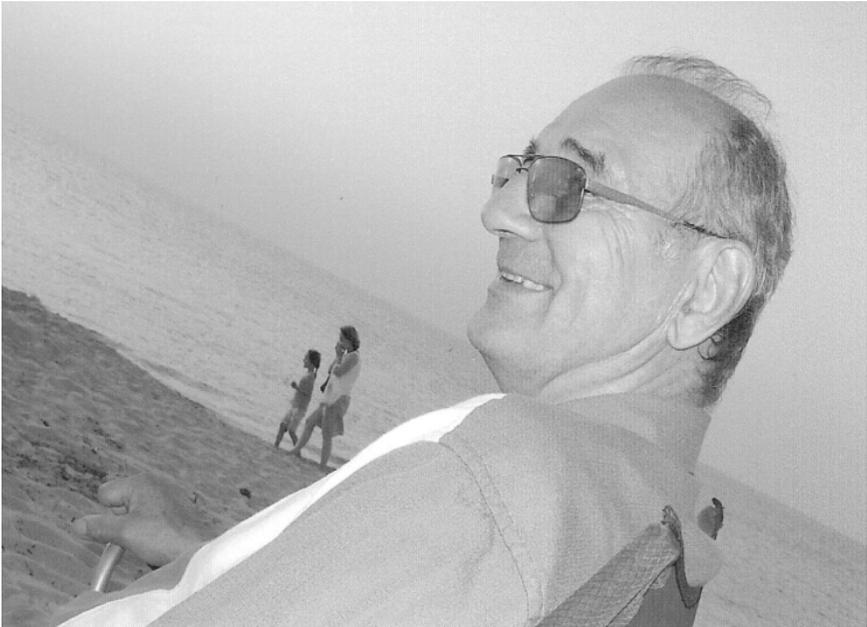


Annual Report



**Town of Chester, Vermont
Calendar Year 2010**



Tribute to Richard Jewett

We are paying tribute this year to Richard Jewett for his dedicated service to the Town as Selectman from 1995-2009 and also as Board Chairman from 2004-2009. In addition to his service on the Select Board, Dick is an entrepreneur, avid snowmobiler, mentor, and a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He worked 17 years for Gurney Brothers in Springfield and founded Jewett Concrete Foundations. One of Dick's passions is the condition of the Town's roads and bridges as is evident by his time spent in advocating for their continuous maintenance and upkeep.

Dick is a dedicated volunteer and member of the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers, spending a large portion of his time maintaining and grooming trails in Windsor and Windham Counties, as well as holding an office on the Windsor County Board and State Board representing Windsor County. He is a loving husband and father of three boys and due to Dick's patient and loving personality, he was mentor to many of the community's young men. Dick provided several of Chester's youth with jobs in hopes of giving them a good start. He is grandfather to three boys and two girls, all of whom are the center of his world.

Thank you, Dick, for your deep concern for the Town and the many, many hours you have devoted to overseeing its affairs.

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

AUDITORS

OF THE TOWN OF

CHESTER, VERMONT

AUDITORS

J. H. CABLE

E. W. SPAULDING

P. D. JEWETT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 2010

EXPLANATION OF THE GRAND LIST

Total Listed Valuation of Real Estate for Taxation	\$407,650,244.00
One Percent of Total Listed Valuation	4,076,502.44
Total Listed Valuation of Nonresidential Real Estate for Schools	206,427,744.00
One Percent of Nonresidential School Valuation	2,064,277.44
Total Listed Valuation of Homestead Real Estate for Schools	201,222,500.00
One Percent of Homestead School Valuation	2,012,225.00

ANNUAL GRAND LIST INCREASE

2002	1,890,350	1.7%
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	1.9%
2009	4,059,405	1.7%
2010	4,076,502	0.4%

*Reappraisal

COMPARATIVE TAX TABLE

	2010	2009	2008	2007
Homestead School Tax Rate	\$1.2152	\$1.1807	\$1.0807	\$2.0147
Nonresidential School Tax Rate	1.3584	1.3478	1.2202	2.2244
Municipal Tax Rate	0.6079	0.6164	0.5966	1.0343

**ELECTIVE TOWN OFFICERS
March 2, 2010**

	TERM EXPIRES		TERM EXPIRES
MODERATOR:		AUDITORS:	
William E. Dakin, Jr.	2011	John H. (Jack) Cable	2011
		Phyllis Jewett (Appointed)	2011
		E. W. Spaulding	2012
TOWN CLERK:		SCHOOL DIRECTORS	
Deborah J. Aldrich	2011	TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT:	
		Gertrude J. Bennett	2011
LISTERS:		Irene Wood	2012
Donald W. Robinson	2011	Alison DesLauriers	2013
Wanda C. Purdy, Chairman	2012		
Deborah Trent	2013	SCHOOL DIRECTORS	
		UNION NO. 29:	
SELECTMEN:		Ginger Roper	2011
John DeBenedetti, Chairman	2011	Betsy L. Hart	2012
Thomas Bock	2011	Jeffrey M. Hance	2013
Julie Ladieu-Walton	2011	Phillisa Jones-Prescott	2013
Derek Suursoo, Vice Chairman	2012		
William L. Lindsay	2013	SCHOOL DIRECTORS	
		UNION NO. 35:	
TAX COLLECTOR:		"Arne" Jonynas	2011
Town Manager		Geralyn Donohue	2012
Article 14-1977 Town Meeting		Alison DesLauriers	2013
		Ginger Roper	2013
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS:		BUDGET COMMITTEE:	
Shirley A. Barrett	2012	Ruth F. Douglas	2011
Erron J. Carey	2013	Norman Harrison	2011
		Richard Jewett	2011
TOWN GRAND JUROR:			
John "Jack" Coleman	2011	Ian McGrath	2011
		Deborah Trent	2011
TOWN TREASURER:		Mariette Bock	2013
Deborah J. Aldrich	2011	Laurie Jackson	2013
		GENERAL ELECTION-NOVEMBER 2010	
AGENT TO DEFEND SUITS:		Justices of the Peace:	
John "Jack" Coleman	2011	Kenneth D. Barrett	
		Roderick Bates	
TRUSTEES OF WHITING LIBRARY:		Lynne Beehler	
Charlotte J. Edgar	2011	Patricia G. Benelli	
Mary Lou Farrar (Appointed)	2011	John "Jack" Coleman	
Cynthia L. Collins	2012	Ruth Douglas	
Alice H. Forlie	2012	Molly Ferris	
Marian Mosher (Resigned)	2012	Leo F. Graham	
Bruce Parks, Chairman	2012	Jeffrey Kibbe	
Mariette Bock	2013	Cheryl LeClair	
Shawn Cunningham	2013	Bruce Parks	
		Colleen Truax	

OFFICERS APPOINTED

	TERM EXPIRES		TERM EXPIRES
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:			
Chief of Police			
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD:			
Peter Hudkins, Vice Chair	06-18-2011		
Bruce McEnaney	06-18-2011		
Mark Curran, Alternate	06-18-2011		
Dan Ferguson	03-03-2012		
Scott Wunderle, Chairman	03-03-2012		
Harry Goodell	03-03-2013		
CEMETERY SEXTON:			
Kenneth Barrett			
CLERK TO SELECTMEN:			
Julie Ladieu-Walton			
CONNECTICUT RIVER TRANSIT AUTHORITY			
Linda Stowell			
COUNCIL ON AGING:			
Karen Trombley			
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CHAIRMAN:			
Town Manager			
FENCE VIEWERS:			
Frank E. Balch			
J. Leon Spaulding			
Tony Weinberger			
FIRE WARDEN:			
Jeffery C. Holden	06-30-2014		
FIRST CONSTABLE:			
Richard J. Crowson	2011		
GREEN-UP DAY CHAIRMAN:			
Michael Caduto	2011		
Suzy Forlie	2011		
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES AND WOOD:			
Tony Weinberger			
PLANNING COMMISSION:			
Tom Hildreth (Appointed)		03-02-2011	
Jack Yahemiak (Resigned)		03-05-2011	
Thomas Bock, Chairman		03-19-2012	
Naomi Johnson		03-19-2012	
Harry S. Goodell		03-03-2013	
Gary Rapanotti		03-03-2013	
POUND KEEPER:			
Chief of Police			
REGIONAL PLANNING REPRESENTATIVES:			
Thomas Bock			
Cecil Waldo - Alternate			
ROAD COMMISSIONER:			
Town Manager			
SECRETARY TO SELECTMEN:			
Georgia A. Ethier			
BOARD OF WASTEWATER DISPOSAL:			
Board of Selectmen			
SOLID WASTE DIST. REPRESENTATIVE:			
Derek Suursoo			
TOWN MANAGER:			
David Pisha			
TOWN SERVICE OFFICER:			
David Pisha		03-03-2011	
TREE WARDEN:			
Joseph Epler		2011	
WATER COMMISSIONERS:			
Board of Selectmen			
WEIGHER OF COAL:			
Tony Weinberger		2011	
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:			
(apptd. by Planning Commission)			
Michael Normyle		2011	

APPOINTED BY TOWN MANAGER

Police Chief - Richard H. Cloud
Fire Chief - Harry Goodell
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: 02-03-11)

ELECTED BY DIRECTORS OF WINDSOR SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Superintendent of Schools - David P. Adams

OFFICERS' SALARIES

	2009	2010
TOWN MANAGER		
David Pisha	\$58,047.27	\$62,215.39
TOWN CLERK		
Deborah J. Aldrich	39,769.60	40,733.29
TOWN TREASURER		
Deborah J. Aldrich	0.00	2,100.00
Irene E. Wood	31,229.11	0.00
SELECTMEN		
Tom Bock	0.00	600.00
John DeBenedetti, Chairman	0.00	600.00
Richard G. Jewett	0.00	0.00
Julie Ladieu-Walton	0.00	600.00
William Lindsay	0.00	600.00
Derek Suursoo, Vice Chairman	0.00	600.00
Michael Westine	0.00	0.00
LISTERS		
George C. Cook	2,821.22	0.00
Wanda C. Purdy	17,898.90	17,178.11
Donald Robinson	2,603.98	1,981.45
Deborah Trent	0.00	2,125.63
AUDITORS		
John H. (Jack) Cable	968.20	1,495.85
Richard G. Higley 1,169.05	813.70	
E. W. Spaulding	1,174.20	1,578.25
HEALTH OFFICER		
Leslie Thorsen	800.00	800.00

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

It has once again been a busy year in the Town of Chester. Continued effort and perseverance by both the Select Board and the Town employees have resulted in significant accomplishments over the past year.

