

Annual Report



**Town of Chester, Vermont
Calendar Year 2009**



Tribute to Irene Wood

This year, we pay tribute to Irene Wood who retired as Town Treasurer this past October 31. Irene served as our Treasurer for the past four years and was originally hired as a bookkeeper twenty-two years ago. To describe Irene, we've played on the letters of her name:

- I** - Intelligent and interesting
- R** - Respectful and reserved
- E** - Entertaining and enthusiastic
- N** - Neat and (k)nowledgeable
- E** - Efficient and eloquent
- W** - Wise and witty
- O** - Organized and orderly
- O** - Original and oh, what a good friend!!
- D** - Deserving and dedicated

We will miss your warm smile and great sense of humor but we are certain you will not miss those semimonthly warrant lists and dealing with the many financial reports you provided for this Report along with your many other duties. Now you will have the time to do all those projects you have been putting off as, we all know too well, those weekends and vacations just flew by! We are sure your "animal family" will welcome more play time with you, too.

Thank you for all your years of dedicated service to Chester. Now, enjoy your well-deserved retirement, Irene!

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

AUDITORS

OF THE TOWN OF

CHESTER, VERMONT

AUDITORS

J. H. CABLE

E. W. SPAULDING

R. G. HIGLEY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 2009

EXPLANATION OF THE GRAND LIST

Total Listed Valuation of Real Estate for Taxation	\$405,940,585.00
One Percent of Municipal Valuation	4,059,405.85
Total Listed Valuation of Nonresidential Real Estate for Schools	209,374,685.00
One Percent of Nonresidential School Valuation	2,093,746.85
Total Listed Valuation of Homestead Real Estate for Schools	196,565,900.00
One Percent of Homestead School Valuation	1,965,659.00

ANNUAL GRAND LIST INCREASE

2001	1,858,066	1.0%
2002	1,890,350	2.1%
2003	1,917,716	1.4%
2004	1,943,090	1.3%
2005	1,967,053	1.2%
2006	2,002,470	1.8%
2007	2,033,891	1.6%
2008*	3,990,394	96.2%
2009	4,059,405	1.7%

*Reappraisal

COMPARATIVE TAX TABLE

	2009	2008	2007	2006
Homestead School Tax Rate	\$1.1807	\$1.0807	\$2.0147	\$2.0735
Nonresidential School Tax Rate	1.3478	1.2202	2.2244	2.1868
Municipal Tax Rate	0.6164	0.5966	1.0343	1.0166

**ELECTIVE TOWN OFFICERS
March 3, 2009**

	TERM EXPIRES		TERM EXPIRES
MODERATOR:		AUDITORS:	
William E. Dakin, Jr.	2010	Richard G. Higley	2010
		John H. (Jack) Cable	2011
TOWN CLERK:		E. W. Spaulding	2012
Deborah J. Aldrich	2011		
LISTERS:		SCHOOL DIRECTORS	
George C. Cook	2010	TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT:	
Donald W. Robinson	2011	Alison DesLauriers	2010
Wanda C. Purdy, Chairman	2012	Deborah Trent (Appointed)	2010
		Gertrude J. Bennett	2011
SELECTMEN:		SCHOOL DIRECTORS	
Richard G. Jewett, Chairman	2010	UNION NO. 29:	
Julie Ladieu-Walton	2010	Jeffrey M. Hance	2010
Michael Westine	2010	Phillisa Jones-Prescott	2010
John DeBenedetti	2011	Ginger Roper	2011
Derek Suursoo, Vice Chairman	2012	Betsy L. Hart	2012
TAX COLLECTOR:		SCHOOL DIRECTORS	
Town Manager		UNION NO. 35:	
Article 14-1977 Town Meeting		John R. Coleman	2010
		Alison DesLauriers	2010
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS:		"Arne" Jonynas	2011
Erron J. Carey	2010	Geralyn Donohue	2012
Shirley A. Barrett	2012		
TOWN GRAND JUROR:		BUDGET COMMITTEE:	
Position Open		Ruth F. Douglas	2010
		Norman Harrison	2010
TOWN TREASURER:		Ian McGrath	2010
Irene E. Wood (Retired)	2011	Mary Jane Miles	2010
Deborah J. Aldrich (Appointed)	2010	Deborah Trent	2010
AGENT TO DEFEND SUITS:		GENERAL ELECTION-NOVEMBER 2008	
Thomas Bock	2010	Justices of the Peace:	
		Evelyn "Lynn" Baldwin (Resigned)	
TRUSTEES OF WHITING LIBRARY:		Kenneth D. Barrett	
Ann Curran	2010	Lynne Beehler	
Janet Churchill Elliott	2010	John "Jack" Coleman	
Ruthanne Batchelder (Resigned)	2011	William E. Dakin, Jr.	
Charlotte J. Edgar	2011	Ruth Douglas	
Cynthia L. Collins	2012	Coralyn Farrar	
Alice H. Forlie	2012	Molly Ferris	
Marian Mosher	2012	Jeffrey Kibbe (Appointed)	
Bruce Parks, Chair	2012	Cheryl LeClair	
		Bruce Parks	
		Karen Trombley	
		Colleen Truax	

OFFICERS APPOINTED

	TERM EXPIRES		TERM EXPIRES
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: Chief of Police		POUND KEEPER: Chief of Police	
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD: Dan Ferguson Scott Wunderle, Chairman Harry Goodell Chris Curran, Alternate Peter Hudkins, Vice Chair Bruce McEnaney Mark Curran, Alternate	 06-06-2009 06-06-2009 06-06-2010 06-06-2010 06-18-2011 06-18-2011 06-18-2011	REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Judith Asch-Goodkin Jack Carroll Julie Hance Peter Hudkins William L. Lindsay Amy O'Neil Tony Weinberger	
CEMETERY SEXTON: Kenneth Barrett		REGIONAL PLANNING REPRESENTATIVES: Thomas Bock Cecil Waldo - Alternate	
CLERK TO SELECTMEN: John DeBenedetti		ROAD COMMISSIONER: Town Manager	
CONNECTICUT RIVER TRANSIT AUTHORITY Linda Stowell		SECRETARY TO SELECTMEN: Georgia A. Ethier	
COUNCIL ON AGING: Karen Trombley		SEWER COMMISSIONERS: Board of Selectmen	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CHAIRMAN: Town Manager		SOLID WASTE DIST. REPRESENTATIVE: Derek Suursoo	
FENCE VIEWERS: Frank E. Balch J. Leon Spaulding Tony Weinberger		TOWN MANAGER: David Pisha	
FIRE WARDEN: Jeffery C. Holden	06-30-2014	TOWN SERVICE OFFICER: David Pisha	04-14-2010
FIRST CONSTABLE: Richard J. Crowson	2010	TREE WARDEN: Town Manager	
GREEN-UP DAY CHAIRMAN: Chester Conservation Committee		WATER COMMISSIONERS: Board of Selectmen	
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES AND WOOD: Tony Weinberger		WEIGHER OF COAL: Frederick C. Degener, Jr.	
PLANNING COMMISSION: Harry S. Goodell Gary Rapanotti Jack Yahemiak Thomas Bock, Chairman Naomi Johnson	 03-03-2010 06-06-2010 03-05-2011 03-19-2012 03-19-2012	ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: (apptd. by Planning Commission) Julie S. Hance	 06-18-2011

APPOINTED BY TOWN MANAGER

Police Chief - Richard H. Cloud
Fire Chief - Jeffery C. Holden
Ambulance Coordinator - Daniel J. Cook
Public Works Director - Graham D. Kennedy
Water/Sewer Superintendent - Jeffery C. Holden
Recreation Director - Stephen W. Nelligan

APPOINTED BY STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Health Officer - Leslie Thorsen (term expires: 02-04-10)

ELECTED BY DIRECTORS OF WINDSOR SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Superintendent of Schools - David P. Adams

OFFICERS' SALARIES

	2008	2009
TOWN MANAGER		
Susan S. Spaulding	\$28,930.00	\$ 0.00
David Pisha	19,036.00	58,047.27
TOWN CLERK		
Deborah J. Aldrich	41,873.00	39,769.60
TOWN TREASURER		
Irene E. Wood	38,216.00	31,229.11
SELECTMEN		
John DeBenedetti	599.00	0.00
Richard G. Jewett	599.00	0.00
Julie Ladieu-Walton	0.00	0.00
Michael J. LeClair	599.00	0.00
Derek Suursoo	599.00	0.00
William Lindsay	599.00	0.00
Michael Westine	0.00	0.00
LISTERS		
George C. Cook	6,077.00	2,821.22
Wanda C. Purdy	21,475.00	17,898.90
Donald Robinson	4,927.00	2,603.98
AUDITORS		
John H. (Jack) Cable	1,306.00	968.20
Richard G. Higley	1,244.00	1,169.05
E. W. Spaulding	1,311.00	1,174.20
HEALTH OFFICER		
Leslie Thorsen	800.00	800.00

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The March 2009 Town Meeting resulted in the refusal of the Town Budget. We wish to thank all of our employees for volunteering to forgo a raise in order to accomplish a lower budget. In turn, the Select Board members gave up their annual payment of six hundred dollars (\$600) per person in 2009.

We decided to take two years to pay for the new dump truck. A multiplan was also done with the police cruiser. Additionally, we purchased a seven-year warranty instead of a five year for the new dump truck. A new dump truck will not be purchased in 2010.

Our health insurance policy was extensively researched by our Town Manager and a new program was implemented in July. This resulted in a substantial savings while providing the same benefits.

The FDA loan needed for the Sewer Plan renovations required Federal audits and resulted with three years of struggling with in depth details of all the data. We are very pleased to say that this detailing is presently up to date. Also, we had a Byrne Grant in excess of ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) that couldn't be received from the State until these Federal audits were completed. This Byrne Grant was received into our 2009 budget. Due to the fact that this grant might not have been received during 2009, it could not be budgeted; therefore, it created a surplus item.

In 2009, a bookkeeping position was implemented for the daily finances. This has resulted with data being much more easily available for our Board. Additionally, our Manager keeps us well informed of any data changes for the year, and possible futures to consider. Our cost for the coming year's audit will be done much more economically because we have our bookkeeper to implement everything onto the Quick Books computer program. With this implementation, the Treasure and Assistant Treasurer positions have become stipend only.

Great strides have been made for improvement of the Town finances during this past year. The Town is in a more stable position financially at this time. For this, we must thank our Town Manager and all staff for these stabilizing improvements.

It is with great pleasure that we will be able to retire the deficit in the 2010 year. Great work, everyone!

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard G. Jewett, Chairman

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town of Chester made important strides during the year to overcome prior financial issues. Its financial audits are now up to date. The accumulated deficit was identified and a plan was prepared to pay it off in 2010. That payment plan, in conjunction with a new Capital Plan, was approved by the voters at a special meeting held on January 13, 2010.

The Town also became much more aggressive in seeking grants for a variety of projects. Elsewhere in the Town Report is a summary of what happened in 2009 in this area. You will see that the Town was approved for over \$325,000 in money from a variety of sources. In the coming year, the staff is committed to continue to pursue such funding opportunities.

Some of the important uses for these grant proceeds were to pay a majority of the replacement cost of the North Street culvert. Completion of that project is slated for the spring of 2010. The Police Department was able to upgrade its equipment which resulted in the Town becoming compatible with State Police dispatching technology. They were also able to enhance their evidence gathering and storage capabilities. And when weather conditions caused a major mud slide along a portion of Goldthwaite Road, staff moved quickly to secure funding for the bulk of that repair work as well. Irene Wood retired as the Town's Treasurer in October. She served the people of Chester for 22 years including Assistant Town Treasurer and Assistant Town Clerk, too. I appreciate the chance to have worked with her and wish her the best in her retirement.

I also want to thank the Town employees for another excellent year. While providing first-class service, many Departments also were able to do so while remaining under budget.

Respectfully submitted,
David Pisha, Town Manager



Repairing wash-out along Goldthwaite Road

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

We, the Budget Committee, endorse the 2010 Town Budget as proposed by the Chester Selectboard.

It has been evidenced during 2009 that hard work and tightening of belts by all of the Town employees have paid off, and they are to be commended for their dedication and personal sacrifice in continuing to do an outstanding job in servicing the Townspeople of Chester.

Under the helm of Town Manager David Pisha, the Board has put together a budget package that we hope is acceptable to the voters of Chester.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Douglas
Norm Harrison
Debbie Trent

REPORT OF THE TOWN AUDITORS

The Auditors have examined the accounts of the Town for the year ending December 31, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 1681-1689, Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

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

DELINQUENT TAXES:

The Delinquent Tax Collector received on September 16 from the Town Treasurer one (1) Warrant for 2009 totaling \$624,282.59 in real and personal property taxes, including penalties and interest, for collection. The total uncollected taxes as of December 31, 2009, was \$390,239.08 including penalties and interest of \$63,212.48. There were no abatements this year. The Delinquent Tax Collector's records were reviewed and accurately reflect the delinquencies as of December 31, 2009.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS:

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

WHITING LIBRARY:

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

AUDITORS' STATEMENT:

The CPA firm of Sullivan, Powers & Co. was again engaged to perform an audit of Town records for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. A copy of the Auditor's Certificate and Opinion letter dated September 8, 2009, is made part of the Town Annual Report. An outside, independent audit will be performed again for fiscal year 2009 and for several years thereafter due to bonding and grant money received by the Town.

The Annual Report is compiled by your Auditors, relying on financial data and related reports prepared by Town administration and by various Town activities. The natural process of examining and adjusting Town records creates interruptions for the Town Manager and office staff. We, therefore, sincerely wish to thank David Pisha, Irene Wood, Deborah Aldrich, Julie Hance, Deborah Epler, and Wanda Purdy for their patient assistance during the year. Special thanks also to Georgia Ethier for her assistance in preparing the Annual Report for the printers.

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

P.S. Dick Higley has served as Auditor of Chester for fifteen years and is retiring effective with this Report. We will miss his banking background, expertise, professionalism, and dedication to the finances of Chester. He always made sure the financial reports were as accurate as possible. Dick has been a great co-worker and true gentleman.

Ted Spaulding and Jack Cable

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Chester, Vermont 05143

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Chester, Vermont as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the Town of Chester, Vermont's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As described in Note 1, the Town's policy is to prepare its financial statements on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management has not included the Trustees of Public Funds Fund in the Town's financial statements. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the Trustee of Public Funds Fund to be presented as a major Permanent Fund and financial information about the Trustee of Public Funds Fund to be part of the Governmental Fund activities, thus increasing that activity's assets, liabilities, receipts and disbursements and changing its net assets. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, liabilities fund balances/net assets, receipts and disbursements of the governmental fund activities and the omitted major fund is not reasonably determinable.

In our opinion, because of the omission of the Trustees of Public Funds Fund, as previously discussed, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Trustees of Public Funds Fund of the Town of Chester, Vermont as of December 31, 2008 or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended.

In addition, in our opinion, except for the effects of not including financial information for the Trustee of Public Funds Fund, the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Chester, Vermont as of December 31, 2008, and the changes in financial position thereof and for the year then ended in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

Finally, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the General Fund, the Reappraisal Fund, the Community Development Fund, the Highway Equipment Fund, the Water Fund, the Sewer Fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Chester, Vermont as of December 31, 2008 and the respective changes in financial position for the year ended in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

The Town of Chester, Vermont has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is required to supplement the basic financial statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming our opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Chester, Vermont's basic financial statements. The combining fund financial statements and the budgetary comparison for the Water and Sewer Funds are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. These schedules have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

September 8, 2009
Montpelier, Vermont
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Sullivan, Powers & Company

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER'S OFFICE REPORT

The Town Clerk/Treasurer's Office has seen many changes in 2009, the largest being the retirement of Town Treasurer Irene Wood. Irene served the Town for 22 years. Happy Retirement, Irene. Deborah Aldrich was appointed Town Treasurer until the election in March 2010 and Deborah Epler was hired as a part-time bookkeeper. The office staff for the front office has been reduced from three full-time employees and one part-time employee to two full-time employees and two part time employees. Current employees are Deborah Aldrich, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Julie Hance, Executive Secretary, Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer; Wanda Purdy, Assistant Town Clerk; and Deborah Epler, Bookkeeper.

The Town Clerk's Office has many services for the community that perhaps not everybody is aware of. Here are a few of them: Motor Vehicle Renewals, as long as you have the renewal form that you receive from the State (we cannot renew any registrations that have been expired for more than three months); Fish & Game Licenses; Springfield Recycling Center tickets; Civil Marriage Licenses; Voter Registration; Green Mountain Passport, which is a discount program for seniors and veterans with disabilities; and dog licenses, which are due by April 1 of each year.

This coming year, we are hopeful to start computerizing all land records, which will include microfilming the land records that have not already been done in the past. This process will aid in creating more efficiency in the front office and is an attempt to make record review an easier, less cumbersome process.

During 2010, several elections will be required throughout the year. The Town Meeting will be on March 1 at 7:00 p.m., with Australian ballot voting being held on March 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The statewide Primary Election will be held on September 14 and the General Election will be held on November 2.

In response to recommendations made and concerns expressed at the Special Town Meeting held on January 13, the Town Office has prepared two Articles for discussion at the upcoming Town Meeting:

1. Article 3 will see if the voters will approve changing the date and time of Town Meeting to the Saturday before the first Tuesday in March at 10:00 a.m. By law (Title 17, Chapter 55, § 2640 (b)) Town Meeting must be held on any of the three days immediately preceding the first Tuesday in March.
2. Article 4 will see if the voters will approve relocating Town Meeting from the Town Office to the Green Mountain Union High School.

In addition, the Town Office has again included an Article discussing the alternative distribution of Annual Reports. Article 2 will see if the voters will approve distributing the Town Report in a manner other than mailing. The Town Report would be available by email, will be on the Town's existing web site, and there will be copies at the Town Office in addition to other locations around Town. Town Reports will still be available by mail to those who specifically request it. There will be an opportunity to request your preferred method of delivery when you receive your tax bill in 2010. We believe that this alternative method of distribution will create a savings to the taxpayers of approximately \$2,500.00.

The Town Office is open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns (875-2173).

Deborah J. Aldrich
Town Clerk/Treasurer

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

General Fund

REVENUES

Property Taxes	\$6,742,321.60
Taxes	212,732.63
Licenses, Permits & Fees	5,314.50
Planning & Zoning	4,027.20
General Government	43,377.76
Police Department	239,758.20
Fire Department	9,553.35
Ambulance Service	70,052.05
Communications	9,000.00
Highway	241,358.54
Recreation Department	25,264.52
Recreation Facilities	0.00
Parks & Cemeteries	11,752.75
Other Income	29,870.97
Capital	85,000.00
Grant Revenue	<u>40,322.19</u>
TOTAL	\$7,769,706.26

EXPENDITURES

Property Taxes	
Taxes	\$ 1,678.40
Planning & Zoning	12,634.65
General Government	258,024.62
Police Department	413,138.42
Fire Department	59,191.43
Ambulance Service	94,674.94
Communications	28,111.06
Highway	856,484.10
Listing	32,163.92
Insurance	529,870.00
Recreation Department	75,154.93
Recreation Facilities	18,578.14
Parks & Cemeteries	45,275.22
Selectmen/Manager	58,893.44
Solid Waste	25,975.00
Health	930.00
Library	81,818.39
Town Hall	44,502.99
Capital	219,796.19
Transfers	65,000.00
County	32,888.02
Voted Articles	33,701.00
School Assessment	4,327,601.42
Grant Expenses	<u>83,356.01</u>
TOTAL	\$7,399,442.29

Excess Revenue over Expense	\$ 370,263.97
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SUMMARY OF SELECTMEN'S 2010 BUDGET

	Spent	Budget	Spent	2010	2010	2010
	2008	2009	2009	Budgeted	Budgeted	Net
				Receipts	Expenses	Budget
Administration	\$ 304,363.69	\$ 304,033.00	\$ 258,024.12	\$ 39,850.00	\$ 274,352.00	(\$ 234,502.00)
Selectmen	84,023.45	71,500.00	58,893.44	0.00	70,500.00	(70,500.00)
Listing	36,351.19	37,351.00	32,163.92	0.00	32,500.00	(32,500.00)
Taxes	10,572.50	6,500.00	1,678.40	183,700.00	7,500.00	176,200.00
Planning	24,715.13	15,350.00	12,634.65	4,000.00	23,000.00	(19,000.00)
Insurance	609,880.74	590,800.00	529,155.95	0.00	515,018.00	(515,018.00)
Police	368,641.23	360,780.00	413,138.42	86,500.00	395,890.88	(309,390.88)
Fire	60,201.43	69,500.00	59,191.43	9,300.00	70,900.00	(61,600.00)
Ambulance	85,605.78	115,000.00	9,474.94	65,000.00	89,500.00	(24,500.00)
Communications	30,729.70	29,500.00	28,111.06	0.00	29,500.00	(29,500.00)
Tower Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00
Highways	1,101,332.26	957,000.00	856,484.10	236,328.00	925,452.38	(689,124.38)
Solid Waste	25,680.00	26,500.00	25,975.00	0.00	25,975.00	(25,975.00)
Health	800.00	1,300.00	930.00	0.00	1,300.00	(1,300.00)
Recreation Programs	67,515.98	61,700.00	60,363.26	28,200.00	77,595.00	(49,395.00)
Cemeteries	50,545.24	48,250.00	45,275.22	9,000.00	46,750.00	(37,750.00)
Library	81,083.44	83,270.00	81,818.39	0.00	79,870.00	(79,870.00)
Town Hall	26,403.24	38,000.00	44,502.99	0.00	32,500.00	(32,500.00)
Academy Building	333.13	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
Recreation Facilities	35,254.89	39,550.00	33,369.81	0.00	16,800.00	(16,800.00)
Capital	272,540.49	117,000.00	199,092.66	0.00	310,000.00	(310,000.00)
County Tax	31,761.86	32,888.02	32,888.02	0.00	33,000.00	(33,000.00)
Grants	0.00	56,500.00	83,356.01	273,105.40	269,673.00	3,432.40
Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Transfers	40,845.65	104,150.00	85,703.23	0.00	30,000.00	(30,000.00)
	<u>\$ 3,349,181.02</u>	<u>\$ 3,171,422.02</u>	<u>\$ 2,952,225.02</u>	<u>\$ 945,483.40</u>	<u>\$ 3,362,576.26</u>	<u>(\$2,417,092.86)</u>

BUDGET SUMMARY

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Revenues		Explanation
2009	2010	
\$ 224,150.00	\$ 227,550.00	Land Use Tax increased.-Interest earned decreased
Expenses		
\$ 1,025,534.00	\$ 922,870.00	Town Treasurer retired; one audit budgeted, insurance premium lower after switch to MVP
Net		
(\$ 801,384.00)	(\$ 695,320.00)	

