.22			
Putnam, Ruth G.	2,252.46			
* Robinson, Charley &	1,307.88			
** Sanderson, Maxine	664.32	606.72	202.55	
* Scherlin, Douglas	1,844.18	1,684.28	1,596.39	620.92
** Shaw, Peter P. & Beverly L.	1,730.44			
Squires, Keith	2,556.94	2,335.24	2,213.38	997.17
Stevens, Mark J. & Rhoda A.				126.40
* Stockwell, Ann G.	2,691.88	840.22		
** Taschereau, Karen	965.34			
* Tilghman, Ruth M. &	3,590.06	3,326.76		
* Tkaczyk, Lori T.	54.73			
Wallace, David J. & Barbara L.	643.56	511.13		
* Weeks, Gerald	1,674.64	594.05		
Woods, RZ D.	1,913.38	1,190.07		
* Wright, Jeanette T.	1,851.10	1,690.60	505.48	
	\$74,549.02	\$44,391.09	\$17,595.98	\$16,195.99
* Partial since 6/30/04				
** Paid in full since 6/30/04				

West Guilford; the Post Office was in the house on the right in the 1900s.





REPORT OF THE GUILFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

The 2004-05 school year has been the quietest in recent memory. In comparison to the upheaval caused by last year's fire and oil spill, this year qualifies as downright placid. While we continue to struggle with facility issues such as the heating system, the staff and I have devoted our energy and time to student learning.

We experienced staff turnover in teachers this past year. Alison Schoales has replaced Patti Meyer as our .50 FTE Band and Choral teacher. Alison has taught for the past 14 years, mainly in the Williston, VT school system as a elementary and middle school music teacher. Stuart Strothman is the other new addition to our community this year. After working as our long term substitute teacher in Language Arts last spring in the Middle School, Stuart has joined us as the Seventh and Eighth Grade Language Arts teacher.

Our state mandated Action Plan for 2004-05 continues to be work we began three years ago. Reading, writing, and math instruction remain our areas of attention. The Action Plan team consists of Mary Ann Smith, Tammi Quinn, Rebecca Balint, Dwight Hanson and John Gagnon.

The staff and I want to express our gratitude to all of the volunteers who help teachers, staff, and students each year. ELF and the GCS volunteers are a vital part of our school community. We thank you very much for the time and energy you so selflessly give to our school.

Finally, on behalf of the staff and students, I want to thank the townspeople of Guilford for their financial and moral support.

John E. Gagnon
Principal

REPORT OF THE GUILFORD SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Challenging. In a word that describes the previous year for the School Board at the Guilford Central School. The aftermath of the fire, the continuing challenge of formulating a budget with a decreasing enrollment, and keeping an aging building and all of its systems running and in good order are just some of the issues facing our school.

The teachers, paraprofessionals and support staff continue to do an exceptional job in delivering to our children a quality educational experience.

With continuing unfunded Federal mandates and increases in required curriculum without increases in the teaching day, we soon will be faced with some difficult choices. Increased public input into the direction our town wants to see the school go in the years ahead is going to be of great importance in the coming year.

We would like to thank all of the people who have volunteered their time to the many extracurricular activities that wouldn't have been possible without their help. We look forward to another great year for our children and our community.

David Emond
Dwight Hanson
Wendy Ireland
Carol Levin
Tammi Quinn, Chair

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

As we started the current school year, the Windham Regional Career Center's Trade and Industry Center officially opened its doors, ushering in a new and exciting era for the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union. The second phase of the BUHS #6 Construction Project continues on schedule with several new areas of the middle school, high school, and career center coming on line for use this year. At the Brattleboro Area Middle School, a new two-story classroom addition and the BAMS multi-purpose room have been completed. The newly renovated high school gymnasium is open and ready for the basketball season. Renovations to the west wing of the high school and a new second story addition will house English and social studies classrooms in January. I hope you have an opportunity to visit the campus and see first hand the expanded learning opportunities for our students as project phases are completed.

Academically, the district is working to ensure that all students are positioned to meet Vermont Standards. We continue to implement the WSESU Framework of Learning guided by the Vermont Framework of Standards and newly developed Vermont Grade Level Expectations. Action steps include providing training in effective instructional practices to improve student achievement and implementing systematic grade level transitions; i.e., from pre-school to elementary, elementary to middle school, middle to high school and high school to post-secondary opportunities. We are also collecting and analyzing student data and other indicators of student success to guide our programs and dedicate resources to improve the achievement of low performing students.

Another area of emphasis is to ensure that all students will have access to equal educational opportunities in safe and healthy environments. We use baseline information from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Youth Developmental Asset Survey, and school climate surveys to create a deeper understanding of what a safe school is and where we are on the continuum. Programs like Second Step, The Responsive Classroom, and A World of

Difference have been initiated to support safe and healthy school environments.

In my third year as superintendent of the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union, I am exceedingly grateful to all who give so much to make this such an outstanding school district. It is the combined efforts of each of our constituencies – the faculty who teach here, the administrators and staff who serve our students, the students themselves, and our parents, school board members and community members who lend their interest and support – which enables this district to be outstanding. To all of you, I offer my sincere appreciation.

Ron Stahley
Superintendent

2004-2005 GUILFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF

Certified Staff:

John Gagnon	Principal
Rebecca Balint	Grade 7/8 Social Studies
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Rebecca Balint	Grade 7/8 Social Studies
Margaret D. Barrand	Grade 1
Susan Bos	Grade 7/8 Science
Katherine Clark	Speech/Language Pathologist
Kate Conant	Academic Skills 7/8 (70%)
Martina Dancing	Art (60%)
Karen Duggan	Kindergarten (90%)
Elizabeth Erickson	Special Educator
Stacy Frazer	Academic Skills K-6 (70%)
Colleen Hartman	Music (50%)
Susan Hessey	Library/Media
Mary Ingram	Grade 5
Pat Ireton	Grade 4
Evvie Jakub	Physical Education
Jennifer Kramer	Grade 6
Kathleen Lapan	Grade 3
David Maslauskas	Grade 6
Janet Michaud	School Nurse
Dale Morse	Grade 2
Judith Nero	Reading/Math
Stephen Rack	Grade 7/8 Math
Alison Schoales	Band/Choral Teacher (50%)
Stuart Strothman	Grade 7/8 Language Arts
Harriet Virkstis	School Counselor
Jane Wilde	Technical Coordinator

Classified Staff:

Barbara Clark	Kitchen Assistant (50%)
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Paul Cornell	Paraeducator
Sandra Cutting	Paraeducator
Beverly Davidson	School Bus Driver
Nancy Detra	Paraeducator
Lucinda Finck	Paraeducator
Barbara Freeman	Paraeducator
Matthew Hatfield	Custodian
Terry Jobin	Paraeducator
Reita Lashway	School Bus Driver
Beverley Kerber	Administrative Secretary
Jandi Pond	Director of Food Services
William Reser	Paraeducator
Troy Revis, Jr.	Head of Maintenance
Tammy Sauve	Paraeducator
Cynthia Symons	School Bus Driver
Lynn Tobey	Paraeducator
Joann T. Tyler	Paraeducator
WSESU Staff:	
Ronald L. Stahley	Superintendent
James E. Kane	Business Administrator
Deborah Merchant	Director of Special Education

GUILFORD TOWN SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

David Emond	1 year	expires 2005	257-3041
Dwight Hanson	3 years	expires 2006	254-3973
Wendy Ireland	3 years	expires 2007	254-2164
Carol Levin	1 year	expires 2005	257-1482
Tammi Quinn	3 years	expires 2005	254-6171

The Guilford Town School Board meets on the first and third Mondays of the month.

OCTOBER 1, 2004 CENTRAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Kindergarten	16	Grade 3	25	Grade 6	27
Grade 1	20	Grade 4	24	Grade 7	24
Grade 2	22	Grade 5	26	Grade 8	27

Total Enrollment - 211

BUHS ENROLLMENT FROM GUILFORD

Grade 7	-	Grade 10	26
Grade 8	-	Grade 11	29
Grade 9	28	Grade 12	25

Total Enrollment - 108

SCHOOL MAJOR REPAIR FUND

Balance July 1, 2003		\$50,509.60
Interest	253.04	
Operating transfer	486.91	
Appropriation	5,000.00	
	<u>5,739.95</u>	<u>56,249.55</u>
Expenses		
Painting, flooring, roof, heat contro	(34,672.24)	
Fund Balance, June 30, 2004		21,577.31
Reserved for playground	5,486.91	
Balance June 30, 2004		<u>\$16,090.40</u>

SCHOOL BUS SINKING FUND

Voted at 1963 Town meeting to establish a school bus fund for the purpose of anticipating and spreading over a period of years the cost of replacement of present or future school buses. This fund is to be kept separate from monies of the district and to be used solely for replacement of buses.

Balance as of July 1, 2003		\$33,581.64
Interest	149.43	
Appropriation	25,000.00	
Bus Purchase	(57,683.00)	(32,533.57)
Balance as of June 30, 2004		<u>\$1,048.07</u>

BLAZEJ MUSIC FUND

The Richard D. Blazej Music Fund at the Guilford Central School was established in memory of Richard by his friends and family just prior to his death in the winter of 2000. The purpose of the fund is to support the instrumental music program at Guilford Central School. The music teacher at the school, in consultation with the principal, uses the fund to: purchase instruments otherwise out of reach for the school's music program budget, including Orff instruments, support student attendance at special ensembles, and repair and replace school-owned instruments.

Balance as of July 1, 2003		\$1,498.80
Interest	6.81	
Donations	561.29	
Expenditures	(144.00)	424.10
Balance as of June 30, 2004		<u>\$1,922.90</u>

BECKY HARRIS AWARD FUND

Becky Harris was a child attending GCS who died unexpectedly and suddenly in March 1996. Her class graduated in 2001; and in her honor, Becky's

grandparents donated \$2,000 to the school. After careful deliberations, the decision to use the gift to establish a memorial award was made. Each year at graduation, a departing eighth grader will be recognized for his or her friendliness, positive attitude, sense of humor, and kindness. These qualities embody the best of Becky. Past recipients have been Charlie Hanson, Tristan Immekus, and Charlie Bover.

Balance July 1, 2003		\$2,065.03
Interest	67.25	
Balance June 30, 2004		\$2132.28

GUILFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT 2005-2006 PROPOSED BUDGET

	2003-04 BUDGET	2003-04 ACTUAL	2004-05 BUDGET	2005-06 PROPOSED
DISTRICT WIDE				
Worker's Compensation	\$8,081	\$11,219	\$9,500	\$14,000
Unemployment Comp.	500	6,011	2,000	2,000
403 B Benefit	7,518	0	0	0
Social Security (403 Benefit)	575	0	0	0
District In-Service	1,200	813	1,200	1,200
Assembly Programs	1,000	698	1,000	1,000
Property Liability Ins.	3,943	3,159	5,000	4,000
Employee Assistance Program	1,200	631	700	700
Copier Program (CPC)	6,250	0	5,900	5,900
Other Benefits (125)	640	0	600	0
Scamp Program	1,000	1,101	900	1,150
Technology Ed. C/S	17,010	16,534	18,000	18,500
Total	48,917	40,166	44,800	48,450
ELEMENTARY TEACHERS				
Teacher's Salaries	608,131	656,746	603,072	599,695
1% Fund	7,300	3,411	7,700	5,530
Paraprof.. Salaries	55,100	64,334	93,894	40,462
Substitutes	12,500	21,490	17,500	17,500
Health & Dental Ins.	146,509	142,530	166,700	137,914
Teacher's FICA	48,098	47,869	47,176	46,940
Paraprof. FICA	4,215	4,670	8,544	3,095

	2003-04 BUDGET	2003-04 ACTUAL	2004-05 BUDGET	2005-06 PROPOSED
Life Insurance	752	799	734	804
Disability Insurance	2,251	1,675	1,463	1,644
403 (b) Benefit	0	6,739	5,857	5,590
Paraprof. Retirement	2,314	3,015	2,410	1,618
125 Plan	0	583	500	600
Teacher Course Reimb.	5,000	4,182	8,000	6,000
Support Staff Course Reimb	700	0	900	500
Instr. Equip. Repairs	500	0	500	500
Travel & Conference	750	423	750	750
Teaching Supplies	10,500	8,876	9,000	8,500
Testing & Supplies	500	173	500	300
Textbooks	5,540	4,279	4,000	3,000
New Instructional Equip.	3,400	1,005	2,000	1,700
New Non-Instr. Equipment	2,700	1,020	1,500	1,200
Replace Instruct. Equip.	1,100	0	750	700
Replace Non-Instruct. Equip.	2,000	323	1,000	800
Computer Repairs	1,000	882	1,000	1,000
Computer Software	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Computer Hardware	2,500	2,657	2,500	5,000
Windham Partnership	1,000	0	1,000	0
E.L.F. Program	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Total	926,460	978,781	991,050	893,442
SECONDARY TEACHERS				
Teacher's Salaries	221,889	194,356	213,654	227,915
1% Fund	0	0	0	2,060
Paraprof. Salaries	22,232	12,899	0	0
Substitutes	1,900	4,191	2,200	2,200
Health & Dental Ins.	40,635	22,030	32,046	38,022
FICA	17,120	16,407	16,500	17,757
Paraprof FICA	1,701	979	0	0
Life Insurance	272	168	233	282
Course Reimbursement	2,626	129	1,500	1,750
Disability Insurance	781	347	507	570
125 Plan	0	84	48	1,000
Retirement	934	624	0	0
403 (b) Benefit	0	1,142	2,025	2,000
Contracted Service (elective)	1,750	150	0	0
Travel & Conference	1,000	72	1,000	1,000
Tuition	0	0	14,000	0
Teaching Supplies	2,700	2,309	2,700	2,700
Testing & Supplies	300	284	300	300
Textbooks	1,500	506	1,500	1,000
Instructional Equipment	375	128	250	200
Non-Instruct. Equipment	500	0	350	250
Replace Instruct. Equipment	115	0	100	100



The Yeaw farm on Weatherhead Hollow Road in 1891.