An overall Capital Plan was presented to the voters at Town Meeting. This overall Plan created a schedule for major expenses for each upcoming year, projected out for the next ten years. As it stands now, every year the voters will have the opportunity to review and vote on that year's specific plan, which is presented along with the Town Budget. The voters approved the 2010 portion of the Plan at Town Meeting, and it was adopted as of January 2010. Along with Capital expenses, significant to that portion of the Plan was money allocated to totally discharge the entire accumulated deficit in the 2010 fiscal year. This deficit has been accumulating over the past several years, and by eliminating this deficit, the Town's General Fund has been relieved of a huge debt obligation. It is important to note that even with the expenses outlined in that portion of the Capital Plan, and the payment of the accumulated deficit of nearly \$500,000, the Town tax rate was still reduced by one half cent.

The Board has also spent a good deal of time addressing several much-needed policy issues. A new Personnel Policy has been adopted, replacing one that was in excess of 15 years old. Among other things, it revised job descriptions, created wage standards comparable to other communities in Vermont, and also set the basis for employee performance evaluations. In addition, a Financial Procedures Policy, as suggested by the outside auditors to clearly outline and enumerate duties, procedures and responsibilities, has been prepared, reviewed, and subsequently adopted in early January 2011. Finally, the current Town Sewer Policy and Ordinance have undergone a total upgrade, and those changes were adopted in the form of an amendment to the current policy.

Several construction projects have occurred in the last year. The North Street Culvert was replaced as planned. Fortunately, a significant portion of money for the work (\$175,000) was provided by a grant from the State. The balance of funds to complete the work was taken from the paving budget, but as a result, the Town has fallen further behind in their paving efforts. To address this issue, the Board is pursuing an overall Road Surface Management Program which is scheduled to be completed in early spring, and the Board has also made a conscientious effort to appropriate additional funds to enhance the 2011 paving budget. The purpose of this Program is to identify and prioritize paving projects, project costs, and potential grants, in an effort to optimize the paving efforts.

In addition, there have been renovations to the pool house at the Town Pool, and again as a point of information, approximately half the cost of the work was covered by grants. Furthermore, much needed repairs to the front of Town Hall have been completed, as well as newly painted interior walls on the first floor. And finally, the electrical work at the Academy Building (the historic Chester Academy on the Green) has been started and will continue into next year. This will modernize the wiring within the building.

In the interest of accuracy and efficiency, two significant changes have been implemented within our Town office. A new computerized cash management/land

records system has been instituted to facilitate land record filing and searches, and processing of payments. And new "Radio-Read" water meters were approved at a special Town Meeting, and their installation is near completion. These meters replaced the obsolete ones with modern technology providing for accurate readings, and will allow the Town to move to quarterly billing for the water and sewer accounts, evening out service charges for the users.

The Select Board would like to acknowledge and thank the efforts of both the Planning Board and the Development Review Board. The members of the latter two Boards are appointed, non-paid individuals who devote a significant amount of time and energy on behalf of the Town with respect to review, compliance, and enforcement pertaining to Planning, Zoning, and new Development within the Town. With their continued hard work, a new Town Plan was drafted, and with their guidance and recommendation, the Select Board voted to adopt this Plan on behalf of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,
John L. DeBenedetti, Chairman
Thomas Bock
William L. Lindsay
Derek Suursoo
Julie Ladieu-Walton

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The past year has been one of numerous accomplishments. The Select Board Chairman's letter in this Report outlines many of them, and I would encourage you to read it.

Some of the more noteworthy achievements were completely paying off the accumulated deficit of prior years and initiating a long-range Capital Plan. Even after doing those two things, there was a surplus at the end of 2010. This surplus exceeds \$120,000 which translates into a 3-cent Town tax reduction in 2011, or a drop of approximately 5 percent. In large measure this was due to the daily efforts of the Town staff to be innovative in how they do their job. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge their fine work and thank them for another successful year.

While putting the Town in better financial shape was a goal of 2010, building on that will be a goal of the New Year. This year, for example, a grant will fully fund a study of all paved roads in Chester. The results will be computerized and will be used to assist in setting future paving priorities. It is another method to stretch the Town's tax dollars farther and at the same time maintain the roads better.

Upgrading the Water and Sewer Departments will be a goal of 2011. Late in 2010, new meters were installed which allow for a high degree of accuracy. One of the benefits is that all the Town's meters can now be read in several hours instead of several weeks. This improvement will also allow for quarterly billing which should bring more consistency to water and sewer customers' payments.

Maintaining a high quality water supply also continues to be a top priority. To that end, a new Sewer Ordinance was approved by the Board late in 2010.

Improvements were made in other departments as well. Examples are the Recreation Department that completely renovated the pool house during this past summer. The Highway Department continued to make upgrades to equipment and complete repairs to the Town Garage. Work started toward improving Town Hall as well. The steps were re-leveled and a new front deck was installed to replace one that was in very poor condition. A plan to maintain all Town facilities is being developed that will be similar to the larger Capital Plan. This will also take a long-range view of identifying and financing such maintenance efforts.

You will also notice improvements to the Town Report. The financial area has been reformatted to make it easier to read and understand. Line-items in the budget that have experienced a significant change have been highlighted and a brief explanation for each one of those has been included.

In summary, let me close by saying how much I have enjoyed being part of Chester. I am looking forward to 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
David Pisha, Town Manager

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee has been very active for the past year. We have met monthly to review the financial status of the Town of Chester, in most cases, with Town Manager, David Pisha. The monthly financial reports are prepared in a clear and concise format, which makes it easier to understand the financial position of the Town of Chester. We commend the Town's progress in keeping a handle on expenses allowing for the start of the new fiscal year with a surplus.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Trent, Chair
Mariette Bock
Ruth Douglas
Norm Harrison
Laurie Jackson
Richard Jewett
Ian McGrath



CHESTER TRAIN STATION

REPORT OF THE TOWN AUDITORS

The Auditors have examined the accounts of the Town for the year ending December 31, 2010, 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 2010 totaling \$527,492.83 in real and personal property taxes, including penalties and interest, for collection. The total uncollected taxes as of December 31, 2010, was \$362,576.25 including penalties and interest of \$48,858.25. There were no abatements this year. The Delinquent Tax Collector's records were reviewed and accurately reflect the delinquencies as of December 31, 2010.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS:

The Trust Department of Peoples United 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, 2009. An outside, independent audit will be performed again for fiscal year 2010 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, 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
Phyllis D. Jewett
E. W. Spaulding

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER'S OFFICE REPORT

In October of 2010, the Town Clerk/Treasurer's Office had a Cashiering/Land Records System installed. This system is used for our daily cash and recording of land records. In 2011, we will start the project of having our land records microfilmed, and they will be installed on this system. This project will take many years, but will be well worth having all of our records microfilmed and stored at an offsite facility. By going to this new system, the record books have gone from 11 x 17 and 11 x 14 to 8 ½ x 11, which will save on much-needed vault space.

Also in 2010, the inside of the Town Hall was painted by the office staff and the hallway floor was redone. The front porch was re-decked, there was new lighting installed, new awnings were put on the front windows, the stone steps were reset, and the front parking area was paved. In 2011, the pillars and the trim on the front of the building will be painted and a new flag pole will be installed.

Some of the things that are available at the Town Clerk's Office are: Dog Licenses, which are due by April 1, Motor Vehicle Renewals, accompanied by the renewal form that you receive from the State and we can do the current month and two previous months, Fish & Game Licenses, Springfield Recycling Center tickets, Civil Marriage Licenses, and Voter Registration. Our office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

At last year's Town Meeting, it was voted to change the date, time, and place of Town Meeting. Town Meeting will be Saturday, February 26 at 10:00 a.m. at Green Mountain Union High School Auditorium. Voting for Town Officers, Chester-Andover Elementary School budget and Green Mountain Union High School budget will be March 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, Second Floor.