CAPITAL & TRANSFERS

Revenues		Explanation
2009	2010	
\$ 0.00	\$ 67,500.00	Education Payment from State of Vermont
Expenses		
\$ 221,151.00	\$ 407,500.00	Includes \$310,000 applied to cap. acct., \$30,000 added to Pop. Dung. acct. & Ed. Pymt.
Net		
(\$ 221,151.00)	(\$ 340,000.00)	

PUBLIC SAFETY

Revenues		Explanation
2009	2010	
\$ 155,800.00	\$ 169,800.00	Anticipated ticket revs. increased
Expenses		
\$ 574,780.00	\$ 585,790.88	Most expenses stable
Net		
(\$ 418,980.00)	(\$ 415,990.88)	

CULTURAL & RECREATION

Revenues		Explanation
2009	2010	
\$ 39,800.00	\$ 37,200.00	Recreation revenues reduced to reflect slower economy
Expenses		
\$ 272,770.00	\$ 258,515.00	Rec. Dept. reduced expenses Other departments held stable
Net		
(\$ 232,970.00)	(\$ 221,315.00)	

PUBLIC WORKS

Revenues		Explanation
2009	2010	
\$ 264,908.00	\$ 236,328.00	Anticipated price of fuel sold to schools reduced
Expenses		
\$ 983,500.00	\$ 951,427.38	
Net		
(\$ 718,592.00)	(\$ 715,099.38)	

HEALTH & OTHER

Revenues	
2009	2010
\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Expenses	
\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00

BUDGET SUMMARY (Continued)

GRANTS

Revenues

\$ 42,500.00 \$ 273,105.40

Expenses

\$ 56,500.00 \$ 269,673.00

Net

(\$ 14,000.00) \$ 3,432.40

TAXES

\$ 32,888.00 \$ 33,000.00

TOTALS

Revenues

2009	2010	Difference
\$ 728,658.00	\$ 1,012,983.40	\$ 284,325.40

Expenses

\$ 3,168,423.00	\$ 3,430,076.26	\$ 261,653.26
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Net Difference

(\$2,439,765.00)	(\$2,417,092.86)	(\$ 22,672.14)
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**2010
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

REVENUES		2008	2009	2009	2010
Taxes		Receipts	Budget	Receipts	Budget
1-318-01	Railroad Taxes	\$ 1,224.72	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,224.72	\$ 1,200.00
1-318-02	Tax Sale Redemp.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-318-03	Land Use	90,716.00	90,000.00	113,959.00	110,000.00
1-318-05	Lease Land	0.00	0.00	57.10	0.00
1-318-06	Pilot Program	2,539.88	0.00	2,640.84	2,500.00
1-319-02	Penalties/Interest	93,104.65	70,000.00	94,850.97	70,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 187,585.25	\$ 161,200.00	\$ 212,732.63	\$ 183,700.00
Licenses, Permits, & Fees					
1-321-01	Liquor Licenses	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
1-321-03	Fish & Game	355.00	250.00	351.50	250.00
1-321-04	Dog Licenses	1,517.00	1,500.00	1,498.00	1,500.00
1-321-05	Other Licenses	261.00	300.00	382.00	300.00
1-321-06	Rabies	960.00	1,000.00	1,281.00	1,200.00
1-321-07	Motor Vehicle	601.00	600.00	502.00	500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 4,994.00	\$ 4,950.00	\$ 5,314.50	\$ 5,050.00
Planning & Zoning					
1-321-02	Permits	\$ 6,110.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,027.20	\$ 4,000.00
General Government					
1-341-11	Recording Fees	\$ 29,357.09	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 37,362.50	\$ 30,000.00
1-341-12	Administration	1,854.89	2,000.00	606.57	1,000.00
1-341-13	Zoning Grant	6,344.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-341-14	Election Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-341-15	State Reappraisal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-341-16	Lister Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-341-17	911 House Nmbrs.	2,000.00	0.00	27.00	0.00
1-341-41	Tax Sale	5,960.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
1-341-51	Interest	5,645.95	4,000.00	55.54	200.00
1-341-53	Interest	24,964.11	15,000.00	1,726.15	1,000.00
1-341-61	Audit	0.00	0.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
1-341-71A	VLCT Refund	1,235.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 77,361.04	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 43,377.76	\$ 34,800.00
TOT. GEN.	GOVT. REVENUES	\$ 276,050.29	\$ 224,150.00	\$ 265,452.09	\$ 227,550.00
EXPENDITURES		2008	2009	2009	2010
Selectmen FT=1		Expended	Budget	Expended	Budget
1-411-10	Selectmen	\$ 2,995.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,000.00
1-411-70	Selectmen Expns.	1,660.96	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
1-412-10	Town Manager	49,467.20	60,000.00	58,047.27	63,000.00
1-412-15	Manager Search	11,069.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-412-16	Mgmt. Consultant	16,237.50	5,000.00	292.32	1,000.00
1-412-40	Manager Expenses	2,593.12	5,000.00	554.85	2,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 84,023.45	\$ 71,500.00	\$ 58,894.44	\$ 70,500.00

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURES		2008	2009	2009	2010
Administration FT=2; PT=2		Expended	Budget	Expended	Budget
1-413-09	Elections	\$ 8,046.88	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,857.17	\$ 6,000.00
1-413-10	Election Payroll	0.00	0.00	1,615.26	6,500.00
1-415-10	Payroll	157,533.16	162,676.00	130,214.05	136,502.00
1-415-11	Treasurer	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,600.00
1-414-14	HAVA Grant	40.41	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-415-17	911 House Nmers	0.00	0.00	105.11	0.00
1-415-20	Office Supplies	12,674.89	15,000.00	13,573.00	15,000.00
1-415-22	Equipment	7,054.64	6,000.00	5,269.00	14,000.00
1-415-33	Notices	375.00	1,200.00	963.00	1,200.00
1-415-34	Telephone	6,934.96	8,000.00	5,976.24	8,000.00
1-415-35	Postage	9,142.18	10,000.00	6,957.35	10,000.00
1-415-36	State Treasurer	2,984.00	2,000.00	2,138.00	2,000.00
1-415-40	VLCT	3,062.00	3,157.00	3,157.00	3,550.00
1-415-41	Training	2,782.95	3,000.00	1,147.48	3,000.00
1-415-56	Legal	2,073.92	3,000.00	769.50	3,000.00
1-415-57	Auditing	4,445.94	4,000.00	3,311.45	4,000.00
1-415-58	Single Audit	32,785.00	30,500.00	30,585.92	16,000.00
1-415-59	Computer	603.89	1,500.00	200.00	1,500.00
1-415-60	Service Charge	2,511.10	2,500.00	2,591.41	2,500.00
1-415-61	Accounting Exp.	0.00	0.00	9,996.00	0.00
1-415-62	Town Report	4,738.04	5,500.00	4,617.76	5,000.00
1-415-63	Record Rstrtn.	3,538.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
1-415-79	Unclassified	583.75	0.00	0.00	500.00
1-415-80	Current Exp Interest	1,262.22	1,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
1-415-90	TAN Interest	32,200.00	39,000.00	26,779.72	28,000.00
1-415-92	Cruiser Interest	328.18	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-415-93	Current LOC Interest	5,978.33	0.00	2,699.70	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 301,679.44	\$ 304,033.00	\$ 258,024.12	\$ 274,352.00
Listers					
01-416-10	Salary PT=3	\$ 32,478.35	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 23,324.10	\$ 25,000.00
01-416-21	General Expenses	3,177.47	6,000.00	6,488.82	5,500.00
01-416-22	Training	0.00	600.00	600.00	700.00
01-416-74	Travel	650.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
01-416-75	State Training	45.37	451.00	451.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 36,351.19	\$ 37,351.00	\$ 32,163.92	\$ 32,500.00
Taxes					
01-417-20	Tax Billing	\$ 434.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 112.40	\$ 500.00
01-417-22	Abatement	7,238.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
01-417-33	Advertising	2,900.00	1,000.00	1,566.00	2,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 10,572.50	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 1,678.40	\$ 7,500.00
Planning & Zoning					
01-418-10	Salary PT=1	\$ 11,654.81	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,074.62	\$ 9,000.00
01-418-21	Notices	6,950.53	6,000.00	5,466.71	6,500.00
01-418-22	Grant Funding	4,838.81	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-418-23	Enforcement	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
01-418-24	Municipal Ed Grant	1,201.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-418-38	Town Plan/Zoning	0.00	300.00	231.56	5,500.00
01-418-56	Legal	69.96	500.00	336.77	1,000.00
01-418-63	Color Printer	0.00	550.00	524.99	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 24,715.13	\$ 15,350.00	\$ 12,634.65	\$ 23,000.00

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURES		2008	2009	2009	2010
Insurance		Expended	Budget	Expended	Budget
1-419-15	Social Security	\$ 101,432.35	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 89,625.61	\$ 93,665.00
1-419-16	Unemployment	3,538.25	4,000.00	1,537.90	4,120.00
1-419-17	Workers Comp.	43,653.80	54,561.00	42,668.28	56,590.00
1-419-18	Medical	313,813.62	290,000.00	216,702.89	166,753.00
1-419-19	Life	2,730.75	3,100.00	2,459.25	3,193.00
1-419-20	Retirement	53,729.16	53,000.00	48,620.70	59,000.00
1-419-50	Property/Casualty	65,288.00	70,139.00	70,139.00	76,697.00
1-419-52	Co-Insurance	32,500.88	11,000.00	57,278.02	55,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 616,686.81	\$ 590,800.00	\$ 529,031.65	\$ 515,018.00
TOTAL GEN. GOVT.EXPENSES		\$1,074,028.52	\$1,025,534.00	\$ 892,427.18	\$ 922,870.00

PUBLIC SAFETY REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

POLICE DEPARTMENT		2008	2009	2009	2010
Revenues		Receipts	Budget	Receipts	Budget
1-342-11	Court Fees	\$ 36,512.96	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 75,161.46	\$ 65,000.00
1-342-12	Ski Payroll Reimb.	19,360.00	20,000.00	23,920.00	20,000.00
1-342-13	Paving Reimb.	15,876.19	0.00	68,152.50	0.00
1-342-15	Other Income	996.00	1,500.00	804.50	1,500.00
1-342-17	Byrne Grant	0.00	0.00	70,603.63	0.00
1-342-19	GHSP Reimb.	0.00	0.00	1,116.11	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 72,745.15	\$ 61,500.00	\$ 239,758.20	\$ 86,500.00

Expenditures		2008	2009	2009	2010
		Expended	Budget	Expended	Budget
1-421-10	Payroll FT=4, PT=4	\$ 256,983.34	\$ 284,300.00	\$ 259,108.20	\$ 280,390.88
1-421-11	Overtime	17,897.00	0.00	20,769.18	22,000.00
1-421-12	Ski Traffic	13,438.96	0.00	10,347.36	18,500.00
1-421-13	Paving Payroll	10,304.50	0.00	56,966.48	0.00
1-421-14	Paving Mileage	2,674.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-421-15	CORE Payroll	15,654.09	24,000.00	18,816.72	25,000.00
1-421-16	SIU PR	44,648.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-421-19	GHSP Payroll	0.00	0.00	738.38	0.00
1-421-20	Supplies	4,906.29	7,500.00	6,304.20	7,500.00
1-421-21	Vehicles Ski	2,960.00	0.00	8,340.40	0.00
1-421-23	Equipment	926.81	2,000.00	1,881.17	6,000.00
1-421-24	DARE	1,101.16	750.00	670.35	750.00
1-421-34	Telephone	5,296.14	5,000.00	3,278.31	5,000.00
1-421-36	Training	2,635.71	3,000.00	5,345.39	3,000.00
1-421-40	Police Assoc.	330.00	350.00	420.00	350.00
1-421-68	Vehicles	3,753.46	3,800.00	3,832.70	4,000.00
1-421-69	Gasoline	0.00	25,080.00	12,916.21	15,000.00
1-421-74	Travel	1,040.86	2,000.00	359.12	2,000.00
1-421-75	Uniforms	1,987.42	2,000.00	2,863.96	2,000.00
1-421-76	Attorney	0.00	1,000.00	360.69	1,000.00
1-421-77	MDC	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
1-421-78	Watch Guard	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
	TOTAL	\$ 386,538.23	\$ 360,780.00	\$ 413,318.82	\$ 395,890.88

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PUBLIC SAFETY REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Revenues		2008	2009	2009	2010
		Receipts	Budget	Receipts	Budget
1-342-21	Other Income	\$ 20.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 253.35	\$ 0.00
1-342-22	Andover	9,275.00	9,300.00	9,300.00	9,300.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 9,295.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,300.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,553.35</u>	<u>\$ 9,300.00</u>

Expenditures		2008	2009	2009	2010
		Expended	Budget	Expended	Budget
1-422-10	Salary	\$ 30,550.14	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 25,598.50	\$ 30,900.00
1-422-22	Physicals	2,228.00	1,400.00	132.00	1,400.00
1-422-23	Equipment	3,684.51	10,000.00	8,728.38	10,000.00
1-422-36	Training	0.00	1,000.00	120.00	1,000.00
1-422-40	Assoc. Dues	421.50	800.00	1,265.00	1,300.00
1-422-45	Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-422-68	Vehicle Maint.	4,916.98	3,500.00	3,291.45	3,500.00
1-422-69	Fuel	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
1-422-76	Utilities	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
1-422-79	Hydrants	18,400.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 60,201.13</u>	<u>\$ 69,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 59,135.33</u>	<u>\$ 70,900.00</u>

AMBULANCE

Revenues		2008	2009	2009	2010
		Receipts	Budget	Receipts	Budget
1-342-31	Ser. Fees/Reimb.	\$ 40,910.41	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 62,030.29	\$ 60,000.00
1-342-33	Other Income	0.00	0.00	2,021.76	0.00
1-342-34	Andover	6,544.80	6,000.00	6,000.00	5,000.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 47,455.21</u>	<u>\$ 76,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 70,052.05</u>	<u>\$ 65,000.00</u>

Expenditures		2008	2009	2009	2010
		Expended	Budget	Expended	Budget
1-423-10	Salary	\$ 72,499.71	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 67,442.49	\$ 70,000.00
1-423-21	Supplies	4,981.51	6,000.00	5,628.73	6,000.00
1-423-22	Medical Expense	467.00	500.00	105.00	500.00
1-423-23	Equipment	3,703.37	20,000.00	17,224.11	4,500.00
1-423-24	Intercept	1,305.99	3,000.00	1,800.00	3,000.00
1-423-36	Training	1,183.15	3,000.00	1,040.00	3,000.00
1-423-68	Vehicle Maint.	1,465.05	2,500.00	1,434.61	2,500.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 85,605.78</u>	<u>\$ 115,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 94,674.94</u>	<u>\$ 89,500.00</u>

COMMUNICATIONS

Revenues		2008	2009	2009	2010
		Receipts	Budget	Receipts	Budget
1-343-20	Tower Rent	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
1-343-21	Andover Disp. Fee	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>

Expenditures		2008	2009	2009	2010
		Expended	Budget	Expended	Budget
1-426-10	Dispatching	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
1-426-34	Telephone	2,724.72	3,000.00	2,307.96	3,000.00
1-426-35	Radio Maint.	1,044.92	1,000.00	628.89	1,000.00
1-426-36	Cell Phones	6,960.06	5,500.00	5,174.21	5,500.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 30,729.70</u>	<u>\$ 29,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 28,111.06</u>	<u>\$ 29,500.00</u>

TOT. PUB. SAFETY	Revenues	\$ 135,495.36	\$ 155,800.00	\$ 328,363.60	\$ 169,800.00
	Expenses	\$ 563,074.84	\$ 574,780.00	\$ 595,240.15	\$ 585,790.88

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PUBLIC WORKS REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

		2008	2009	2009	2010
Revenues		Receipts	Budget	Receipts	Budget
1-344-11	Diesel Sales:	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
1-344-11	Police	0.00	25,080.00	12,916.21	15,000.00
1-344-11	Water	0.00	1,900.00	906.51	1,200.00
1-344-11	Sewer	0.00	1,500.00	1,121.46	1,200.00
1-344-11	Fire	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00
1-344-11	School	73,382.34	60,000.00	43,604.88	45,000.00
1-344-12	Material Sale	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-344-13	State Aid	188,355.83	173,928.00	180,834.86	173,928.00
1-344-14	Other Income	724.82	0.00	1,974.62	0.00
1-344-15	Flood Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-344-24	Route 35 Paving	153,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 416,062.99	\$ 264,908.00	\$ 241,358.54	\$ 236,328.00

		2008	2009	2009	2010
Expenditures		Expended	Budget	Expended	Budget
1-431-10	Payroll	\$ 423,272.16	\$ 395,000.00	\$ 374,500.53	\$ 405,500.00
1-431-21	Supplies	5,238.21	5,000.00	6,576.25	6,500.00
1-431-23	Tools	4,772.04	5,000.00	2,797.01	5,000.00
1-431-24	Salt	42,309.52	50,000.00	49,117.77	55,000.00
1-431-25	Sand	26,915.00	65,000.00	81,368.85	65,000.00
1-431-26	Gravel	37,907.19	65,000.00	64,190.60	65,000.00
1-431-27	Hot Mix	3,849.82	4,000.00	6,283.68	4,000.00
1-431-28	Paving	226,456.61	90,000.00	13,492.71	154,750.00
1-431-29	Cal. Chloride	7,200.00	10,000.00	4,697.80	10,000.00
1-431-30	Culverts	2,951.64	6,000.00	3,697.86	6,000.00
1-431-31	Rip Rap	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
1-431-32	Bridge Material	5,626.11	10,000.00	95.00	15,000.00
1-431-34	Communications	963.45	1,000.00	889.16	1,000.00
1-431-36	Training	0.00	500.00	54.00	500.00
1-431-37	Cont. Serv.	9,615.00	10,000.00	5,280.00	10,000.00
1-431-38	Mowing	4,750.00	11,000.00	15,096.15	12,000.00
1-431-55	Sidewalk	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
1-431-67	Diesel/Gas	194,649.68	122,500.00	120,246.49	120,000.00
1-431-68	Veh. Maint.	45,190.32	43,000.00	43,035.76	43,000.00
1-431-69	Street Lights	26,070.01	26,000.00	27,387.70	26,000.00
1-431-75	Uniforms	8,868.36	8,000.00	8,821.52	8,000.00
1-431-76	Garage Utilities	6,277.65	6,500.00	6,010.23	6,500.00
1-431-77	Garage Water	1,583.26	1,500.00	1,133.22	1,500.00
1-431-78	Fuel	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
1-431-79	Garage Maint.	3,904.23	6,000.00	6,834.65	12,000.00
1-432-79	Wood Furnace	12,962.00	0.00	633.00	0.00
1-431-66	Blades/Chains/Plows	0.00	11,000.00	14,244.16	20,000.00
	TOTAL	\$1,101,332.26	\$ 957,000.00	\$ 856,484.10	\$1,057,250.00
			Contribution from 2009 carry-forward-----		\$ 131,797.62
			Amount contributed from 2010 taxes-----		\$ 925,452.38

SOLID WASTE					
Expenditures					
1-432-37	Eager Beaver	\$ 680.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 975.00	\$ 975.00
1-432-38	Transfer Station	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 25,680.00	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 25,975.00	\$ 25,975.00

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CULTURE & RECREATION REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

REVENUES		2008	2009	2009	2010
Recreation		Receipts	Budget	Receipts	Budget
01-346-09	Town of Andover	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
01-346-10	Swimming Lessons	2,560.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-346-11	Programs	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-346-12	Baseball	2,861.45	3,000.00	3,378.58	3,000.00
01-346-13	Baseball Camps	2,960.00	3,000.00	2,730.00	3,000.00
01-346-15	Softball	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-346-16	Fall Soccer	1,644.00	2,000.00	1,764.00	2,000.00
01-346-17	Soccer Camps	3,093.00	3,500.00	2,716.00	3,000.00
01-346-18	Basketball Camps	1,275.00	1,400.00	0.00	500.00
01-346-19	Basketball	875.00	3,000.00	705.00	2,000.00
01-346-20	Gymnastics Camp	550.00	600.00	378.00	400.00
01-346-21	Golf Camp	350.00	400.00	320.00	400.00
01-346-23	Pool Income	275.00	2,800.00	3,863.00	4,000.00
01-346-24	Climbing Team	25.00	500.00	0.00	200.00
01-346-25	Climbing Camp	400.00	800.00	0.00	0.00
01-346-26	Skateboard Camp	200.00	700.00	1,035.00	700.00
01-346-27	Sponsor/Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-346-28	Food Sales	5,534.88	5,000.00	4,424.94	5,000.00
01-346-29	Tennis Camp	280.00	300.00	150.00	200.00
	TOT. REC. Revenues	\$ 26,958.33	\$ 30,800.00	\$ 25,264.52	\$ 28,200.00

EXPENDITUR ES		2008	2009	2009	2010
Administratio n		Expended	Budget	Expended	Budget
1-451-10	Payroll FT=1	\$ 44,064.00	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 42,432.00	\$ 43,700.00
1-451-13	Vehicle Expense	3,700.04	3,500.00	3,610.04	3,500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 47,764.04	\$ 46,500.00	\$ 46,042.04	\$ 47,200.00

Recreation Pr ograms					
1-451-12	Babe Ruth	\$ 452.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
1-451-21	Golf Camp	425.00	350.00	270.00	270.00
1-451-22	Climbing Team	292.26	500.00	0.00	200.00
1-451-23	Gymnastics Camp	500.00	300.00	400.00	400.00
1-451-24	Adventure Camp	0.00	800.00	0.00	0.00
1-451-36	Black Fly Baseball	3,076.65	1,200.00	2,825.12	2,825.00
1-451-37	Baseball	2,984.25	3,000.00	3,574.21	3,000.00
1-451-39	Tennis	28.67	250.00	4.47	0.00
1-451-40	Fall Soccer	2,407.74	2,000.00	1,633.09	1,500.00
1-451-41	Weight Room	26.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-451-42	Soccer Camp	3,564.00	3,000.00	2,654.01	3,000.00
1-451-43	Basketball Camp	1,275.00	1,400.00	175.00	500.00
1-451-44	Basketball	4,146.18	2,000.00	1,176.17	1,200.00
1-451-45	Skateboard Camp	0.00	0.00	1,030.00	500.00
1-451-77	Pool Water & Sewer	0.00	0.00	579.15	0.00
1-458-11	Lifeguards	17,368.35	19,000.00	14,791.67	17,000.00
1-458-23	Swimming Lessons	451.41	450.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 36,998.18	\$ 34,650.00	\$ 29,112.89	\$ 30,395.00