	2003-04 BUDGET	2003-04 ACTUAL	2004-05 BUDGET	2005-06 PROPOSED
Replace Non-Instruct. Equip.	500	0	400	300
Computer Software	300	48	300	300
Computer Hardware	2,500	2,657	2,500	5,000
Sports Program Coordinator	500	0	500	500
Sports Program Soc. Sec.	38	0	38	38
Total	322,168	259,510	292,651	305,244
SPECIAL EDUCATION				
Certified Salaries	110,318	89,659	94,342	99,492
Paraprof. Salaries	65,038	94,175	62,171	104,965
Substitutes	2,500	681	2,500	2,500
Health Insurance	54,000	55,272	51,246	66,066
Dental Insurance	3,867	2,398	3,850	4,816
FICA	13,625	13,702	12,237	15,909
Life Insurance	201	182	172	282
Retirement	2,732	2,769	1,619	4,230
Disability Insurance	407	217	236	538
Worker's Comp.	677	738	557	1,088
Course Reimbursement	750	1,357	1,500	1,500
Support Staff Course Reimb	0	300	0	900
125 Plan Fees	0	26	0	50
403 B Benefit	883	195	944	995
Social Security	68	0	0	0
Instructional C/S	250	0	1,600	1,520
Psych. Services	5,000	14,201	5,000	5,000
Physical & Occup. Therapy	7,838	13,413	5,953	6,692
Travel & Conference	500	0	500	500
Transportation	5,698	24,268	14,521	16,748

	2003-04 BUDGET	2003-04 ACTUAL	2004-05 BUDGET	2005-06 PROPOSED
Special Education Tuition	152,461	195,332	207,168	321,729
Testing Supplies	500	516	500	500
Supplies	500	826	500	1,000
Textbooks	450	85	450	0
Equipment	250	43	250	1,000
One Percent Fund	584	0	584	628
Total	429,097	510,355	468,400	658,648
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY				
OT Salary	6,336	6,724	6,624	7,500
FICA	485	616	507	574
Total	6,821	7,340	7,131	8,074
EARLY ESSENTIAL ED				
Early Ed. C/S	40,919	38,722	33,353	34,647
Total	40,919	38,722	33,353	34,647
GUIDANCE				
Salary	46,990	47,065	50,071	53,450
Health & Dental Ins.	11,775	10,268	12,696	10,141
FICA	3,595	3,538	3,870	4,130
Life Insurance	51	50	56	66
Course Reimb.	400	0	700	700
Disability Insurance	179	117	126	134
403 (b) Benefit	0	0	507	535
Travel & Conference	100	47	100	100
Supplies	300	61	300	300
Total	63,390	61,146	68,426	69,556
TESTING SERVICES				
Physical Exams	200	0	200	200
Total	200	0	200	200
HEALTH SERVICES				
Nurse's Salary	32,982	32,983	35,538	38,183
Health & Dental Ins.	11,775	11,844	12,696	10,141
FICA	2,523	2,450	2,746	2,951
Life Insurance	36	24	41	48
403 (b) Benefit	0	0	355	382
Course Reimbursement	500	30	700	700
Disability Insurance	122	82	89	96
Travel	150	0	150	150
Health Supplies	375	172	375	375
Wellness Grant	0	616	0	0
Equipment	1,450	1,536	500	500
Total	49,913	49,737	53,190	53,526
PSYCH OTHER C/S				
Psychological Services	0	0	1,500	1,500
Total	0	0	1,500	1,500

	2003-04 BUDGET	2003-04 ACTUAL	2004-05 BUDGET	2005-06 PROPOSED
LIBRARY				
Librarian Salary	40,622	42,095	46,110	49,327
Paraprof. Salary	5,828	4,162	0	0
Health & Dental Ins.	8,648	8,692	9,313	10,141
FICA	3,554	3,486	3,563	3,812
Life Insurance	46	45	46	60
Course Reimbursement	800	0	700	700
Disability Insurance	151	102	109	124
403 (b) Benefit	0	0	461	493
AV Repairs	500	27	500	400
Library Supplies	450	417	450	450
Library Books	5,400	5,124	4,000	4,000
Periodicals	500	519	500	500
Non-Instruct. Equipment	500	372	500	500
Audio Visual Supplies	750	716	500	500
Audio Visual Hardware	600	599	500	500
Audio Visual Software	2,000	2,080	2,000	2,000
On-Line Resources	500	864	500	500
Library Ref. Materials	700	651	700	700
AV Site Licenses	2,000	1,979	2,000	2,000
Total	73,549	71,930	72,452	76,707
BOARD OF EDUCATION				
School Board Salaries	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200
FICA	322	321	322	322
Supplies & Advertising	3,500	2,215	3,500	3,000
Dues & Fees	1,500	1,300	1,500	1,500
Treasurer's Salary	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
FICA	115	115	115	115
Supplies	1,100	369	1,100	600
Interest (Notes)	4,000	1,367	4,000	4,000
Legal Fees	2,000	560	2,000	2,000
Auditing	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500
Fidelity Bond	223	255	223	250
Total	24,960	18,702	24,960	23,987
ADMINISTRATION				
Principal's Salary	57,750	57,750	63,000	66,150
Secretary's Salary	27,197	28,048	29,156	30,723
Admin. Substitute	350	0	350	100
Health & Dental Ins.	20,423	21,381	22,923	23,912
FICA	6,510	6,470	7,264	7,488
Life Insurance	176	180	195	245
403(b) Benefit	0	0	630	662
Retirement	1,143	1,103	2,166	2,229
125 Plan	0	63	110	70
Disability Insurance	212	143	152	242



Posing for the photographer.

	2003-04 BUDGET	2003-04 ACTUAL	2004-05 BUDGET	2005-06 PROPOSED
Professional Development	2,000	524	2,000	1,500
Travel	500	0	500	500
Software	1,025	1,030	1,025	1,025
Office Supplies/Software	1,700	1,656	1,700	1,700
Office Equipment	400	23	400	400
Graduation Supplies	400	372	475	400
Total	119,786	118,743	132,046	137,346
BUILDING OPER. & MAINT.				
Custodial Salaries	51,204	55,219	58,898	61,231
Custodial Substitutes	0	810	0	0
Health & Dental Insurance	10,963	15,740	16,724	18,327
FICA	3,917	4,243	4,506	4,684
Life Insurance	63	40	62	84
Retirement	1,166	1,969	1,422	2,385
Other Repairs	7,000	9,845	10,000	10,000
C/S Maintenance	7,000	8,905	9,500	9,500
Fire Damage Expense	0	70,915	0	0
Travel	150	0	250	250
Water Testing	500	1,170	900	2,000
Telephone	5,500	4,882	5,500	4,500
Custodial Supplies	6,500	8,623	7,300	9,000
Non-Instruct. Equipment	2,000	1,374	2,000	2,000
Electricity	23,000	21,993	23,000	23,000
Fuel Oil	10,500	10,902	10,500	15,000
Grounds Maintenance	1,500	2,351	2,000	2,000
Total	130,963	218,981	152,562	163,961

	2003-04 BUDGET	2003-04 ACTUAL	2004-05 BUDGET	2005-06 PROPOSED
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES				
Bus Drivers' Salaries	47,617	46,505	51,775	52,909
Bus Driver Substitutes	500	1,085	500	500
Health & Dental Ins.	13,152	16,964	18,589	20,369
FICA	3,643	3,598	3,961	4,048
Life Insurance	58	40	63	72
Course Reimb./Training	450	0	450	450
Retirement	2,000	2,021	1,294	2,116
Gas & Lubricants	9,000	7,010	9,250	12,000
Bus Maintenance	19,000	24,181	22,000	22,000
Field Trips	1,400	835	1,400	1,400
Bus Insurance	1,893	2,070	2,200	2,400
Bus Storage	2,400	2,000	2,400	0
Total	101,113	106,309	113,882	118,264
HOT LUNCH PROGRAM				
Salaries	1,800	1,800	1,800	0
Program Subsidy -C/S	2,500	19,283	2,500	20,000
Total	4,300	21,083	4,300	20,000
SPECIAL ARTICLE				
Major Repair	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Transfer to the Bus Fund	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
TOTAL GUILFORD CENTRAL	2,372,556	2,531,505	2,558,651	2,643,552
BUHS Assessment	1,132,471	1,132,471	1,392,545	1,610,159
WSESU Assessment	105,482	105,482	109,413	126,163
Vocational Block Expense	0	0	67,748	81,857
TOTAL	\$3,610,509	\$3,769,458	\$4,060,609	\$4,461,731

GUILFORD SCHOOL PROPOSED 2004-2005 BUDGET COMPARISON

	2002-2003 BUDGET	2003-2004 BUDGET	2004-2005 BUDGET	2005-2006 PROPOSED
Operating Budget	\$2,147,697	\$2,342,556	\$2,460,903	\$2,613,552
Debt Service	0	0	0	0
Sub-Total	2,147,697	2,342,556	2,460,903	2,613,552
Special Articles	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
Bus Fund Transfer	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Total Guilford (K-8)	2,172,697	2,372,556	2,490,903	2,643,552
WSESU Assessment	111,242	105,482	109,413	126,163
BUHS Assessment (A)	1,051,399	1,132,471	1,392,545	1,610,159
Vocational Block Spending	0	0	67,748	81,857
Total Budget	\$3,335,338	\$3,610,509	\$4,060,609	\$4,461,731

WSESU OPERATING BUDGET, COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS AND GRANTS

	2003-04 ACTUAL	2004-05 BUDGET	2005-06 BUDGET
REVENUE			
Assessments*			
Brattleboro	\$572,989	\$579,950	\$670,966
B.U.H.S. #6	505,063	508,908	669,743
Dummerston	115,501	122,917	131,344
Guilford	105,482	109,413	126,163
Putney	156,010	149,265	168,664
Vernon	145,699	153,525	161,764
Tuition	1,869,001	2,454,654	2,565,889
Early Essential Education Prog.	334,582	375,533	481,716
Intergovernmental	2,973,507	3,047,845	3,000,000
Interest	3,322	8,000	4,000
Sather Fund	3,808	0	0
Other Local	17,133	3,250	3,000
Asian Studies	139,494	0	0
Total Revenue	6,941,591	7,513,260	7,983,249
EXPENDITURES			
Special Education	266,129	283,724	296,580
Title I/Special Services	<i>see Curriculum</i>	15,047	18,104
Speech	140,468	150,383	157,183
Administrative Support	226,757	187,122	181,953
Superintendent	109,889	117,347	124,326
School Improvement	119,323	158,426	175,935
Admin. Secretary/Personnel	165,960	176,659	182,506
Business Administrator	109,702	113,858	119,466
Other Fiscal Services	309,733	346,722	337,543
District Wide	221	2,500	3,000
Technology Coordinator	78,437	79,747	90,552
Operations & Maintenance	69,963	75,972	75,723
English as a Second Language	0	0	270,034
Special Projects (Grants)	3,198,801	3,167,845	3,100,000
Special Class Programs	1,878,001	2,454,654	2,565,889
Early Essential Education Prog.	334,582	375,533	481,716
Sather Fund	8,421	0	0
Asian Studies	149,337	0	0
Total Expenditures	\$7,165,724	\$7,705,539	\$8,180,510

* Please note that the excess of revenue over expenditures relates to activity for restricted programs and grants. These funds are used for future restricted program and grant expenditures.

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

SCHOOL - ALL FUND TYPES

Year Ended June 30, 2003

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST FUNDS
REVENUE:				
Property Taxes:				
Town	\$1,120,108	0	0	0
State	1,503,380	0	0	0
Intergovernmental	1,083,705	21,553	0	0
Transportation Reimbursement	43,987	0	0	0
Charges for Services	0	27,831	0	0
Private Grants	1,599	0	0	0
Donations	0	0	11,314	561
Interest Income	2,653	0	402	74
Insurance proceeds	43,001	0	0	0
Other Income	1,513	0	0	0
	3,799,946	49,384	11,716	635
EXPENDITURES:				
Direct Instructional				
Central School	1,238,293	0	0	0
High School Assessment	1,132,471	0	0	0

A gathering in Guilford Center for Town Meeting, ca 1900.



Special Education/EEE	556,489	0	0	0
District/Retirement	88,504	0	0	0
Support Services				
Student Services	190,157	0	0	0
Administration	241,559	0	0	0
Physical plant	219,244	0	0	0
Transportation	106,309	0	0	0
School Lunch Program	0	73,442	0	0
Blazej Music Fund	0	0	0	144
Capital expenditures	0	0	100,466	0
Debt Service	1,367	0	0	0
	3,774,393	73,442	100,466	144
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenue	25,553	(24,058)	(88,750)	491
Operating Transfers In (out)	(44,935)	21,219	27,716	0
Fund Balance 6/30/03	44,163	(2)	83,659	3,564
Fund Balance 6/30/04	\$20,781	(\$2,841)	\$22,625	\$4,055

BALANCE SHEET SCHOOL - ALL FUND TYPES

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST & AGENCY
ASSETS:				
Cash	\$205,072	\$3,869	\$22,625	\$4,165
Investments	0	0	0	2,132
Accounts receivable	87,005	4,439	0	0
Due from other funds	10,029	0	0	0
Prepaid Expenditures	5,993	0	0	0
Inventory	0	459	0	0
Total Assets	308,099	8,767	22,625	6,297
LIABILITIES:				
Accounts Payable	132,131	1,579	0	0
Salaries & FICA Payable	154,209	0	0	0
Deferred revenues	978	0	0	0
Due to Other Funds	0	10,029	0	0
Due to Student Groups	0	0	0	2,242
Total Liabilities	287,318	11,608	0	2,242
FUND BALANCES				
Reserved:	5,993	(2,841)	22,625	4,055
Unreserved, Undesignated	14,788	0	0	0
Total Fund Equity	20,781	(2,841)	22,625	4,055
Liabilities + Fund Balances	\$308,099	\$8,767	\$22,625	\$6,297

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CHILD FIND NOTICE FOR ALL PARENTS

All children need, deserve and have a right to an education. Federal law states that this right to a free education should be available to all handicapped children, too.

The Windham Southeast Supervisory Union, including the school districts of Dummerston, Guilford, Putney, Vernon, Brattleboro and the Brattleboro Union High School District #6, needs to know if there are children or youth between the ages of three (3) years and twenty-one (21) years old who are disabled, or are out of school, or are not receiving services.

In addition, the WSESU needs to locate infants who may be disabled, between birth (0) and two (2) years of age for evaluation and service under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

If you have or know of such a child in your school, home or neighborhood, please write or phone.