If you have any questions, please give us a call at the Town Office. (875-2173)

Deborah J. Aldrich
Town Clerk/Treasurer

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
DECEMBER 31, 2010**

General Fund

REVENUES

Property Taxes	\$6,715,174.89
Taxes	216,801.73
Licenses, Permits & Fees	5,393.50
Planning & Zoning	4,876.70
General Government	43,044.84
Police Department	124,155.67
Fire Department	9,605.00
Ambulance Service	71,405.01
Communications	9,000.00
Highway	391,940.98
Recreation Department	23,382.98
Parks & Cemeteries	9,072.88
Other Income	20,438.63
Grant Revenue	<u>114,997.09</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$7,759,289.90</u>

EXPENDITURES

Taxes	\$ 3,539.90
Planning & Zoning	14,425.83
General Government	227,467.08
Police Department	386,265.97
Fire Department	58,354.47
Ambulance Service	77,734.36
Communications	27,989.07
Highway	863,536.08
Listing	27,892.52
Insurance	509,102.04
Recreation Department	62,186.92
Recreation Facilities	31,532.48
Parks & Cemeteries	47,486.66
Selectmen/Manager	66,426.53
Solid Waste	25,432.20
Health	884.00
Library	82,272.47
Town Hall	35,448.88
Capital	310,000.00
Transfers	50,069.12
County	31,057.95
Voted Articles	34,201.00
School Assessment	4,259,891.88
Grant Expenses	<u>302,125.71</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$7,535,323.12</u>

Total Excess Revenue over Expense	\$ 223,966.78
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Total Highway Excess	\$ 174,529.28
Total General Fund Excess	\$ 49,437.50
	<u>\$ 223,966.78</u>

BUDGET SUMMARY

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Revenues	
2010	2011
\$ 227,550.00	\$ 232,950.00
Expenses	
\$ 922,870.00	\$ 898,703.00
Net	
<u>(\$ 695,320.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 665,753.00)</u>

PUBLIC SAFETY

Revenues	
\$ 169,800.00	\$ 165,800.00
Expenses	
\$ 585,790.88	\$ 610,253.82
Net	
<u>(\$ 415,990.88)</u>	<u>(\$ 444,453.82)</u>

PUBLIC WORKS

Revenues	
\$ 368,125.62	\$ 252,798.00
Expenses	
\$1,040,225.00	\$1,028,470.72
Net	
<u>(\$ 672,099.38)</u>	<u>(\$ 775,672.72)</u>

CAPITAL & TRANSFERS

Revenues	
\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Expenses	
\$ 340,000.00	\$ 330,000.00
Net	
<u>(\$ 340,000.00)</u>	<u>(\$330,000.00)</u>

TAXES

\$ 33,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
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CULTURE & RECREATION

Revenues	
2010	2011
\$ 37,200.00	\$ 32,550.00
Expenses	
\$258,515.00	\$290,650.00
Net	
<u>(\$221,315.00)</u>	<u>(\$258,100.00)</u>

HEALTH

Revenues	
\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Expenses	
\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
Net	
<u>(\$ 1,300.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 1,300.00)</u>

GRANTS

Revenues	
\$273,105.40	\$260,360.00
Expenses	
\$283,173.00	\$294,292.06
Net	
<u>(\$ 10,067.60)</u>	<u>(\$ 33,932.06)</u>

OTHER & VOTED ARTICLES

Revenues	
\$ 69,000.00	\$258,065.19
Expenses	
\$101,701.00	\$ 89,496.00

TOTALS		
Revenues		
2010	2011	Difference
\$1,144,781.02	\$ 1,202,523.19	\$ 57,742.17
Expenses		
\$3,566,574.88	\$ 3,553,165.60	(\$ 13,409.28)
GF Surplus		
\$	49,437.50	
Net Difference		
(\$2,421,793.86)	(\$2,301,204.91)	(\$120,588.95)

**2011
BUDGET**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

REVENUES		2009	2010	2010	2011
Taxes		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-318-01	Railroad Taxes	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,530.90	\$ 1,200.00
1-318-03	Land Use	90,000.00	110,000.00	119,698.00	115,000.00
1-318-05	Lease Land	0.00	0.00	31.88	0.00
1-318-06	Pilot Program	0.00	2,500.00	2,814.76	2,500.00
1-319-02	Penalties/Interest	70,000.00	70,000.00	92,726.19	70,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 161,200.00	\$ 183,700.00	\$ 216,801.73	\$ 188,700.00

Licenses, Permits, & Fees

1-321-01	Liquor Licenses	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,300.00
1-321-03	Fish & Game	250.00	250.00	292.50	250.00
1-321-04	Dog Licenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,477.00	1,500.00
1-321-05	Other Licenses	300.00	300.00	613.00	500.00
1-321-06	Rabies	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,338.00	1,200.00
1-321-07	Motor Vehicle	600.00	500.00	523.00	500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 4,950.00	\$ 5,050.00	\$ 5,393.50	\$ 5,250.00

Planning & Zoning

1-321-02	Permits	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,876.70	\$ 4,000.00
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General Government

1-341-11	Recording Fees	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 36,277.83	\$ 30,000.00
1-341-12	Administration	2,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
1-341-17	911 House Nmbrs.	0.00	0.00	38.00	200.00
1-341-19	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	264.00	0.00
1-341-41	Tax Sale	1,000.00	1,000.00	3,450.00	1,000.00
1-341-51	Interest	4,000.00	200.00	1.60	200.00
1-341-53	Interest	15,000.00	1,000.00	1,413.41	1,000.00
1-341-61	Audit	0.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
	TOTAL	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 34,800.00	\$ 43,044.84	\$ 35,000.00

TOT. GEN.	GOVT. REVENUES	\$ 224,150.00	\$ 227,550.00	\$ 270,116.77	\$ 232,950.00
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EXPENDITURES

Selectmen FT=1		2009	2010	2010	2011
		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-411-10	Selectmen	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
1-411-70	Selectmen Expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	225.55	1,500.00
1-412-10	Town Manager	60,000.00	63,000.00	62,215.39	66,000.00
1-412-15	Manager Search	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-412-16	Mgmt. Consultant	5,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
1-412-40	Manager Expenses	5,000.00	2,000.00	985.59	2,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 71,500.00	\$ 70,500.00	\$ 66,426.53	\$ 73,500.00

**2011
BUDGET**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURES		2009	2010	2010	2011
Administration		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-413-09	Elections	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,838.95	\$ 1,500.00
1-413-10	Election Payroll	0.00	6,500.00	3,104.51	1,500.00
1-415-10	Payroll	162,676.00	136,502.00	120,260.12	132,500.00
1-415-11	Treasurer	0.00	2,600.00	2,130.00	2,700.00
1-414-14	HAVA Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-415-17	911 House Numbers	0.00	0.00	272.41	500.00
1-415-20	Office Supplies	15,000.00	15,000.00	13,375.39	15,000.00
1-415-22	Equipment (1)	6,000.00	14,000.00	5,871.00	23,800.00
1-415-33	Notices (2)	1,200.00	1,200.00	3,507.00	3,500.00
1-415-34	Telephone	8,000.00	8,000.00	6,515.02	8,000.00
1-415-35	Postage	10,000.00	10,000.00	8,864.73	10,000.00
1-415-36	State Treasurer	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,941.00	2,000.00
1-415-40	VLCT	3,157.00	3,550.00	3,550.00	3,637.00
1-415-41	Training	3,000.00	3,000.00	712.50	3,000.00
1-415-56	Legal (3)	3,000.00	3,000.00	6,352.17	5,000.00
1-415-57	Auditing	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,887.80	4,000.00
1-415-58	Single Audit	30,500.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,500.00
1-415-59	Computer (4)	1,500.00	1,500.00	13,741.81	6,000.00
1-415-60	Service Charge	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,048.17	2,500.00
1-415-62	Town Report (5)	5,500.00	5,000.00	5,589.89	2,500.00
1-415-63	Record Rstrtn. (6)	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	7,000.00
1-415-79	Unclassified	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
1-415-80	Current Exp. Interest	1,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
1-415-90	TAN Interest (7)	39,000.00	28,000.00	5,904.61	10,000.00
1-415-95	SRDC (8)	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,649.00
	TOTAL	\$ 304,033.00	\$ 274,352.00	\$ 227,467.08	\$ 272,286.00
Listers					
01-416-10	Salary PT=3	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 21,290.95	\$ 25,000.00
01-416-21	General Expenses	6,000.00	5,500.00	4,957.77	5,500.00
01-416-22	Training	600.00	700.00	300.00	800.00
01-416-23	Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-416-74	Travel	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,343.80	2,000.00
01-416-75	State Training	451.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 37,351.00	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 27,892.52	\$ 33,300.00
Taxes					
01-417-20	Tax Billing	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 351.11	\$ 500.00
01-417-22	Abatement	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
01-417-24	State Appeals	0.00	0.00	1,915.07	0.00
01-417-33	Advertising	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,228.50	2,000.00
01-417-56	Legal	0.00	0.00	45.22	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 3,539.90	\$ 7,500.00
Planning & Zoning					
01-418-10	Salary PT=1	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 6,423.09	\$ 11,000.00
01-418-21	Notices (9)	6,000.00	6,500.00	6,337.76	2,500.00
01-418-22	Grant Funding	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-418-23	Enforcement	1,000.00	1,000.00	168.50	2,000.00
01-418-24	Municipal Ed Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-418-38	Town Plan/Zoning	300.00	5,500.00	849.52	1,500.00
01-418-56	Legal	500.00	1,000.00	440.56	1,000.00
01-418-63	Color Printer	550.00	0.00	206.40	0.00
01-418-64	Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.00
01-418-65	Computer	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
01-418-66	RegPlan.Dues(10)	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,044.00
	TOTAL	\$ 15,350.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 14,425.83	\$ 22,494.00