**2010
BUDGET**

CULTURE & RECREATION REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURES		2008	2009	2009	2010
Facilities		Expended	Budget	Expended	Budget
1-458-20	Pool Improvement	\$ 10.58	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
1-458-21	Supplies	1,038.22	1,500.00	1,301.22	1,200.00
1-458-22	Concession Expense	4,601.10	5,000.00	3,779.67	5,000.00
1-458-41	Skating Rink Maint	393.42	500.00	867.38	500.00
1-458-42	Skateboard Park	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-458-68	Pool Maintenance	2,623.27	3,000.00	2,719.37	3,000.00
1-458-70	Computer	1,067.24	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-458-75	Water/Sewer	573.52	600.00	415.00	600.00
1-458-76	Utilities	3,152.71	3,500.00	3,495.50	3,500.00
1-458-77	Tractor	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 18,460.06</u>	<u>\$ 17,100.00</u>	<u>\$ 17,578.14</u>	<u>\$ 16,800.00</u>
TOTAL	REC. Expenses	\$ 103,222.28	\$ 98,250.00	\$ 92,733.07	\$ 94,395.00

Other Income		2008	2009	2009	2010
		Receipts	Budget	Receipts	Budget
1-349-11	Poor Funds	\$ 786.35	\$ 500.00	\$ 177.78	\$ 500.00
1-350-12	Cyprus Minerals	1,748.04	1,000.00	1,545.62	1,000.00
1-350-13	School Refund	0.00	0.00	28,147.57	67,500.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,534.39</u>	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 29,870.97</u>	<u>\$ 69,000.00</u>

HEALTH & WELFARE

Expenditures					
1-441-10	Health Officer	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
1-441-20	Animal Care	0.00	500.00	130.00	500.00
1-441-38	Septic Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 800.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,300.00</u>	<u>\$ 930.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,300.00</u>

PARKS & CEMETERIES

Revenues					
1-347-21	Sale of Lots	\$ 595.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
1-347-22	Grave Preparation	5,175.00	4,500.00	4,210.00	4,500.00
1-347-23	Cemetery Funds	3,437.01	1,500.00	3,054.30	1,500.00
1-347-25	Perpetual Care	0.00	1,500.00	1,250.00	1,500.00
1-347-26	Other Income	225.00	0.00	354.39	0.00
1-347-40	Town Hall	475.00	500.00	400.00	500.00
1-347-41	Tn. Hall Othr. Income	0.00	0.00	1,984.06	0.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 9,907.01</u>	<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 11,752.75</u>	<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>

Expenditures		2008	2009	2009	2010
		Expended	Budget	Expended	Budget
1-452-10	Payroll FT=1	\$ 46,480.46	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,375.60	\$ 40,500.00
1-452-21	Supplies	1,976.28	2,000.00	556.24	2,000.00
1-452-23	Equipment	71.18	500.00	127.38	500.00
1-452-39	Trees	1,150.00	2,000.00	1,350.00	2,000.00
1-452-40	Perpetual Care	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
1-452-76	Water	160.00	250.00	160.00	250.00
1-452-77	Memorial Day	707.32	500.00	706.00	500.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 50,545.24</u>	<u>\$ 48,250.00</u>	<u>\$ 45,275.22</u>	<u>\$ 46,750.00</u>

LIBRARY

Expenditures					
1-455-22	Library Fund	\$ 67,170.00	\$ 67,170.00	\$ 67,170.00	\$ 67,170.00
1-455-68	Maintenance	2,155.34	5,000.00	4,549.75	5,000.00
1-455-76	Utilities	3,940.46	5,500.00	3,427.65	3,500.00
1-455-77	Water/Sewer	1,654.96	600.00	1,752.92	1,200.00
1-455-78	Fuel	6,162.68	5,000.00	4,918.07	3,000.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 81,083.44</u>	<u>\$ 83,270.00</u>	<u>\$ 81,818.39</u>	<u>\$ 79,870.00</u>

**2010
BUDGET**

CULTURE & RECREATION REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

TOWN HALL		2008		2009		2010	
Expenditures		Expended	Budget	Expended	Budget	Expended	Budget
1-456-10	Payroll	\$ 4,277.46	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,179.07	\$ 4,500.00		
1-456-21	Supplies	797.95	1,000.00	1,191.50	1,000.00		
1-456-68	Repair/Maint	4,405.53	16,000.00	22,794.40	10,000.00		
1-456-76	Utilities	6,526.85	6,500.00	6,004.76	6,500.00		
1-456-77	Water/Sewer	708.26	1,000.00	713.98	1,000.00		
1-456-78	Fuel	7,248.17	7,000.00	7,153.48	7,000.00		
1-456-79	Trash	2,439.00	2,500.00	2,465.80	2,500.00		
	TOTAL	\$ 26,403.22	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 44,502.99	\$ 32,500.00		

ACADEMY							
1-457-68	Academy	\$ 333.15	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,000.00		

TOTAL CUL. & REC. Revenues	\$ 39,399.73	\$ 41,300.00	\$ 66,888.24	\$ 106,200.00
Expenses	\$ 217,387.33	\$ 273,570.00	\$ 265,259.67	\$ 259,815.00

**EXPENDITURES
CAPITAL**

Bridges & Roads							
1-461-28	Popple Dungeon	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00		

Equipment							
1-462-83	Police Cruiser	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 38,231.18	\$ 0.00		
1-462-84	Highway Truck	96,534.00	60,000.00	116,450.00	0.00		
1-462-89	Excavator	14,644.00	15,000.00	14,411.78	0.00		

Capital Projects							
1-473-34	Land Purchase	\$ 21,938.94	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 20,703.23	\$ 0.00		
	TOTAL CAP.	\$ 163,116.94	\$ 138,500.00	\$ 219,796.19	\$ 30,000.00		

Fund Transfers							
1-470-86	Highway Equip.	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 0.00		
1-470-88	Emerg. Equip.	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00		
1-470-89	Reappraisal	17,700.00	17,651.00	0.00	0.00		
1-470-90	Cap. Plan Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	310,000.00		
1-473-36	Forfeiture	47,035.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	TOTAL	\$ 129,735.00	\$ 82,651.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 310,000.00		

County Tax							
1-475-61	County Tax	\$ 31,761.86	\$ 32,888.02	\$ 32,888.02	\$ 33,000.00		

Voted Articles							
1-481-20	RACLT	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 0.00		
1-480-21	Visiting Nurses	13,150.00	13,807.00	13,807.00	0.00		
1-480-22	Health Care/Rhb.	2,791.00	3,044.00	3,044.00	0.00		
1-480-23	Council on Aging	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00	0.00		
1-480-24	Valley Diversion	2,900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
1-480-25	CT River Transit	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00		
1-480-26	Meals on Wheels	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	0.00		
1-480-27	Family Center	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00		
1-480-28	RSVP	400.00	400.00	400.00	0.00		
1-480-32	Wnshr. Co. Prtnr.	800.00	800.00	800.00	0.00		
1-481-33	Adult Learning	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00		
1-480-34	SEVCA	1,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00		
1-481-35	New Beginnings	800.00	900.00	900.00	0.00		
	TOTAL	\$ 34,591.00	\$ 33,701.00	\$ 33,701.00	\$ 0.00		

GRAND TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 867,008.37	\$ 686,158.00	\$ 902,062.47	\$ 739,878.00
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GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,339,907.75	\$ 3,111,923.02	\$ 2,953,070.31	\$ 3,224,700.88
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CAPITAL BUDGET RESERVE FUND

The establishment of the Capital Budget Reserve Fund was adopted by the Selectmen and approved by the legal voters of Chester at a Special Town Meeting on January 13, 2010. It is a tool to manage the replacement of capital equipment and improvements such as roads, bridges, emergency equipment, and highway equipment.

The Fund provides the basis for the 2010 Capital Budget. The following schedule shows the next five years of a ten-year forecast providing for the Town's capital needs and financing plans. This Capital Budget Reserve Fund will be reviewed annually by the Selectmen.

CAPITAL PLAN

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Beginning Balance	\$453,467.42	\$175,916.77	\$213,554.10	\$210,555.14	\$155,877.69	\$ 12,757.26
Transfer In	310,000.00	330,000.00	330,000.00	330,000.00	330,000.00	330,000.00
Total Funds	\$763,467.42	\$505,916.77	\$543,554.10	\$540,555.14	\$485,877.69	\$342,757.26
Expenditures						
Highway	\$ 60,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$105,000.00	\$135,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$115,000.00
Other Highway	0.00	130,000.00	30,000.00	225,000.00	35,000.00	130,000.00
Emergency Equipment	0.00	0.00	175,000.00	0.00	250,000.00	0.00
Bridges	11,000.00	11,550.00	12,127.50	12,733.88	15,870.57	16,664.10
Police	25,000.00	40,000.00	Forfeiture	0.00	45,000.00	0.00
Recreation/Cemetery	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt/Other	480,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	5,000.00
Facilities	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total Expenses	\$591,000.00	\$296,550.00	\$337,127.50	\$387,733.88	\$473,370.57	\$281,664.10
Carry-Forward	\$172,467.42	\$209,366.77	\$206,426.60	\$152,821.26	\$ 12,507.12	\$ 61,093.16

Purchases by Year of Acquisition

	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Other Highway</u>	<u>Emerg. Equip.</u>	<u>Police</u>	<u>Recreation</u>
2010	Dump Truck			Police Cruiser	
2011	Dump Truck	Sidewalk Plow		Forfeiture	
2012	Dump Truck	Pick-Up	Ambulance	Police Cruiser	
2013	Dump Truck	Grader			
2014	Dump Truck	Pick-Up	Fire Truck	Police Cruiser	
2015	Dump Truck	Loader			

**TOWN OF CHESTER
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	GENERAL FUND
ASSETS		
Checking	\$ 81,995.62	\$ 371,265.04
Savings	<u>4,021.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 86,017.12	\$ 371,265.04
LIABILITIES		
Loans	<u>\$ 80,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 470,000.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 470,000.00
EQUITY		
Equity	\$ 6,017.12	(\$ 98,734.96)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 86,017.12	\$ 371,265.04

TOWN NOTES

Borrowed:

TAN Current Expense Note/ Line of Credit Dated 01/16/2009 - Chittenden	\$1,700,000.00	Due 10/22/2009
Refunding Deficit Note Dated 10/22/2009 - Chittenden	\$ 470,000.00	Due 12/27/2009
Refunding Deficit Note Dated 12/28/2009 - Chittenden	\$ 470,000.00	Due 12/27/2010

Paid:

Current Expense Note Dated 12/29/2008 - Chittenden	\$ 600,000.00	Paid 01/16/2009
TAN Current Expense Note/ Line of Credit Dated 01/16/2009 - Chittenden	\$1,700,000.00	Paid 10/22/2009
Refunding Deficit Note Dated 10/22/2009 - Chittenden	\$ 470,000.00	Paid 12/17/2009

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT NOTES

<u>Purchased</u>	<u>Note Amount</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Payment</u>	<u>Due</u>
Emergency Services Land	\$ 98,000.00	2005 - 5 Year	\$19,600.00	07/01/2010 <small>Final Payment</small>
Capital Equipment	\$85,000.00	2009 - 1 Year	\$85,000.00	09/30/2010

MUNICIPAL GRANTS

<u>Type of Grant</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year Received</u>
1. Mun. Ed. Grant	Zoning	\$ 800.00	2009
2. State Agency of Transp.	North St. Culvert Design	16,000.00	2009
3. State Agency of Transp.	North St. Culvert Const.	175,000.00	2009
4. State Agency of Transp.	Goldthwaite Road	90,000.00	2009
5. State of Vermont	Elections Computer	1,880.00	2009
6. Dept. of Justice	Evidence system - Police Dept.	21,299.00	2009
7. Homeland Security	Mobile Data Units	18,825.00	2009
8. Parks & Recreation	Swim House Renovations	<u>5,000.00</u>	2009
	TOTAL	\$328,804.00	

GRANT REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

	2009	2009	2010	
Revenues	Receipts	Budget	Budget	
01-341-17 Ancient Roads	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
01-476-13 Mun. Planning	2,378.00	0.00	0.00	
01-476-14 HAVA	1,880.00	0.00	0.00	
01-476-21 Pool House	0.00	0.00	5,138.00	State payment to upgrade Pool House
01-476-22 Zoning	0.00	20,000.00	1,500.00	
01-476-23 Culvert Design	16,030.80	22,500.00	0.00	
01-476-23A Cul. Const.	0.00	0.00	175,000.00	State Reimbursement of North Street Culvert
01-476-24 Public Safety	17,733.39	0.00	1,000.00	State Reimbursement for Goldthwaite Road
01-476-25 Municipal Ed.	800.00	0.00	0.00	
01-476-26 PS Jag	0.00	0.00	21,046.97	
01-476-30 Goldthwaite Rd.	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>69,420.43</u>	
TOTAL	\$ 40,322.19	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 273,105.40	
Expenditures	2009	2009	2010	
	Expended	Budget	Budget	
01-415-64 Ancient Roads	\$ 5,132.18	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
01-476-13 Mun. Planning	3,282.17	0.00	0.00	
01-476-14 HAVA	1,880.00	0.00	0.00	
01-476-20 Police	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
01-476-21 Pool House	5,159.00	5,000.00	0.00	
01-476-22 Zoning	0.00	25,000.00	5,000.00	
01-476-23A Culvert Const.	10,123.21	0.00	175,000.00	Partial Town Cost for North Street Culvert
01-476-23 Cul. Design-Other	17,812.00	25,000.00	0.00	
01-476-24 Public Saftey	18,120.48	0.00	1,000.00	
01-476-25 Municipal Ed	800.00	0.00	0.00	
01-476-26 PS JAG	21,046.97	0.00	0.00	
01-476-30 Goldthwaite Rd.	0.00	0.00	64,173.00	Town Share of Goldthwaite Road Repair
Ambulance	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	Town Share - New Amb. Purch. If Grt. Rec'd.
Recreation	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>	Various Rec. Grt. Funding Opportunities
TOTAL	\$ 83,356.01	\$ 56,500.00	\$ 269,673.00	

**WATER DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 2009**

SUMMARY

Earned Income 2009	\$172,507.54
Incurred Expenses 2009	<u>188,790.24</u>
	(\$ 16,282.70)

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	2009	2008
Cash on Hand		
Chittenden Sweep Account	\$ 24,349.95	\$ 44,445.11
Chittenden Reserve Fund	4,021.50	225.58
Due from General Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>23,576.45</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 28,371.45	\$ 68,247.14
 LIABILITIES & EQUITIES		
Liabilities		
Due to Sewer	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>23,592.99</u>
Current Liabilities	\$ 0.00	\$ 23,592.99
 Equity		
Opening Balance Equity	\$ 9,300.06	\$ 9,300.06
Retained Earnings	35,354.09	45,574.59
Net Income	<u>(16,282.70)</u>	<u>(10,220.50)</u>
Equity	\$ 28,371.45	\$ 44,654.15
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 28,371.45	\$ 68,247.14

Note: Sullivan, Powers & Co. Audited 2008 Figures

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Balance January 1, 2009	\$ 44,445.11
Cash Receipts 2009	168,711.62
Due From General Fund	23,576.45
Cash Disbursements 2009	(188,790.24)
Due to Sewer Fund	<u>(23,592.99)</u>
Balance December 31, 2009	\$ 24,349.95
 Water Reserve Fund	
Balance January 1, 2009	\$ 225.58
Interest	0.50
Fund Transfer from Water Fund to Reserve	<u>3,795.42</u>
Balance December 31, 2009	\$ 4,021.50

**2010 BUDGET
WATER DEPARTMENT**

		2008	2009	2009	2010
REVENUES		Receipts	Budget	Receipts	Budget
03-311-01	Water Rents	\$113,209.64	\$ 96,000.00	\$119,159.75	\$ 96,000.00
	Base Rate	0.00	58,640.00	0.00	58,640.00
03-311-02	Delinquent	24,474.66	9,000.00	24,352.40	9,000.00
03-311-03	Penalty & Interest	2,505.63	2,000.00	3,065.54	2,000.00
03-311-07	Interest	<u>628.06</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>59.43</u>	<u>500.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$140,817.99	\$166,140.00	\$146,637.12	\$166,140.00
03-311-06	Hydrant Fees	\$ 20,418.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 21,400.00	\$ 20,000.00
03-311-09	Other Income	234.94	500.00	675.00	500.00
03-311-13	Transfers	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,795.42</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 20,652.94	\$ 20,500.00	\$ 25,870.42	\$ 20,500.00
	TOTAL INCOME	\$161,470.93	\$186,640.00	\$172,507.54	\$186,640.00

		2008	2009	2009	2010
EXPENDITURES		Expended	Budget	Expended	Budget
03-411-10	Labor FT=1.5	\$ 71,049.23	\$ 72,500.00	\$ 68,594.75	\$ 70,000.00
03-411-15	Fringe Benefits	34,943.80	25,500.00	36,646.93	18,182.00
03-411-23	Tools	596.72	800.00	783.06	800.00
03-411-24	Meters	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
03-411-25	Collection System	3,775.75	2,500.00	1,445.30	1,500.00
03-411-29	Chemicals	9,073.00	11,500.00	11,550.50	11,500.00
03-411-32	Hydrants	22.05	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00
03-411-36	Training	0.00	300.00	195.00	300.00
03-411-37	Contracted Services	2,425.00	3,000.00	3,424.00	3,500.00
03-411-38	Well Repair	248.75	600.00	699.08	3,000.00
03-411-39	Testing	825.00	2,500.00	621.98	2,000.00
03-411-58	Computer	920.00	1,000.00	532.87	1,000.00
03-411-60	Service Charges	1,166.72	1,000.00	1,157.23	1,000.00
03-411-61	State Fees	1,363.50	1,700.00	2,286.05	2,500.00
03-411-68	Vehicle Maintenance	1,998.58	2,000.00	328.29	2,000.00
03-411-69	Gasoline	0.00	1,900.00	906.51	1,200.00
03-411-76	Utilities	13,055.57	14,000.00	13,764.12	14,000.00
03-411-78	Gas	801.89	1,800.00	477.59	1,500.00
03-411-90	Bonds	24,212.39	25,285.88	25,286.38	21,637.73
03-411-91	Bond Interest	5,214.38	3,440.78	3,440.78	1,580.76
03-411-92	Hydrant Reserve	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
03-411-93	Tank Inspect/Maint.	0.00	3,200.00	3,150.00	2,000.00
03-411-96	Tractor	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
	Reconciliation	<u>(0.90)</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(0.18)</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$171,691.43	\$189,426.66	\$188,790.24	\$180,600.49
	Net	(\$ 10,220.50)	(\$ 2,786.66)	(\$ 16,282.70)	\$ 6,039.51

**VERMONT MUNICIPAL BOND BANK
WATER DEPARTMENT
BOND PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

**1990 SERIES 1 - 1995 SERIES 1 - 2006 SERIES 3 BONDS
\$250,000.00**

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>
35	06-1-10			345.00	345.00
36	12-1-10	6.900	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>345.00</u>	<u>10,345.00</u>
			\$10,000.00	\$690.00	\$10,690.00

**1988 SERIES 1 - 1992 SERIES 2 - 2003 SERIES 1 BONDS
\$137,869.28**

06-1-10	7.650			445.38	445.38
12-1-10			<u>11,637.73</u>	<u>445.38</u>	<u>12,083.11</u>
			\$11,637.73	\$890.76	\$12,528.49

**SEWER DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 2009**

SUMMARY

Earned Income 2009	\$358,187.10
Incurred Expenses 2009	<u>357,567.92</u>
Excess Revenues over Expenses	\$ 619.18

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	2009	2008
Cash on Hand	\$ 57,645.67	\$ 84,659.12
Due from Water	<u>0.00</u>	<u>23,592.99</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 57,645.67	\$ 108,252.11
LIABILITIES		
Due to Development Fund	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Due to General Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>31,225.62</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 131,225.62
EQUITY		
Opening Balance Equity	\$ 17,907.14	\$ 17,907.14
Retained Earnings	(40,880.65)	(29,840.30)
Net Income	<u>619.18</u>	<u>(11,040.35)</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	\$ (22,354.33)	\$ (22,973.51)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 57,645.67	\$ 108,252.11

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Cash on Hand January 1, 2009	\$ 84,659.12
Cash Receipts 2009	358,187.10
Receivable from Water	<u>23,592.99</u>
TOTAL	\$ 466,439.21
Cash Disbursements 2009	\$ 357,567.92
Paid on Development Fund Loan	20,000.00
Due to General Fund	<u>31,225.62</u>
Cash on Hand December 31, 2009	\$ 57,645.67

**2010 BUDGET
SEWER DEPARTMENT**

		2008	2009	2009	2010
		Receipts	Budget	Receipts	Budget
REVENUES					
04-311-01	Sewer Fees	\$263,451.39	\$190,000.00	\$293,565.06	\$210,000.00
	Base Rate	0.00	64,338.00	0.00	164,338.00
04-311-02	Delinquent Fees	56,712.14	15,000.00	55,276.29	15,000.00
04-311-03	Penalty & Interest	5,575.71	5,000.00	6,675.06	5,000.00
04-311-07	Interest	823.75	750.00	105.38	750.00
	TOTAL	\$326,562.99	\$375,088.00	\$355,621.79	\$395,088.00
04-311-09	Other income	\$ 6,579.23	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 2,565.31	\$ 2,500.00
	TOTAL	6,579.23	5,500.00	2,565.31	2,500.00
	TOTAL INCOME	\$333,142.22	\$380,588.00	\$358,187.10	\$397,588.00