Superintendent of Schools / 53 Green Street / Brattleboro / 254-3731

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

SCHOOL - GENERAL FUND

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUE			
Property taxes: Town	\$1,120,108	\$1,120,108	\$0
Property taxes: State	1,503,380	1,503,380	0
Intergovernmental	890,411	1,035,367	144,956
Transportation reimbursement	43,985	43,987	2
Interest income	12,125	2,653	(9,472)
Insurance proceeds	0	43,001	43,001
Other income	500	3,112	2,612
	<u>3,570,509</u>	<u>3,751,608</u>	<u>181,099</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
Direct Instructional			
Elementary	926,460	978,782	(52,322)
Secondary	322,168	259,511	62,657
High School Assessment	1,132,471	1,132,471	0
Special Education	429,097	517,766	(88,669)
Essential Early Education	40,919	38,723	2,196
District Wide	48,917	40,166	8,751
Support Services			
Guidance	63,390	61,147	2,243
Health	56,934	57,079	(145)
Library	67,199	65,665	1,534
Audio-visual	6,350	6,266	~84

Board of Education	20,960	17,335	3,625
WSESU Assessment	105,482	105,482	0
Administration	119,786	118,742	1,044
Plant Operations	130,963	219,244	(88,281)
Transportation	101,113	106,309	(5,196)
Debt Service			
Interest	4,000	1,367	2,633
	3,576,209	3,726,055	(149,846)
Excess Revenue over Expenditures	(5,700)	25,553	31,253
Operating Transfers In (Out):	(34,300)	(48,935)	(14,635)
Deficit of revenues over expenditures	(40,000)	(23,382)	16,618
Fund Balance, June 30, 2003		44,163	
Fund Balance, June 30, 2004		\$20,781	

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West Guilford, taken from the "Blacksmith Shop"



GUILFORD SCHOOL PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2003-2004

	2003-04 BUDGET	2003-04 BUDGET	2004-05 BUDGET	2005-06 PROPOSED
Local /Other				
Taxes /State	\$1,172,161	\$1,120,108	\$0	\$0
Taxes Act 68	0	0	1,321,527	1,594,533
Interest Earned	12,000	2,653	6,000	3,000
Glebe Trust	125	0	75	75
Other Miscellaneous	500	902	500	500
Misc. Reimbursements	0	81	0	0
Scamp	0	530	0	0
B.U.H.S. Transportation	43,985	43,987	45,746	47,576
WSESU-Medicaid (O.T.)	6,821	3,835	7,131	8,074
WSESU -Medicaid Sub-Grant	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
E-rate Revenue	0	2,016	0	0
Insurance Refund Bus	0	5,601	0	0
Insurance Refund Fire	0	37,400	0	0
Title II A	0	37,758	0	0
WSESU -EPSDT (Nurse)	23,500	23,874	25,112	26,500
Total	1,269,092	1,288,745	1,416,091	1,690,258
State				
General State Aid	1,911,789	1,503,380	NA	0
Add'l Education Fund Rec.	52,248	460,458	0	0
Education Fund	0	52,252	2,201,772	2,261,156
Special Education	257,555	309,584	287,076	416,823
E.E.E. Program	12,519	12,545	10,920	13,039
Transportation Grant	44,000	48,808	50,729	53,000
Vocational Block Grant	0	0	67,748	0
Total	2,278,111	2,387,027	2,618,245	2,744,018
Federal/Other				
IDEA Capacity Grant	0	1,599	0	0
Federal Special Ed.	23,306	26,273	26,273	27,455
Total	23,306	27,872	26,273	27,455

Fund Balance & Transfers	40,000.	0	0	0
Fund Balance	40,000	0	0	0
Total Fund Balance & Transfers	\$3,610,509	\$3,703,644	\$4,060,609	\$4,461,731
Total				

W.S.E.S.U. FY04 FEDERAL SPECIAL EDUCATION AID DISTRIBUTION

	BLOCK GRANT	INTENSIVE AID	EXTRAORDINARY AID	STATE PLACED	E.E.IDEA STATE	PRE-SCHOOL CAPACITY	IDEA FEDERAL	TOTAL AID
Brattleboro	\$450,461.00	\$2,418,666.00	\$38,040.30	\$63,815.00	\$71,832.00	\$13,337.00	\$257,540.00	\$3,313,691.30
Dummerston	72,187.00	215,136.00	44,264.70	0.00	11,199.00	0.00	22,204.00	364,990.70
Gulford	94,429.00	209,132.00	6,022.80	0.00	12,545.00	1,599.00	26,273.00	350,000.80
Putney	94,700.00	458,994.00	32,245.20	0.00	16,330.00	0.00	35,060.00	637,329.20
Vernon	109,640.00	297,808.00	10,179.00	45,010.00	18,481.00	2,403.00	32,720.00	516,241.00
B.U.H.S. #6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	119,156.00	119,156.00
Total	\$821,417.00	\$3,599,736.00	\$130,752.00	\$108,825.00	\$130,387.00	\$17,339.00	\$492,953.00	\$5,301,409.00

W.S.E.S.U. 2003-2004 SUB GRANTS SCHEDULE TO DISTRICTS

	FED IDEA SPEC ED	FED TITLE I	EPSDT MEDICAID	SE IEP MED. SUP.	SE IEP MED. BASE	TOTAL
BRATTLEBORO	\$257,540	\$376,121	\$18,683	\$71,921	\$60,000	\$784,265
DUMMERSTON	22,204	0	35,640	18,900	10,000	86,744
GULFORD	26,273	0	23,874	3,835	10,000	63,982
PUTNEY	35,060	107,953	21,959	14,672	10,000	189,644
VERNON	32,720	0	28,517	0	10,000	71,237
TOTAL	\$373,797	\$484,074	\$128,673	\$109,328	\$100,000	\$1,195,872

ACT 68 THREE YEAR COMPARISON

GUILFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
EXPENDITURES				
Budget (approved)				
State Vocational Block Grant (87% FY06)	\$3,335,338	\$3,610,509	\$2,663,064	\$2,851,572
Supervisory Union Assessment			67,748	81,857
Block Grant State Voc. Ed. Prior Yrs.	57,942	58,739	109,413	126,163
Separately Warned Article - approved				
Act 68 Local Adopted Budget	3,393,280	3,669,248	2,668,064	2,851,572
Union school assessment			1,392,545	1,610,159
Gross Act 68 Budget	\$3,393,280	\$3,669,248	\$4,060,609	\$4,461,731
REVENUES				
Local Revenues	471,322	474,311	469,562	606,042
Total Revenues	\$471,322	\$474,311	\$469,562	\$606,042
Education Spending (Act 68)	\$2,921,958	\$3,194,937	\$3,591,047	\$3,855,689
Equalized Pupils	358.29	348.12	335.94	324.18
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$8,155	\$9,178	\$10,690	\$11,894
Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil (if any)	NA	NA	\$0	0
Per Pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	NA	NA	\$10,690	\$11,894
District Spending Adjustment	NA	NA	157.199%	170.519%
Estimated Homestead tax rate (equalized)	NA	NA	\$1.651	\$1.739
Household Income % for Income Sensitivity	NA	NA	2.99%	3.15%
Estimated Homestead tax rate (actual)	NA	NA	\$2.505	\$2.811
Common Level of Appraisal	NA	NA	65.90%	61.88%

*Activities at the Guilford Free Library;
Else paints (top), having fun at storytime,
Natalya paints, and a hot Scrabble game.*



GUILFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

President: Harry Evans
Vice-President: Stephen Cutting
Secretary: Neil Quinn
Treasurer: Kate Snow
Fire Chief: Dan Stoughton

Trustees:
Gerald Baker
Ron Burton
Fred Humphrey
Doug Hunt
Michael Tkaczyk

In 2004 the department responded to 188 calls, the most ever in a year. There were 3 building fires, 8 chimney fires, 4 car fires, 3 brush fires, 3 hazardous materials calls, 8 wires down, 6 fire alarm calls, 3 flood assistance, 2 lighting strikes, 6 unsafe conditions, 5 service calls, 1 false alarm, and 20 Mutual Aid responses. The largest category was motor vehicle accidents; 52 calls (25 on I-91). In addition, the First Response personnel responded to 64 medical emergency calls (44 illness, 20 injury).

The Guilford First Responders are trained for medical emergencies by Rescue Inc and our own certified instructors. This group responds with a portable defibrillator, half paid by the town and half by Rescue Inc.

We are fortunate to have volunteers (no one is paid) who give so much of their time; estimated at over 140 hours a year for drills, etc, plus 90-hour classes for some, plus time fund-raising, not to mention time responding to calls!

For the coming year, we are level-finding our \$55,000 from the town, to help with our expenses providing fire and emergency protection. As taxpayers ourselves, we have always tried to keep expenditures under control. However, you will see from the accompanying financial statement that the town money received covers only part of our total expenses. We recently completed a long-term budget and capital replacement schedule to try to anticipate the needs of future emergency services for the town.

We have only one truck newer than 27 years old. Turn-out gear, Scott air packs, fire hose, radios & pagers all need to be replaced in a timely manner for safety and for protection of your property. Our dispatching service alone costs over \$12,000 for the year.

We continue with suppers, barbeques, water delivery, and so on to raise money. We "cater" large events, traveling with our cooking barrels. We write grant applications and apply for State and Federal monies when available. The Auxillary is active with raffles and sales. We try to keep expenses under control as long as the safety of firefighters is not jeopardized.

Our request does not include funds towards the new building we sorely need. Our fund-raising committees have been actively working towards a campaign launch. Applying for IRS 501(c)(3) status (required for foundation fund-raising) has taken many hours of work: new Bylaws, new Articles of Association, answers to complicated questions. At this point we continue to look for advice from townspeople with experience in this area. Speak with a Trustee if you can help us.

Remember that the phone number to report an emergency is **9-1-1**. Do

not hesitate to call during the early stages of an event....you may think you'll be able to put the fire out yourself, but it's better to get the apparatus rolling just in case.

We rely on townspeople for support. Donations are welcomed, and greatly appreciated. The Trustees would like to thank the officers and men for their many volunteer hours, and the town for its support.

Harry Evans

President, Board of Trustees

GUILFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

INCOME

Donations: Fires, Water Delivery	3,045.80
Memorial Donations	290.00
Fund Raising Projects	2,236.80
Suppers, Barbeques (net)	11,172.70
Hall Rental (net)	3,295.00
Soda Machine Receipts	113.70
Interest Income	327.30
State Grant	10,000.00
Building Fund Donations	5,229.50
Other Grant Income	23,816.40
Sale of Capital Equipment	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	351.48
Town Appropriation	30,000.00

TOTAL INCOME	90,878.68
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EXPENSES

Building Maintenance	6,142.05
Building Supplies	425.59
Phone	1,644.85
Electricity	2,996.68
Heating Oil	0.00
Propane (generator, kitchen stove)	959.78
Algiers Sewer District	257.97
First Responders	3,059.30
Office Supplies	369.09
Dues, Southwestern (dispatching)	12,278.00
Radio Purchase (high band)	13,020.00
Firefighting equipment	12,522.79
Insurance	3,546.00
Truck Repair	1,406.90
Truck Fuel	1,716.44
Radio Repair	30.00
Firefighter Education	275.95
Miscellaneous	409.46
Capital Outlay, Truck/Equipment	59,100.80

TOTAL EXPENSES	120,161.65
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Money Market	26,593.36
Building Fund	17,714.50
Checking	11,330.14
TOTAL ALL FUNDS, July 31, 2004	\$55,638.00 *

* This amount is reduced significantly due to equipment purchases that will be reimbursed by grants awarded but not received before the end of the fiscal year.

GVFD INVENTORY

- 1 1995 E-One/Ford pumper w/1,000 gal tank & 1,250 gpm pump
- 1 1977 GMC 6500 truck w/2,000 gal tank & 750 gpm pump
- 1 1972 Ford-Hahn pumper w/1,000 gal tank & 750 gpm pump
- 1 1952 Dodge Power Wagon "brush truck"

1 Honda 150gpm portable pump for brush truck, 1 Darley HM350 portable pump, 3 add'l portable pumps, 1,000 feet 4" hose, 1,200 feet 3" hose, 2,700 feet 2 1/2" hose, 3,400 feet 1 1/2" hose, 10 Scott Air Packs, 11 spare Scott tanks, 4 portable radios, 6 two-way mobile radios, 1 base radio, individual pagers, a CB base radio, a scanner, a 7,500 btu portable oil heater, 5,000 watt & 2 1,500 watt portable generators, 2 smoke ejectors, and we also have such equipment as axes, hand lights, floor lights, ladders, pike poles, nozzles, hydrant gates and tools, first aid kits, chimney cleaning equipment, and CO2 and dry chemical extinguishers.

GUILFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

Since re-organizing in July of 2004 the Auxiliary has held three fundraisers. We had a dunking booth donated to us by the Wardsboro Fire Department which we set up at the Guilford Fair. We held a Boot Drop in October and a Pie and Bake Sale at the fire station in November.

We made a donation to the Boyd family who lost everything due to a fire at their home in August.

At our December meeting we had a discussion with Chief Stoughton as to the best way to help the fire department. It was decided that for now the fire department would come to us for donations toward any new equipment that may be needed and to help with the new fire station.

I speak for every Auxiliary member when I say Thank You to the fire department members who have encouraged us and to the residents who have welcomed and supported us during this first year.

We are a small group looking for new members to help us continue to do what we can to benefit our community and our fire department. Our meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm.

Cindy Forbes
President

GUILFORD FREE LIBRARY

The Guilford Free Library is a very exciting place to be these days. During the fiscal year 2004, we welcomed more than twenty-seven hundred patrons who borrowed more than thirty-seven hundred library materials (books, audio and video cassettes, and magazines). We held 120 programs for 348 adults and 1079 children. Our five public access computers were used by about 10 patrons a week during the year. We are able to provide individual training to help people learn how to use them.

We subscribe to VERMONT ONLINE LIBRARY, a full-text magazine and newspaper article database. Any Guilford citizen can use this database at the library or from the home computer. Information about this service (including the address and password) will be available at Town Meeting, or you can call (or stop by) the library to get that information.

We received a third (and last) year of funding from the Freeman Foundation. With this money we are able to be open twenty-one hours a week, and developing programs for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

The library manages because so many volunteers work to make it happen. During a typical month, volunteers put in at least 17 hours of work doing storytime, staffing, board, administration, and public relations. If we paid for all this work at \$7/hour, we would spend more than \$5,800. Many townspeople also donate books for our annual booksale, which raises money to buy new books for the library.