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURES		2009	2010	2010	2011
Insurance		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-419-15	Social Security	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 93,665.00	\$ 86,255.31	\$ 96,000.00
1-419-16	Unemployment	4,000.00	4,120.00	1,802.30	4,500.00
1-419-17	WorkersComp(11)	54,561.00	56,590.00	47,640.83	39,388.00
1-419-18	Medical (12)	290,000.00	166,753.00	163,572.78	144,660.00
1-419-19	Life	3,100.00	3,193.00	2,591.99	3,193.00
1-419-20	Retirement	53,000.00	59,000.00	45,465.21	61,000.00
1-419-50	Prop/Casity (13)	70,139.00	76,697.00	76,696.50	72,882.00
1-419-52	Co-Insurance (14)	11,000.00	55,000.00	85,077.12	68,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 590,800.00	\$ 515,018.00	\$ 509,102.04	\$ 489,623.00
TOTAL GEN. GOVT.EXPENSES		\$1,025,534.00	\$ 922,870.00	\$ 848,853.90	\$ 898,703.00

Item #	Explanation
1	Addition of ACS System, new phones and dehumidifier in the basement of Town Hall
2	Increased to more accurately reflect spending patterns
3	Increased to more accurately reflect spending patterns
4	Computer maintenance agreement, new computer for Debbie Aldrich, tower for Wanda and new GIS mapping laptop
5	A new printer for the Town report will allow for a reduced cost in this line item
6	Because of other issues, no money was spent in this category last year
7	Better cash-flow management has reduced the amount of TAN interest the Town pays
8	It was agreed to fund Springfield Regional Development in the upcoming year
9	Regional Planning Dues were previously taken from this account
10	Julie Hance has asked that Regional Planning Dues be a separate line item
11	This is the latest figure sent to the Town by the VLCT
12	Water & Sewer employees were originally in the budget; they have now been moved out
13	This is the latest figure sent to the Town by the VLCT
14	At the last meeting, it was agreed to use \$68,000 as the co-pay budget figure

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PUBLIC SAFETY REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

POLICE DEPARTMENT

		2009	2010	2010	2011
Revenues		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-342-11	Court Fees	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 67,541.11	\$ 60,000.00
1-342-12	Ski Payroll Reimb.	20,000.00	20,000.00	17,828.20	20,000.00
1-342-13	Sub-Contract Reimb.	0.00	0.00	35,007.50	0.00
1-342-15	Other Income	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,894.43	1,500.00
1-342-19	GHSP Reimb.	0.00	0.00	884.43	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 61,500.00	\$ 86,500.00	\$ 124,155.67	\$ 81,500.00

		2009	2010	2010	2011
Expenditures		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-421-10	Payroll FT=4, PT=4	\$ 284,300.00	\$ 280,390.88	\$ 262,866.61	\$ 282,000.00
1-421-11	Overtime	0.00	22,000.00	23,819.96	22,000.00
1-421-12	Ski Traffic	0.00	18,500.00	13,048.64	18,500.00
1-421-13	Traffic Control	0.00	0.00	26,482.56	0.00
1-421-14	Paving Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-421-15	CORE Payroll	24,000.00	25,000.00	9,763.30	25,000.00
1-421-16	SIU PR	0.00	0.00	1,325.82	421.82
1-421-19	GHSP Payroll	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-421-20	Supplies	7,500.00	7,500.00	3,979.76	7,500.00
1-421-21	Vehicles Ski	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-421-23	Equipment	2,000.00	6,000.00	7,838.66	6,000.00
1-421-24	DARE	750.00	750.00	593.30	750.00
1-421-34	Telephone	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,991.48	5,000.00
1-421-36	Training	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,546.43	3,500.00
1-421-40	Police Assoc.	350.00	350.00	260.00	350.00
1-421-68	Vehicles	3,800.00	4,000.00	3,050.25	4,000.00
1-421-69	Gasoline	25,080.00	15,000.00	18,204.47	20,000.00
1-421-74	Travel	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,876.92	2,000.00
1-421-75	Uniforms	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,757.99	2,000.00
1-421-76	Attorney	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,356.64	1,500.00
1-421-77	MDC	0.00	3,000.00	3,503.18	3,632.00
1-421-78	Watch Guard	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
	TOTAL	\$ 360,780.00	\$ 395,890.88	\$ 386,265.97	\$ 404,553.82

FIRE DEPARTMENT

		2009	2010	2010	2011
Revenues		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-342-21	Other Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 0.00
1-342-22	Andover	9,300.00	9,300.00	9,300.00	9,300.00
	TOTAL	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 9,605.35	\$ 9,300.00

		2009	2010	2010	2011
Expenditures		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-422-10	Salary	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,900.00	\$ 23,231.15	\$ 32,000.00
1-422-22	Physicals	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00
1-422-23	Equipment (1)	10,000.00	10,000.00	7,882.43	15,000.00
1-422-36	Training	1,000.00	1,000.00	150.00	1,000.00
1-422-40	Assoc. Dues	800.00	1,300.00	1,375.00	1,500.00
1-422-45	Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-422-68	Vehicle Maint.	3,500.00	3,500.00	4,776.65	5,000.00
1-422-69	Fuel	2,500.00	2,500.00	939.24	2,500.00
1-422-76	Utilities	300.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
1-422-79	Hydrants	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 69,500.00	\$ 70,900.00	\$ 58,354.47	\$ 78,700.00

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PUBLIC SAFETY REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

AMBULANCE Revenues		2009 Budget	2010 Budget	2010 Cash	2011 Budget
1-342-31	Ser. Fees/Reimb.	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 65,360.01	\$ 60,000.00
1-342-33	Other Income	0.00	0.00	45.00	0.00
1-342-34	Andover	6,000.00	5,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 76,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 71,405.01	\$ 66,000.00

Expenditures		2009 Budget	2010 Budget	2010 Cash	2011 Budget
1-423-10	Salary	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 66,723.33	\$ 70,000.00
1-423-21	Supplies	6,000.00	6,000.00	4,277.11	6,000.00
1-423-22	Medical Expenses	500.00	500.00	159.98	500.00
1-423-23	Equipment (2)	20,000.00	4,500.00	4,660.36	6,000.00
1-423-24	Intercept	3,000.00	3,000.00	300.00	3,000.00
1-423-36	Training	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,289.00	3,000.00
1-423-68	Vehicle Maint. (3)	2,500.00	2,500.00	324.58	6,000.00
1-423-69	Fuel	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 89,500.00	\$ 77,734.36	\$ 96,000.00

COMMUNICATIONS Revenues		2009 Budget	2010 Budget	2010 Cash	2011 Budget
1-343-20	Tower Rent	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
1-343-21	Andover Disp. Fee	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00

Expenditures		2009 Budget	2010 Budget	2010 Cash	2011 Budget
1-426-10	Dispatching	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
1-426-34	Telephone	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,504.90	3,000.00
1-426-35	Radio Maint.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,900.64	2,500.00
1-426-36	Cell Phones	5,500.00	5,500.00	4,583.53	5,500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 27,989.07	\$ 31,000.00

TOT. PUB. SAFETY	Revenues	\$ 155,800.00	\$ 169,800.00	\$ 214,165.68	\$ 165,800.00
	Expenses	\$ 574,780.00	\$ 585,790.88	\$ 550,343.87	\$ 610,253.82

Item #	Explanation
1	Additional turnout gear has been requested
2	Additional funding is necessary to comply with mandatory computerized reporting
3	The ambulance may need additional maintenance this year

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PUBLIC WORKS REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

Revenues	2009 Budget	2010 Budget	2010 Cash	2011 Budget
1-344-11 Diesel Sales:	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
1-344-11 Police	25,080.00	15,000.00	18,204.47	20,000.00
1-344-11 Water	1,900.00	1,200.00	1,696.57	1,800.00
1-344-11 Sewer	1,500.00	1,200.00	1,470.70	1,500.00
1-344-11 Fire	2,500.00	0.00	990.90	0.00
1-344-11 Ambulance	0.00	0.00	1,006.86	1,200.00
1-344-11 School	60,000.00	45,000.00	49,131.10	55,000.00
1-344-12 Material Sale	0.00	0.00	95.33	0.00
1-344-13 State Aid	173,928.00	173,928.00	187,547.43	173,298.00
1-344-14 Prior Year Surplus	0.00	131,797.62	131,797.62	0.00
TOTAL	\$ 264,908.00	\$ 368,125.62	\$ 391,940.98	\$ 252,798.00