		2008	2009	2009	2010
		Expended	Budget	Expended	Budget
EXPENDITURES					
04-411-10	Payroll FT=1.5	\$ 79,842.35	\$ 72,500.00	\$ 76,323.50	\$ 77,000.00
04-411-15	Fringe Benefits	36,032.70	25,500.00	41,173.79	35,683.00
04-411-23	Tools	1,474.01	1,500.00	1,272.53	1,500.00
04-411-24	Lab. Equipment	1,348.77	1,500.00	868.94	1,000.00
04-411-25	Plant Maintenance	3,433.69	4,000.00	4,014.06	6,000.00
04-411-26	UV Disinfection	0.00	850.00	698.12	800.00
04-411-28	Sludge Disposal	13,466.16	16,000.00	12,772.50	16,000.00
04-411-29	Chemicals	4,596.85	5,500.00	6,494.50	9,000.00
04-411-32	Pump Stations	4,837.74	5,500.00	4,941.11	5,500.00
04-411-35	Training	364.00	500.00	218.80	500.00
04-411-36	Collection System	8,766.02	11,200.00	6,933.98	11,200.00
04-411-37	Contracted Services	2,870.00	4,000.00	3,269.30	8,000.00
04-411-38	Engineering	2,000.00	3,000.00	2,939.20	0.00
04-411-39	Testing	2,200.20	2,400.00	2,440.00	3,500.00
04-411-45	Flood Insurance	1,567.00	1,600.00	161.00	0.00
04-411-56	Legal Expense	38.51	0.00	0.00	0.00
04-411-58	Computer	0.00	0.00	532.88	0.00
04-411-60	Service Charge	1,288.03	1,200.00	1,259.96	750.00
04-411-61	State Fees	554.25	750.00	384.75	750.00
04-411-68	Vehicle Maintenance	430.47	500.00	342.00	500.00
04-411-69	Vehicle Fuel	0.00	1,500.00	1,029.46	1,200.00
04-411-76	Utilities	40,222.00	40,000.00	40,117.00	40,000.00
04-411-77	Audit	0.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
04-411-78	Loan	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
04-411-79	Interest	435.94	7,500.00	7,442.42	6,000.00
04-411-80	Unclassified	1,575.92	0.00	0.00	0.00
04-411-90	Bonds	136,838.00	136,838.00	136,838.00	136,838.00
04-411-95	Reserves	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
04-411-96	Tractor	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
	Reconciliation	(0.04)	0.00	0.12	0.00
	TOTAL	\$344,182.57	\$368,938.00	\$377,567.92	\$388,321.00
	Net	(\$ 11,040.35)	\$ 11,650.00	(\$ 19,380.82)	\$ 9,267.00

SEWER DEPARTMENT NOTES

Borrowed:

Five-Year Expense Note - Community Development Loan			
Dated 12/28/2007	\$100,000.00	Payment Schedule	
		\$20,000	2010
		20,000	2011
		20,000	2012
		20,000	2013

**SEWER BONDS (WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT)
TWO 20-YEAR BONDS**

\$500,000 (4.50%) Payment Schedule

<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total Interest</u>	<u>Principal Remaining</u>
8	03-1-10	\$19,090.00	\$9,159.22	\$9,930.78	\$ 84,928.85	\$432,208.85
9	09-1-10	19,090.00	9,365.30	9,724.70	94,653.55	422,843.55
10	03-1-11	19,090.00	9,576.02	9,513.98	104,167.53	413,267.53
11	09-1-11	19,090.00	9,791.48	9,298.52	113,466.05	403,476.05

\$1,320,000 (4.25%) Payment Schedule

<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total Interest</u>	<u>Principal Remaining</u>
8	03-1-10	\$49,329.00	\$24,648.35	\$24,680.65	\$211,425.80	\$1,136,793.80
9	09-1-10	49,329.00	25,172.13	24,156.87	235,582.67	1,111,621.66
10	03-1-11	49,329.00	25,707.04	23,621.96	259,204.63	1,085,914.63
11	09-1-11	49,329.00	26,253.31	23,075.69	282,280.32	1,059,661.32

**CHESTER COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Balance Jan. 1, 2009 \$ 59,006.00
 Interest 7,605.73
 Loan Payments 27,393.56
 Due from Sewer 20,000.00
 Expenses 9,396.87
 Balance Dec. 31, 2009 \$104,608.42

REAPPRAISAL FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2009 \$ 73,542.02
 Interest 180.75
 2009 State Payment 17,736.50
 Due from Gen. Fund 17,651.00
 Due to General Fund 11,800.00
 Balance Dec. 31, 2009 \$ 97,310.27

POPPLE DUNGEON ROAD FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2009 \$ 30,000.00
 Interest 70.74
 Town Funds Transfer 30,000.00
 Balance Dec. 31, 2009 \$ 60,070.74

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2009 \$ 81,477.98
 Interest 179.14
 Town Funds Transfer 45,000.00
 Balance Dec. 31, 2009 \$126,657.12

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2009 \$ 57,066.88
 Interest 120.82
 Town Funds Transfer 20,000.00
 Balance Dec. 31, 2009 \$ 77,187.70

LISTER TRAINING FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2009 \$ 0.00
 State Payment 401.67
 Town Funds Transfer 451.00
 Balance Dec. 31, 2009 \$ 852.67

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2009 \$ 10,451.35
 Donations 850.00
 Interest 11.61
 Balance Dec. 31, 2009 \$ 11,312.96
 Money Mkt. Bal 12/31/09 \$ 5,354.11

Fund	Balance 01/01/2009	Interest	Income	Expenses	Balance 12/31/2009
Bridge	\$10,573.24	\$26.47	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$10,599.71
EMS Building	30,930.35	61.92	0.00	0.00	30,992.27
Sam Adams Poor	780.26	3.27	515.63	0.00	1,299.16
Academy Building	9,829.26	9.85	0.00	0.00	9,839.11
Recreation Donation	5,405.33	0.00	759.16	5,780.68	383.81
Police Com. Resource	1,509.13	1.84	1,805.00	1,586.43	1,729.54

**EQUIPMENT INVENTORY
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	Cost	Purchase	Replace
Pick-Up - Ford F250 XL 4x2 (Water)	\$ 22,485.00	1999	
Ambulance - Ford E-450	89,822.00	1998	2010
Truck (Dump) - Sterling L8511 (2006)	62,143.00	2005	
Fire Truck - Ford (1992)	141,872.00	1991	2011
Pick-Up - Ford F250 4x4 (2006) (Highway)	14,254.00	2006	
Police Cruiser - Ford Expedition (2004)	25,169.12	2003	2011
Truck (Dump) - Sterling L8511 (2007)	62,246.00	2006	
Police Cruiser - Ford Expedition (2008)	26,615.00	2008	2012
Road Grader - John Deere 770CH (2002)	120,900.00	2002	
Truck (Dump) - Sterling L850 (2008)	71,279.00	2007	
Loader - Caterpillar 928G (2003)	88,873.00	2003	
Truck (Dump) - Sterling L9500 (2009)	96,534.00	2008	
Pick-Up - Ford F250 XL (2004) (Sewer)	16,623.00	2004	2014
Trailer - Triton (2004)	1,455.00	2004	2014
Air Compressor (Fire)	7,260.56	1990	2015
Pick-Up - Chevrolet HD2500 (2005) (Hghwy.)	17,595.00	2005	
Police Cruiser - Ford Expedition (2010)	30,086.28	2009	2015
Truck 1 Ton Utility- Ford - F350 (1990) (Fire)	19,619.00	1990	
Excavator - John Deere 120C	92,500.00	2004	
Fire Truck - Ford Pumper L9513 (1997)	160,318.80	1996	2016
Pick-Up - Ford F350 4x4 (2006) (Cemetery)	18,965.00	2006	2016
Truck (Dump) - Freightliner M2112V (2010)	153,800.00	2009	
Loader - John Deere 544J	75,000.00	2007	
Backhoe Loader - Caterpillar 430E	68,807.00	2008	
Chipper - Bandit	16,500.00	1996	
Trailer - Rogers	16,012.44	2008	
Trailer - Karavan (Fire)	3,332.00	1998	2023
Truck (Tanker) - Mack (1985) (Fire)	55,452.15	2003	2023
Fire Truck - Chevrolet 5500 (2007)	44,510.00	2006	2026
York Rake	5,000.00	2000	2030
Air Compressor (Highway)	7,073.01	1981	None
Sidewalk Plow - MT5 Trackless	60,000.00	1999	None
Truck (Flatbed) - Ford F350	20,000.00	1994	None

TOWN OF CHESTER LAND AND BUILDING ASSETS

DESCRIPTION	ACREAGE	VALUATION
Adams Family Aquifer	30.53	\$ 90,800
Bouchard Land, Smokeshire Road	.12	19,200
Cemeteries:		
Brookside	3.80	39,300
North Street	5.74	46,500
Pleasant View	8.90	93,400
Poplar Grove (Popple Dungeon Road)	.42	2,700
Smokeshire	.49	1,200
Spoonerville (Mattson Road)	.28	1,800
Adams Road	1.00	6,500
Colbeth Land (Grafton Road)	.12	16,200
Dodge Land (Reservoir Road)	9.08	57,200
Emergency Services Land	4.04	95,400
Flamstead Acres, Lot 45	.11	13,600
Green, The	1.50	57,500
Hadley Land (Main Street)	14.10	66,300
Hammond Park (Depot Street)	.55	41,000
Historical Society Building	3.86	479,800
Jeffrey Well Site (Rt. 103 North)	17.00	834,900
Land (Dean Brook Road)	3.20	39,600
Library Building	.43	794,900
North Street Bridge Field	.50	32,000
Peck Land (Reservoir Road)	4.00	42,000
Perry/Pierce Land (Reservoir Road)	501.35	855,900
Quimby Land (School Street)	1.10	25,800
Recreation Area (The Pinnacle)	37.28	691,900
Salt Shed, Henry Land	.63	28,300
Town Garage	6.12	643,700
Town Hall	.41	570,300
Wastewater Treatment Plant	11.35	2,710,600
Water Tank Site (GMUHS)	1.00	20,000
Weatherby Farm Land (Reservoir Road)	40.00	105,000
Well Site on Canal Street	3.00	125,800
Wiley Land (Cobleigh Street)	3.00	72,500
TOTAL	715.01	\$8,721,600

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Officers of the Chester Police Department responded to 1,566 calls for service in 2009.

Accidents / Damage	72	Fraud / NSF Checks / Forgery	18
Accidents / Injury	17	Juvenile Problem	26
Agency Assist	345	Kidnapping	2
Alcohol / Intoxication	3	Lewd	6
Ambulance / Medical Assist	91	Littering	3
Animal Noise/Stray Prob.	91	Lost/Recovered Property	5
Assault	15	Miscellaneous	106
Attempted Suicide	1	Mistreatment of Elderly	1
Burglary	35	Missing Person / Attempt to Locate	16
Burglary Alarm/Alarm	65	Motor Vehicle Complaint / Infractions	127
Canine Use	25	Noise Disturbance	22
Child Abuse or Neglect	7	Property Damage	2
Citizen Assist / Motorist Assist	112	Property Watch	5
Citizen Dispute	37	Sex Offense / Prostitution	1
Cond. of Rel. / Parole Violation	7	Stalking	1
Controlled Substance	12	Suspicious Person/Circum.	102
Dead Body	2	Theft / Larceny	50
Disorderly Conduct	4	Theft Auto./Motorcycle	1
Disorderly Phone	5	Traffic Hazard	21
Driving Lic. Suspend-Crim./Civil	8	Trespassing	11
DUI	7	Un secure Premise	4
E911 Hang-Up	74	Vandalism	39
Family Fight/Domestic	31	VIN Number Inspection	61
Fireworks/Fire Hazard/Arson	3	Wanted Person / Arrest on Warrant	4
Fish Game/Dead Animal	2	Welfare Check	25

In this calendar year, the Department issued 627 verbal/written warnings and 895 traffic citations. Ticket revenues grossed approximately \$160,556.00 with its net balance (after court fees) off-setting the Town's General Fund.

Chester Police was awarded three Grants: a Mobile Data Terminal Grant of \$18,825.00; a Camera Equipment Grant of \$21,299.00, and Governor Highway Safety Grant of \$3,000.00. Acquired equipment is in full service and utilized by all officers.

Police personnel have undergone some changes. Officer Paul Larochelle was moved from part-time to full-time. Officer Larochelle completed the 18 week, full-time officer training at the Vermont Police Academy. Part-time Officer Kenneth Markwell left the Department while Officer Jillian Cenate was hired as a part-time officer.

Chester Police had 37 arrests, processing a total of 74 offenses against the arrestees. There were 25 cases utilizing the talents of Canine Riggs. Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) was taught to 37 fifth-grade Chester-Andover Elementary School students.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Richard H. Cloud

**DRUG FORFEITURE FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 2009**

REVENUES:		
02-311-07	Interest Chittenden Bank	\$ 25.81
02-311-09	Other Income	<u>31,164.49</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 31,190.30
EXPENDITURES:		
02-421-23	Equipment	\$ 649.20
02-421-25	K-9	1,622.85
02-421-36	Training	370.00
02-421-61	Loan Interest	0.00
02-421-68	Vehicle Maintenance	6,477.60
02-421-75	Uniforms	<u>526.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 9,645.65

**DRUG FORFEITURE
RECONCILIATION OF CASH
Year Ending December 31, 2009**

Balance December 31, 2008	\$ 24,657.99	
Add: Auditors Adjustments	<u>2,145.60</u>	
Balance January 1, 2009	\$ 26,803.59	
Interest	25.81	
Other Income	31,164.49	
Expenses	9,645.65	
Due to the Town	<u>27,592.50</u>	
Balance December 31, 2009		\$ 20,755.74

REPORT OF THE CHESTER AMBULANCE SERVICE

During 2009, the ambulance service was asked to respond 252 times. This total reflects 219 calls within Chester, 21 calls to Andover, and 12 mutual aid calls to other towns (Ludlow 6, Springfield 1, Baltimore 1, Londonderry 1, Rockingham 1, Cavendish 2). A total of 259 patients were seen with 185 of them being transported by CAS from the following situations:

163 Medical Emergencies	38 Trauma Emergencies
31 MVCs (Motor Vehicle Crashes)	3 Stand-Bys (Fire Scenes, etc)
13 Public Assists	4 Cancellations Enroute

We currently staff a total of 25 active members including, 8 Advanced EMTs, 10 Basic EMTs, 2 First Responders, 2 Drivers, and 3 Trainees.

All of our members continue to carry out their duties the best that they can, but with many of us having been a part of EMS for upwards of and beyond the twenty year mark, we need new recruits. If anyone is interested in joining our team, please contact Dan Cook at 875-3134(H), 802 558-9972(C) or dcookemti@vermontel.net.

Now that we have completed a full year with the increase in service fees implemented during 2008, an increase in total ambulance revenues can now be realized at approximately \$23,000.00 over 2008. This increase brought our total 2009 income to roughly \$70,000.00.

We had to place our ambulance out of service for a few weeks during March into April while one of the rear doors was being replaced. This took a while since the door had to be custom built as there have been design changes throughout the 11 plus years that we have owned ours. During that time though, our members acted as a First Response Team, rendering aid until other transport units could respond to the area.

As indirectly stated previously, our ambulance is now in its 12th year and it is time to seriously start thinking about replacement. We have currently applied for a grant to help make this purchase possible with little money coming from the taxpayers. If awarded, our funding should only be 5% of the total price.

The new stretcher that was approved for purchase during 2009 has now been in service for a few months and I think I can honestly speak for every member that we love it. It lifts with a hydraulic system powered by rechargeable batteries thus reducing the chances of injury due to lifting. The purchase price was \$11,700.00, but the liability savings should out way that amount in a very short time.

I would personally like to extend my sincere appreciation to each member of our service for their continued devotion.

Deb Aldrich, First Responder	Jerry Lindsley-EMT-Basic
Meghan Austin, EMT-Basic	Ken Markwell, EMT-Intermediate
Mary Ann Bonneville, EMT-Basic	Chris Parker, First Responder
Linda Carroll, EMT-Intermediate	Deb Phelps, EMT-Intermediate
Steve Cenate, EMT-Basic	Mark Phelps, EMT-Intermediate
Laurie Cloud, EMT-Basic	Eric Richardson, EMT-Intermediate
Rick Cloud, EMT-Basic	Bruce Savery, Driver
Georgia Ethier, Billing Secretary	Marie Tyrrell, Trainee

Tim Garvey, EMT-Basic
Matt Goyette-Driver/Trainee
Jeff Holden, EMT-Intermediate
Aleks Hunter-Trainee
Paul Larochelle, EMT-Basic

Ben Whalen, Driver
Amber Wilson, EMT-Basic
Mary Wilson, EMT-Basic
Matt Wilson, EMT-Basic

We would also like to thank all Town departments of Chester and Andover including the Town Managers and the Select Boards; the members of the Chester Volunteer Rescue Squad, Yosemite Engine Company, Springfield Fire Department, Springfield Dispatch, the Emergency Room staff at Springfield Hospital. and all surrounding mutual aid organizations. It is with continued support from all, including the taxpayers of Chester and Andover, that we are able to operate at our current level of care.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel J. Cook, Coordinator
EMT-Intermediate

REPORT OF THE ZONING DEPARTMENT

The Zoning Department has continued to see a significant decline during 2009 in the number of building permits issued. The number of applications processed this year totaled 38, which is down from the 73 issued in 2008. However, there has been a slight increase in subdivision activity. It is assumed that the economy, of course, has a role to play in these changes.

The Planning Commission has completed its draft of the new Town Plan, although slightly behind schedule. It is the opinion of the Planning and Zoning Department that this version represents a great community effort and is reflective of the overall goals and desires for our community as a whole. It is anticipated that the Planning Commission will hold its first public hearing in April of 2010. This will be followed by several Selectboard hearings with an attempt to reach adoption in the Summer of 2010.

The Planning Commission will be spending most of 2010 and 2011 redrafting the Zoning Regulations in order to reach compliance with the Town Plan. Several issues will be addressed during this rewriting process such as density requirements, allowed uses, and our Commercial Districts, just to name a few. In addition, the Planning Commission will be rewriting the Subdivision Regulations and will be creating a collaborative document with the Zoning Regulations. The Planning Commission meets the first and third Mondays of each month for those who are interested in becoming more involved in this process.

Should any residents wish to discuss any of these issues or express thoughts or concerns that you may have, the Zoning Administrator is in the Town Office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie S. Hance
Zoning Administrator

Thomas Bock, Chairman
Planning Commission

**REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF
AND FIRE WARDEN**

In 2009, the Chester Fire Department responded to a total of **101** calls for service; they are as follows:

Assist Chester Police/Ambulance Depts	3	Building Fire	5
Carbon Monoxide Investigation	5	Chimney Fire/ Problem	4
Citizens Assist	1	Cover Truck	3
Electrical Problem	0	Fire Alarm/ Sprinkler Activation	16
Forest/ Brush/ Grass Fires	1	Furnace Problem	4
Good Intent Call	5	Hazardous Condition	0
Hazmat Incident	0	Illegal Burn (brush and trash)	4
LP Gas leak	0	Lighting Strike	0
Motor Vehicle Accident	26	Motor Vehicle Fire	2
Mutual Aid to Other Towns	10	Odor/smoke Investigation	3
Power Lines Down	8	Snowmobile Accident	1
Rescues	1		

This year, our number of calls is down for a couple of reasons. One is that it was a fairly wet year. Another was that most people have responded to my request for them to call for permission to burn. This has allowed me to advise people if the conditions were safe to burn and allows me to be aware of locations of permitted burns when people call in smoke. This has cut down on unnecessary Fire Department responses.

I would also like to remind everyone that I will still be the Fire Warden at least for this term, and if you would like to burn brush or untreated lumber, (not trash or painted/treated wood) please contact me anytime through the Town Office or Springfield Fire dispatch offices. I ask that this be done even if there is snow on the ground so that we are aware of the locations of the burns and continue to avoid the Fire Department responding unnecessarily.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Chester Fire Department for their continuing hard work and dedication. Many of these people go above and beyond by donating many extra hours to this community. I would also like to thank all of the members of the Chester Ambulance Service, Chester Police Department and the Chester Highway Department for their assistance whenever needed, and, last but not least, the members of the community who continue to support us.

This year will also be my last report as Fire Chief as I have resigned effective December 31, 2009. I would like to thank everyone who has supported me and the Fire Department over the years. Harry Goodell has stepped in as Acting Chief.

Thanks again and stay safe.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Holden
Fire Chief/Fire Warden

SNOWFALL

Snowfall is measured at the Town Garage, elevation 622 feet above sea level. Some areas of town exceed 1,800 feet in elevation; therefore, snow totals there may be higher. Steadman Mountain at 2,300 is the highest elevation in Town.

Shown in Inches

SEASON	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	TOTAL
1984-85	0	10	16.25	7	11	13	5	62.25
1985-86	0	11.5	14.5	27	18	8.5	8.5	79.5
1886-87	0	18	23	54.5	1	9	4	109
1987-88	4	11	15	19	36	7.5	1	89.5
1988-89	0	0	9.5	7.5	15.5	9	6	47.5
1989-90	0	5	15.5	38	27	6	0	91
1990-91	0	1	13.5	21	10.5	8.5	0	54.5
1991-92	0	2	20.5	5.5	8.5	5	7.5	47
1992-93	0	3	5.5	26.5	40	26	7	108
1993-94	.5	0	13.5	46	13	22	0	94
1994-95	0	5	6	7	15	4	0	37
1995-96	0	8	29.5	32	9.5	22.5	11	112.5
1996-97	.5	4	19.75	30	22.75	22	8	106.5
1997-98	0	19	13	25.5	7	15	0	79.5
1998-99	0	1.5	6	34	9.5	19	0	70
1999-00	0	.5	2.5	20.25	26.5	15	1	65.25
2000-01	.5	1	16	6	27.5	53	0	103
2001-02	0	0	8	30.5	5.5	20.5	2	68.5
2002-03	7	18.75	31.5	27.5	17.5	5	15.5	122.75
2003-04	.5	5	30.75	10	14.5	12.25	0	68.5
2004-05	0	0	11	29.75	16.25	22	0	79
2005-06	1	4.5	17.5	21.5	13.5	0	0	56.5
2006-07	0	0	4	4.25	24.25	25.25	18.75	76.5
2007-08	0	2.5	40	17.5	38	12	1	111
2008-09	0	2	35	35	15.5	6.5	0	94
2009-10	0	0	22					
Average	0.56	5.12	16.83	21.92	17.73	14.74	3.85	76.99

REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

Greetings to the Town of Chester! We have all managed to survive the economic crisis, and with the hope of recovery being realized in our beautiful State sometime soon! On the local health front, there are no new threats to our wellness other than the H1N1 flu, which seems to not have had the far reaching impact that was first predicted. Everyone who received one of these shots should be congratulated by doing their personal share in keeping the flu at bay. However, there are the usual health threats that are starting to become alarming in the form of increased obesity of our general population. The number of overweight children is on the rise. As you are all aware, extra body weight directly contributes to the increased incidence of high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, and undue wear and tear on the back, hip, knee, and ankle joints.