Programs during Fiscal Year 2004 were:

- Summer Reading Program – 41 children signed up, 29 programs were attended by 42 adults and 184 children. The final party was attended by at least 90 people.
- Pre-school Storytime - every Tuesday morning
- TechnoKids – Sixth graders helped librarian maintain the web page and create a slide show.
- Halloween Parade and Party – We marched to the Grange, danced, told scary stories, played games and shared snacks.
- Book Club Group meets monthly for a conversation about a book they've all read.
- Holiday Greetings Workshop – Materials to make Solstice, Chanukah, Christmas, Kwannza, and New Year cards.
- Knitting Night – A multi-generational knitting group, held twice monthly.
- Knitting Club – A winter sports program for Guilford Central School where volunteers helped children learn to knit.
- Secret Garden Week – Three programs for children and one for adults, held during school vacation week
- 678 Advisory Committee – Students advise library staff and choose DCF books.
- SCAMP Visit – Incoming Kindergarten class visits the library as part of their introduction week to school.
- School Visits – Visits with students during the year to encourage their participation in library activities. Librarian visited Kindergarten – 4th

grade for a story and introduction to the summer reading program.

Our Outreach activities included:

- Home Delivery of Books
- Programs at Family Child Care Homes
- Library at Golden Ager's Luncheons
- Read For America – Librarian reads to individual kindergarteners and first graders.

The library is open Tuesday 9:30 am-6 pm; Wednesday 1-8 pm; Saturday 9:30 am-3 pm, and for special programs, as announced. Please stop by.

Cathrine Wilken, Librarian

Trustees: Becky Anderson

Calista Kristensen

Carol Schnabel

Judith Serkin

Laura Lawson Tucker

Richard Wizansky

GUILFORD FREE LIBRARY

Cash On Hand, July 1, 2003 \$6,977.44

Income:

Town Appropriation	13,000.00	
Donations	339.17	
Fundraising	7,348.31	
Grants	8,151.00	
Interest	33.74	
Other	25.00	28,897.22

Expense:

Salary	(14,330.89)	
Computer	(1,887.08)	
Library Materials	(2,678.88)	
Library Supplies	(103.06)	
Furniture & Furnishings	(68.36)	
Equipment	(229.99)	
Maintenance	(1,039.71)	
Electricity	(763.07)	
Gas	(1,096.81)	
Postage	(907.24)	
Program	(876.35)	
Telephone	(792.90)	
Fundraising	(232.00)	
Office Supplies	(176.63)	
Publicity	0.00	
Dues/Subscriptions	(195.95)	
Miscellaneous	31.43	(25,347.49)

Cash On Hand, June 30, 2004 \$10,527.17

Agnew Memorial Fund: Building Projects

Balance July 1, 2003	\$1,085.45
Interest Earned	7.54

Transferred to Checking	(7.54)	
Balance June 30, 2004 (MM #092-488006-C)		\$1,085.45
Thomas Memorial Fund: Interest to be used for children's books		
Balance July 1, 2003	\$2,000.00	
Interest Earned	16.28	
Transferred to Checking	(16.28)	
Balance June 30, 2004 (MM #092-524016-C)		\$2,000.00
TOTAL OF COMBINED FUNDS, June 30, 2004		\$13,612.62

GUILFORD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Guilford Community Education was established in 1984, to provide educational opportunities for people of all ages, to use the school facility for the whole community, and to provide courses to attain these goals.

In the spring of 2000, Guilford Community Education disbanded, donating the balance of its bank account to the Guilford Free Library. The funds are restricted to Community Education Programs, and will be coordinated by volunteers. Funds may also be used for Library programs that promote the concept of Community Education.

Balance July 1, 2003		\$804.64
Interest	2.34	
Writing Workshop Expense	(50.00)	
Bank Fees (reversed)	5.00	
Balance June 30, 2004		\$761.98

ALGIERS FIRE DISTRICT #1

There are presently 75 property owners in the Fire District. There are 90 utilized sewer hook-ups. This year 5 new hook-ups (the maximum per year) were authorized. So far not all of these have been utilized. Because our annual year runs from July to July, no additional hook-ups can be authorized until July 1, 2004.

June 30, 2003

Total Assets	\$924,179.84
Total Liabilities	(\$107,578.21)
Total Equity	\$816,601.63

July 1, 2003 - December 22, 2003

Income	\$26,710.00
Expenses	(\$72,031.29)
Total Earnings (Loss)	(\$45,321.29)

Prudential Committee:

Herbert Meyer, Chair	Jeffery Houghton
Edward Curtiss, Vice-Chair	Julia Miller, Clerk
Andrea Franklin, Treasurer	

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns' mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. Vermonters use more local government services and interact more with their local government officials on a daily basis than with any other level of government. These governmental services include highways, police, fire, recreation, sewer and water. Vermont municipal officials are responsible for raising and expending nearly one-half of the non-federal taxes raised in the state. In all but a very few municipalities, the property tax is the sole option a municipality has for raising revenue to fund its municipal and school responsibilities.

In large part, volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials lead local governments. VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns to serve and strengthen the ability of municipal officials to provide quality services at affordable costs:

- Training, municipal assistance, and publications to strengthen the ability of municipal officials to serve their communities. In the past year, we have responded to more than 3,000 telephone and e-mail inquiries. Our Municipal Assistance Center and Group Services staffs provided over 750 workshops and small group training sessions attended by municipal officials. VLCT distributed more than 575 copies of local government publications and distributed more than 3,200 hard copies or electronic mail versions of VLCT's Weekly Legislative Report to municipal officials each week during the legislative session.
- Advocacy representation before the State Legislature, administration, and judiciary to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education finance debate, land use discussions, and securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs.
- Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost. These include an array of municipal insurance programs, among many others. Examples of how this saves local taxpayers dollars are the securing of municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust represents the most affordable option available to provide health insurance to municipal employees.
- All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 140 other municipal entities including villages and fire districts. Membership dues are \$.74 per capita plus a \$500 service fee per year. These funds support much of the work of the VLCT Municipal Assistance Center. VLCT maintains its offices in Montpelier and employs 42 staff members. It has an annual operating budget of approximately \$3.2 million.
- Individuals interested in finding out more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including reviewing its audited financial statements, can visit the VLCT Website at www.vlct.org.

Steven Jeffrey
Executive Director

WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION

Since being established in June of 1965, the Windham Regional Commission has been working with its 27 towns to help them address regional issues and provide effective local government. We are pleased and proud to have been able to provide that service for forty years, as we look ahead to another year of change and challenges.

Each town annually appoints two representatives to the commission. Guilford's current representatives are Bill Murray and John Kristensen. Commissioners serve on a number of committees that mirror the concerns of the region and that form the core of the WRC. Current active committees include:

- Community Development, which focuses on issues relating to economic development, housing, downtowns and village centers, etc.
- Natural Resources, which reviews a wide variety of issues and projects that would impact—positively or negatively—the region's wealth of natural resources.
- Public Policy & Legislation, which meets weekly during the legislative session to discuss issues and policies with an invited legislator.
- Transportation, which oversees a variety of regional transportation planning efforts and helps to coordinate statewide transportation issues with Vermont's ten other regional commissions.
- Plan Review & Coordination, which reviews town plans (upon request by a town) and conducts an annual series of varied and interesting education programs.
- Project Review, which meets to review and assess specific projects—usually projects that are before the District Environmental Commission or the Public Service Board—as they relate to the Windham Regional Plan and to guide staff participation in related hearings.

The WRC also provides staff and administrative support to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. LEPC's are regional bodies made up primarily of emergency response officials, with a task to develop emergency plans to prepare for and respond to chemical emergencies. In practice, the LEPC in this region has evolved into an "all hazards" planning group that assists emergency planning, response and recovery of all types.

The WRC assists member towns with a variety of projects, some very local and others serving more than one town. These include helping with town plans and land use regulations and specific town projects, and in 2005 it also will include an extensive educational and assistance effort relating to the major changes that were made to Vermont's municipal planning and land use laws in 2004. Regional efforts include the Brownfields Reuse Initiative, the regional transportation planning project and its many components, assistance with special projects such as supporting the creation of a new regional public transit agency last year, and an increased level of activity in energy-related issues, such as two anticipated wind energy developments and several Vermont Yankee proceedings.

The WRC's Geographic Information System (GIS) Service Center also responds to a variety of municipal needs by creating data bases and maps for

town plans and related projects, including maps of protected lands, land cover and natural resources, past and current development patterns, and others. Working with Planning Commissions, Conservation Commissions, schools and non-profit groups, the WRC has assisted with mapping to support recreation development along rivers and ridgelines and land conservation of special areas.

The WRC's core budget is partially funded by member town assessments. The \$1.46 per resident rate and population of 2,038 will result in a total assessment of \$2,975.00 from Guilford for the new fiscal year. Guilford may wish to budget additional amounts for town-specific work needed from the WRC. For information on the WRC and its programs, contact your Town Representative or the WRC office at 139 Main Street, Suite 505, Brattleboro, (802) 257-4547; our e-mail address is: wrc@sover.net. Visit our website at www.rpc.windham.vt.us.

James P Matteau
Executive Director

GUILFORD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Some jobs get easier as you go along. This one seems to get harder. We were able to get some funds for equipment for the Fire Department from Vermont Emergency Management's RERP funds. The equipment hasn't arrived yet, but should help out with the Fire Department budget. In the spring one of the local watchdog groups came up with a 10-point plan to improve the local emergency response in the event of an emergency at Entergy-Vermont Yankee; 9 of the 10 points were accepted. One item your Selectboard and I have long been in favor of, a Western Reception Center, was approved. Of course it will be some time before this is up and running, and the amount of equipment, training, and coordination is enormous. At least it is a step in the right direction.

We have heard no more about additional sirens. However, the Phone Alert System is in place, and has been tested. This, as I hope you know, can be used by the Town in ANY emergency.

The local Vermont Emergency Management Office (located in Brattleboro) has been most helpful and cooperative. There is a Planner and a Trainer in the office. A series of trainings has been held in all the Emergency Planning Zone towns and also in the supporting (Mutual Aid) towns. This was a big help, and a very large number of volunteers, including firemen and other first responders, have been participating. This training will be continuing, so new volunteers can be brought in, and the incumbents can receive refresher training.

There has been a LOT of publicity about how bad the school bus evacuation drill went. I want everyone to know, the Guilford School did a bang-up job. From the time the school received the information, until the school was empty and locked down, 22 minutes passed, and I have nothing but the greatest praise for ALL the staff and the students.

One ongoing problem I have is keeping up with folks with special needs.

This year I received ONE card requesting special needs consideration. I know there are a lot more folks out there who would need some assistance in the event of any disaster. We need to know about you so we can respond when something unforeseen happens!

Herbert S. Meyer
Emergency Management Director

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Guilford Conservation Commission has been in existence since 2000. Serving on the commission during 2004-2005 have been: Al Haumann, chairman; Bill Jewell, vice chairman; Linda Hecker, clerk; James Young, treasurer; Laurel Green, Patty Szostak, Mary Ellen Franklin, Robert Stack and John Kristensen. Meetings are held at the Guilford Town Office on the third Thursday of each month, starting at 7 pm.

The Conservation Commission has continued collecting information about the natural, scenic, recreational, historic, cultural, architectural, agricultural, and archaeological resources of the town. We have been doing this through a series of so-called "Walks". About once a month, a member of the Conservation Commission chooses a portion of Guilford he or she feels would be interesting to visit. Where possible, the public is invited through notices in the local media to participate in our walks. The commissioner who made the suggestion leads the walk and helps point out some of what makes this part of Guilford unique. We are working on the development of a database that will ultimately add the information to the Guilford town maps, and will be accessible to all at the town offices.

In April the Guilford Conservation Commission hosted a one-day conference on invasive plant species and the problems they pose to Vermont. The conference incorporated presentations by the Windham County Forester and Windham Regional Commission as well as practical field demonstrations. The field work included identification of invasive plants and methods to control them.

The Conservation Commission again sponsored a booth at the 2004 Guilford Fair where we presented information on town forests. In addition, commission members handed out information concerning invasive plant species and problems they pose to Vermont.

The Commission also has been exploring a trail system in Guilford. Our first effort has been to explore the Class 4 town roads. In addition, we have met with various groups and are exploring other options for an expanded informal trail system.

Recently, members of the commission have raised concerns about refuse that is dumped along the roads and trash thrown from vehicles. We have discussed possible solutions ranging from encouraging the state to raise the bottle deposit to 10¢ on soda and 25¢ on beer and alcohol, to creating an "Adopt A Highway" program.

As always we encourage everyone to participate in town government. The Guilford Conservation Commission meetings are open to the public and you

are always welcome to attend any of our meetings or participate in our activities.

Al Haumann
Chairman.

GUILFORD CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Guilford Cemetery Commission is responsible for management and care of the town's public active and historic cemeteries. Current Commissioners Eric Morse, Shaun Murphy, Robert Stack, Gerry James and Verandah Porche have met monthly to update procedures and improve service: ensuring that there is space in a town cemetery for those, including indigents, who wish to be buried here, revising a text for deeds, laying out, selling, conveying lots, setting a fair price that will contribute to ongoing upkeep, and submitting an annual report to the town auditors. With a modest budget, Commissioners have hired workers to rake, mow, and remove trees and debris from the cemeteries. Guilford residents David and Jessica Fletcher of Fletcher Lawn Service have tended the historic cemeteries, generously donating additional time to improve their condition. Mary Jo Gaines Lashway has provided devoted care for the Maplehurst Cemetery. The Maplehurst Cemetery on Route 5 offers Guilford residents the most convenient location for traditional burials. The historic cemeteries are fragile and their rock walls cannot accommodate modern earth-moving equipment.

The Cemetery Commission's 2005 budget includes a \$500 increase toward stone repair. The Vermont Old Cemetery Association provides grants and technical assistance to support the restoration of stones. To supplement funding, the Commission invites residents and friends to get to know their local cemeteries and take on rewarding volunteer tasks in their short and long term care. Activities may appeal to those interested in local history, community service, physical exercise and philosophizing. Verandah Porche and Eric Morse will coordinate community activities. Verandah Porche may be reached at 254-2442 and Eric Morse, at 254-2833.

Eric Morse
Commissioner

GUILFORD PLANNING COMMISSION

The Guilford Planning Commission consists of nine members appointed by the Selectboard to represent the community in planning activities.