Expenditures	2009 Budget	2010 Budget	2010 Cash	2011 Budget
1-431-10 Payroll (1)	\$ 395,000.00	\$ 405,500.00	\$ 368,018.76	\$ 390,000.00
1-431-20 Equipment (2)	0.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	5,000.00
1-431-21 Supplies	5,000.00	6,500.00	6,590.74	6,500.00
1-431-23 Tools	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,945.79	5,000.00
1-431-24 Salt (3)	50,000.00	46,500.00	45,775.57	55,000.00
1-431-25 Sand	65,000.00	65,000.00	63,889.75	65,000.00
1-431-26 Gravel	65,000.00	65,000.00	62,324.81	65,000.00
1-431-27 Hot Mix	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,864.57	5,000.00
1-431-28 Paving (4)	90,000.00	111,750.00	0.00	225,000.00
1-431-29 Cal. Chloride (5)	10,000.00	10,000.00	12,273.02	20,000.00
1-431-30 Culverts(6)	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,843.87	7,500.00
1-431-31 Rip Rap	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
1-431-32 Bridge Material (7)	10,000.00	15,000.00	12,071.97	20,000.00
1-431-34 Communications	1,000.00	1,000.00	910.89	1,000.00
1-431-36 Training	500.00	500.00	133.00	500.00
1-431-37 Cont. Serv.	10,000.00	10,000.00	7,752.93	10,000.00
1-431-38 Mowing	11,000.00	12,000.00	12,174.18	12,000.00
1-431-55 Sidewalk (8)	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
1-431-67 Diesel/Gas (9)	122,500.00	120,000.00	129,875.75	150,000.00
1-431-68 Veh. Maint.	43,000.00	43,000.00	43,244.83	50,000.00
1-431-69 Street Lights	26,000.00	26,000.00	28,914.38	29,000.00
1-431-75 Uniforms (10)	8,000.00	8,000.00	7,611.23	6,000.00
1-431-76 Garage Utilities	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,200.13	7,500.00
1-431-77 Garage Water	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,311.90	2,000.00
1-431-78 Fuel	1,000.00	1,000.00	185.39	1,000.00
1-431-79 Garage Maint.	6,000.00	12,000.00	11,101.42	15,000.00
1-431-66 Blds/Chains/Plws (11)	11,000.00	23,100.00	23,121.20	11,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 957,000.00	\$ 1,014,250.00	\$ 863,536.08	\$ 1,177,000.00
Est. 2010 Surplus				174,529.28
Net Expenditures				\$ 1,002,470.72

SOLID WASTE Expenditures	2009 Budget	2010 Budget	2010 Cash	2011 Budget
1-432-37 Eager Beaver	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 975.00	\$ 432.20	\$ 1,000.00
1-432-38 Transfer Station	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 25,975.00	\$ 25,432.20	\$ 26,000.00
Grand Total	\$ 983,500.00	\$ 1,040,225.00	\$ 888,968.28	\$ 1,028,470.72

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PUBLIC WORKS REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

Item #	
1	Jeff Shelton's payroll amount has been allocated 2/3 Cemetery, 1/3 Public Works
2	A miscellaneous equipment line has been added
3	The original budget for Salt was \$55,000, however the Selectboard approved transferring \$3,100 to Equipment; 1-431-20 and \$5,400 was moved to Chains and Blades; 1-431-66
4	The money allocated to paving has been increased to compensate for no paving in 2010 The original amount in line 1-431-28 was \$154,750 however \$43,000 was approved by the Selectboard to be transferred to account 1-476-23A to pay for the North Street culvert
5	Additional money needed for dust control next summer on Green Mountain Turnpike
5	Additional money allocated for culvert repair
7	Additional monies allocated for bridge repair
8	Additional money added to begin a program to begin repairing sidewalks will be started in 2011
9	The current oil price trend would indicate higher diesel purchase costs in 2011
10	Water and Sewer in 2011 will now pay for their own uniforms instead of Public Works
11	Purchases made last year brought the department up to date; previous budget resumed

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CULTURE & RECREATION REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

REVENUES		2009	2010	2010	2011
Recreation		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
01-346-09	Town of Andover	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
01-346-12	Baseball	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,720.56	4,000.00
01-346-13	Baseball Camps	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,680.00	2,000.00
01-346-16	Fall Soccer	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,499.00	2,000.00
01-346-17	Soccer Camps	3,500.00	3,000.00	2,730.00	2,500.00
01-346-18	Basketball Camps	1,400.00	500.00	500.00	200.00
01-346-19	Basketball	3,000.00	2,000.00	1,090.00	1,000.00
01-346-20	Dance Camp	600.00	400.00	425.00	400.00
01-346-21	Golf Camp	400.00	400.00	100.00	300.00
01-346-22	Girls Basketball	0.00	0.00	170.00	0.00
01-346-23	Pool Income	2,800.00	4,000.00	4,170.45	4,000.00
01-346-24	Climbing Team	500.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
01-346-25	Climbing Camp	800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-346-26	Skateboard Camp	700.00	700.00	800.00	1,000.00
01-346-27	Donations	0.00	0.00	345.00	0.00
01-346-28	Food Com./Sales	5,000.00	5,000.00	1,160.87	1,000.00
01-346-29	Tennis Camp	300.00	200.00	15.00	0.00
01-346-30	Material Sales	0.00	0.00	57.10	550.00
01-346-32	Theater Camp	0.00	0.00	120.00	0.00
01-346-33	Babe Ruth Baseball	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.00
	TOT. REC. Revenues	\$ 30,800.00	\$ 28,200.00	\$ 23,382.98	\$ 23,550.00

EXPENDITURES		2009	2010	2010	2011
Administratio n		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-451-10	Payroll FT=1	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 43,700.00	\$ 43,380.14	\$ 45,000.00
1-451-13	Vehicle Expense	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,603.54	3,500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 46,500.00	\$ 47,200.00	\$ 46,983.68	\$ 48,500.00

Recreation Programs		2009	2010	2010	2011
		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-451-12	Babe Ruth	\$ 400.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 800.00
1-451-18	GM Sports Camp	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
1-451-21	Golf Camp	350.00	270.00	175.00	270.00
1-451-22	Climbing Team	500.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
1-451-23	Gymnastics Camp	300.00	400.00	375.00	360.00
1-451-24	Adventure Camp	800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-451-27	Advertising Signs	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00
1-451-32	Theater Camp	0.00	0.00	195.00	0.00
1-451-36	Black Fly Baseball	1,200.00	2,825.00	1,660.87	1,600.00
1-451-37	Baseball	3,000.00	3,000.00	4,899.70	4,000.00
1-451-39	Tennis	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-451-40	Fall Soccer	2,000.00	1,500.00	2,216.25	1,500.00
1-451-41	Weight Room	0.00	0.00	15.57	0.00
1-451-42	Soccer Camp	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,316.50	2,300.00
1-451-43	Basketball Camp	1,400.00	500.00	170.00	170.00
1-451-44	Basketball	2,000.00	1,200.00	858.18	600.00
1-451-45	Skateboard Camp	0.00	500.00	800.00	800.00
1-451-77	Pool Water & Sewer	600.00	600.00	961.17	1,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 15,800.00	\$ 13,995.00	\$ 15,203.24	\$ 13,400.00

**20110
BUDGET**

CULTURE & RECREATION REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURES		2009	2010	2010	2011
Rec. Facilities		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-458-11	Lifeguards (1)	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 15,800.00	\$ 16,150.69	\$ 16,000.00
1-458-20	Pool Improvement (2)	5,000.00	4,200.00	4,091.05	5,000.00
1-458-21	Supplies	1,500.00	1,200.00	1,289.66	1,000.00
1-458-22	Concession Expense	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,048.35	800.00
1-458-23	Swimming Lessons	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-458-41	Skating Rink Maint	500.00	500.00	580.71	500.00
1-458-68	Pool Maintenance	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,096.82	3,000.00
1-458-76	Utilities	3,500.00	3,500.00	4,275.20	5,000.00
1-458-77	Tractor	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 38,950.00	\$ 33,200.00	\$ 31,532.48	\$ 31,300.00
TOTAL	REC. EXPENSES	\$ 101,250.00	\$ 94,395.00	\$ 93,719.40	\$ 93,200.00

Item #	Explanation
1	The Selectboard approved transferring \$1,200 to Pool Supplies; 1-458-20
2	A pool cover has been recommended to extend the life of the pool liner

Other Income		2009	2010	2010	2011
		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-349-11	Poor Funds	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 161.86	\$ 500.00
1-350-12	Cyprus Minerals	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,407.23	1,400.00
1-350-13	School Refund	0.00	67,500.00	15,107.54	89,496.90
1-350-15	State Payment	0.00	0.00	0.00	166,668.29
1-432-15	Other Income	0.00	0.00	3,762.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 69,000.00	\$ 20,438.63	\$ 258,065.19

Other Exps.	School Refund	\$ 0.00	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 89,496.00
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HEALTH & WELFARE Expenditures		2009	2010	2010	2011
		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-441-10	Health Officer	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
1-441-20	Animal Care	500.00	500.00	84.00	500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 884.00	\$ 1,300.00

PARKS & CEMETERIES Revenues		2009	2010	2010	2011
		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-347-21	Sale of Lots	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 1,000.00
1-347-22	Grave Preparation	4,500.00	4,500.00	3,875.00	4,500.00
1-347-23	Cemetery Funds	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,797.88	1,500.00
1-347-25	Perpetual Care	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,375.00	1,500.00
1-347-26	Other Income	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
1-347-40	Town Hall	500.00	500.00	375.00	500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,072.88	\$ 9,000.00

Expenditures		2009	2010	2010	2011
		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-452-10	Payroll (1)	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 40,500.00	\$ 42,486.42	\$ 50,000.00
1-452-21	Supplies (2)	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,462.28	3,000.00
1-452-23	Equipment (3)	500.00	500.00	261.96	3,500.00
1-452-38	Contract Labor	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
1-452-39	Trees	2,000.00	2,000.00	800.00	2,000.00
1-452-40	Perpetual Care	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,310.00	1,000.00
1-452-45	Survey (4)	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
1-452-76	Water	250.00	250.00	160.00	250.00
1-452-77	Memorial Day	500.00	500.00	706.00	500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 48,250.00	\$ 46,750.00	\$ 47,486.66	\$ 63,250.00