At this point, I usually launch into a tirade of healthy eating and exercise. As most people are aware, some form of physical activity 3-4 times a week is necessary. However, if you are struggling with weight, let's stop and look at one ingredient that you may be getting in your diet of which you are not aware. This ingredient, called high fructose corn syrup, is cheap and helps preserve food longer. It is high in calories and low in nutritional value. Many people think that it is only found in soda and juice drinks, but check your whole wheat breads! I was shocked to find this ingredient in a bread I was buying that I had thought was healthy. I always bought a particular name brand vanilla yogurt, and there on the ingredient list not far from the top was high fructose corn syrup! Once I started to discover this, shopping became a real task. I could no longer trust good companies to make healthy products. It is our responsibility as food consumers to read about what we are eating, and eventually have more of a say in what we will eat. If the consumer started to turn away from most products with high fructose corn syrup, the manufacturer would have to change. What is wrong with a simple sugar in my yogurt if it has to be sweetened? Why should a company take an extra step to turn glucose into fructose and add calories and no nutrition?

So, we should all stop and read the ingredient list of all the foods we buy. The less processed the food, the less chance of ingesting unwanted and unneeded ingredients. Cooking from scratch is still far cheaper and so much better for you than anything pre-made. Remember, we are what we eat! So let's all make a New Year's Resolution to shop and buy food that is unprepared. It is not always fun to be the "preparer" night after night, but eventually you might get others in your household to chip in and peel or boil or saute so you can all sit down to a healthy meal and a healthier future!! In good health!

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

RABIES ALERT

Rabies is a disease that can kill animals and people.



- * Vermont law requires rabies shots for all CATS and DOGS.
- * Rabies shots help protect pets and pet owners from rabies.
- * Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance. Remember, rabid animals have been found in all Vermont counties.



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

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

2010 DOG AND CAT RABIES CLINICS

Athens - Sat., March 6, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Town Office - \$10

Chester - Sat., March 13, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Town Garage - \$10
Dog Licenses available for Chester residents only

Bellows Falls - Sat., March 20, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Town Garage
next to Playground - \$10

Rockingham - Sat., March 27, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Rockingham Vet.
Clinic, Lower Bartonsville Road - \$10

**Reminder to renew dog licenses by April 1
(Neutered: \$8; Non-Neutered: \$12)**

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY SEXTON

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

The following activities took place in the Town cemeteries during 2009:

	<u>Brookside</u>	<u>North St.</u>	<u>Pleasant View</u>	<u>Outside Cemeteries</u>
Lots/Grave Spaces Sold	0	7	2	0
Monument Bases/ Foundations Installed	1	2	5	0
Cornerstone Sets Purchased/ Installed	1	2	1	0
Military Markers Placed	0	1	3	0
Burials	2	3	18	1

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

The cemetery building on Main Street was broken into in early June and small equipment valued at \$1,688 was taken. The items were replaced by an insurance settlement. There was no other vandalism in Town cemeteries in 2009.

Four Norway Maples around the Civil War monument were removed because their root systems were undermining the foundations of the monument and the cannon. Norway Maples were planted in the villages in the 1960s to replace Sugar Maples and Elms that were lost to disease and environmental factors. Norway Maples are now considered an invasive species and are banned from sale in some states.

A Liberty Elm was planted on the "Green" in September for the Founders' Day celebration. This variety of Elm has been developed from stock resistant to the Dutch Elm Disease. Hopefully, it will provide many summers of shade for the Chester Green.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Barrett, Cemetery Sexton

LISTERS' REPORT

The year 2009 was typical for the Listers; we corrected some errors and omissions left from the reappraisal and added a few more new homes, sheds, and decks. The amount of permits was down so the dollar amount added to the Grand List was minimal in comparison to some other years; I'm sure the economy and taxes are playing a large part in that.

The State of Vermont needs to do something to change the way it looks at the education tax to get the money it needs to fund some programs in Vermont. Even with a decrease in the Town Budget and the schools level-funding, we still saw a 10-cent increase in our tax rate for education. This doesn't look good for the long term because these increases in the education tax rate are unsustainable. Relying on the property tax to maintain the State's coffers is unrealistic. One thing the State is lax in is encouraging businesses to locate in Vermont. We need the tax revenue, jobs, and to broaden our tax base.

We would also like to say good-bye to George Cook who will not be rerunning for office in 2010. Thank you for your years of service as Lister as well as for all the other offices you have held over the years.

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

REPORT OF THE RECREATION DIRECTOR

As I did last year, I will begin by bringing you up to date on the Skatepark. The Park was finished and our dedication took place in August. We had over 100 people attend the event, and more than 30 Chester kids participated and won prizes in the competition that marked our Grand Opening. Special thanks go out to Chester's own Jack Dowd who has generously "loaned" the spectacular skateboarder sculpture that presides over the Park from his 16-foot perch.

The Jinxrel Memorial Skatepark was built entirely from funds raised through donations and grants. Tony Hawk Foundation and the Jinxrel Foundation were the major donors. I would also like to thank all of our friends, families, and local businesses who also donated generously to this project. Our sincerest thanks go to them and their administrators.

We have also just received an additional grant from the Jinxrel Foundation to install lighting, establish a fund for maintenance of the Park, and a new scholarship fund that will be announced in the spring.

Next is the Pavilion project for the Pinnacle area. Fund raising continues with efforts between the Recreation Department and the Chester Rotary Club. We are pursuing facility grants through the State with the goal of building the entire structure without using Town funds.

Our skating rink at Cobleigh Street has been getting a lot of use this year. The cold weather is helping as is the improved surface and the effectiveness of the tractor/plow that was purchased from the Water Department.

As Recreation Director, I offer my sincere thanks to the DPW who support the recreation facilities and my efforts. I also thank the parents in Town who volunteer their time to our programs, and our school administrators and staff who allow many of our programs to take place in the school buildings.

I am very pleased to inform the residents of Chester that we received a grant from the State of Vermont in the amount of \$5,138 for the improvements of the Town Pool. This money will be used to replace the windows, doors, toilets, shower stalls, and exterior siding of the pool house itself. We will also make much needed improvements to the interior of the building.

I would like to give special thanks to John McAweeney of Sunshine Acres for the beautiful flowers that he has donated to the Recreation Area for the past few years.

As of 2010, all programs are being funded by registration fees. We continue to serve over 300 "opportunities" for recreation for our children and citizens. New programs this year include yoga, rock climbing team, and exercise fitness at Green Mountain Union High School.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Nelligan
Director of Recreation

SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REPORT

A quiet year has passed. The Solid Waste District's operations continued smoothly and efficiently.

This past year, the District further explored the options for our trash handling future. The Executive Committee and/or the District's management met with various solid waste processing and recycling organizations and providers to discuss achieving greater efficiency and offering broader services to our member towns. We have focused on ways to increase recycling and material reutilization. Of particular concern is our Household Hazardous Waste collection program; while the program provided a valuable service, we desire to increase the amount of materials captured and decrease its considerable cost.

Since budgets and money are being focused on so heavily, I would like to say that the District continues to be funded by the tipping fees assessed to the trash haulers. Our current rate of five dollars a ton, the lowest (by a bunch) in Vermont, meets all our current budgetary needs. This means that the Town of Chester has not been and will not be assessed any fees to operate the District.

Trash disposal can be expensive to the homeowner. While I do not know what individual people pay for curbside trash pickup, I do know that the simple act of removing paper, glass containers, cans, plastic containers, and more from your trash can save you money. You can recycle as little or as much as you want. While recycling may seem inconvenient at first, it is actually really easy. I encourage you to use the Chester-Springfield Recycling Center and Transfer Station at 135 Fairgrounds Road in Springfield. One end of Fairgrounds Road is located adjacent to the Riverside Junior High School.

The District continues to maintain a web site, www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org, which contains a lot of useful information about reducing, reusing, and recycling. Please visit the site as it contains a lot of useful information.

Respectfully submitted,
Derek Suursoo, Chester Representative
Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District

**STATEMENT OF TRUST FUNDS
HELD BY TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

<u>Investments</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Net Income 2009	\$ 5,732.13*
Principal Money Market Fund	32,274.48
Mutual Funds: Fixed Income	201,862.77
Equity	<u>252,274.11</u>
TOTAL	\$ 492,143.49

*\$5,732.13 to be disbursed January 2010

**TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS
PAYABLES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009**

Due Town of Chester	\$ 4,836.41
Due Chester Town School District:	
Abbie Ingalls School Fund	11.50
Due Chester Schools:	
Williams School Fund	<u>884.22</u>
TOTAL	\$ 5,732.13

Total Ojanen Latin Fund disbursed 3/16/09 = \$603.58

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

We have come through another year with a healthy balance in our investment account. Through careful management, we have maintained the funds and have realized a small gain in this tough market.

A brief explanation of what the Trustees of Public Funds duties and responsibilities are. The Trustees have the duty and authority to manage public funds, including the authority to:

- Apply the income to its designated purpose
- Create deeds and contracts
- Lease, sell, or convey real estate and invest the proceeds
- Lend money and hold deeds and mortgages
- Invest in certain bonds and shares
- Hold, purchase, sell, assign, transfer, and dispose of securities and investments and the proceeds of investments.

18 V.S.A. Section 5384(b); 24 V.S.A. Section 2432

Twenty-four V.S.A. Section 2431 specifically grants the trustees of public funds responsibility for cemetery trust funds.

Each year, the trustee shall report to the town or, in the case of school money, to the state Board of Education, the result of their handling of investment and the use of the income from public funds.

As the Trustees of Public Funds, we hope this will help the voters of Chester understand a little better that some of these funds are designed for a specific purpose and we use the gains/interest for these specific purposes as shown in the grid.

Respectfully submitted,
Erron J. Carey
Shirley Barrett



“Wizard of Oz” players (Town officers) at Irene Wood’s retirement party



Rededication of the First Court House Monument which was moved back to its original site. Ceremony performed by State Masonic Officers at Founder's Day on August 29, 2009.

**TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
2009**

Funds	Receipts		Income Disbursements		
	Income	Principal	To Town	To Schools	Principal Invested
Cemetery Fund	\$ 1,920.00	\$ 1,250.00*	\$ 1,920.00	\$	\$ 1,250.00
Campbell for Poor	150.36		150.36		
Samuel Adams Cemetery	0.47		0.47		
Howe-Peabody	869.91		869.91		
Fullerton Cemetery	7.50		7.50		
Samuel Adams Poor	469.44		469.44		
Salter Poor Fund	11.50		11.50		
Cyprus Minerals	1,407.23		1,407.23		
Abbie Ingalls School	11.50			11.50	
Williams School Fund	884.22			884.22	
Ojanen Latin	0.00			0.00	
Capital Gains Distributions		<u>1,202.48</u>			<u>1,202.48</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 5,732.13</u>	<u>\$2,452.48</u>	<u>\$ 4,836.41</u>	<u>\$ 895.72</u>	<u>\$ 2,452.48</u>
			84.374%	15.626%	100.00%

*From Individuals - Perpetual Care

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY AND BOARD OF TAX ABATEMENT

These Boards had a relatively quiet year. The appeals on the assessments were small in number, especially considering the large increase in assessments through the 2008 reassessment across the Town. There were fewer appeals filed– and more than half of them were withdrawn before the scheduled hearings. This surely was evidence that most taxpayers figured that the increase in their property values was in line with their neighbor's values.

Only one of the cases that came before us for a hearing resulted in a deduction from the original figures and that one other case represented a correction in the property's description.

In one way, the light case load was a blessing to the Board of Civil Authority. Attendance at our meetings was so light that all of the site visits and written reports fell upon a small core of Board members.

The Board, however, did conduct its annual review of the list of registered voters and removed a number of names of people who had moved out of Town.

The Board of Tax Abatement, too, had a light year. None of the appeals coming to us for reduction or elimination of taxes fell within the narrow and specific legal bounds for such cuts.

Once again, the Boards' work was made easier by the skill and time that the Town Hall staff and the three Listers put into their work. We are grateful to them.

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

**DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009**

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Penalty</u>	<u>Total Due</u>
2000	\$ 2,809.52	\$ 4,593.41	\$ 224.76	\$ 7,627.69
2002	294.40	375.58	23.55	693.53
2003	317.40	347.50	25.40	690.30
2004	890.71	815.00	71.27	1,776.98
2005	1,068.51	801.36	85.47	1,955.34
2006	1,488.79	848.56	119.12	2,456.47
2007	8,043.84	3,136.83	643.52	11,824.19
2008	51,786.89	11,696.53	4,263.06	67,746.48
2009	<u>260,326.54</u>	<u>14,317.45</u>	<u>20,824.11</u>	<u>295,468.10</u>
	<u>\$327,026.60</u>	<u>\$ 36,932.22</u>	<u>\$ 26,280.26</u>	<u>\$390,239.08</u>

In 2009, there were 52 properties involved in the Tax Sale process. Of these properties, 46 made satisfactory payment arrangements and the remaining 6 were sold at the tax sale. These tax sales enabled the Town to collect over \$100,000.00 in delinquent taxes in a two-month period.

PROCEDURES FOR TAX SALE

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

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

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

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

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

**2010 PROPERTY TAXES DUE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2010**

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

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

CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

The Chester Historical Society continues to archive its extensive collections and is pleased to report much progress has been made. Of special interest, we have discovered hidden in our archives numerous histories written by past Chester residents dating back to the early 1900's. For 2010, we are comprising all these stories into one book to be published this spring and for sale the summer of 2010:

*A HISTORY OF THE BRICK AND FRAME HOUSES ON NORTH STREET,
BAILEY'S MILLS, GASSETTS, AND SMOKESHIRE*

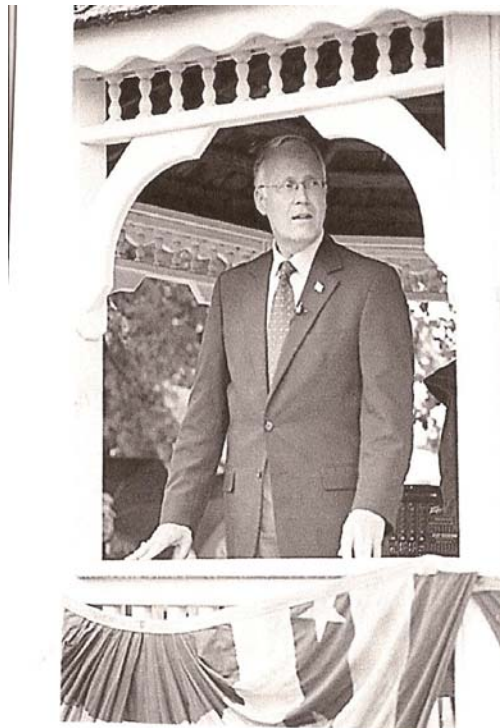
A HISTORICAL ADDRESS OF THE CHESTER BAPTIST CHURCH

HISTORY OF STONE HOUSES IN TOWN

*WOODEN HOUSES 100 YEARS OLD
and much more.*

The histories describe who built the houses and in the approximate year. If you own an old home in Chester, you might find some interesting history concerning it.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Patch, President



Governor Douglas at Founder's Day, August 29, 2009

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Voters of Chester:

SIZE OF THE WINDSOR SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION

As of July 1, 2009, the Windsor Southwest Supervisory Union consisted of the following 11 school boards:

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

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

FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDS AND PROGRAMS

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

ENROLLMENT

The following is the grade enrollment for your Town School District of students attending Chester-Andover Elementary School and Green Mountain Union High School as of October 12, 2009:

GRADE:	EC	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
	27	28	32	40	34	31	41	31	27	34	27	47	30	49	507

Chester has 7 students privately tuitioned to other schools; 8 school-choice students that attend other schools.

Chester pupils transported: 404

CONTINUED COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

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

to all meetings. Each month, a list of activities, which will take place in the schools, is publicized in the area newspapers.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
David P. Adams, Superintendent

**CHESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF CASH
JUNE 30, 2009**

Assets		
Net Assets 2008	\$	30,542.00
Add Prior Year Deficit Recovery		<u>12,640.00</u>
Net Assets 2009	\$	43,182.00
Add Cash Receipts for year		<u>209,279.00</u>
TOTAL	\$	252,461.00
Deduct Cash Disbursements for year		<u>\$ 191,916.00</u>
Excess Revenues over Expenditures	\$	60,545.00

**CHESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009**

ASSETS

Cash	\$	60,545.00	
TOTAL ASSETS			\$ 60,545.00

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$	1,022.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES			\$ 1,022.00

EQUITY

Undesignated Fund Balance	\$	<u>59,523.00</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			\$ 60,545.00

CHESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET
Fiscal Year 2009-2011

EXPENDITURES

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
	2008-2009	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
Early Education	\$106,078	\$108,970	\$113,426	\$ 99,645
Special Education				
EEE	86,175	68,454	72,477	65,070
Related Services	5,000	3,246	24,540	33,090
Supervisory Union Assessment	8,078	8,371	8,817	8,076
Bank Charges	100	0	100	0
Bank Interest	1,000	0	500	0
School Directors	75	75	75	75
Clerk Treasurer	500	500	500	500
Audit Fee	<u>2,300</u>	<u>2,300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>200</u>
TOTAL	\$209,306	\$191,916	\$220,435	\$206,656

REVENUES

Prior Year (Deficit) Surplus	\$ (12,640)	\$ (12,640)	\$ 30,542	\$ 28,981
Abbie Ingals Fund	0	13	0	0
Interest	1,000	460	500	250
EEE	26,762	26,762	33,545	32,005
Education Spending Revenue	<u>194,184</u>	<u>194,684</u>	<u>155,848</u>	<u>145,420</u>
TOTAL	\$209,306	\$209,279	\$220,435	\$206,656

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

Windsor Southwest Supervisory Union is required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to locate, evaluate, and identify all persons with disabilities between the ages of birth through 21 who may be in need of special education related services or accommodations in order to access a free appropriate public education and to provide such needed services for those ages 3 through 21. Services for children birth to 3 years are provided in conjunction with Part H Services of the Family, Infant and Toddler Project of Vermont. If you know of a person residing in the Towns of Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, or Weston you believe has such needs but is not currently receiving services, please contact the Director of Special Services, at (802) 875-3365, ext. 23.

NON-DISCRIMINATION DISCLAIMER

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

WHITING LIBRARY

Whiting Library strives to assist people in their search for reliable information, self-education, greater understanding, and intellectual enjoyment by providing a spectrum of materials, services, and programs. The Library also provides space for the gathering of people and ideas to enrich themselves and the community.

Whiting Library continues to provide services to meet the needs of the Chester community. In difficult economic times, public libraries become important resources for their communities. The Library is a busy place and our patrons range from babies and youngsters, moms and dads, students running in after school, to people needing a book for information or as an escape from a busy day. Whiting Library's patrons not only use the Library's book and audiovisual collections but, for some patrons, the Library computers provide their only source of Internet access. All are welcome.

No matter what, a library, we feel, is an investment worth making.

Some highlights of 2009: 137 new patrons signed up for Library cards; over 18,000 books and other items were circulated in 2009. Over 2,000 items were circulated in the month of July alone! Interlibrary loan requests from our patrons increased by over 40% in 2009. This is consistent with a statewide trend in an increase in interlibrary loan requests at public libraries. Our patron counter has shown an average of 100 people per day use the Library.

* Services the Library provides include: Library books, audiobooks, videos, and DVDs for adults and children; Reference research from in person, telephone, and email inquiries; Outreach delivery to the homebound upon request; Interlibrary loan to our patrons and to other libraries from our collection; Public access computers; Public Wifi Internet access for those who wish to use their personal laptop computers; and Meeting room space for local organizations.

In 2010, the Library will provide a great new service, Listen Up! Vermont. Whiting Library has subscribed to this service to provide our patrons free access to hundreds of audiobook titles. These audiobooks will be available for download to a personal computer and then can be transferred to a portable listening device.

* Children's Librarian Sharon Tanzer has brought vitality, expertise, and creative energy to the area of children's and young adult services. Sharon has worked collaboratively with Head Start, Chester- Andover Elementary School, and community homeschoolers to encourage literacy and connecting kids and books. This year's summer reading program, *Be Creative at Your Library*, was very successful and consisted of five Wednesday evening programs featuring storytelling and dance. Activity in the Children's Room has increased, especially in the afternoons. We are offering a drop-in craft table and homework help is available on request. The children have come to expect the craft activity and are eager to see what the next one will be. Pre-School Story and Art Time continues to meet on Friday mornings at 10:30. Please join us for stories and creative art activities.

* We bid farewell to former Library Assistant Alice Nickerson, thank her for her many contribution to the Library, and wish her well for the future. We also bid farewell in 2009 to longtime volunteer Molly Ferris and would like to thank her for her many years of service and dedication to the Library.

* We welcomed new Library Assistant Carole Reeves. Carole brings many years in social services to this position as well as library work experience through the Vermont Associates collaboration with Whiting Library.

* The Library raises funds throughout the year to keep the Library functioning and avoid burdening of Chester taxpayers. The Board of Trustees raises between \$15,000 and \$20,000 per year to continue Library operations. Funds are raised through appeal letters and the ongoing used book sale. In addition, the annual quilt raffle raises money for children's books and programs.

* Grants received in 2009 included the LSTA Resource Sharing Supplemental Grant with funding provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal agency, and administered by the Vermont Department of Libraries to support interlibrary loan costs, American Library Association - Picturing America Bookshelf Grant which provided children's and young adult books on American culture, and Ashgate Publishing Grant which was used to purchase a Children's Room Periodicals Display Rack.

* We would like to extend our gratitude to a generous benefactor who wishes to remain anonymous. In his interest to provide for the children of Chester, he has given two new books per month throughout the year. To further extend his thoughtfulness, the children also now have a new computer in the Children's Room for homework, Internet use, and games.

* The Book Discussion Group continues to meet on the second Wednesday of every month. Drop in participants are always welcome.

* The Library was pleased to be a children's event site for Chester's 2009 Overture to Christmas. A magical marionette show was presented with many children attending. Thank you to Geof Brown and Mark Martins of the Williams River House Inn for the shows and to Bill Lundy of the Chester House Inn for the puppet theater stage.

* Whiting Library, in collaboration with local groups, participated in the Vermont Humanities Council 2008 *Vermont Reads* project and also the Vermont Arts Council *Big Read* program. The Humanities Council book this year was *When the Emperor Was Divine* by Julie Otsuka and the Arts Council *Big Read* book was *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. Both programs encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment and provide opportunities for communities to read and discuss a single book.

* A big thank you goes to the Quilters of Whiting Library who created a quilt "Afternoon Snooze" for their fifth annual quilt raffle. They designed and made a quilt which raised funds to support children's services at the Library.

* Whiting Library information, news, and events can be found the Town of Chester's website <http://www.chester.govoffice.com> and at <http://www.ourchester.org>. Whiting also offers the option of posting local events and news in our foyer on both a bulletin board and in a three-ring information binder.