We are required by law to revise the town plan every five years. The plan is designed to help guide future development in Guilford. It is considered in Act 250 hearings concerning proposed projects here in town. The Commission is currently working on a revision of the current Town Plan and we expect to hold public hearings this spring to present the proposed plan to the townspeople.

A series of Recommended Actions included in the draft and intended to help Guilford achieve the goals of the Town Plan should keep the Commis-

sion busy this year and for a few years to come. We invite residents to attend our meetings and participate in the planning process. Regular meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Town Office.

Rick Zamore, Chair	Mert Garland
Susan James, Vice Chair	Eric Morse
Suzanne Borschevsky, Secretary	David Franklin
Sabine Dickel, Treasurer	Al Haumann

RESCUE INC

Rescue Inc. provides rapid response, risk appropriate emergency care and transportation services to nine communities in Vermont and New Hampshire. we contract with Guilford to provide 24/7/365 paramedic level care using a team of 35 volunteers and 15 paid employees. Rescue provides the highest level of care allowed and is truly an "emergency room on wheels".

Rescue operates five vehicles, expensive communication and medical equipment and also inventories/uses large amounts of medical supplies. Our headquarters and training center are located in Brattleboro. We offer new member and on-going training both locally and in our training center. We also teach CPR and other courses throughout the region.

To provide the best service and to reach you quickly, Rescue Inc. trains many volunteers within Guilford. These dedicated people serve as your first link in the chain of survival; they live in town, arrive first on scene and can immediately start lifesaving procedures while our paramedics are en-route. We trained 75 Guilford residents this year, 35 from Guilford Fire and 40 other residents.

Last year Rescue Inc. responded to 3,445 calls involving 4,357 patients. In Guilford, we handled 116 calls and treated 134 patients, a 24% increase over 2003. Our average on scene arrival time was less than 9 minutes. Of our calls, 55 were made to residents. Throughout our region, we treated 106 Guilford patients. Within town lines we responded to 18 vehicle accidents and 4 falls. The scope of calls ran from abdominal pain (2) and cardiac events (10) to general malaise (4) and neurological problems (2). Rescue also treated breathing distress (7), cardiac arrests (3), convulsions (2), diabetic issues (1), fainting (6), poisoning (1) and traumas (21) involving accidents with machinery or equipment.

The expense of maintaining our human and physical resources is an ongoing challenge because Rescue Inc. is an independent, non-profit corporation. Our revenue comes from fees billed to Medicare/Medicaid, insurance companies and direct payments from clients. Our training center programs are run at cost to encourage volunteerism. This past year we have seen a drop in insured patients and insurance reimbursements; we now collect only fifty to sixty cents of each dollar billed. Because we do not receive State funding we stand alone and must rely upon donations, grants and your subsidy to cover the difference between our revenue and expenses.

Financially, each call costs Rescue \$400, yet we collect only \$296 from insurance and town subsidies. This forces us to make up the remaining \$104

from donations and other sources. Even if we ignore rising insurance rates and other expenses, due to our call volume we must raise over \$350,000 each year just to break even. These issues, as a result, are jeopardizing our ability to maintain our quality of service. To ensure our survival and your care we have raised all our member town subsidies from \$5.25 per capita to \$10.00. To put this amount in perspective, all the subsidies combined will still cover less than 15% of Rescue's expenses and only about half our deficit. Looked at another way, the average Guilford homeowner will pay about \$25.00 in taxes for our service.

For comparison, Rescue's \$10.00 rate is only 60% of the \$16.72 state average. Nevertheless, other distinctions make the difference even larger. Most services do not provide paramedic level care. Some towns no longer have 24/7 coverage and rely upon mutual aid agreements - which substantially increase response time. Several regional services are charging \$20.00 to \$50.00 per capita. At Rescue Inc. our role is to save lives and the Guilford subsidy gives us the financial resources to accomplish that mission.

Amanda Franklin
Guilford's Rescue Trustee

GUILFORD FAIR, INC.

The Guilford Fair 2004 had another successful year. We actually had sunshine both days, Sunday was cool but Monday was perfect. The events at the fair are growing each year and we are always looking for new ideas. The newest event being added this year on Sunday is a contest for working farm horses. The horses are driven through different courses and judges will be looking for accuracy and speed. We have added canopies and picnic tables for the comfort of our fair-goers. We will try to add benches this year so that people who need to rest frequently will be able to do so. We have tried very hard to make our fair handicap accessible. The dates for the fair this year are September 4 and 5. We hope everyone will participate in the fair in some way, sewing, knitting, growing flowers and vegetables, making maple syrup or honey, making crafts, showing off your hobbies and collections, or helping with getting everything ready for the big week end.

The fair was started by the people of Guilford in 1943 for the people of Guilford to raise everyone's spirits. Everyone in Guilford is a member of the fair and can attend fair meetings. Current officers and trustees are as follows: Jeri Bruneau, Denise Baranoski, Rob Potter, Kelly Tyler, Sheila Webster, Jessica Finnell, Jody Houghton, Norman Covey and Michael Tkaczyk III. People who would like to know more about the fair may contact Jeri Bruneau at 254-2463.

Jeri Bruneau
Guilford Fair President

FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT GUILFORD

We realized recently that we are the only arts organization in Guilford! We serve both the Town and the region with low-cost and admission-free concerts.

We began the year 2004 with a spring concert of Madrigals, performed by the Guilford Chamber Singers, and concluded our season, but not the year, with our bi-annual Guilford Garden Tours, co-sponsored with the Guilford Historical Society, concluding with a concert and garden party at Packer Corners.

Our 39th season began with our two-concert Labor Day Weekend Festival, at the organ barn in Guilford. The first concert featured our restored, century-old pipe organ. Our festival concluded with the outdoor program of orchestral music. This is a wonderful event, and many bring picnic lunches, blankets and lawn chairs.

Our busy fall season continued with a September fund-raising concert for flute and piano at Orchard Hill in Brattleboro. In October and November we presented very special programs: First, a guest concert by the San Antonio Vocal Arts Ensemble re-creating music from biblical times; then, an evening of works by Gustav Holst, including a one-act opera, performed at the old Grange in West Dummerston.

Our holiday programming included the 34th annual Community Messiah Sing at Centre Church in Brattleboro. We then returned to Guilford for our annual Christmas program at historic Christ Church, with choral music, a story, and carol sing.

We are continuing our planning for the future, when our founders retire, and we are gearing up for our 40th Anniversary Season. As part of this effort, we are hoping to increase our membership to 400 households. Guilford residents received a mailing in December asking townspeople to become members, and we hope you'll join us.

We invite Guilford townspeople to participate in, attend, and support our programs. Perhaps you may join us for the concluding events of our 39th season. First of these is our March 5 program featuring Steve Procter and friends, performing Latin American music, to be presented in Brattleboro. And we'll return to Guilford Community Church for our final event of the season, in June, as the Chamber Singers perform works set to texts by Shakespeare. Both events are listed in our season calendar, which will be available at town meeting.

Don McLean
Administrator

BRATTLEBORO AREA HOSPICE

Brattleboro Area Hospice respectfully requests that the Town of Guilford support our program for the year 2005 in the amount of \$300.

Brattleboro Area Hospice (BAH) is an independent, community-based, non-profit volunteer hospice organization. BAH provides grassroots volun-

teer-staffed programs to supplement and provide alternatives to the professional services utilized by dying and grieving community members. We also provide education and outreach to increase our community's understanding of and ability to cope with the issues of death and dying. All our services are free of charge

Our Hospice Care Program provides trained volunteers and staff to work with patients and their families to address the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs associated with death and dying. We can also help with household chores, transportation, and respite for caregivers.

Our Bereavement Care Program offers support groups that provide a safe environment for sharing experiences, exploring feelings, providing mutual support, and gaining insight into the grieving process.

BAH is one of less than 200 volunteer hospices left in the United States. Although the hospice movement in this country was originally volunteer-focused, today many agencies offer complex medical services while overlooking the crucial role of the volunteer. Yet the compassionate assistance of neighbors helping neighbors during the difficult journey of terminal illness and grief cannot be underestimated. Given the dramatically increasing elder population in the United States, hospice volunteers are and will continue to be a vital component in maintaining quality end-of-life and bereavement care.

Susan Parris
Executive Director

COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT

The Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont (COASEV) fosters and supports successful aging of seniors in the Guilford 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 Guilford. To accomplish this mission in Guilford we provide direct services such as those listed below, as well as work collaboratively with other organizations in Guilford.

Information and assistance through the Senior Helpline (800-642-5119) provides resources, tips, applications for benefits, and assistance with health insurance information.

Senior Nutrition provides home delivered meals through the Brattleboro Senior Center, and twice-monthly congregate meals at the Guilford Grange.

Transportation: special arrangements are made for non-Medicaid seniors requiring medical transportation.

Case management is provided on a one-to-one basis to those wishing to stay in their communities. We manage the Medicaid Waiver Program that provides nursing home-like care. With self-neglect referrals we assist individuals to become aware of and access services thus regaining control of their lives. 22 clients, an increase of 15.8% over last year, are currently receiving these services at an annual cost of \$18,500.

Advocacy assists with accessing a wide array of benefits such as VHAP

pharmacy, fuel assistance, food stamps, Supplemental Security Income, telephone lifeline, and tax rebates. These services are provided through home visits.

Care Giver Respite is provided through grants. We are able to provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia and other chronic diseases.

Senior Companion Program provides friendly visiting, as well as a stipend employment opportunity for older, limited income workers.

Successful Aging Initiatives provides a series of small community grants for groups and organizations to create and expand their programs. A grant of \$500 was awarded for 2005 to a Guilford organization.

Planning for seniors is accomplished by working with legislators, other agencies, and the communities we serve.

Your town contribution of \$750 generates \$4,250 in federal matching funds to support all of these activities. Services are provided at no cost, but participants are encouraged to make anonymous voluntary contributions. The support of Guilford citizens, as well as that of hundreds of volunteers and dedicated staff, makes these services possible

Marie Saunders
Executive Director

EARLY EDUCATION SERVICES

Early Education Services (EES) is grateful for the ongoing support from the town of Guilford. For several years, Guilford has provided us with gracious contributions to supplement our services in the area. We once again request \$850.00 for the upcoming year. During the past year, this funding has helped to pay for home visiting and preschool programs to families. This funding has also helped to support playgroups in the area for over 20 families. Early Education Services, through its Welcome Babies Program, conducts newborn home visits throughout the county and puts on Teddy Bear Teas in local schools in order to introduce families to the education community. In the upcoming year, we plan to use the requested funding for similar services. A particular goal is to increase the level of father involvement in their young child's development through heightened participation in our program.

Early Education Services is the early childhood development "arm" of our school district and we work closely with WSESU to provide education and special needs services to young children and their families. We are a Vermont Parent-Child Center and an Early Head Start and Head Start program serving all of Windham County. We rely on funding from Federal and State governments, from private foundations, and from area towns, including Guilford. We serve about 300 families with intensive home-based, center-based, and mental health services and more than 1,500 additional families through group activities, advocacy, and education and trainings.

Again, thank you for your help.

Debra J. Gass
Executive Director

UNITED WAY GET INFO

United Way GET INFO (formerly Helpline) is a comprehensive information and referral service that serves as the first point of contact for those who need help or those who wish to offer help to others.

Many people facing new problems or life transitions do not know where to turn for help. United Way GET INFO performs a critical service in Guilford and throughout greater Windham County by assessing and linking residents to community resources to help them maintain their health and well being.

From July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, we assisted more than 2349 individuals and families, including 14 Guilford families, through our telephone helpline. Our assistance includes a careful assessment of each person's needs, problem-solving support, information and referrals to appropriate community services for those needs, and follow-up if needed.

We also have developed and maintain a centralized community resource database of health and human services throughout Vermont, available free online at www.vermont211.org. This includes over 500 agencies, 1,300 programs, and 13,000 community services.

We rely on the combined support from area towns for the critical 7% of our budget not covered by United Way funds, individual contributions, grants, and special fundraising events. We ask for level funding of \$360 from Guilford for this fiscal year. We appreciate your continued support for this vital service.

Sharon Tierra, CIRS
United Way GET INFO
Windham County Coordinator

MORNINGSIDE SHELTER

Morningside Shelter offers three programs: Emergency Shelter, Service Enriched Housing, and Outreach.

Morningside Shelter provides temporary, emergency housing for the homeless. During fiscal year ending June 30, 2004; 5,096 "bednights" of shelter were provided to 307 persons, including 56 children. Morningside Shelter provided housing and services to one single man and one single woman from Guilford, for a total of 61 nights during the past year. The shelter offers safe, clean, supportive temporary housing, an emergency food shelf, advocacy, and assistance with finding employment and housing. Morningside is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.

The Service Enriched Housing program provides affordable long-term housing and support to individuals and families leaving the shelter who are committed to making positive changes in their lives. Clients and advocate meet at least weekly to discuss progress and address important issues and concerns.

Outreach services provide short-term support to make the transition from Morningside to the community. Outreach services are targeted to individuals leaving the shelter and intervention services to those living in the community who have been identified as at risk of becoming homeless.

Morningside Shelter requests that the Town of Guilford assist in providing shelter for homeless persons in Windham County by allocating \$500 for operational expenses. We hope that you will give favorable consideration to our request.

Richard McNerney
Executive Director

BRATTLEBORO AREA DROP IN CENTER

The Drop In Center provided emergency food assistance to 39 unduplicated Guilford households in FY 2003-2004. Overall, the Center provided food to 1657 households, as well as outreach and case management services to 274 homeless individuals.

We have been serving an increasing number of working families who are unable to make ends meet in times of high costs for fuel, medicine, and childcare. We do not anticipate this trend reversing itself in the coming year.

We request level funding of \$300. Thank you for your continuing support.

Melinda Bussino
Executive Director

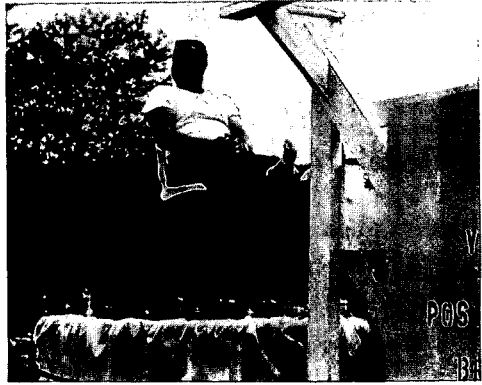
RSVP

The Retired and Senior Volunteer program of Windham County (RSVP), a part of the national Senior Service Corps, offers people 55 and older the opportunity to have a positive impact on the quality of life in their communities, and on their own lives, by sharing their experience, abilities and skills through volunteer service. Volunteers receive training, assessment, supplemental insurance coverage, and recognition for their contributions. RSVP's affiliated "Volunteer Connection" refers people under 55 who wish to volunteer. RSVP is a United Way member agency and is sponsored by Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont, Inc.