**2011
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CULTURE & RECREATION REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

LIBRARY		2009	2010	2010	2011
Expenditures		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-455-21	Library Expense	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 7.20	\$ 0.00
1-455-22	Library Fund (5)	67,170.00	67,170.00	67,170.00	70,000.00
1-455-68	Maintenance (6)	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,902.85	7,500.00
1-455-76	Utilities	5,500.00	3,500.00	3,955.97	4,500.00
1-455-77	Water/Sewer	600.00	1,200.00	1,412.49	2,000.00
1-455-78	Fuel	5,000.00	3,000.00	4,823.96	6,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 83,270.00	\$ 79,870.00	\$ 82,272.47	\$ 90,000.00

TOWN HALL		2009	2010	2010	2011
Expenditures		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-456-10	Payroll	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,369.57	\$ 5,500.00
1-456-21	Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00	805.34	1,200.00
1-456-68	Repair/Maint.	16,000.00	10,000.00	9,198.05	12,000.00
1-456-76	Utilities	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,862.18	9,000.00
1-456-77	Water/Sewer	1,000.00	1,000.00	716.58	1,000.00
1-456-78	Fuel	7,000.00	7,000.00	5,975.96	7,500.00
1-456-79	Trash	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,521.20	3,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 30,448.88	\$ 39,200.00

ACADEMY		2009	2010	2010	2011
1-457-68	Academy	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00

TOTAL CUL. & REC. Revenues	\$ 39,800.00	\$ 37,200.00	\$ 32,455.86	\$ 32,550.00
Expenses	\$ 273,170.00	\$ 258,515.00	\$ 258,927.41	\$ 290,650.00

Item #	Explanation
1	Payroll allocated more accurately between Cemetery and Public Works
2	Lumber is necessary for repair work
3	A new leaf vacuum has been requested
4	A survey of additional cemetery lots will be undertaken as required by State law
5	The Library Trustees have requested an increase in the funding from the Town
6	Additional repair work is necessary at the library

GRANT REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Revenues		2009 Budget	2010 Budget	2010 Cash
01-476-21	Pool House	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,138.00	\$ 5,138.00
01-476-22	Zoning	20,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
01-476-23	Stone Facing	0.00	0.00	7,920.00
01-476-25	Public Works	22,500.00	175,000.00	8,331.71
01-476-26	Jag Grant	0.00	21,046.97	21,046.97
01-476-27	MDT	0.00	1,000.00	1,161.27
01-476-30	PW Goldthwaite Rd.	0.00	69,420.43	69,899.14
	TOTAL	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 273,105.40	\$ 114,997.09

Expenditures		2009 Budget	2010 Budget	2010 Cash
Grant Matching Funds				
01-476-20	Police	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 774.18
01-476-22	Zoning	0.00	5,000.00	5,567.94
01-476-31	Ambulance	0.00	8,000.00	0.00
01-476-32	Recreation	5,000.00	15,000.00	6,059.39
01-476-33	Better Back Roads	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 17,401.51

Anticipated Expenses		2009 Budget	2010 Budget	2010 Cash
01-476-22	Zoning	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
01-476-23	Stone Facing	0.00	0.00	8,800.00
01-476-24	Public Safety	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-476-27	Public Works	25,000.00	218,000.00	211,503.70
01-476-28	Police MDT	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
01-476-30	PW Goldthwaite Rd.	0.00	64,173.00	64,173.00
01-415-64	Ancient Roads	0.00	0.00	247.50
	TOTAL	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 283,173.00	\$ 284,724.20
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 56,500.00	\$ 312,673.00	\$ 302,125.71

GRANTS 2011

PROCEEDS		EXPENDITURES	
Awarded Grants		Awarded Grants	
Public Safety	\$ 1,000.00	Public Safety	\$ 1,000.00
Road Surface	7,210.00	Road Surface	7,210.00
Municipal Planning	10,150.00	Municipal Planning	8,582.06
TOTAL	\$ 18,360.00	TOTAL	\$ 16,792.06
Grants Under Review		Grants Under Review	
Ambulance	\$ 161,500.00	Ambulance	\$ 161,500.00
Popple Dungeon	15,000.00	Popple Dungeon	15,000.00
Pavilion	29,000.00	Pavilion	38,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 205,500.00	TOTAL	\$ 214,500.00
Potential Grants		Potential Grants	
Recreation	\$ 7,500.00	Recreation	\$ 15,000.00
Police	1,500.00	Police	3,000.00
Bridges	10,000.00	Highway	10,000.00
Elections	2,500.00	Elections	5,000.00
Energy Efficiency	10,000.00	Energy	20,000.00
Economic Development	5,000.00	Economic Dev.	10,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 36,500.00	TOTAL	\$ 63,000.00
TOTAL PROCEEDS	\$ 260,360.00	TOT.EXPNDTRS	\$ 294,292.06
		NET	(\$ 33,932.06)

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EXPENDITURE

CAPITAL

Bridges & Rds.

		2009		2010		2010		2011
		BUDGET		BUDGET		CASH		BUDGET
1-461-28	Popple Dungeon	\$ 30,000.00	\$	\$ 30,000.00	\$	\$ 30,000.00	\$	0.00

Equipment

1-462-83	Police Cruiser	\$ 12,000.00	\$	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00	\$	0.00
1-462-84	Highway Truck	60,000.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
1-462-89	Excavator	15,000.00		0.00		0.00		0.00

Capital Projects

1-473-34	Land Purchase	\$ 21,500.00	\$	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 20,069.12	\$	0.00
	TOTAL CAP.	\$ 138,500.00	\$	\$ 30,000.00	\$	\$ 50,069.12	\$	0.00

Fund Transfers

1-470-86	Highway Equip.	\$ 45,000.00	\$	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00	\$	0.00
1-470-88	Emerg. Equip.	20,000.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
1-470-89	Reappraisal	17,651.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
1-470-90	Cap. Plan Fund	0.00		310,000.00		310,000.00		330,000.00
1-473-36	Forfeiture	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 82,651.00	\$	\$ 310,000.00	\$	\$ 310,000.00	\$	\$ 330,000.00

County Tax

1-475-61	County Tax	\$ 32,888.02	\$	\$ 33,000.00	\$	\$ 31,057.95	\$	10,000.00
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Voted Articles

1-481-20	RACLT	\$ 1,500.00	\$	\$ 1,500.00	\$	\$ 1,500.00	\$	0.00
1-480-21	Visiting Nurses	13,807.00		13,807.00		13,807.00		0.00
1-480-22	Health Care/Rhb.	3,044.00		3,044.00		3,044.00		0.00
1-480-23	Council on Aging	2,800.00		1,000.00		1,000.00		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	Wndsr. Co. Prtnr.	800.00		800.00		800.00		0.00
1-481-33	Adult Learning	500.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
1-480-34	SEVCA	2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00		0.00
1-481-35	New Beginnings	900.00		900.00		900.00		0.00
1-481-86	Chester Frmr.Mkt.	0.00		1,000.00		1,000.00		0.00
1-481-87	Community Cares	0.00		1,800.00		1,800.00		0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 33,701.00	\$	\$ 34,201.00	\$	\$ 34,201.00	\$	0.00

GRAND TOTAL REVENUES

\$ 728,658.00	\$	\$ 1,144,781.02	\$	\$ 1,044,115.01	\$	\$ 1,202,523.19
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GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 3,205,124.02	\$	\$ 3,596,074.88	\$	\$ 3,275,431.24	\$	\$ 3,553,165.60
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CAPITAL PLAN

	2010 Budget	2010 Actual	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Beginning Bal.	\$453,467.42	\$453,969.05	\$192,677.64	\$254,553.36	\$216,039.43	\$154,779.32	\$6,439.89
Transfer In	\$310,000.00	\$310,000.00	\$330,000.00	\$330,000.00	\$330,000.00	\$330,000.00	\$330,000.00
Other Income	\$0.00	\$2,711.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds	\$763,467.42	\$766,681.03	\$522,677.64	\$584,553.36	\$546,039.43	\$484,779.32	\$336,439.89
Expenditures							
Highway	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$105,000.00	\$135,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$115,000.00
Other Highway	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$225,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$130,000.00
Emergency Equip.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$205,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00
Bridges	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	\$22,770.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,720.00	\$13,483.20	\$14,292.19
Police	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$40,000.00	Forfeiture	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00
Rec./Cemetery	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Debt Repayment	\$480,000.00	\$479,138.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Signage Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$8,250.00	\$9,075.00	\$9,982.50	\$10,980.75
Facilities	\$15,000.00	\$9,154.48	\$20,845.52	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Other Expenses	\$0.00	\$710.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$591,000.00	\$574,003.39	\$273,115.52	\$372,750.00	\$394,295.00	\$478,465.70	\$285,272.94
Carry-Forward	\$172,467.42	\$192,677.64	\$249,562.12	\$211,803.36	\$151,744.43	\$6,313.62	\$51,166.95