* The Community Room is used on average four times a week as a meeting place for area organizations as diverse as the Conservation Committee, the Southern Vermont Astronomy Club, Quilters of Whiting, TOPS, Share VT, and others. The Library hosts local organizations throughout the year for their regular weekly and monthly meetings.

* The Library continues to offer public access computers with high-speed Internet access, a copying machine for public use, and interlibrary loan. In 2008, wireless Internet access became available and is used regularly by patrons with their own laptop computers. Whiting Library computer users do research, job searches, write resumes, search for the perfect college, and stay in contact with family, friends, and business associates.

* The Library continues to meet State of Vermont Department of Libraries Standards which allows us access to a range of services such as: access to Department of Libraries web sites, workshops, free consultations, library cards, access to any library in Vermont for inter-library loans, access to Gale, Wilson, and Heritage Quest databases which carry huge amounts of full-text and citation information.

* Thank you so much to the volunteers without whom the Library could not function. Volunteers put in over 2000 hours in 2009, most visibly at the circulation desk. We would like especially to thank our long-term volunteers for their dedication. Whiting Library is highly dependent on volunteer help and our volunteers put in a total of more than 36 hours per week.

* Whiting Library would like to extend a special thank you to Eclectic Technologies for providing our computer equipment, technology support, and computer services.

* Thank you to our local artists and photographers for the displays of their work.

Thank you again to all who have helped in the past year to make Whiting Library an institution of which the people of Chester can be proud.

Karen Morris, Library Director
Sharon Tanzer, Children's Librarian

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Parks, Chair
Suzy Forlie, Secretary
Marian Mosher, Treasurer
Cynthia Collins
Ann Curran
Charlotte Edgar
Janet Churchill Elliott

**WHITING LIBRARY FUND
2010 BUDGET**

		2008	2009	2009	2010
		Receipts	Budget	Receipts	Budget
Revenues					
5-311-01	Dividends	\$ 2,594.80	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,127.29	\$ 1,200.00
5-311-02	Interest	425.03	1,500.00	190.74	200.00
5-311-03	Town of Chester	67,170.00	67,170.00	67,100.00	67,170.00
5-311-04	Grants/Programs	181.00	100.00	183.38	100.00
5-311-05	Fund Raising	12,809.50	14,430.00	12,651.00	14,600.00
5-311-09	Holden Fund	4,952.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
5-311-10	Donations	404.00	175.00	446.00	300.00
5-311-11	Book Sales	1,510.89	1,500.00	1,723.69	1,750.00
5-311-12	Lost Items>Returns	153.19	75.00	50.00	30.00
5-311-13	Mtg. Rm. Donations	70.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5-311-14	Copier	570.10	700.00	668.50	750.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$90,840.90</u>	<u>\$87,850.00</u>	<u>\$84,310.60</u>	<u>\$86,200.00</u>

		2008	2009	2009	2010
		Expended	Budget	Expended	Budget
Expenditures					
5-415-10	Payroll	\$63,143.05	\$69,000.00	\$63,998.65	\$68,000.00
5-415-20	Administration	516.45	400.00	271.96	300.00
5-415-21	Fund Raising	1,358.40	1,500.00	1,114.50	1,200.00
5-415-22	Prof. Development	493.20	500.00	115.00	300.00
5-415-23	Travel	259.96	250.00	774.40	300.00
5-415-25	Books & Materials	9,874.03	9,000.00	7,675.12	9,000.00
5-415-26	Holden Fund	3,412.29	0.00	3,452.68	0.00
5-415-34	Programs	1,062.32	1,100.00	901.61	1,100.00
5-415-35	Postage	798.69	800.00	997.50	1,000.00
5-415-41	Supplies	1,823.35	1,900.00	1,785.62	1,500.00
5-415-56	Telephone	886.43	850.00	796.05	850.00
5-415-60	Copier	1,467.90	1,300.00	1,211.04	1,400.00
5-415-70	Equipment	1,478.58	1,000.00	637.37	1,000.00
5-415-79	Maint. & Repairs	242.96	250.00	199.94	250.00
	Reconciliation Dis.	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$86,818.21</u>	<u>\$87,850.00</u>	<u>\$83,931.44</u>	<u>\$86,200.00</u>

**WHITING LIBRARY
RECONCILIATION OF CASH**

Balance January 1, 2009 - Chittenden	\$ 74,299.94	
Receipts	84,310.60	
Expenses	<u>(83,931.44)</u>	
Balance December 31, 2009		\$74,679.10

**STATEMENT OF FUNDS
HELD BY TRUSTEES OF WHITING LIBRARY
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

Cash		
Cash on Hand		\$ 100.00
Regular Savings Account Balance (TD Bank)		10,143.89
 Investments		 Market Value
Money Market - TD Bank		\$29,008.29
Eaton Vance Income Fund (735.372 shares)		4,073.96
J. P. Morgan & Chase Common Stock (1,427.3819 shares)		59,479.00

SPRINGFIELD/CHESTER TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING CENTER

By coincidence, I am writing this report as the mass media is a buzz with speculation about the upcoming "Climate Summit" in Copenhagen. By the time anyone reads this, the Summit will be little more than the shadow of a memory. For now, it seems to me that if anything is going to be done to thwart environmental disaster, it will have to come from the efforts of individuals, not governments, which for whatever reason continue to argue over the very existence of a problem.

Individual efforts are to be thanked for another successful year at the Recycling Center. If the figures didn't lie, or perhaps if the liars didn't figure, during the first two quarters of the year more tons of recycled materials were trucked out than were tons of household trash. That's a big thing. In the third quarter, Maynard's House of Trash crept back into the lead. Fourth quarter information was not available at the time of submission. Complete reports on recycled material and solid waste will be made available to anyone interested, though I can't imagine who that might be. On the other hand, I have heard that any number of otherwise rational people think that the British sport of cricket actually has some entertainment value. For those not familiar with the game, allow me to quote the author Bill Bryson, "It is not true that the English invented cricket as a way of making all other human endeavors look interesting and lively; that was merely an unintended side effect."

Be that as it may, we did make a couple of changes in the past year that could be mentioned here. In the fall of this year, we increased the number of types of plastic that we can recycle. We also simplified the process for everyone by mixing all kinds together in one bale. This takes more material out of the waste stream, saves labor, and frees up storage space that may provide an option for additional recycled material in the future.

A second change, completed late this year, was a new location for a larger paper bin. I am happy to report that the vast majority of our customers have found it. The new area should be easier to access than before, and the increased size reduces the number of trips to the mill (read fewer haul charges). The combination of a bigger box and a new vendor has allowed for some profit to be made. After a dismal beginning of the year, most materials are once again on the positive side of the scale and are contributing to the Town's General Fund once again.

There was a lot of competition for the 2009 "It Could Have Worked, Recycle/Reuse" Award. The Recycling Center itself was a contender in the 'most material reused' category with well over fifty tons of stuff taken out of the waste stream and used onsite. There were any number of builders, artisans, and inventors who could be mentioned here, but the attorneys have advised against that. So the winner will remain nameless. Second place in the Reuse/Reapplication category went to a fellow who had the idea of using a section of old extension ladder as a cow pasture gate until two cows, putting their heads between the rungs, walked off with it and cleared a 20-foot swath through a cornfield. Impressive, but the award for 2009 has to go for another idea that could have worked. This guy attached bedsprings to his riding mower to grade his driveway and thinking, when the tires spun, that there was not enough traction when, in fact, the springs caught on a tree root, he steps on draw bar, increases the throttle, and after taking out fencing, rose bush, etc., ends up in the deep end of a fish pond.

What's all that got to do with recycling? You might be asking. Well, I've recycled this

story any number of times and, furthermore, his idea might have worked. Again, if anything is going to be done to protect our environment from ourselves, it's likely to be the collective efforts of individuals, like this guy, trying to do something that could work, that might help. So on behalf of our children, please **Reduce** consumption where you can, **Reuse** things, or pass them onto someone who will. **Recycle** the rest, and there is a fourth "**R**" (**Read**). Please read the signs that we've posted. They will help us get your recycled material on the right truck. More on that next year; until then, keep bringing your stuff.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Farrar, Recycling Coordinator

SOUTHERN WINDSOR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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

During FY 2009, member towns contributed 3% to the Regional Planning Commission's annual budget of \$944,933.00. Town dues assessment was based on \$1.00 per person using 2000 census data, which for the Town of Chester was \$3,044.00. The remaining revenues were derived from federal and state funding sources: Federal funding supported transportation planning activities and the administration of Community Development Block Grants; State funds were derived from the Agency of Natural Resources for environmental planning, and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for land use planning and other related activities.

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

In addition to providing ongoing technical assistance to member towns, in the last year, the Regional Planning Commission provided technical assistance to the Chester Planning Commission in land use, transportation, emergency management, and environmental planning. The Regional Planning Commission also assisted the Planning Commission to update its Town Plan. The Regional Planning Commission is developing a corridor management plan for VT Route 103 between VT Route 10 in Gassetts and I-91 in Bellows Falls. The Regional Planning Commission also provided technical assistance to town boards on interpreting the existing Chester Zoning Bylaws. The Regional Planning Commission also assisted the Town prepare applications for a variety of local projects and initiatives, including the Structures Program and Village Center Program.

Annually, the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Chester appoints a representative and an alternate to the Regional Planning Commission. The RPC board is responsible for developing regional policies, providing Act 200 review of town plans, and facilitating cooperation amongst member towns. In FY 2009, Thomas Bock represented the Town to the Regional Planning Commission and Bruce McEnaney was the representative to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

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

UNITED STATE CENSUS 2010- MAKING OUR COMMUNITY COUNT

The U. S. Census Bureau is conducting the decennial census this year and needs everyone to participate. There's too much at stake to miss out on this opportunity. Let's make our community count!

Our Constitution requires the government to count everyone living in the U. S. every ten years. Census data is used to allocate \$400 billion annually to states and localities for programs such as social services, health care, education, and infrastructure. If our community's population figures are off, we may not receive all the federal dollars to which we are entitled.

Ideally, the Census Bureau counts everyone by delivering or mailing a questionnaire to each household. The residents fill it out and mail it back in a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

Filling out the census questionnaire is easy and should only take about ten minutes. The questionnaire asked ten or fewer questions about each person living in the household, including their name, age, birthday, sex, Hispanic background, race, and other places they might live. It also asks how many people live at the home and whether it is rented or owned.

If residents do not fill out and return their questionnaire, the Census Bureau has to send a representative to collect the information. That ends up costing taxpayers a lot of money. In Vermont, only 60 percent of households returned their questionnaires in 2000 census, well below the national average of 67 percent. We need to increase that percentage significantly!

Filling out the questionnaire is safe and the information remains completely confidential. Census employees are prohibited from disclosing the information to any agency or individual, and face jail time and fines for any violations.

PLEASE fill out your questionnaire when you receive it in March. Help anyone else who might need assistance. It is easy, it is important, and it is safe. We need to make every Vermonter count!

To learn more about the census, contact Vermont Partnership Specialist Helen Simon at the Census Bureau in Williston at (802) 264-0856, or email her at helen.i.simon@census.gov You can also visit www.2010.census.gov

CHESTER-ANDOVER FAMILY CENTER

The Chester-Andover Family Center is a wonderful resource in our two towns. Since it opened in 1996, it has offered assistance to those in need. With the strained economy in the area, the requests increased in 2009. In December, we had 79 households that received both a regular Food Shelf distribution and extra food for a festive holiday meal. The children in these households also received gifts, thanks to the many people who provided them. Looking ahead, we expect to see even more people in need for the coming year.

It is only from the generosity of our communities that this service is possible. We had an amazing response to our Annual Appeal. Even more heart warming is the steady flow of donations throughout the year from churches, businesses, and individuals. Clothing, small household goods, toys, food, and money are all welcome donations. We also welcome the gift of your time. We have volunteers who help weekly and others who can come occasionally. Some have special duties such as one volunteer who keeps the floors vacuumed and a couple who pick up free bread for us to give out. We have a "to do" list which includes things like keeping the snow shoveled away from the doors and washing the outside windows several times in the summer. We always welcome more volunteers. There is no paid staff.

The Board of Directors has brought some new energy and ideas to the center, including changing the schedule to include evening and weekend hours. We have identified three areas of service and named a director to each. Jonne Adler is the Food Shelf Director, Sherry Willumitis is the Thrift Shop Director, and Edie Brown is the Social Service Director.

The Food Shelf is always in need of basic, nutritious food. Things that are high in protein and things that are easy to prepare are especially welcomed. Both Chester-Andover Elementary School and Green Mountain Union High School have ongoing food drives for our benefit. Their extra assistance is also offered during special projects like Project Feed the Thousands and the Postal Food Drive. As part of Project Feed the Thousands, we held a food drive at Shaw's Supermarket with a live broadcast from Q106. Among the many donors was a mom and her son who filled an entire shopping cart for our benefit.

The Thrift Shop has been reorganized to make shopping simpler. The prices have been reduced and the inventory is always changing as more donations arrive. We remind residents to bring your donations when the shop is opened so your items are not damaged by the weather. We hold bag sales at the change of seasons and offer unannounced specials. The shop is open Tuesday 10-3, Wednesday 2-8 and Saturday 10-1. Income from the shop supports the Food Shelf and financial assistance.

Financial Assistance requests include helping prevent electricity shut off, getting winter heat, gas cards for transportation to doctor appointments, and sometimes help to catch up back due rent. Although our assistance is often not enough to pay the entire debt, it is enough to make a difference. We also discuss budgeting and help explore other funding options, including State assistance programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Edie Brown
President, Board of Directors

WINDSOR COUNTY PARTNERS

Consistent, sustained interaction with a caring, positive adult role model has been proven to make a significant difference in the outcomes of a child's life. Windsor County Partners (WCP) is the only countywide, community-based mentoring program in our region. Our adult volunteers commit to meet with their Junior Partners (ages 8-17) about two hours a week for a year, with many continuing into years two and three. All our services are free to volunteers, children, and families.

Often our youth are from homes with limited resources. As finances become strained, many families in our communities are experiencing increases in domestic violence and substance abuse. Parents' ability to provide support and guidance for their children under these circumstances becomes compromised and the need for mentors increases dramatically.

Our main goal is to sustain our work with youth to empower them to make healthier life choices. Our program objectives are threefold: 1) to recruit more mentors; 2) to provide these mentors with high-quality training opportunities so that they are better equipped to sustain their partnerships; and 3) to provide our young partners with opportunities that help them to realize their potential. Our partners spent about 1900 hours together enjoying activities such as hiking, kayaking, museum visits, reading, baking, and sporting events. Fun All Partner Events that expose our youth to learning and career opportunities are offered quarterly. Partners often provide assistance to the organization by tabling at community events and helping with town petitions.

In this last year, WCP served no one from Chester but supported 31 total partnerships from among 14 towns in Windsor County. We saw an increase in mentor applicants due in large part to our new multimedia advertising campaign launched in the fall. However, foundation funding was down by 24% creating a budget shortfall. We are anticipating foundation giving to be 25-40% less in FY 09-10.

There is always a waiting list of children in need. Schools in every town we serve have no shortage of children to refer. Our biggest challenge is finding mentors. Chester may not be supporting anyone now, but could be at any time. Furthermore, the health and well being of community knows no town borders. Your financial support goes to support partnerships in neighboring towns, which ultimately builds social capital for us all.

As funding becomes even more challenging, now more than ever, we depend on town support for our day-to-day operations. We remain extremely grateful for the generosity of our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Kinter, Program Coordinator
(802-674-5101; Kathy@wcpartners.org)

COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT, INC.

The Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. (COASEV, Inc.) fosters and supports successful aging of seniors in the Chester community and throughout Windham and Windsor Counties.

To assist seniors in Chester, we offer a number of services, including:

Information and Assistance - Our Senior HelpLine at 1-800-642-5119 is a toll-free number which offers help applying for benefits, assistance with health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance, and many other services. A total of **98** residents requested assistance last year. As part of the new Medicare Part D prescription program, we have trained staff available by phone, office, or home.

Senior Nutrition - A total of **5,582** home-delivered meals are currently provided through a contract with Meals on Wheels of Greater Springfield.

Transportation - Providing door-to-door accessible transportation with Community Cares Network and special arrangements are made for non-Medicaid seniors requiring medical transportation.

Case Management & Advocacy - One-on-one case management enables seniors to access services which help them remain safe at home. Often minimal services can prevent premature institutionalization. Some clients who require nursing home level of care are able to remain at home with family caregivers and trained personal care givers. COASEV served **62** Chester residents which is estimated as an annual cost of \$30,160.

Care Giver Respite - Through grants, we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases. Four Chester families received a respite care grant this past year.

Successful Aging Initiatives - We provide small grants to grass roots groups who attempt to promote healthy aging.

Your Town contribution of \$2,800 generates \$15,867 in Federal matching funds to support our activities. We do not charge for any of our services. The support of Chester citizens is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce A. Lemire, Executive Director

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF VT AND NH
Home Healthcare, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Services in Chester, VT

The VNA & Hospice is a compassionate, nonprofit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home healthcare and hospice support services to individuals and their families. By keeping Chester residents out of emergency rooms and hospitals, and reducing the need for relocation to nursing homes, our care offers significant savings in the Town's emergency services and other medical expenses.

VNA & Hospice clients are of all ages and at all stages in life. Services are provided to all in need regardless of ability to pay. Between July 1, 2008, and June 30, 2009, the VNA & Hospice made 4,890 homecare visits (6,138 hours of service) to 164 Chester residents. This represents a 6.5% increase in residents served. The VNA & Hospice provided approximately \$105,527 in uncompensated care to Chester residents.

Home Healthcare: 2,916 home visits to 107 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

Long-Term Care: 1,363 home visits to 21 residents with chronic medical problems who needed extended care in their home to avoid admission to a nursing home.

Hospice Services: 530 home visits to 20 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Maternal and Child Health Services: 81 home visits to 16 residents for well baby, preventative, and high-tech medical care.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNA & Hospice community clinics for foot care, blood pressure screenings, cholesterol testing, and flu shots.

Chester's annual appropriation helps the VNA & Hospice meet the demand for quality home healthcare, and to ensure that all who qualify for services will always be able to receive them. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne McLaughlin, President (1-888-300-8853)

GREEN MOUNTAIN RSVP & VOLUNTEER CENTER

Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center, Serving Windsor County:
An Invitation to Serve in the Town of Chester

For 35 years, RSVP has been coordinating the work of volunteers in the Town of Chester with nonprofit organizations and institutions. We are part of the Corporation for National and Community Service. Since 1974, RSVP has matched hundreds of individuals with agencies and neighbors who benefit from their donation of skills and talents.

Last year, Chester volunteers donated close to 4,000 hours by donating time to Chester-Andover Family Center, the Vermont Center for the Book, Chester Historical Society, the Chester-Andover Elementary School, the Chester Information Booth, the Whiting Library, and as AARP Tax Aides. Chester seniors can also attend an area RSVP Bone Builders class, lead by a volunteer. Members of the Bone Builder classes fight against osteoporosis by preventing or reversing the effects of the disease through a series of weight-bearing exercises. Over 350 seniors participate in RSVP Bone Builder classes in Southern Vermont.

It is our hope that retired individuals and those who are still in the workforce will get in touch to see how they can continue RSVP traditions and create new ones. RSVP can be reached in Windsor County by calling Linda Husband at 885-2083.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Palencsar, Executive Director

COMMUNITY CARES NETWORK, INC.

Community Cares Network, Inc.—A nonprofit organization that helps the senior citizen residents in Chester to safely stay longer in their homes by getting transportation to the doctors, the hospital, friendly visits, grocery shopping, and errands. We also help them with odd jobs around their home. Twice a year we have special service days to assist them with outdoor chores such as raking. All of these activities enable these Chester residents to live independently longer. In 2009, we had 38 volunteers that volunteered 1,560 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilbur Hale, Chairman

CONNECTICUT RIVER TRANSIT, INC.

The Current Operated by Connecticut River Transit, Inc. (CRT) appreciates the support received from the Town of Chester this year, and requests a Town contribution of \$2250 for FY 11. CRT is a private, nonprofit public transit provider serving 30 Towns in the Windham and Southern Windsor County areas. CRT currently provides about 200,000 trips annually on our public bus service and volunteer network.

FY 09 saw an increase in Vermonters using Public Transit. The reason most commonly given was: The desire to reduce our carbon footprint and improve air quality. Ridership in FY 08 CRT services to your Town: In-Town and Shopper Bus Services: 1,822; Seasonal Commuter Bus Service to Okemo: 3223; - Dial a Ride Service to Chester Residents: 3,730; includes medical rides for Chester's elderly, disabled, and/or children and families who receive Medicaid.

Ridership increases in FY 08 CRT services to the region: Commuter Bus Service to the Upper Valley, Okemo and Brattleboro: 27 % overall to 78,104; Non-Commuter Bus Service to the General Public: 20% to 34,247; Human Services Transportation including the Volunteer and Taxi network: 15% to 82,273.

FY 09 for CRT was a big year; laying the foundation for a solid and sustainable infrastructure: Completed and moved into our new facility and we are Partnered with Rockingham on a Park and Ride plan on the facility property at exit 6 on I-91 The grant awards to CRT provide for public transit and bus purchases, and require local support in the form of matching funds. Our goal is a broad base of support so that no one funding partner bears too much of the cost. The riders who use the services and the businesses whose employees and clients ride public transit on CRT routes contributed 82% of donations in FY 09.

The local contributions (comprised of the 3 categories below) in FY 08 to CRT services was over \$230,000: Individuals riding the CRT services: 48% for \$117,889; Businesses serviced by CRT commuter, general public, and human service transit: 34% for \$72,785; and Towns in CRT service area: 18% or \$41,125.

CRT requests funding from the 30 Towns we service. The amount requested is determined by a *fair share allocation* based on bus routes that have stops in your Town, the number of Dial-a-Ride buses in your Town and the number of trips CRT provides to residents in your Town on all scheduled services. The total of Town donations this year is \$41,125, about 1% of the total CRT budget. Although a small percentage, it is a very important percent. These donations provide the local matching funds that allow CRT to access the state and federal grants, private foundations and the human service transportation contracts that contributed 3 million dollars to the local economy in FY 09.