Last year 466 RSVP volunteers contributed 73,781 hours of service in Windham County through 126 not-for-profit community agencies, 67 of which serve Guilford residents. Guilford residents received an estimated 3,394 hours of service through the work of those volunteers, which in dollars equates to approximately \$52,368. We are asking Guilford voters to consider providing \$485 in funding, the same amount as last year.

Examples of how RSVP volunteers make a difference for Guilford residents: Help children increase their love for reading, build self-confidence, and improve their skills with RSVP America Reads Literacy Volunteers at Guilford Central School; make home visits to new parents and knit caps for Early Education Services' "Welcome Baby Program;" bake cookies for EES's "Teddy Bear Teas" for children starting kindergarten; support independent living and help to alleviate loneliness and isolation, by delivering Meals-On-Wheels, helping elderly citizens with their tax forms, and visiting or entertaining local nursing home residents; promote environmental awareness by

A good-natured Guilford citizen helping raise funds for the fire department in the "dunk tank" at the 1975 Fair.



volunteering for Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center; help people with limited resources maintain better nutrition by serving at area soup kitchens, food shelves, and other food distribution sites; provide coverage for Guilford's Emergency Management Center in the event of an extended emergency; provide affordable clothing by knitting or crocheting sweaters, mittens, and baby sets for local children through the Reformer Christmas Stocking, and by assisting at local thrift shops.

RSVP would like to thank Guilford voters for your investment in our program for the past twenty one years. With your renewed support, RSVP will continue to make a difference for school children, frail elders, struggling families, and those needing a helping hand to get back on their feet.

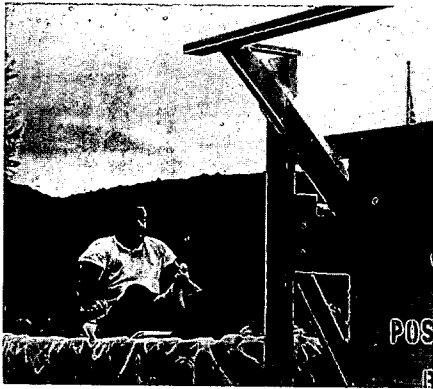
Virginia A. Milkey
Director

HEALTH CARE & REHABILITATION SERVICES

HCRS requests an appropriation of \$3,000.00 from the Town of Guilford at the 2005 Town Meeting to help defray the cost of services to its residents for the Mental Health Walk-In-Clinic. In the year ending June 30, 2004, HCRS provided a comprehensive range of community based services to 4,424 residents of Windham and Windsor counties, including 1064 "service hours" to Guilford residents. The services that are available to Guilford residents include the following:

Outpatient Mental Health Services: The mission is to provide caring, high quality, cost-effective mental health care at every level of need. Our highly trained staff of professional therapists, social workers, and psychiatrists help individuals and families cope with stress and anxiety, develop their full potential, and maximize control of their lives. We are now offering walk-in clinics to any resident who has an urgent need to see a mental health counselor for support and more effective coordination of services.

Alcohol & Drug Treatment Services: For adults and family members who



are adversely affected by the use of alcohol or drugs, we offer a comprehensive program of assessment, inpatient referral, outreach, outpatient treatment and aftercare dedicated to aiding the recovery from chemical dependency and its effects.

Community Rehabilitation & Treatment Program: Provides comprehensive services to adults over the age of 18 who are suffering from a mental illness so serious that it interferes with that person's capacity to function in the community. We provide help and information to concerned family members and help clients regain stability and learn how to manage their mental illness, either in a hospital setting or as outpatients.

Community Services Division: Provides services to people with developmental disabilities and their families.

The Alternatives Program: A short-term alternative to hospitalization, we provide crisis stabilization, respite, and support to clients with psychiatric disabilities or to any adult experiencing an acute mental health crisis, including transitional residence for those leaving an inpatient setting.

Emergency Services: The Emergency Services Team has a very specific mission to act quickly in critical situations. Specially trained mental health professionals are available 24 hours a day for emergencies.

We thank Guilford for your past support and for your continued interest in HCRS.

George Karabakakis, PhD
Operations & Clinical Oversight Officer

THE GATHERING PLACE

For the past sixteen years, The Gathering Place has provided adult day services for local residents who are frail, isolated, or disabled. TGP is committed to helping participants remain respected community members by encouraging their independence, and challenging them to reach and maintain their maximum levels of physical strength and mental wellbeing. TGP is both a cost-effective way to minimize the stress of providing home care, and an affordable alternative to nursing home placement.

TGP offers on-site physical and occupational therapies, counseling, and daily exercise. Personal services include hairdressing, showers, podiatry, and assistance with the activities of daily living. Our professional staff includes a full-time nurse, recreational therapist, and occupational therapist.

Scholarships are available based on an income-sensitive, flexible fee schedule. We are a Medicaid and VA provider. Our program is open Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm. Transportation is available via wheel-chair accessible vans.

The Gathering Place is located in downtown Brattleboro in a lovely Victorian home with a large deck and outside area for games, relaxation, and gardening. Our program includes stimulating and varied activities, entertainment, lectures, socials, field trips, and local walks. We serve a light breakfast, mid-day meal, and afternoon snack.

TGP also provides caregivers with the respite, support, and education they need. We make it possible for many of them to remain employed while confident that their loved ones' needs are being met. TGP also sponsors a monthly Parkinson's Disease Support Group and facilitates a monthly Caregivers Support Group.

Last year, TGP delivered 2,326 hours of adult day services to Guilford residents (more than double last year's services). We request level funding in the amount of \$500 from the Town of Guilford to help subsidize our services.

Lynn Bedell
Executive Director

BRATTLEBORO SENIOR MEALS INC.

Brattleboro Senior Meals Inc. (BSM) is the new nonprofit Food Service organization that assumed the responsibility of Meals Preparation and Distribution at the Brattleboro Senior Center (Gibson-Aiken Center) in Brattleboro, Vermont. The mission of BSM is to maintain the quality of life for senior citizens in the community we serve by providing high quality congregate & home-delivered meals to accommodate their nutritional needs and foster a pleasant social atmosphere.

For many years, the Kitchen and Meals Coordination at Brattleboro has been operated under the auspices of the Council on Aging of Southeastern Vermont, Inc. (COASEV) in Springfield under the mandate of the Older Americans Act, Nutrition Program of 1965. They were ordered out of direct food service business: however, COASEV remains the conduit for Federal and

State funding to BSM.

Brattleboro Senior Meals took over the full operation the Brattleboro Kitchen and Meals Program on October 1, 2004. 125 Volunteers and 3 paid professionals serve over 400 people from the Brattleboro area 35,000 meals a year at their homes or the Brattleboro Senior Center.

Many Guilford residents receive hot meals five days a week and frozen meals for the weekends. In addition, some Guilford residents come to the Senior Center for the Congregate Meals. We respectfully request the support of the townspeople of Guilford for our program in the amount of \$300.

Gregory Propster
Chairman

GUILFORD CARES

A small group of Guilford residents have been meeting since last summer to create an organization to help the town's elderly residents maintain their independence at home. They are using the resources of the Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, as well as many other local organizations and they have been able to learn from the successful efforts of other communities such as Westminster and Putney.

Guilford Cares has received a \$500 Successful Aging Grant from the Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont. Part of that money was used to conduct a town-wide needs assessment survey. The group has been led by Richard and Susan Davis, registered nurses, with input from a core group of other Guilford residents.

Goals of this newly created local initiative are to identify and fill gaps in care and service for elderly people living in Guilford, either by referral to already existing resources, or by creating a local system of volunteers and direct service. As the project moves forward it is hoped that there will be heightened awareness regarding available services and that a greater degree of independence will be achievable by more elderly Guilford residents.

Plans for the first year will be to establish a core of interested residents to serve as a guiding force. First year goals include: extensive polling of community members regarding needs and gaps, and setting up at least one focused program to address the gaps. Based on preliminary results of the town-wide survey, it is likely that initial efforts will focus on meeting transportation needs.

For more information contact: Richard Davis, 254-2240, rbd@sover.net, or Shirley Squires, 254-2696 ssquires@sover.net. Meeting notices will be posted in the Brattleboro Reformer. Anyone interested in working with the group is invited to attend meetings.

Richard Davis

WINDHAM COUNTY READS

Windham County Reads is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing families and books together, with a particular focus on children's school

readiness and reading success. Students of all ages at Guilford Elementary School take part in our annual March Reading Challenge and receive annotated Summer Reading Lists at the end of each school year. In addition, K-4 students join 25,000 annual state-wide participants in the Red Clover Book Award program, and Guilford families with newborns receive the board books we provide for EES Welcome Baby visits.

Our Bookmobile has been visiting children at two family child care homes in Guilford during the months of May through October and December through March. Bookmobile services help ensure that children have the early literacy experiences they need for reading and school readiness, and they provide a literacy safety net for first through third grade children during the summer months.

All of these programs have been replicated in other parts of Vermont and New England, and recognition for Windham County Reads includes the prestigious S. Whitney Landon Memorial Award "for exceptional service to Vermont children." We are pleased to have the opportunity to work in Guilford and we want to extend our thanks to residents for the \$500 allocation that was approved in March of 2004.

Ruth E. Allard
Director

AIDS PROJECT OF SOUTHERN VERMONT

The AIDS Project of Southern Vermont (APSV) is a non profit, community-based AIDS service organization providing direct services to people living with HIV/AIDS and their families, and HIV prevention services to those at highest risk for HIV infection.

With the help of the community for the past 16 years, APSV has offered case management and volunteer assistance to people living with HIV/AIDS and to their families and partners.

APSV also offers HIV prevention services to youth, women at risk, gay and bisexual men, and injection drug users and their partners. APSV has operated a legal syringe exchange program in Brattleboro since 2000. The Dove program engages members of faith communities in gathering donations of food and household supplies for people affected by HIV.

APSV also offers OraSure testing and counseling, a new and more accessible method of HIV testing, to our communities.

The AIDS Project serves Guilford residents who are living with HIV/AIDS through its direct services program. However, we do not publish the numbers of people served in each town who are HIV-positive because of confidentiality concerns.

The AIDS Project would like to thank the residents of Guilford for making funding available to help us improve our services. We are requesting \$350 for the coming year.

Susan Bell
Executive Director



First graders explore a new beaver pond on an ELF field trip.

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

Town Health Officer Program: Every town in Vermont has a Town Health Officer who is nominated by the Select board and appointed by the Commissioner of Health. Town Health Officers work on a variety of environmental and health issues, and respond to calls on public health concerns as varied as animal bites, West Nile virus, rental code complaints, and septic systems. The Health Department supports Health Officers with training, information, and technical assistance. From July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, the Health Department assisted Health Officers in Windham County on 60 different occasions.

Reportable Disease Case Investigations: Infectious diseases continue to be major sources of illness, disability and death in the U.S. and Vermont, accounting for 25% of all doctor visits each year. The Health Department investigates all cases of disease such as meningitis, hepatitis, West Nile virus, pertussis (whooping cough), and infectious diarrhea to determine their source, to recommend control measures (including current treatment standards) and to prevent further spread of the disease. In 2003, the department

investigated 141 cases of disease in Windham County. As needed, local offices will also operate vaccination clinics to distribute medication to prevent infection. Eight hundred seventy people were vaccinated at a community flu clinic in November, 2004.

Food & Lodging Inspections: National surveys show that more people are eating out more often. Public health sanitarians inspect eating establishments (restaurants, schools, fairs) to decrease the risk of food borne disease outbreaks. The five greatest risks for food-borne outbreaks are: keeping food too long at improper temperatures, inadequate cooking, contaminated equipment, food from an unsafe source, and poor personal hygiene among food handlers. Inspections include review of a 44 item checklist to evaluate food storage, preparation and handling as well as to identify where there is a high likelihood of practices contributing to illness if left uncorrected. Of the 4 establishments in Guilford, 4 inspections were completed by a sanitarian during 2003. For the most recent inspection scores and results in your area, go to www.healthyvermonters.info and select "Program List." Then scroll down to "Division of Health Protection" and select "Restaurant Inspection Scores."

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children ("WIC"): One of the most effective ways to improve the health of the overall population is to improve nutrition and physical activity. WIC improves the health of pregnant and postpartum women, infants and young children by assuring access to health care, teaching families about good nutritional practices, and providing an individually designed package of nutritious food to eligible individuals. During 2003, 43 women, infants, and children living in Guilford received food as well as health screening and individualized nutrition education through this program. The average value of foods provided is \$40 per person per month.

Recent challenges addressed by the Health Department include public health emergency preparedness, development of additional substance abuse treatment opportunities, and the reorganization of the Agency of Human Services, which shifted Vermont's mental health efforts to the Department of Health. This past year, the Department also increased its services to women age 40 and older to help them access screening for diabetes, cardiovascular disease, breast cancer, and cervical cancer.

If you would like more information about these efforts, or if you have a public health concern, please call the Brattleboro District Office at (802) 257-2880 or visit our web site at www.HealthyVermonters.info

Frances deFlorio, RN, MPH
District Director

VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VT AND NH

The Visiting Nurse Alliance is like the local police and fire departments – a strategic part of the community's safety net – with services that must be continuously available to anyone in need. The VNA provides a comprehensive range of care, requisitioned by hospital staff and physicians, for every-

one, regardless of ability to pay. We are committed to provide care to those uninsured and under-insured individuals residing in the communities we serve to access needed and medically necessary skilled-level home-health services.