Purchases by Year of Acquisition

	Highway	Other Highway	Emerg. Equip.	Police	Recreation	Signage
2010	Dump Truck			Police Cruiser		
2011	Dump Truck	Sidewalk Plow Flatbed Truck	Computer Upgd.	Police Cruiser		Road signs
2012	Dump Truck	Pick-Up	Ambulance Utility Fire Truck	Forfeiture		Road signs
2013	Dump Truck	Grader				Road signs
2014	Dump Truck	Pick-Up	Fire Truck	Police Cruiser		Road signs

TOWN NOTES

General Fund

Borrowed:

TAN Current Expense Note/ Line of Credit
Dated 01/25/2010 - People's United Bank \$ 540,000.00 Due 11/18/2010

Paid:

TAN Current Expense Note/Line of Credit
Dated 01/25/2010 - People's United Bank \$ 540,000.00 Paid 10/07/2010

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	06/28/2010 Final Payment

CAPITAL BUDGET RESERVE FUND

Borrowed:

Refunding Deficit Note
Dated 12/28/2009 - Chittenden \$ 470,000.00 Due 12/27/2010
Capital Equipment Note
Dated 10/13/2009 85,000.00 Due 09/30/2010

Paid:

Refunding Deficit Note
Dated 12/28/2009 - Chittenden \$ 470,000.00 Paid 10/07/2010
Capital Equipment Note
Dated 10/13/2009 85,000.00 Paid 02/18/2010

MUNICIPAL GRANTS

<u>Type of Grant</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year Received</u>
1. State Agency of Transp.	North St. Culvert Const.	\$175,000.00	2009
2. State Agency of Transp.	North St. Culvert Stone Work	8,800.00	2010
3. State Agency of Transp.	Goldthwaite Road	90,000.00	2009
4. Dept. of Justice	Evidence System - Police Dept.	21,299.00	2009
5. VT R. C. & D. Council	Bridge & Culvert Inventory	3,750.00	2010
6. Reg. Plan Commission	Energy Audit	3,000.00	2010
7. DHCA - Mun. Plan.	Zoning and Subdivision Regs.	10,150.00	2010
8. DHCA	Road Surface Mgmt. Plan	<u>7,210.00</u>	2010
	TOTAL	\$319,209.00	

**WATER DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 2010**

SUMMARY

Earned Income 2010	\$169,528.52
Incurred Expenses 2010	<u>252,746.86</u>
	(\$ 83,218.34)

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	2010
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
03-101-11 Water Fund	\$ 15,454.57
06-101-16 Water Reserve	<u>9,722.31</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>\$ 25,176.88</u>
 Total Current Assets	 <u>\$ 25,176.88</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 \$ 25,176.88
 LIABILITIES & EQUITIES	
Liabilities	
Chester Development Fund	\$ 80,000.00
Due to General Fund	23.26
Retained Earnings	28,371.96
Net Income	<u>(83,218.34)</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$ 25,176.88</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	 \$ 25,178.88

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Balance January 1, 2010	\$ 24,349.95
Cash Receipts	163,828.22
Loan Proceeds	80,000.00
Due to General Fund	23.26
Expenses	<u>(252,746.86)</u>
 Water Fund Balance December 31, 2010	 \$ 15,454.57
Water Reserve Fund	
Balance January 1, 2010	\$ 4,022.01
Interest	7.13
Fund Transfer from Water Fund to Reserve	<u>5,693.17</u>
Balance December 31, 2010	\$ 9,722.31

**2011 BUDGET
WATER DEPARTMENT**

		2009 Budget	2010 Budget	2010 Cash	2011 Budget
REVENUES					
03-311-01	Water Rents	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 96,000.00	\$120,720.67	\$ 96,000.00
03-311-02	Delinquent	9,000.00	9,000.00	18,946.75	9,000.00
03-311-03	Penalty & Interest	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,283.10	2,000.00
03-311-04	Base Rate	58,640.00	58,640.00	0.00	58,640.00
03-311-07	Interest	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>48.49</u>	<u>500.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$166,140.00	\$166,140.00	\$142,999.01	\$166,140.00
03-311-06	Hydrant Fees	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,600.00	\$ 20,000.00
03-311-09	Other Income	500.00	500.00	236.34	500.00
03-311-13	Transfers	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,693.17</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 20,500.00	\$ 20,500.00	\$ 26,529.51	\$ 20,500.00
	TOTAL INCOME	\$186,640.00	\$186,640.00	\$169,528.52	\$186,640.00
		2009 Budget	2010 Budget	2010 Cash	2011 Budget
EXPENDITURES					
03-411-10	Labor FT=1.5	\$ 72,500.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,106.71	\$ 75,000.00
03-411-15	Benefits	25,500.00	18,182.00	16,604.60	19,000.00
03-411-23	Tools	800.00	800.00	575.04	800.00
03-411-24	Meters	0.00	10,000.00	8,872.49	5,000.00
03-411-25	Collection System	2,500.00	1,500.00	2,736.97	2,000.00
03-411-29	Chemicals	11,500.00	11,500.00	8,021.50	11,500.00
03-411-32	Hydrants	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00
03-411-36	Training	300.00	300.00	470.00	300.00
03-411-37	Contracted Services	3,000.00	3,500.00	5,526.00	3,500.00
03-411-38	Well Repair	600.00	3,000.00	2,692.32	2,000.00
03-411-39	Testing	2,500.00	2,000.00	1,735.00	2,000.00
03-411-58	Computer	1,000.00	1,000.00	972.45	1,000.00
03-411-59	Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.00
03-411-60	Service Charges	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,106.68	1,000.00
03-411-61	State Fees	1,700.00	2,500.00	1,996.27	2,500.00
03-411-68	Vehicle Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	214.92	2,000.00
03-411-69	Gasoline	1,900.00	1,200.00	1,696.57	1,800.00
03-411-76	Utilities	14,000.00	14,000.00	13,864.82	14,000.00
03-411-77	Telephone	0.00	0.00	324.00	400.00
03-411-78	Gas	1,800.00	1,500.00	1,069.15	1,500.00
03-411-80	CEDC Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,181.44
03-411-90	Bonds	25,285.88	21,637.73	21,637.73	0.00
03-411-91	Bond Interest	3,440.78	1,580.76	1,580.76	0.00
03-411-92	Hydrant Reserve	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
03-411-93	Tank Inspect/Maint.	3,200.00	2,000.00	1,505.00	2,000.00
03-411-95	2010 Voted Meters	0.00	0.00	79,437.88	0.00
03-411-96	Tractor	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$189,426.66	\$180,600.49	\$252,746.86	\$178,681.44
	Net	(\$ 2,786.66)	\$ 6,039.51	(\$ 83,218.34)	\$ 7,958.56

**SEWER DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 2010**

SUMMARY

Earned Income 2010	\$360,262.65
Incurred Expenses 2010	<u>346,135.04</u>
	<u>\$ 14,127.61</u>

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	2010
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Sewer Fund	\$ 47,006.27
Sewer Reserve	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>\$ 52,006.27</u>
 Total Current Assets	 <u>\$ 52,006.27</u>
 LIABILITIES & EQUITIES	
Liability	
CEDC Loan	\$ 60,000.00
Due to General Fund	232.99
Retained Earnings	(22,354.33)
Net Income	<u>14,127.61</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$ 52,006.27</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	 \$ 52,006.27

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Balance January 1, 2010	\$ 57,645.67
Cash Receipts	355,262.65
Due From General Fund	232.99
Expenses	346,135.04
Due to CEDC	<u>20,000.00</u>
Sewer Fund Balance December 31, 2010	\$ 47,006.27

Sewer Reserve Fund	
Balance January 1, 2010	\$ 0.00
Interest	0.00
Fund Transfer from Sewer Fund to Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Balance December 31, 2010	\$ 5,000.00

**2010 BUDGET
SEWER DEPARTMENT**

		2009 Budget	2010 Budget	2010 Cash	2011 Budget
REVENUES					
04-311-01	Sewer Fees	\$190,000.00	\$210,000.00	\$295,372.60	\$210,000.00
04-311-02	Delinquent Fees	15,000.00	15,000.00	50,840.60	25,000.00
04-311-03	Penalty & Interest	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,695.37	6,000.00
04-311-04	Base Rate	164,338.00	164,338.00	0.00	164,338.00
04-311-07	Interest	750.00	750.00	63.58	750.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$375,088.00</u>	<u>\$395,088.00</u>	<u>\$352,972.15</u>	<u>\$406,088.00</u>
04-311-09	Other income	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 7,290.50	\$ 2,500.00
	TOTAL	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>7,290.50</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
	TOTAL INCOME	\$380,588.00	\$397,588.00	\$360,262.65	\$408,588.00
		2009 Budget	2010 Budget	2010 Cash	2011 Budget
EXPENDITURES					
04-411-10	Payroll FT=1.5	\$ 72,500.00	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 77,762.69	\$ 80,000.00
04-411-15	Fringe Benefits	25,500.00	35,683.00	26,069.86	40,000.00
04-411-23	Tools	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
04-411-24	Lab. Equipment	1,500.00	1,000.00	911.61	1,000.00
04-411-25	Plant Maintenance	4,000.00	6,000.00	4,406.22	4,500.00
04-411-26	UV Disinfection	850.00	800.00	756.00	1,000.00
04-411-28	Sludge Disposal	16,000.00	16,000.00	14,940.00	18,000.00
04-411-29	Chemicals	5,500.00	9,000.00	8,641.15	9,000.00
04-411-32	Pump Stations	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,904.72	5,500.00
04-411-35	Training	500.00	500.00	893.00	500.00
04-411-36	Collection System	11,200.00	11,200.00	1,111.98	15,000.00
04-411-37	Contracted Services	4,000.00	8,000.00	7,711.66	8,000.00
04-411-38	Engineering	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
04-411-39	Testing	2,400.00	3,500.00	3,534.53	3,500.00
04-411-40	Uniforms	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
04-411-45	Flood Insurance	1,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
04-411-58	Computer	0.00	0.00	183.70	0.00
04-411-60	Service Charge	1,200.00	750.00	1,190.68	750.00
04-411-61	State Fees	750.00	750.00	330.75	750.00
04-411-68	Vehicle Maintenance	500.00	500.00	30.56	1,500.00
04-411-69	Gasoline	1,500.00	1,200.00	1,566.03	1,800.00
04-411-76	Utilities	40,000.00	40,000.00	43,803.80	40,000.00
04-411-77	Audit	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
04-411-78	Loan	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
04-411-79	Interest	7,500.00	6,000.00	2,948.10	3,000.00
04-411-90	Bonds	136,838.00	136,838.00	136,838.00	136,838.00
04-411-92	Reconciliation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
04-411-95	Reserves	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
04-411-96	Tractor	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$368,938.00</u>	<u>\$388,321.00</u>	<u>\$366,135.04</u>	<u>\$399,738.00</u>
	Net	\$ 11,650.00	\$ 9,267.00	(\$ 5,872.39)	\$ 8,850.00