Connecticut River Transit, Inc. could not provide the services or purchase the buses, without every contribution made by you, the local community. Please contact us by e-mail: admin@crtransit.org, phone: (802) 460-7433 or visit our website: www.crtransit.org and let us know how CRT can improve service in your community. The website provides information about CRT public transit services, schedules and how to use the service, contact information for all staff and their area of responsibility, Board of Directors and meeting calendar, drivers, fleet, facility, public notices, and volunteer and employment opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacey Hill, Executive Assistant

ROCKINGHAM AREA COMMUNITY LAND TRUST (RACLТ)

The Rockingham Area Community Land Trust's mission is to provide affordable housing opportunities for the people of southeastern Vermont. RACLТ, in operation since 1989, manages a portfolio of sixty-nine shared equity Community Land Trust homes, and we have developed 260 apartments and mobile home lots which are affordable to low and moderate income families.

RACLТ started the NeighborWorks® HomeOwnership Center of Southeastern Vermont in 1998. The Center's nationally certified staff provides education, counseling, and access to affordable mortgage products that assist first-time homebuyers purchase a home. Annually, the HomeOwnership Center helps 30-40 Vermonters buy their first home; 20 - 25 households obtain home repair loans; help 200 households address mortgage delinquency and avoid foreclosure; and over 100 households attend our homeownership workshops.

RACLТ has a number of program areas:

- Affordable housing development
- Manage affordable housing
- Homebuyer education and financial counseling
- Financial assistance for down payments and closing costs
- Housing rehabilitation assistance
- Promote community partnerships to support affordable housing in our communities

RACLТ's Property Management:

Managed by RACLТ

Bunker Hill Mobile Home Park (Windsor)
18 Central Street Apartments (Windsor)
Evergreen Mobile Home Pk. (Bellows Falls)
Red Maple Mobile Home Park (Springfield)
Valley Street Apartments (Springfield)
Chester Depot Apartments (Chester)
Gageville Apartments (Bellows Falls)
Tuckerville Mobile Home Park (Ludlow)

Managed by

Stewart Property Management

Southview Apartments (Springfield)
Black River Overlook Apts. (Ludlow)
Pollard Block Apartments (Proctorsville)
Saxtons River Apts. (Saxtons River)
Exner Block Apartments (Bellows Falls)
Howard Block Apts. (Bellows Falls)
Williams Street Apts. (Bellows Falls)
Pine & South St. Apts. (Bellows Falls)
Phelps Court Apartments (Windsor)
Union Square Apartments (Windsor)
Olde Windsor Village Apts. (Windsor)

Current Projects:

Bellows Falls Family Housing: RACLТ is completing the rehabilitation of 28 apartments in Bellows Falls. These apartments were among the first housing development projects RACLТ undertook during its 20-year history. Significant upgrades will improve energy efficiency.

Union Square Apartments (former Armory Square Apts., Windsor): This project will be completed in December 2009. Fifty-eight affordable rental apartments will be created. The Union Square Apartments provide one, two and three bedroom homes

to families with various incomes. RACLT and our partners are working to incorporate the highest levels of energy conservation.

Recent Awards:

- 2009 Smart Growth Project Award
- 2009 Vermont Energy Star® Homes BEST OF THE BEST AWARD

RACLT Board Members:

- President (Richard Crocker)
- Vice President (Donna Allen)
- Secretary (Richard McInerney)
- Treasurer (Steve Geller)
- Public Representatives (Stephen Plunkard and Ron Theissan)
- Resident Representative (Ralph Bidgood)

Contact Information:

90 Main Street, Suite 1
Springfield, VT 05156
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Respectfully submitted,
Richard Crocker, President

2009 VITAL STATISTICS

Traditionally, Vital Statistics (Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Civil Unions) were printed in the Town Report. New federal regulations (Intelligence Reform Law and the Real ID Act) are expected to be issued and one of the areas that will be particularly affected is accessibility to vital records. These regulations will result in a centralized vital records' system, more stringent protocols for obtaining certified copies and a tracking system for those who request certified copies. States will also be required to implement new security standards regarding accessibility to birth and death certificates.

The Vermont Department of Health will be phasing in new regulations for acquisition of birth and death certificates. However, with fraud and identity theft on the increase and for the protection of the public, we have changed our traditional Report. We have printed statistical information only.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please feel free to give us a call or stop by the office.

Sincerely,

Deborah J. Aldrich
Town Clerk

Statistical Information for 2009:

Marriages - 18
Civil Unions - 1
Civil Marriages - 12
Births - 27
Deaths - 21

**TOWN OF CHESTER AND CHESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2009**

The Moderator, William E. Dakin, Jr., called the Chester Town School District Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed everyone and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moderator Dakin asked the voters if there was any objection on non-voters speaking, if asked to. There was no objection.

Moderator Dakin introduced the Chester Town School Directors: Alison DesLauriers, Gertrude Bennett and Debbie Trent.

Moderator Dakin then read the Chester Town School District Warning.

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall Second Floor in said Town on Monday, March 2, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., to act on the following Articles. Voting on Articles 1, 2 and 3 will be by Australian Ballot on March 3, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Second Floor.

Article 1: To elect Town School District Officers for the ensuing year (Australian Ballot).

Article 2: To elect Directors for Chester-Andover Elementary School for the ensuing year (Australian Ballot).

Article 3: To elect Directors for Green Mountain Union High School for the ensuing year (Australian Ballot).

Article 4: To see if the Town School District will vote to raise money to pay current expenses and any part of the Town School District's indebtedness, if so, the amount, to whom paid, and when paid. Nora-Ellen Spaulding made a motion to raise \$220,435.00, to be paid to the Town Treasurer on September 15, 2009. This figure can be found on page 61 of the Annual Report. Seconded by Julie Hance. Lee Gustafson asked if this figure was in addition to the normal school budget. Alison DesLauriers answered yes it is. It includes the three/four year olds preschool program that is not included in either school budget. *Article 4 voted in the affirmative.*

Article 5: To see if the Town School District will authorize the Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of the Town School District's indebtedness. Alison DesLauriers moved Article 5 as printed. Seconded by Nora-Ellen Spaulding. *Article 5 voted in the affirmative.*

Article 6: To authorize the Town School District to accept payment from the State Department of Taxes under Act 68. Seeley Morton moved Article 6 as written. Seconded by Gertrude Bennett. *Article 6 voted in the affirmative.*

Article 7: To act on the reports of the Town School District Officers for the year

ending December 31, 2008. Seeley Morton moved Article 7 as written. Seconded by Nora-Ellen Spaulding. *Article 7 voted in the affirmative.*

Article 8: To transact any other business deemed proper when met. There was no further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Moderator Dakin explained that there would be a five minute break for the Board of Selectmen to take their seats up front.

Moderator Dakin called the Town Meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. He then asked the voters permission for Town Manager David Pisha and Graham Kennedy to speak if asked to. There was no objection.

Selectboard Chairman, Richard Jewett, then introduced Town Manager David Pisha. Moderator Dakin then introduced the Board of Selectmen: John DeBenedetti, Michael LeClair, Derek Suursoo, William Lindsay and Richard Jewett. He then read the Warning.

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall Second Floor in said Town on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., to act on the following Articles. Voting on Article 1 will be by Australian Ballot on March 3, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Second Floor.

Article 1: To elect Town Officials for the ensuing year as provided by the Public Laws of Vermont and citizens to serve on the Budget Committee (Australian Ballot).

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to approve distributing the Town Report in a manner other than mailing. Specifically, a Notice of Availability will be provided 30 days prior to Town Meeting indicating the date and locations that Town Reports will be available. Leigh Dakin moved Article 2 as written. Seconded by Nora-Ellen Spaulding. John Holme advised that he was opposed to this. Marilyn Mahusky asked if the Town Report could be put on line. Town Manager David Pisha answered that we could check into putting it on line. Penny Benelli asked what the cost savings would be. Town Clerk Debbie Aldrich replied between \$2000 and \$3000. After some more discussion a vote was taken on Article 2 by a division of the house. Article 2 results: Yes – 87 No – 96. *Article 2 was defeated.*

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept gifts and trust funds for perpetual care of cemetery lots in accordance with conditions of said gifts and trusts as follows: Fred Baldwin and Janet Baldwin, \$250.00; Estates of Charles Griffith, Mary Griffith and Charles Milos, \$125.00; Stephen Wrobel, Jr. and Sieglinde Wrobel, \$125.00; Theresa Jefts, \$125.00; Thomas Litchfield, \$125.00; George Sexton and Roseanne Sexton, \$250.00; Douglas Connor and Terry Connor, \$250.00. Leigh Dakin moved Article 3 as written. Seconded by Nora-Ellen Spaulding. *Article 3 voted in the affirmative.*

Moderator Dakin introduced Representative Kathy Pellet. Representative Pellet spoke about a few of the issues that are being discussed in Montpelier. She explained that with the passing of the American Relief and Recovery Act (Federal Stimulus Package) Vermont expects to receive about \$900 to \$950 million dollars. \$125 million dollars is earmarked from the American Relief and Recovery Act to go to Transportation. Also, although the education tax rates have not been set for the fiscal year 2010, it is likely that these rates will be reduced from the fiscal year 2009 level, the State homestead rate will likely be reduced by a penny to 86 cents and the non-resident property tax rate will be reduced to \$1.35 per \$100.00 of fair market value. Also, the Sex Offender Bill was passed. It is on the Governor's desk to be signed after Town Meeting.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to exempt from municipal and education taxes, for a period of five years, 100% of the Fair Market Value of lands and buildings occupied by the Gassetts Grange. Donald Payne moved Article 4 as written. Seconded by Michael LeClair. Mary Jane Miles advised that this is talked about in the Lister's Report on page 47 of the Town Report and is this standard for both the town and educational tax to be exempt. Wanda Purdy advised that traditionally both the town and education tax has been granted. Alison DesLauriers asked if the Town could do this. Wanda Purdy answered it is how it is stated in the Article, town and education tax. Marilyn Mahusky asked if someone could explain what the Grange does. Kenneth Skinner explained several events and fundraising that the volunteers of the Grange do. Wanda Purdy advised that the assessment on the Grange is \$195,000.00 and the taxes for 2008 were \$3,556.71, of which \$1,167.56 was the town portion and \$2,389.15 was the school portion. *Article 4 was voted in the affirmative.*

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise money to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness; if so, the amount, to whom and when paid. Alison DesLauriers made a motion to raise \$2,633,985.00 to be paid to the Town Treasurer on September 15, 2009. Seconded by Nora-Ellen Spaulding.

Moderator Dakin explained that Town Manager David Pisha would now make a presentation on the budget. (copy attached)

Mary Jane Miles explained that she felt that a 12% increase in the budget was too much. Sometime in the future the Town is going to have to discharge the accumulated deficit, and there is going to be more capital equipment needed next year.

John McLure asked if there was any money in the 2009 budget for the deficit. David Pisha answered there is not any money budgeted for the deficit in the 2009 budget. There is going to be an audit of 2008 and that will determine the true figure of the deficit.

Marilyn Mahusky asked what would happen if the budget was voted down. Chairman Richard Jewett explained that the Board had been discussing cuts. David Pisha explained that Health Insurance was one of the areas that is being looked at.

Mary Jane Miles asked about freezing raises.

Robbo Holleran made a motion to amend Article 5 by 12%, less than stated (\$2,633,985.00), or \$316,078.20. Seconded by Lee Gustafson.

Matt Wilson stated that level funding is what got the Town into the deficit situation that has happened over the years.

Stuart Savel asked to poll the Selectmen. The Moderator explained that there is a motion on the floor and if the Selectboard would like to respond to the question they may, but polling the Selectmen is not part of dealing with the motion. Derek Suursoo explained that the Town budget has been flat for many years. When the Selectboard set the budget for this year the goal was to see what it actually takes to run the Town so that the people could see what was actually going on. If we were to cut raises that would be \$30,000.00, if we did not fund the 100% health insurance and cut the co pay that would be \$30,000.00, if the people want to reduce the budget by 12% we will have to find \$300,000.00, where that will come from we do not know, but there will be ramifications. We need to look to the future and look for savings that will be sustainable. Michael LeClair commented that we need to be more aggressive on collecting Delinquent Taxes and shop around for better deals on health insurance, equipment or anything else that needs to be purchased. We also need to start the budget process much earlier than is done now. Mary Jane Miles made a motion to vote the amendment by paper ballot. Moderator Dakin explained that when it is time to vote if seven people want to vote by paper ballot we will do that. There was more discussion, by several people, about not being able to afford a 12% increase, being fiscally responsible, and not level funding the budget anymore.

Mary Jane Miles commented that she felt a 6% increase may be more fair.

Alice Harwood asked about the deficit and how it would be paid. Derek Suursoo explained that once the 2008 audit is done and the deficit is identified the Town will more than likely bond for that deficit and pay it off over ten years. By law, if there is a surplus the Town is required to either return that money to the voters, by reducing the budget, or apply it to the deficit.

William Lindsay stated that he did not believe that the budget was level funded every year. He also stated that the budgeting needs to start much earlier in the year.

John DeBenedetti stated that there also needs to be a Capital Replacement Plan, for equipment and facilities, put into place.

Steve Mancuso called the question. Voted in the affirmative to call the question. Moderator Dakin read the original motion to raise the sum of \$2,633,985.00, which was amended to reduce that amount by \$316,078.20. We will vote on the amendment to reduce the original amount by \$316,078.20. If you vote in favor of the amendment then the main article will be \$2,633,985.00 minus \$316,078.20. We will then vote to see if you vote to approve Article 5 as amended. We are going to vote to see if the budget will be reduced by \$316,078.20. There was a motion to vote this amendment by paper ballot. Voted in the affirmative to vote by paper ballot. *The amendment failed: Yes – 41 No – 126.*

Moderator Dakin then reread the main motion to raise the sum of \$2,633,985.00 to be

paid to the Town Treasurer on September 15, 2009. Mary Jane Miles made a motion to amend the motion and decrease the original amount by \$200,000.00, to \$2,433,985.00. Seconded by Robbo Holleran.

Randy Wiggin asked where the cuts would be made. David Pisha explained that the budget would have to be study and cuts made.

Lee Gustafson asked what would happen if the amendment and the budget were defeated. Moderator Dakin explained that there would be another Town Meeting warned.

Marilyn Mahusky asked if an amendment could be made to make sure to balance the budget. Moderator Dakin determined this amendment not germane and not in order. Heather Chase asked how to do this. Moderator Dakin explained it would have to be a separate Article.

John DeBenedetti reminded everyone that the other Articles on pages 88-89 would also raise the tax rate by a penny.

After some more discussion Kelly Arrison made a motion to call the question. Voted in the affirmative.

Moderator Dakin reread the amendment; to decrease the original amount by \$200,000.00, to \$2,433.985.00. Moderator Dakin explained that we are voting on the amendment, yes in favor of reducing the budget by \$200,000.00, no, not in favor of reducing by \$200,000.00 and a vote will be taken on the original motion. Vote was taken by a division of the house. *Yes – 46 No – 108. The amendment to Article 5 failed.*

Moderator Dakin reread the main motion to raise the sum of \$2,633,985.00 to be paid to the Town Treasurer on September 15, 2009. Vote was taken by a division of the house. *Yes – 60 No – 96. The main motion on Article 5 failed.*

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new tractor for the Water/Sewer Department for a price not to exceed \$7,000.00. Said tractor to be paid for by the Water and Sewer users. Matthew Wilson made a motion to table Article 6. *Article 6 was tabled.*

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to purchase new water meters for a price not to exceed \$80,000.00 which is to be financed for a period of no more than 5 years. Said meters to be paid for by the Water users. Matthew Wilson made a motion to table Article 7. *Article 7 was tabled.*

Article 8: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$13,807.00) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH. George Cook made a motion to table Article 8. *Article 8 was tabled.*

Nora-Ellen Spaulding asked if these Articles would be brought up again when the next meeting is warned. Richard Jewett replied that these Articles are being tabled until the

next meeting. Moderator Dakin explained that any discussion is out of order. When there is a motion to table an Article there is no discussion and the motion does not need a second. There was discussion in favor of having these Articles put on the Warning by the Selectboard. Richard Jewett explained that the meeting would have to be warned thirty days prior to the meeting and the board would need thirty days to work on the budget. Moderator Dakin explained that if people wanted to discuss these Articles further they would have to suspend the rules.

Article 9: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND AND FORTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$3,044) to help support outpatient, mental health, and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc. Mary Jane Miles made a motion to table Article 9. *Article 9 was tabled.*

Article 10: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND AND FORTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$1,500) to Rockingham Area Community Land Trust (RACLT) to support the NeighborWorks Home Ownership Center which has, in the last 5 years, assisted 8 Chester residents purchase homes and 13 Chester residents with home maintenance issues, rehabilitation loans, or foreclosure intervention services? Lee Gustafson made a motion to table Article 10. *Article 10 was tabled.*

Article 11: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Chester in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services. Mary Jane Miles made a motion to table Article 11. *Article 11 was tabled.*

Article 12: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900) to New Beginnings, Inc. for support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence and prevention education in schools and community. George Cook made a motion to table Article 12. *Article 12 was tabled.*

Article 13: To see if the Town of Chester will vote to appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) to support the activities of Vermont Adult Learning in its work with adults in need of basic reading, writing, math, GED, English language, and basic computer literacy skills. Mary Jane Miles made a motion to table Article 13. *Article 13 was tabled.*

Article 14: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,700 (two thousand seven hundred dollars) to assist with the cost of operating the Meals on Wheels Program that provides daily hot and cold Home-Delivered meals and other nutritional needs to the qualified residents of Chester? George Cook made a motion to table Article 14. *Article 14 was tabled.*

Article 15: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,250 (two thousand two hundred fifty dollars) for the support of Connecticut River Transit, Inc., to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Chester. Mary Jane Miles made a motion to table Article 15. *Article 15 was tabled.*

Article 16: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$800 (eight hundred

dollars) to Windsor County Partners, for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County? Matthew Wilson made a motion to table Article 16. *Article 16 was tabled.*

Article 17: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$400 (four hundred dollars) to the Green Mountain RSVP Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community through volunteer service? Richard Stocker made a motion to table Article 17. *Article 17 was tabled.*

Article 18: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,800) toward the support (\$1,000) of the Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. for its services of case management, information, referral, nutrition and caregiver support and the continued support (\$1,800) of the Chester Cares Network, a community based, long term care program of the Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont. Steve Nelligan made a motion to table Article 18. *Article 18 was tabled.*

Article 19: To see if the Town of Chester will appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 (three thousand dollars) to assist in the services of the Chester-Andover Family Center for individuals and families in need. Gertrude Bennett made a motion to table Article 19. *Article 19 was tabled.*

Article 20: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness. William Lindsay made a motion to move Article 20 as written. Seconded by Matthew Wilson. *Article 20 was voted in the affirmative.*

Article 21: To act on the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 2008. Richard Stocker made a motion to accept Article 21 as written. Seconded by Seeley Morton.

Tony Weinberger referred to page 31, the list of Cemetery's, Spoonerville Cemetery is listed as being on Mattson Road, and it is on Trebo Road.

Derek Suursoo explained that there were a couple of errors in the Town Report; page 27, Water Department Budget, line 03-311-06, Hydrant Fees, 2009 Budget column, should be \$20,000.00, not \$10,000.00, and the total should be \$204,750.00. Also, on page 27, Expenditures, there should be a line for Hydrant Reserve, and the 2009 Budget figure should be \$10,000.00. Also, on page 30, Sewer Department, line 04-411-78, Loan, \$20,000.00 and line 04-411-79, Interest, the Auditors changed those numbers because of the Note on page 31. However, as a Selectmen, and Sewer Commissioners, we did not authorize those changes, and there is an alternative plan to alter the payment schedule so those line items do not need to be increased. Because of this, line 04-311-01, Sewer Fees, as grown by approximately \$15,000.00.

Michael Caduto advised that on page 4, Green Up Chairman, Michael Caduto, should be Green Up Coordinator, Chester Conservation Committee.

Wanda Purdy commented on the Springfield/Chester Regional Recycling and Transfer Center Report, on page 67, it is the most entertaining report in the book.

Article 21 was voted in the affirmative.

Article 22: To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not including the expenditures of Town Funds or other business acted upon in the preceding Articles. Chairman Richard Jewett thanked Michael LeClair for his fourteen years of service on the Board of Selectmen and William Lindsay for his years of service on the Board of Selectmen.

Michael Caduto read a thank you letter from the Chester Conservation Committee regarding Green Up Day. (copy attached)

Don Robinson commented on the dedication to Ken Barrett in the front of the Town Report.

Lee Gustafson made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

A true record.

/s/ Deborah J. Aldrich
Town Clerk

/s/ Richard G. Jewett
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

/s/ William E. Dakin, Jr.
Town Moderator

/s/ Alison DesLauriers
Chairman, Chester Town School District

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

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall Second Floor in said Town on Monday, May 18, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., to act on the following Articles.

- ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to raise money to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness; if so, the amount, to whom and when paid.
- ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new tractor for the Water/Sewer Department for a price not to exceed \$7,000.00. Said tractor to be paid for by the Water and Sewer users.
- ARTICLE 3:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$13,807.00) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the **Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH**.
- ARTICLE 4:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND AND FORTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$3,044) to help support outpatient, mental health, and substance abuse services by the staff of **Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc.**
- ARTICLE 5:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500) to **Rockingham Area Community Land Trust (RACLT)** to support the NeighborWorks Home Ownership Center which has, in the last 5 years, assisted 8 Chester residents purchase homes and 13 Chester residents with home maintenance issues, rehabilitation loans, or foreclosure intervention services?
- ARTICLE 6:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000) to **Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)** to assist Chester in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services.
- ARTICLE 7:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900) to **New Beginnings, Inc.** for support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence and prevention education in schools and community.
- ARTICLE 8** To see if the Town of Chester will vote to appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) to support the activities of **Vermont Adult Learning** in its work with adults in need of basic reading, writing, math, GED, English language, and basic computer literacy skills.

- ARTICLE 9** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,700 (two thousand seven hundred dollars) to assist with the cost of operating the Meals on Wheels Program that provides daily hot and cold Home-Delivered meals and other nutritional needs to the qualified residents of Chester?
- ARTICLE 10** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,250 (two thousand two hundred fifty dollars) for the support of Connecticut River Transit, Inc., to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Chester.
- ARTICLE 11** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$800 (eight hundred dollars) to Windsor County Partners, for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County?
- ARTICLE 12** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$400 (four hundred dollars) to the Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community through volunteer service?
- ARTICLE 13** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,800.00) toward the support (\$1,000) of the Council On Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. for its services of case management, information, referral, nutrition and caregiver support and the continued support (\$1,800) of the Chester Cares Network, a community based, long term care program of the Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont.
- ARTICLE 14** To see if the Town of Chester will appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 (three thousand dollars) to assist in the services of the Chester-Andover Family Center for individuals and families in need.
- ARTICLE 15** To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not including the expenditures of Town Funds or other business acted upon in the preceding Articles.