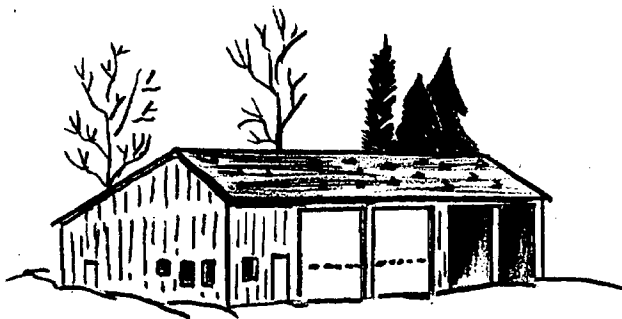
We value the continued partnership with the town of Guilford to help us meet your residents' home care, hospice and family health needs. Town funding accomplishes the following:

- Enable Guilford residents to remain independent and at home as they receive skilled clinical care during times of injury, recovery from surgery or accidents, disability, whether for short-term or chronic illness.
- Provides emotional support plus pain and symptom management during terminal illness. Hospice care extends to family members as well. More and more patients want to be at home during their end of life, and through hospice they have that control.
- Provides community-wellness programs and assistance to young families at risk. Clients range from fathers and/or mothers who want to be more effective parents through learning parenting skills or providing a balanced diet; infants and young children who have chronic illnesses requiring long-term support and care.

The VNA provided the following visiting hours for the Town of Guilford during the past year: skilled nursing 361; physical therapy 76; speech therapy 10, occupational therapy 34; medical social worker 3; home health aide 306; homemaker 126. Visits totaled 59. Also Hospice services were provided to 3 Guilford families.

In order to cover increased costs combined with reduced home care reimbursements, we are asking the Town of Guilford to increase its support to \$5,528. On behalf of the people we serve in your community, thank you for your continued confidence.

Susan H. Larman, BSN, MBA
President and CEO



WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Windham Solid Waste Management District Board of Supervisors and staff are pleased to report another successful year of operating the convenience center, paint program, household hazardous waste program, and the Recycling program throughout the District. We also thank the District residents and businesses for your continued support over the past year.

The rural drop-off recycling program continues to experience increased quantities over the previous year due to the conscientious recycling habits of the residents and area businesses. The District received approximately 7,000 tons of recyclables for the year. However, the recycling sites continue to experience trash and other non-recyclables being deposited in the containers. Everyone's cooperation is needed to help keep these sites clean and used properly.

As an example of the value of the recycling program, the net cost of collecting and processing the 7000 tons of recyclables was \$126,252 or \$18.04 per ton. If the 7000 tons were disposed as waste, the cost would be \$637,000 for a net savings to district residents of \$510,748.

The District budget was approved by the Supervisors at the December, 2004 meeting. For the fourth year in a row, the District-wide assessment is set at \$250,000 for the 34,400 District residents. This is equivalent to 60 cents per resident per month.

The permanent paint drop-off program is also assisting residents by providing the ability to recycle paints year round rather than waiting for the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection day each year. We have eliminated one of the HHW days due to the new paint program but have added a "rover" site that will be located in different towns during the HHW event each year.

As always, the District Convenience Center in Brattleboro is available for residents and accepts used crankcase oil, fluorescent tubes, batteries, ballasts and other materials on a daily basis. Call ahead for costs and a list of items that can be disposed of or recycled through this program.

Please call the District at 257-0272 with any questions or to arrange a tour of the facility. Everyone is always welcome to view the recyclables being processed at the Materials Recycling Facility.

George Murray
Director

WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER

The mission of the Women's Crisis Center is to work to end physical, sexual, and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County. Since our beginnings in 1977, we have provided intervention services to survivors of these crimes, as well as prevention and education services to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency services such as shelter, crisis intervention, emotional support, and information and referral are available 24 hours a day, 365 days

a year. Legal and welfare advocacy, individual and group support for both women and children, and referral and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004, the Crisis Center responded to over 950 calls, at least 36 of which were from Guilford residents. Forty six Windham County women and their 66 children were sheltered for a total of 1,087 shelter nights. In addition, many hundreds of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, and childcare have been provided to more than 200 women and 100 children who have been emotionally, physically, and/or sexually abused. The Women's Crisis Center continues to provide education about domestic violence and sexual assault to a wide range of groups in our community.

The Women's Crisis Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your contribution, and hope you will look upon it as an investment in creating the safe and productive future that each of us deserves. Our request for next year is \$1000. This represents a \$50 increase following 3 years at level funding.

Susan Friedelson
Administrative Coordinator

YOUTH SERVICES

For over thirty two years, Youth Services has helped Windham County area youth and families overcome life's challenges and learn healthy new ways to live. Whether it be problems such as substance abuse, family crisis, or general issues of growing up, our organization's staff of professionals helps youth and families find solutions. Equally important, Youth Services works in partnership with other local service providers and schools to deliver services that help our area's youth and families, regardless of their ability to pay.

Some of the services we provide include Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Youth and Family Counseling, Home-Based Family Services, and mentoring through our Big Brothers Big Sisters Program. In addition, we offer crisis intervention through our Youth Outreach, Transitional Living Services, and Runaway Programs; and alternatives to the court system, through our Juvenile and Adult Court Diversion and Restorative Programs.

This past year, Youth Services served over 1,705 youth and family members.

Youth Services requests level funding of \$1,605 from the town of Guilford. This support will help make it possible for Youth Services' programs to have a significantly positive impact on the lives of youth and families in Guilford and throughout Windham County.

Leitha Cipriano
Executive Director

TOWN OFFICES FOR 2004

	TERM EXPIRES
Moderator	Neil Quinn 2005
Town Clerk/Treasurer	Barbara B. Oles 2005
Selectmen	Richard Clark, Chairman 2005
	Dennis Franklin 2006
	Calvin Grandy 2007
Listers	Arthur Givens 2005
	Frank Rafferty, Chairman 2006
	Jeremy Gold 2007
Auditors	Neil Quinn, Chairman 2005
	Robert Tucker 2006
	Cathrine Wilken 2007
Town Agent	Patricia Beu 2005
Union High School Director	Shaun Murphy 2006
School Directors	David Emond 2005
	Carol Levin 2005
	Tammi Quinn 2005
	Dwight Hanson 2006
	Wendy Ireland 2007
Library Trustees	Carol Schnabel 2005
	Calista Kristensen 2006
	Rebecca Anderson 2007
	Laura Lawson Tucker 2007
	Judith Serkin 2008
	Richard Wizansky 2009
Trustees of Public Funds	Michael Dusavitch 2005
	Don McLean 2006
	Elly Majonen 2007
Grand Jurors	Merton Garland 2005
	Don McLean 2005
Trustee of Cemetery Funds	Gerald James 2005
Trustees of Warren Wilder Fund	Emery Evans 2005
	David Franklin 2005
Cemetery Commissioners	Shaun Murphy 2005
	Mark Fuller 2006
	Eric Morse 2007
	Robert Stack 2008
	Verandah Porche 2009
Justice of the Peace	Clifford Allard, Rep., Allard Road 2005
	Frederick Humphrey, Dem., Tater Lane 2006
	Douglas Hunt, Rep. Carpenter Hill Rd 2007
	George Lewis, Rep., Melendy Hill Rd 2008
	Lori Nelson, Dem. Tater Lane 2009
	Anne Rider, Dem., Tater Lane 2010
	Cathrine Wilken, Dem, Bonnyvale Rd 2011

Selectboard Appointments	
Road Commissioner	Daniel Z. Zumbruski
Delinquent Tax Collector	Barbara M. Hunt
Constable	Walter Thorn
Fence Viewers	Daniel Zumbruski
	Daniel L. Ingold
	Merton Garland
Conservation Commission	Laurel Green 2005
	Alan Haumann, Chairman 2005
	Patty Szostak, Clerk 2005
	Mary Ellen Franklin 2006
	Linda Hecker 2006
	Robert Stack 2007
	William Jewell 2008
	James Young 2008
Dog Officer	John Lynde
Alternate Dog Officer	David Nightingale
Windham Regional Commission	John G. Kristensen
	Frederick Humphrey
Planning Commission	Suzanne Borichevsky, Clerk 2005
	Merton Garland 2005
	Sabina Dickel 2005
	Richard Zamore, Chairman 2006
	David Franklin 2006
	Susan James 2006
	Alan Haumann 2007
	Eric Morse 2007
	Carol Jaenson 2007
Emergency Management Coord.	Herbert Meyer
Council on Aging Rep.	Dorothy Humphrey
Energy Coordinator	Michael Marcy
Tree Warden	Daniel Zumbruski
Rescue Trustee	Amanda Franklin
Landfill Reps.	Elizabeth Frye
	Richard Holden, alternate
Low Level Waste	Stephen Detra
	Daniel Ingold, chairman
	John G. Kristensen
Bullock Edu Loan Committee	Gretchen Gerzina 2005
	Laura Lewis 2006
	Stephanie Case 2007
Admin. Assistant/Selectboard	Kathleen Snow
Apptd. By Town Clerk (Annually)
Ass't Twn Clk/Treas.	Roberta Bremmer
	Kathleen Snow
State of Vermont Appts.
Health Officer	Dolores J. Hale

Deputy Health Officers	Douglas McCrae
Fire Warden	Daniel Ingold
Deputy Fire Warden	Bernard L. LaRock, Sr.
Service Officers	Dan Stoughton
WSESU Superintendent	Susan and Richard Davis
Rep. to Legislature	Ron Stahley
	Patricia O'Donnell

VITAL STATISTICS

July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004

BIRTHS

July 7	Deja May Chase	Heather Ann Wood Ryan Lee Chase
July 19	Logan Allen Jacobs	Jennifer Lauren Stello Randy Jay Jacobs, Jr.
July 22	Ian Daniel LaBounty	Melissa Jean LaBounty Bruce Clifton LaBounty
September 5	Julian Zachary James Young	Kelly Michele Young Matthew Andrew Young
September 7	Peter Morgan Vaniderstine	Tina Vaniderstine Adam Vaniderstine
October 29	Brian Lapinid Kerber	Elsie Templado Kerber Clinton Brian Kerber
November 10	Brenna Ann Beebe	Kerri Ann Beebe Paul John Beebe
December 20	Isaac James Finnell	Jessica Lee Finnell Terrance Lee David Finnell, Jr.
December 31	Courtnei Elizabeth Dessaint	Amanda Dawn Bird Shane Nelson Dessaint
January 28	Oliver Almond Petrin Scheltema	Nicole Marie Scheltema Petrin Konrad Edward Petrin Scheltema
February 7	Hannah Morey Lane	Kiera King Travis Lane
April 21	Zinnia Mae Siegel	Michelle Simpson-Siegel Peter Adam Siegel
May 4	Finn River LaMorder	Melissa Dawn LaMorder Mark Edward LaMorder
May 8	Sierra Constance Kolodziej	Elaine Louise Altmeier Robert Paul Kolodziej
June 6	Ryder Evan Sullivan	Noela J. Sullivan Michael John Sullivan
June 26	Turner Nicholas Clews	Michelle M. Hebert Ian Jacob Clews

MARRIAGES

August 2	Clifford F. White, Jr. Kim Lee Wierbicki	Killingworth, CT Killingworth, CT
August 23	Herbert Clement Jurgeleit Annette Marie Snell	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
September 6	Jerry J. Fökin Denise Lynn Guido	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
September 13	Arthur Nelson Givens Stephanie Margaret Coleman	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
September 27	Michael George Higley Candace Jean Bailey	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
November 12	David Michael Fletcher Jessica Marie Dragoon	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
November 21	Anton William Stasny Virginia Victoria Stasny	Greenfield, MA Greenfield, MA
January 1	David John Albright Deborah S. Sommer	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
January 10	Tuan Peter Tran Jasmine Danielle Knock	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
January 24	William Frederick Petrie, Jr. Olga Vladimirovna Chorna	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
February 4	Gilbert Bruce Isa Merlinda Fallares Arcellana	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
February 14	David Peter Root Kate Cedelle Hart	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
April 10	Raymond Richard Rayno, Jr. Retha Ann Wood	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
April 29	Boyd Grant Smithson Robin Hope Susser	Charlotte, NC Keene, NH
May 17	Arthur Wilfred Hamelin Sheila Lynn DeLancey	Wallingford, CT Wallingford, CT
May 18	Yancey D. McAllister Tammy Elizabeth Roy	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
June 10	Sultan Saleh Rashed Sheena Marie Randall	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
June 10	Randy Jay Jacobs, Sr. Elizabeth Ellery Dana	Guilford, VT Brattleboro, VT
June 26	Dennis Robert Jensen Clare Marie Cloutier	Seattle, WA Seattle, WA
June 26	Michael James Phillips Alaina Mae Hammond	Ogden, UT Ogden, UT

CIVIL UNIONS

July 5	Ronnie Lynn Haislip Phillip Grover Hansberry	Springfield, MA Springfield, MA
August 23	John E. Scagliotti David W. Hall	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT

September 8	Shareen Nicole Rosado	Egg Harbor Township, NJ
	Kelly Jean Davis	Egg Harbor Township, NJ
September 24	Julie Payne Britton	Guilford, VT
	Larry Jay Dolin	Guilford, VT
October 2	Faith N. Bowie	White Plains, NY
	Barbara P. Shapiro	White Plains, NY
March 7	Laura Lynn Moore	Guilford, VT
	Maureen Ann Daylor	Guilford, VT

DEATHS

October 2	Maria Savinelli Manguilli	83
October 22	Joseph John Yarnes	48
November 23	Lukas Gaines Lashway	20
December 1	Anna L. Boedecker	84
December 1	Ernestine Ann Beals	69
January 25	Thelma Blanch Anderson	98
February 24	Cynthia Renee Norwood	46
April 4	June Watson Melendy	88
April 16	Herbert A. Wood, Jr.	58
April 21	William Ernest Nightingale, Jr.	63
June 10	Priscilla B. Muscillo	82
June 16	Achille Alfred Latulippe	73
June 22	Gerda Krajewski	77

SUMMARY OF TOWN MEETING - 2004

The polls were officially opened at 10:00 am for Australian Ballot voting for the following offices: Selectman, School directors, Lister, Auditor, Town Agent.

GUILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

- Article 1: Neil Quinn was elected moderator for the ensuing year. At this time Neil went over some rules for the meeting stating he would follow Robert's Rules of Order.
- Article 2: The Town School District Board was authorized to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
- Article 3: The Town School District Board was authorized to accept and expend categorical grants and aid received from the State of Vermont and the United States Government.
- Article 4: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Major Repair Fund.
- Article 5: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,663,064, the portion of this total sum to be raised by taxes to be only that portion not received from revenues from other sources.
- Article 6 To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Judy Deschaine was recognized with flowers and a certificate for her years of service on the School Board.

Neil Quinn, Moderator, called a brief recess to allow Patricia O'Donnell, our Representative to the Legislature, speak for a few minutes about what is happening in Montpelier.

Al Haumann moved to adjourn for lunch at 12:10 pm.