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 15th day of April, 2009.

/s/ Richard G. Jewett, Chairman
/s/ Derek Suursoo
/s/ John DeBenedetti
/s/ Julie Ladieu-Walton
/s/ Mike Westine

**TOWN OF CHESTER TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 18, 2009**

Moderator, William E. Dakin, Jr., called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed everyone and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moderator Dakin asked the voters if there was any objection on non-voters speaking, if asked to. There was no objection.

Moderator Dakin introduced Town Clerk, Deborah Aldrich, Town Manager, David Pisha and the Select Board: Richard Jewett, John DeBenedetti, Derek Suursoo, Julie Ladiou-Walton, Michael Westine. He then read the Warning.

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall Second Floor in said Town on Monday, May 18, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., to act on the following Articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise money to pay current expenses and any of the Town's indebtedness; if so, the amount, to whom and when paid.

Derek Suursoo made a motion to raise \$2,444,774.02, to be paid to the Town Treasurer on September 15, 2009. Seconded by Leigh Dakin. Moderator Dakin then advised the voters that Town Manager, David Pisha, would make a presentation. (Copy attached) John Holme asked about the changes in the Health Insurance. Town Manager Pisha advised that the Health Plan was switched to a low premium/higher deductible plan. He explained that the employees would still have the same coverage that they had before, but the Town could expect a significant savings, because not all employees would meet their deductible. Heather Chase asked who pays the deductible and co-pay? Town Manager Pisha replied the Town. Robbo Holleran applauded the Select Board for the cuts that had been made. Moderator Dakin reread the motion. Article 1 voted in the affirmative.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new tractor for the Water/Sewer Department for a price not to exceed \$7,000.00. Said tractor to be paid for by the Water and Sewer users.

Nora-Ellen Spaulding made a motion to move Article 2 as written. Seconded by Steve Nelligan. George Cook commented that he was protesting that this would be paid by Water/Sewer users only, but that everybody is able to vote on this Article. After some discussion Moderator Dakin reread the motion. Article 2 voted in the affirmative by a division of the house: Yes - 38 No - 22.

Article 3: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$13,807.00) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care proved in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH.

Leigh Dakin made a motion to move Article 3 as written. Seconded by John Holme. Mary Jane Miles asked if there was a representative present at the meeting from

Visiting Nurses. There was not. Tony Weinberger advised that there was a report on page 73 of the 2008 Town Report. Moderator Dakin reread the motion. Article 3 voted in the affirmative.

Article 4: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND AND FORTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$3,044) to help support outpatient, mental health, and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc. Kathy Pellet made a motion to accept Article 4 as written. Seconded by Rosie Segal. Edmond Moore, representative of HCRS, advised that HCRS serves over 4800 people in Windham and Windsor Counties and 185 families in Chester. Moderator Dakin reread the motion. Article 4 voted in the affirmative.

Article 5: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500) to Rockingham Area Community Land Trust (RACLT) to support the NeighborWorks Home Ownership Center which has, in the last 5 years, assisted 8 Chester residents purchase homes and 13 Chester residents with home maintenance issues, rehabilitation loans, or foreclosure intervention services? Richard Crocker made a motion to accept Article 5 as written. Seconded by David Armstrong. Richard Crocker, representative from RACLT, advised that RACLT finished their budget year in the red. Donald Robinson advised the voters that in addition to this money RACLT also receives a reduction in their town assessment. Mary Jane Miles reminded everyone that voting on these Articles is increasing the budget. After more discussion Moderator Dakin reread the motion. Article 5 voted in the affirmative.

Article 6: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Chester in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services. Jane Skubel made a motion to move Article 6 as written. Seconded by Rosie Segal. Nancy Lindsay asked what services does SEVCA provide. Bridget Stone, representative from SEVCA, explained that SEVCA weatherized 18 homes, there are 82 children in the Headstart Program, they help people with starting businesses, tax preparation, vouchers to thrift stores, parent education, family outreach, help with paying taxes or rent, and home repairs. Moderator Dakin reread the motion. Article 6 voted in the affirmative.

Article 7: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900) to New Beginnings, Inc. for support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence and prevention education in schools and community. Jean Kiewel made a motion to move Article 7 as written. Seconded by Leigh Dakin. Terri Fisk, representative from New Beginnings, explained that 10% of their clients are Chester residents. They assisted 329 students from CAES and GMUHS. They are available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, including holidays. Moderator Dakin reread the motion. Article 7 voted in the affirmative.

Article 8: To see if the Town of Chester will vote to appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) to support the activities of Vermont Adult Learning in its

work with adults in need of basic reading, writing, math, GED, English language, and basic computer literacy skills. Nora-Ellen Spaulding made a motion to accept Article 8 as written. Seconded by Nancy Higley. After some discussion Moderator Dakin reread the motion. Article 8 voted in the affirmative.

Article 9: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,700 (two thousand seven hundred dollars) to assist with the cost of operating the Meals on Wheels Program that provides daily hot and cold Home-Delivered meals and other nutritional needs to the qualified residents of Chester? Maria Contro made a motion to accept Article 9 as written. Seconded by Steve Nelligan. Maria Contro, representative from Meals on Wheels, explained that 30 people receive meals in Chester. After some discussion Moderator Dakin reread the motion. Article 9 voted in the affirmative.

Article 10: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,250 (two thousand two hundred fifty dollars) for the support of Connecticut River Transit, Inc., to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Chester. Leigh Dakin made a motion to accept Article 10 as written. Seconded by Nora-Ellen Spaulding. Mary Jane Miles asked if CRT charges. Brian Waterman, representative from CRT, explained that CRT takes donations. Lynn Reed asked how many people use the bus? Brian Waterman explained that there is a report on page 75 of the 2008 Town Report. Moderator Dakin reread the motion. Article 10 voted in the affirmative.

Article 11: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$800 (eight hundred dollars) to Windsor County Partners, for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County? John Holme made a motion to accept Article 11 as written. Seconded by Richard Crocker. John Holme explained that the mentoring is done by volunteers. John DeBenedetti explained that there is a report on page 70 of the 2008 Town Report and that no one from Chester received aid from this organization last year. Moderator Dakin reread the motion. Article 11 voted in the affirmative by a division of the house. Yes - 49 No - 36.

Article 12: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$400 (four hundred dollars) to the Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community through volunteer service? Maria Contro made a motion to accept Article 12 as written. Seconded by Leigh Dakin. Maria Contro explained that there are many volunteers in Chester, they volunteer at the Library, Schools, for Meals on Wheels. Ruth Douglas asked if they are volunteers why do you need money? Maria Contro explained that they do have some expenses. Moderator Dakin reread the motion. Article 12 voted in the affirmative.

Article 13: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,800) toward the support (\$1,000) of the Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. for its services of case management, information, referral, nutrition and care giver support and the continued support

(\$1,800) of the Chester Cares Network, a community based, long term care program of the Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont. David Armstrong made a motion to accept Article 13 as written. Seconded by Nora-Ellen Spaulding. Mary Jane Miles asked if any of these services are covered by insurance. David Armstrong explained that they provide services without cost to the elderly. Chester Cares provides transportation to doctor's appointments, shopping trips and other types of appointments. They have a part time Coordinator that receives a small salary. Tony Weinberger explained that on page 71 of the 2008 Town Report there is information provided. Julie Ladieu-Walton explained that they get matching Federal Funds. Moderator Dakin reread the motion. Article 13 voted in the affirmative.

Article 14: To see if the Town of Chester will appropriate the sum of \$3,000 (three thousand dollars) to assist in the services of the Chester-Andover Family Center for individuals and families in need. Leigh Dakin made a motion to accept Article 14 as written. Seconded by Rosie Segal. Jonne Adler, representative from Chester-Andover Family Center, explained that they are a small organization with all volunteers. They serve Chester and Andover and supply food supplements to 50 units, they have a food shelf, with some food donated, they help with small amounts of financial aid, such as gas and electric bills. Moderator Dakin reread the motion. Article 14 voted in the affirmative.

Article 15: To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not including the expenditures of Town Funds or other business acted upon in the preceding Articles. Daniel Cook commented that the Town employees had given up a lot, while the residents had given up nothing. After some discussion Nora-Ellen Spaulding made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Phyllis Jewett. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

A true record.

/s/ Deborah J. Aldrich
Town Clerk

/s/ Richard G. Jewett
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

/s/ William E. Dakin, Jr.
Town Moderator

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

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall Second Floor in said Town on **Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** act on the following Articles.

- ARTICLE 1:** Shall the Town of Chester adopt its budget articles and any and all special funding articles that raise and appropriate funds by Australian Ballot. (Presented by 5% of Chester registered voters)
- ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Budget Reserve Fund which will be used solely to finance expenditures set forth in the Capital Budget Reserve Program reviewed annually by the Selectmen. Said Capital Budget Reserve Program was adopted by the Selectmen as a tool to manage the replacement of capital equipment and improvements such as roads, bridges, emergency equipment and highway equipment.
- ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of \$310,000.00 in 2010 to the Capital Budget Reserve Fund for the purpose of financing the Capital Budget Reserve program.
- ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer the balance of the Bridge Replacement Fund in the amount of \$10,597.46 together with any interest earned thereon, into the Capital Budget Reserve Fund for the purpose of providing initial funding to the Capital Budget Program. Upon transfer, said Bridge Replacement Fund will be closed.
- ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer the balance of the Emergency Equipment Fund in the amount of \$77,174.59 together with any interest earned thereon, into the Capital Budget Reserve Fund for the purpose of providing initial funding to the Capital Budget Program. Upon transfer, said Emergency Equipment Fund will be closed.
- ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer the balance of the Highway Equipment Fund in the amount of \$126,635.61 together with any interest earned thereon, into the Capital Budget Reserve Fund for the purpose of providing initial funding to the Capital Budget Program. Upon transfer, said Highway Equipment Fund will be closed.
- ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer the sum of any surplus accrued at the conclusion of the 2009 fiscal year, into the Capital Budget Reserve Fund for the purpose of providing initial funding to the Capital Budget Program.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to pay from the Capital Budget Reserve Fund a one time payment, in an amount not to exceed \$482,000.00 to Chittenden Bank as payment in full of the 2008 accumulated town deficit.

ARTICLE 9: To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not including the expenditures of Town Funds or other business acted upon in the preceding Articles.

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 10th day of December, 2009.

/s/ Richard G. Jewett, Chairman

/s/ John DeBenedetti

/s/ Derek Suursoo

/s/ Julie Ladieu-Walton

/s/ Michael Westine

**TOWN OF CHESTER SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2010**

Moderator, William E. Dakin, Jr., called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed everyone and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moderator Dakin asked permission of the voters to have David Pisha, Town Manager speak. There was no objection.

Moderator Dakin then introduced the Selectboard, Town Manager and Town Clerk; Michael Westine, Julie Ladieu-Walton, Derek Suursoo, John DeBenedetti and Richard Jewett, David Pisha and Deborah Aldrich.

Moderator Dakin then read the Warning.

The Legal Voters of the Town of Chester are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall Second Floor in said Town on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to act on the following Articles.

Article 1: Shall the Town of Chester adopt its budget articles and any and all special funding articles that raise and appropriate funds by Australian Ballot. (Presented by 5% of Chester registered voters) Debra Johnson made a motion to accept Article 1 as written. Seconded by Sharon Litchfield. There was discussion from several people that had concerns that people would not attend Town Meeting to discuss their concerns with the budget. Several people advised that there were other options for people to express their concern about the budget, for example Selectmen's Meetings that are held twice a month. Chris Curran asked if the budget could be amended at Town Meeting and still be voted on by Australian Ballot the next day. Julie Hance explained that there could be no amendments at Town Meeting and voted on the next day by Australian Ballot. Darryl Douglas asked if Town Meeting could be moved. Julie Hance replied that it could be moved by vote. Sandra Walker explained that time is limited because ballots have to be mailed to absentee voters. There was more discussion on changing the place and time of Town Meeting by several voters. Carol Balch asked to call the question. Moderator Dakin reread the Article. The Moderator then took a voice vote. The Moderator determined that the Article was defeated. Donald Robinson asked for a Point of Order. He explained that he had his hand raised before the voice vote and was not recognized. Mr. Robinson requested a paper ballot vote. This was supported by seven other voters. Results of Paper Ballot vote: Yes – 59 No – 94. Article 1 was defeated.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Budget Reserve Fund which will be used solely to finance expenditures set forth in the Capital Budget Reserve Program reviewed annually by the Selectmen. Said Capital Budget Reserve Program was adopted by the Selectmen as a tool to manage the replacement of capital equipment and improvements such as roads, bridges, emergency equipment and highway equipment. Alison DesLauriers made a motion to accept Article 2 as written. Seconded by Nora-Ellen Spaulding. Town Manager David Pisha gave a presentation to explain the Capital Budget Reserve Fund and Program. (copy attached) Carol Balch explained that she supported the plan, but had an amendment to the Article that she would like to make. Carol Balch made a motion

to amend Article 2: **To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Budget Reserve Fund which will be used solely to finance expenditures set forth in the Capital Budget Reserve Program reviewed annually by the Selectmen. Such Funds to be spent only upon approval of the Legal Voters at a regular or Special Town Meeting. Said Capital Budget Reserve Program was adopted by the Selectmen as a tool to manage the replacement of capital equipment and improvements such as roads, bridges, emergency equipment and highway equipment.** Seconded by William Lindsay. The Selectboard explained that there were one time items in the budget this year that are giving the Town a surplus and that taking advantage of this timing is a good idea. (Byrne Grant income that was not budgeted, Health Insurance savings, aggressive delinquent tax collections and all Department Heads savings money.) Tony Weinberger explained that also by having a Capital Budget Program the Town can impose impact fees. Town Manager David Pisha also advised that the Town has become very aggressive with Grants. Moderator Dakin explained that he would reread the amendment and we would vote to adopt the amendment. Voted in the affirmative to adopt the amendment as read. Moderator Dakin reread Article 2 as amended. Article 2 voted in the affirmative.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of \$310,000.00 in 2010 to the Capital Budget Reserve Fund for the purpose of financing the Capital Budget Reserve program. Sean Whalen made a motion to accept Article 3 as written. Seconded by Steve Nelligan. Carol Balch asked if there would now have to be another Article at the March Town Meeting. Julie Hance replied no. Article 3 was voted in the affirmative.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer the balance of the Bridge Replacement Fund in the amount of \$10,597.46 together with any interest earned thereon, into the Capital Budget Reserve Fund for the purpose of providing initial funding to the Capital Budget Program. Upon transfer, said Bridge Replacement Fund will be closed. Carol Balch made a motion to accept Article 4 as written. Seconded by Frank Balch. Article 4 voted in the affirmative.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer the balance of the Emergency Equipment Fund in the amount of \$77,174.59 together with any interest earned thereon, into the Capital Budget Reserve Fund for the purpose of providing initial funding to the Capital Budget Program. Upon transfer, said Emergency Equipment Fund will be closed. Sean Whalen made a motion to accept Article 5 as written. Seconded by Perry Hudkins. Tom Hildreth asked if any of this money was spoken for and if replacing any of the equipment will be impacted. Derek Suursoo explained that the same equipment replacement list was still being used in the Capital Budget Program. Article 5 voted in the affirmative.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer the balance of the Highway Equipment Fund in the amount of \$126,635.61 together with any interest earned thereon, into the Capital Budget Reserve Fund for the purpose of providing initial funding to the Capital Budget Program. Upon transfer, said Highway Equipment Fund will be closed. Cari Storm made a motion to accept Article 6 as written. Seconded by Carla Westine. Article 6 voted in the affirmative.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer the sum of any surplus accrued at the conclusion of the 2009 fiscal year, into the Capital Budget Reserve Fund for the purpose of providing initial funding to the Capital Budget Program. Carla Westine made a motion to accept Article 7 as written. Seconded by Laurie Jackson. Carol Balch asked why the surplus was going into the Capital Budget Fund rather than just paying a portion of the deficit. Richard Jewett explained that the Town Manager and the Board wanted the deficit taken care of as soon as possible rather than paying interest on the deficit. Richard Crocker asked what the surplus was for 2009. Town Manager David Pisha replied approximately \$190,000.00. Article 7 voted in the affirmative.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to pay from the Capital Budget Reserve Fund a one time payment, in an amount not to exceed \$482,000.00 to Chittenden Bank as payment in full of the 2008 accumulated town deficit. Richard Pease-Grant made a motion to accept Article 8 as written. Seconded by Lew Watters. Article 8 voted in the affirmative.

Article 9: To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not including the expenditures of Town Funds or other business acted upon in the preceding Articles. Richard Jewett explained that he was away when this Warning was signed. Richard Pease-Grant thanked the Selectmen and all Town Employees for a job well done. Julie Hance made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Richard Pease-Grant. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

A true record.

/s/ Deborah J. Aldrich
Town Clerk

/s/ Richard G. Jewett
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

/s/ William E. Dakin, Jr.
Town Moderator

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

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall Second Floor in said Town on Monday, March 1, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., to act on the following Articles. Voting on Article 1 will be by Australian Ballot on March 2, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Second Floor.

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect Town Officials for the ensuing year as provided by the Public Laws of Vermont and citizens to serve on the Budget Committee (Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to approve distributing the Town Report in a manner other than mailing. Town Reports would be made available via email and/or mailing to those who specifically request it. A Request for Town Report will be provided to all Chester residents to be returned with their tax bill in 2010. As required by law, a Notice of Availability will be provided 30 days prior to Town Meeting indicating the date and locations that Town Reports will be available for those who do not request an alternative method.
- ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to change the date and time of the annual Town Meeting from the Monday before the first Tuesday in March at 7:00 p.m. to the Saturday before the first Tuesday in March at 10:00 a.m.
- ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to change the location of the annual Town Meeting from the Town Office Building to the auditorium of the Green Mountain Union High School.
- ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to accept gifts and trust funds for perpetual care of cemetery lots in accordance with conditions of said gifts and trusts as follows: John and Polly Blais, \$125.00; Philip W. and Judith A. Bravin, \$250.00; William and Joyce Smith, \$375.00; Ricky A. Bliss, \$250.00; Michael and Kimberly Leonard, \$250.00.
- ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to expend from the Capital Budget Reserve Fund, \$111,000.00, plus interest for the purpose of making the final payment on the equipment loans in the amount of \$85,000.00 with the remainder of \$26,000.00 being allocated toward bridges and facilities as indicated on the Capital Budget Program schedule.
- ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$330,000.00 annually, beginning in 2011, to fund the Capital Budget Reserve Fund established by the voters on January 13, 2010. Said funds are to be used solely to finance capital expenditures set forth in the Capital Budget Reserve Program reviewed annually by the Selectmen. Such funds to be spent only upon approval of the Legal Voters at a regular or special Town meeting.

- ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise money to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness; if so, the amount, to whom and when paid.
- ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town of Chester will appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 (three thousand dollars) to assist in the services of the Chester-Andover Family Center for individuals and families in need.
- ARTICLE 10:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,800) toward the support of the Community Cares Network of Chester & Andover, Inc., a nonprofit volunteer organization which provides services to Senior Citizens, helping them to stay in their homes safely longer.
- ARTICLE 11:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) toward the support of the Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. for its services of case management, information, referral, nutrition and caregiver support.
- ARTICLE 12:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$13,807) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the **Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH**.
- ARTICLE 13:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND AND FORTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$3,044) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of **Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc.**
- ARTICLE 14:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500) to **Rockingham Area Community Land Trust (RACLt)** to support the NeighborWorks Home Ownership Center which has, in the last 5 years, assisted 12 Chester residents purchase homes and 23 Chester residents with home maintenance issues, rehabilitation loans or foreclosure intervention services.
- ARTICLE 15:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000) to **Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)** to assist Chester in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services.
- ARTICLE 16:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900) to **New Beginnings, Inc.** for support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence and prevention education in schools and community.
- ARTICLE 17:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,250 (two thousand two hundred fifty dollars) for the support of The Current Operated by Connecticut River Transit, Inc., to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Chester.

- ARTICLE 18:** Shall the Town of Chester Appropriate the sum of \$2,700 (two thousand seven hundred dollars) to assist with the cost of operating the Meals on Wheels Program that provides daily hot and cold congregate and home delivered meals and other nutritional needs to the qualified residents of Chester.
- ARTICLE 19:** Shall the Town of Chester Appropriate the sum of \$800 (eight hundred dollars) to Windsor County Partners, for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County.
- ARTICLE 20:** Shall the Town of Chester Appropriate the sum of \$400 (four hundred dollars) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community through volunteer service.
- ARTICLE 21:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000) toward a matching fund pool in support of a U.S. Department of Agriculture Grant that will be used to help mitigate the financial effects of the closing and rebuilding of the two bridges on Route 103 in the spring of 2011.
- ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness.
- ARTICLE 23:** To act on the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 2009.
- ARTICLE 24:** To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not including the expenditures of Town Funds or other business acted upon in the preceding Articles.

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 22nd day of January, 2010.

/s/ Richard G. Jewett, Chairman
/s/ John DeBenedetti
/s/ Derek Suursoo
/s/ Julie Ladieu-Walton
/s/ Michael Westine

**WARNING FOR CHESTER
TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall Second Floor in said Town on Monday, March 1, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., to act on the following Articles. Voting on Articles 1, 2 and 3 will be by Australian Ballot on March 2, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Second Floor.

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect Town School District Officers for the ensuing year (Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE 2:** To elect Directors for Chester-Andover Elementary School for the ensuing year (Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE 3:** To elect Directors for Green Mountain Union High School for the ensuing year (Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town School District will vote to raise money to pay current expenses and any part of the Town School District's indebtedness, if so, the amount, to whom paid, and when paid.
- ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town School District will authorize the Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of the Town School District's indebtedness.
- ARTICLE 6:** To authorize the Town School District to accept payment from the State Department of Taxes under Act 68.
- ARTICLE 7:** To act on the reports of the Town School District Officers for the year ending December 31, 2009.
- ARTICLE 8:** To transact any other business deemed proper when met.

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 29th day of January, 2010.

/s/ Alison DesLauriers, Chairman
/s/ Gertrude J. Bennett
/s/ Deborah Trent

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TOWN MEETING

March 1, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.
in Town Hall Second Floor

TOWN BALLOTING

March 2, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
in Town Hall Second Floor

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Telephone 802-875-2173

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

First and Third Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION'S MEETING

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

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD'S MEETING

Second and Fourth Monday 7:00 p.m.

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FOR TOWN FIRE WARDEN

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FOR TOWN MANAGER

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