TOWN MEETING

Article 1 Neil Quinn was elected moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2 The report of the Auditors was adopted.

Article 3 Voted to appropriate \$546,528 and to raise through taxes and other sources of revenues funds sufficient to defray the highway expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

Article 4 Voted to appropriate \$324,943 and to raise through taxes and other sources of revenues funds sufficient to defray the general expenses for the fiscal year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

Article 5 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000 for the Guilford Free Library.

Article 6 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 for the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department.

Article 7 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,717 for the following Human Service Organizations: Rescue, Inc. \$10,742; Windham County Youth Service, \$1,605; United Way Get INFO (Helpline), \$360; Womens Crisis Center, \$950; Morningside, \$500; Visiting Nurse Alliance, \$5,025; RSVP, \$485; HCRS (Mental Health), \$3,000; Council on Aging, \$750; Hospice, \$200; Gathering Place, \$500; Early Education, \$850; Brattleboro Area Aids Project, \$350; Brattleboro Area Drop in Center, \$300.

Article 8 Appropriated the sum of \$500 to support Windham County Reads Programs.

Article 9 Voted to continue membership in the Windham Regional Commission and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,844 to defray the Town's share of its expense.

Article 10 Voted to raise and appropriate \$15,000 to set aside for potential clean up of the lower level of the Squires property per terms of Permit Application Conclusion of November 16, 2003.

Article 11 Voted to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to add to the Bridge Fund.

Article 12 The following officers were elected: Trustees for Public Funds, Ellie Majonen; Grand Jurors, Merton Garland and Don McLean; Library Trustee, Richard Wizansky; Trustee of Cemetery Funds, Gerry James; Trustees of the Warren Wilder Fund, Emery Evans and David Franklin and Cemetery Commissioners., Verandah Porsch and Robert Stack

Article 13 Voted to collect taxes through the treasurer without discount. Interest at 1% per month or fraction thereof will be charged after October 15.

Article 14 Voted to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money on notes of the Town in anticipation of taxes and or current expenses.

Article 15 Voted to allow the use of voting machines to count ballots. (HAVA Federal Law).

Article 16 Voted to exempt from taxation for five years from 4/1/04-3/1/09 the real estate owned by the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department on the Town Grand List and on the School Grand List.

Article 17 Voted to exempt from taxation for five years the real estate owned by the recreation club.

Article 18 Voted to exempt from taxation for five years the real estate owned by the Broad Brook Grange.

Article 19 Voted to increase the Justices of the Peace from a seven member board to a nine member board.

Article 20 The following petitioned article was adopted: Whereas the rising cost of health insurance is placing an increasingly unsupportable burden on town and school budgets, the voters of the town of Guilford call upon the Selectboard, the Governor, and our State Legislators to support and actively work for the creation of a Universal and Comprehensive Health Insurance System which is publicly financed and accountable to the citizens of Vermont, and which will reduce costs by eliminating most current administrative expenses.

Article 21 Defeated this article to place all non-binding, advisory only, public questions on an Australian ballot.

Article 22 Susan James said Anne Rider is retiring from the Selectboard and we owe her a huge round of applause.

Vita Pisciotta suggested that today we form a finance committee to study the needs for expenditures of the school and town budgets. We did so in 1991. As a footnote, I myself would volunteer to be on that committee.

Neil Quinn said anything under other business is non-binding, but it shows up in the minutes and I think they take it on an advisory capacity and get in touch with people. Vita encourages anybody who wishes to be on this committee to speak

Alice Revis wanted to thank the community. She was one of the parents who formed the playground committee and for anyone who hasn't taken a peek out back, we have a great playground that we put together and we still have more equipment coming in the Spring.

Gerry James thanked Neil Quinn for serving so wonderfully as both moderator of the school meeting and the town meeting and I hope that all present will join me in applauding him.

Al Haumann pointed out the work of the Conservation Committee here in Guilford. They are appointed by the Selectboard and serve for three year terms. There is a poster over on the wall which shows a little bit about what they do.

Barbara Oles, Town Clerk, thanked the students who ran the microphones. They were John Franklin, Justin Ducharme, Holly Tyler, Mary Grandy, Ashley Tate and Heather Tyler.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm

2005 TOWN MEETING WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Guilford and Town School District of Guilford are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Guilford Central School in said Town of Guilford on Tuesday, the first (1st) day of March next at 10:00am to act on the following articles, viz...

Voting for Selectperson, School Directors, Town Clerk, Treasure, Lister, Auditor, Town Agent to be by Australian ballot between 10:00am and 7:00pm.

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To act on the report of the Auditors.

ARTICLE 3. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$569,685 and to raise through taxes and other sources of revenues, funds sufficient to defray the highway expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006?

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$343,804 and to raise through taxes and other sources of revenues, funds sufficient to defray the general expenses for the fiscal year July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006?

ARTICLE 5. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000 for the Guilford Free Library?

ARTICLE 6. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 for the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department?

ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for a portion of the Town's share of the construction of the Ogden Bridge on Bonnyvale Rd.

ARTICLE 8. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,023 for the following Human Service Organizations:

Rescue Inc	\$15,345
Windham County Youth Service	1,605
United Way Get INFO(Helpline)	360
Women's Crisis Center	1,000
Morningside	500
Visiting Nurse Alliance	5,528
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	485
HCRS (Mental Health)	3,000
Council on Aging	750
Hospice	300
Gathering Place	500
Brattleboro Area Aids Project	350
Brattleboro Area Drop In Center	300

ARTICLE 9. (By Petition) "Shall the Town of Guilford raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 to support the Brattleboro Senior Meals - Meals on Wheels?"

ARTICLE 10. Shall the Town vote to continue membership in the Windham Regional Commission and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,975 to defray the Town's share of its expense?

ARTICLE 11. Shall the Town vote to retain the \$15,000 appropriated in FY05, to potentially clean up the lower and upper levels of the Squires property?

ARTICLE 12. To elect the following officers: Trustees for Public Funds, Grand Jurors(2), Library Trustee, Trustee of Cemetery Funds, Trustees of the Warren Wilder Fund, and Cemetery Commissioners?

ARTICLE 13. Shall the Town collect its taxes through the Treasurer without discount? Interest at 1% per month or fraction thereof will be charged after October 15th.

ARTICLE 14 Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money on notes of the Town in anticipation of taxes and/or current expenses?

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to investigate and/or authorize the purchase of land between Partridge Road and the parking lot of the Guilford Country Store, consisting of .75 acres for use as a location for the recycle bins.

ARTICLE 16. (By Petition) *Whereas*, the Town of Guilford and its citizens strongly support the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces in Iraq and recognize their sacrifices and the sacrifices of their families and communities;

Whereas, the Constitution provides that Congress shall have the power to “provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, to suppress insurrections and repel Invasions,” and the Vermont Constitution provides for the General Assembly to direct the training and arming of members of the Vermont National Guard for defense of the State;

Whereas, in October 2002 the United States Congress adopted the *Joint Resolution to Authorize the Use of United States Armed Forces against Iraq* relying on statements that were unfounded, when in fact:

- The United States was not threatened with attack by Iraq,
- Saddam Hussein had no weapons of mass destruction,
- Saddam Hussein and Iraq played no role in the 9/11 attacks;

Whereas, in deciding to go to war, the President failed to meet the conditions imposed by Congress, such as: providing evidence to Congress why war, rather than diplomatic or peaceful means, was necessary to protect the United States from any threat posed by Iraq;

Whereas, these costs would be suffered willingly were there a threat to our nation, but are not tolerable where there is none;

Whereas, at least since 1986 the President and the Congress have had nearly total control over state militias, including the Vermont National Guard;

Whereas, the costs of the deployments of Vermont National Guard to Iraq have been significant, as reckoned in lost lives, combat injuries, psychic trauma, disruption of family life, financial hardship for individuals, families, and businesses, interruption of careers, and damage to the fabric of civic life in many Vermont communities;

Whereas, stop-loss orders violate the mutual understanding between Vermonters in the Guard and the state and nation they agreed to serve;

Whereas, there is reason to believe that the federalization and deployment of

Vermont National Guard members has rendered the remaining Guard force unable to carry out its state activities effectively; and
THEREFORE, *Be It Resolved*, that the Town requests the members of Vermont's Congressional Delegation to urge Congress to restore the balance between the federal government and the states, limiting the nearly complete federal control over State National Guard units to cases where there is:

- Reasonable evidence that war powers are requested to protect against a threat to the territory of the United States,
- An insurrection or a plausible threat of insurrection; or
- A declaration of war under the United States Constitution;

Resolved, that the President and Congress take steps to withdraw American troops from Iraq, consistently with the mandate of international humanitarian law;

Resolved, that the Town requests the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

1. To exercise its powers under Ch. II, Sec. 59 of the Vermont Constitution to investigate and discuss whether members of the Vermont National Guard have been called to active service and assigned to duties relation to the war in Iraq in conformity with the U.S. Constitution and federal laws;

2. To designate a commission to study the impact of the federalization and deployment of its members on the ability of the Guard to perform its junction in the State of Vermont; and it is finally

Resolved, that the Town Clerk remit a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Vermont Congressional Delegation, the Governor, the Speaker of the Vermont House, the President *Pro Tempore* of the Vermont Senate, and to the Adjutant General of Vermont.

ARTICLE 17. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Dated at Guilford this 24th day of January, 2005.

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On January 25, 2005

At 11:00 A M

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Richard Clark, Chair

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Dennis Franklin

Calvin Grandy
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2005 SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING WARNING

The legal voters of the Town School District of Guilford are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Guilford Central School in said Town of Guilford on Tuesday, the first (1st) day of March next at 10:00 am to act on the following articles, viz.:



The 1972 Washington's Birthday x-c ski race; the Weatherhead Hollow start.

- ARTICLE 1 To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 2 To see if the Town School District will authorize the Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
- ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town School District will authorize its School Board to accept and expend categorical grants and aid received from the State of Vermont and the United States Government.
- ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Major Repair Fund.
- ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town School District will authorize the Board of School Directors to apply for a loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 (3% or less interest rate) for water system improvements [VSA 24 § 4755 (a)(4) - projects of less than \$75,000].
- ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town School District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses and liabilities for the period of July 1, 2005 thru June 30, 2006 and, if so, in what amount.
- ARTICLE 7 To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Guilford this 26th day of January, 2005.

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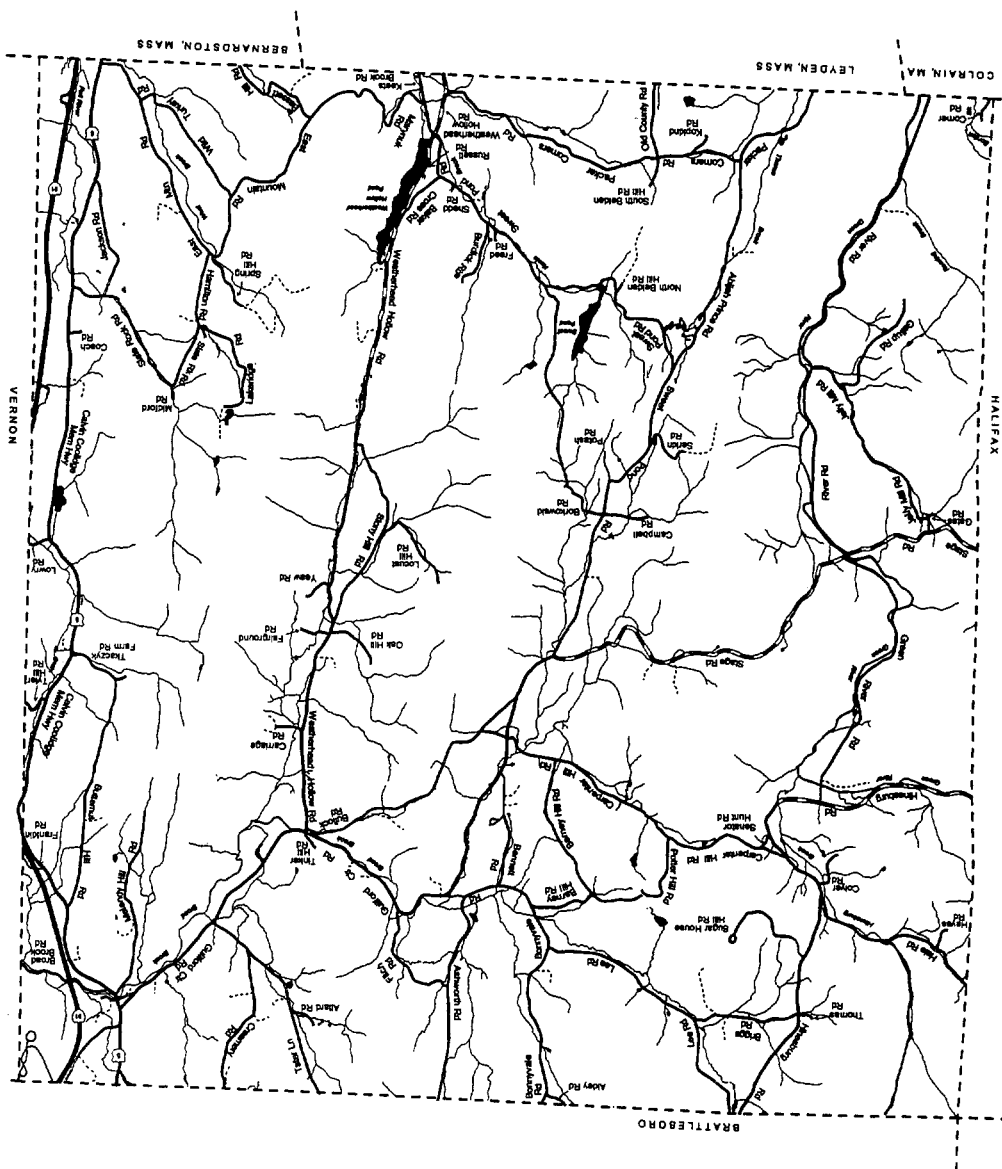
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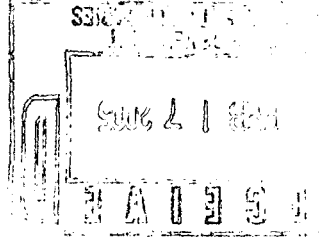
This small map cannot show the names of all roads, but there is a beautiful large map, available at the Town Office for only \$10, that has road and drive names, as well as much other detail, and in color too.



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