SEWER DEPARTMENT NOTES

Borrowed:

Five-Year Expense Note - Community Development Loan
 Dated 12/28/2007 \$100,000.00 Payment Schedule
 \$20,000.00 2010 Paid 10/26/2010
 19,652.52 2011
 19,652.52 2012
 19,652.52 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>
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
12	03-2-12	19,090.00	10,011.70	9,078.21	122,544.26	393,464.26
13	09-1-12	19,090.00	10,273.05	8,852.95	131,397.21	383,227.21

\$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>
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
12	03-1-12	49,329.00	26,811.20	22,517.80	304,798.12	1,032,850.11
13	09-1-12	49,329.00	27,380.94	21,948.06	326,746.18	1,005,469.18

WATER DEPARTMENT NOTES

Five-Year Expense Note- Community Development Loan
 Dated 10/20/2010 18-Quarterly Payments, Loan Amount: \$80,000.00
 Payment Schedule
 \$4,795.36 3/31/2011
 4,795.36 6/30/2011
 4,795.36 9/30/2011
 4,795.36 12/31/2011

**DELINQUENT WATER/SEWER REPORT
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2010**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Over 30</u>	<u>Over 60</u>	<u>Over 90</u>	<u>Over 120</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sewer	\$41,212.50	\$ 293.85	\$ 0.00	\$12,690.29	\$11,070.78	\$65,267.42
Water	<u>19,485.48</u>	<u>112.66</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,539.21</u>	<u>5,190.57</u>	<u>29,327.92</u>
Total	\$60,697.98	\$ 406.51	\$ 0.00	\$17,229.50	\$16,261.35	\$94,595.34

Now that the General Fund is running smoothly and delinquent property taxes are being properly managed, the goal is to do the same with water and sewer. In order to accomplish this, the Town will be following a stricter delinquent water/sewer collection procedure. Once a billing has been sent, it is due in 30 days and becomes delinquent in 31 days. The account will be allowed to be delinquent for 30 days before the shut off process begins. At that time, the user will be given the opportunity to either make a payment arrangement or disconnection will occur within 30 days. As an example: Billing is mailed out on February 28 and is due on March 28. On April 28 the user is then given the opportunity to make an acceptable payment arrangement. If not, water/sewer is disconnected on May 28. Stricter delinquent collection procedures will aid tremendously in the improvement of the over all cash flow of the Water/Sewer Departments. We anticipate that this will reduce the need of rate increases, which typically are needed to make up for delinquent accounts.

**CHESTER COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Balance Jan.1, 2010	\$104,608.42
Interest	3,171.10
Loan Payments	33,506.14
Due from Sewer	20,000.00
Loan Water	<u>80,000.00</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2010	\$ 81,285.66

REAPPRAISAL FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2010	\$ 97,310.27
Interest	223.76
2010 State Payment	<u>17,831.50</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2010	\$115,365.53

POPPLE DUNGEON ROAD FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2010	\$ 60,070.74
Interest	117.06
Town Funds Transfer	<u>30,000.00</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2010	\$ 90,187.80

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2010	\$126,657.12
Interest	33.32
Town Funds Transfer	<u>(126,690.44)</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2010	\$ 0.00

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2010	\$ 77,187.70
Interest	20.30
Town Funds Transfer	<u>(77,208.00)</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2010	\$ 0.00

LISTER TRAINING FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2010	\$ 852.00
State Payment	401.77
Expense	<u>(75.00)</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2010	\$ 1,179.44

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2010	\$ 11,312.96
Donations	0.00
Interest	<u>28.33</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2010	\$ 11,341.29
Money Mkt. Bal 12/31/10	\$ 5,415.16

Fund	Balance 01/01/2010	Interest	Income	Fund Transfer	Expenses	Balance 12/31/2010
Bridge	\$10,599.71	\$ 3.48	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,603.19	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
EMS Building	30,992.27	62.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	31,054.31
Sam Adams Poor	1,299.16	3.40	469.44	0.00	0.00	1,772.00
Academy Building	9,839.11	9.87	0.00	0.00	3,379.65	6,469.33
Recreation Donation	383.81	0.00	2,850.00	0.00	2,039.29	1,194.52
Police Com. Resource	1,729.54	1.77	888.14	0.00	1,058.49	1,560.96
Capital Bud.Res. Fund	0.00	186.98	527,026.63	239,467.42	574,003.39	192,677.64

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:		
Adams Road	1.00	6,500
Brookside	3.80	39,300
North Street	5.74	46,500
Pleasant View	8.90	93,400
Poplar Grove (Pople Dungeon Road)	.42	2,700
Smokeshire	.49	1,200
Spoonerville (Trebo Road)	.28	1,800
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	481,800
Jeffrey Well Site (Rt. 103 North)	17.00	834,900
Land (Dean Brook Road)	3.20	39,600
Library Building	.43	622,700
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	717,000
Town Hall	.41	580,900
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	<u>715.01</u>	<u>\$8,635,300</u>

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Officers of the Chester Police Department responded to 1,344 calls for service in 2010. In this calendar year, the Department issued 583 verbal/written warnings and 909 traffic citations. Of these ticket totals, the C.O.R.E. Program issued 162 verbal/written warnings and 389 traffic citations.

Between January and October 2010, the State of Vermont Judicial Bureau processed total ticket penalties of \$102,668.50. Of this amount, Chester Police received \$54,487.00 representing the net ticket income, (after court fees) offsetting the Town's General Fund. The difference of \$48,181 is the total Surcharge Balance and Administrative Balance retained by the State of Vermont.

Chester Police had 33 arrests, processing a total of 43 offenses against the arrestees. There were 22 cases utilizing the talents of Canine Riggs.

Chester Police personnel thoroughly investigate each incident assigned to them. Some of these cases consume an extensive amount of time to interview all parties involved. Additionally, officers must prepare and document each incident for presentation to court personnel. Hundreds of man-hours can be allocated to major crimes and involve the time of more than one officer along with support office staff.

Major crimes can be described as Loss of Life/Attempted Loss of Life; Large Amounts of Money/Property Stolen; and Sex Related Crimes Against Children/Adults. Chester Police experienced **10** Major Crimes in 2010 of which 7 were sex offenses involving children, 2 attempted homicides, and 1 embezzlement of an estimated \$68,000.

Collectively, the 7 sex offenses took approximately 320 hours while the 1 embezzlement took an approximate 322 hours. An attempted homicide case took approximately 60 hours. The other attempted homicide investigation took Chester Officers over 340 hours. This particular case required the assistance of Vermont State Police. V.S.P. sent in a 6-member Crime Scene Team and selected Detectives who contributed an additional 240 man-hours to assist Chester Police with the multiple dozen interviews.

While burglaries, thefts, and vandalisms have shown little increase, reports of suspicious person or circumstances has increased. The diligence of Chester's residents may be a factor in preventing possible problems.

I would like to remind the residents of Chester to annually update their residential alarm information with the Chester Police. You may obtain the current registration form by contacting the office. Additionally, I highly encourage all residents to clearly mark your residence with your 911 address. This will aid any Emergency Service Personnel in identification to your location should you require their quick response.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Richard H. Cloud

**DRUG FORFEITURE FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 2010**

REVENUES:		
02-311-07	Interest	\$ 10.86
02-311-09	Other Income	<u>2,064.81</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 2,075.67
EXPENDITURES:		
02-421-25	K-9	\$ 984.71
02-421-35	Bank Charges	0.00
02-421-36	Training	130.00
02-421-61	Loan Interest	0.00
02-421-68	Vehicle Maintenance	<u>3,544.70</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 4,659.41

**DRUG FORFEITURE
RECONCILIATION OF CASH
Year Ending December 31, 2010**

Balance January 1, 2010	\$ 20,755.74	
Interest	10.86	
Other Income	2,064.81	
Petty Cash Fund	(250.00)	
Expenses	<u>(4,659.41)</u>	
Balance December 31, 2010		\$ 17,922.00
Balance January 1, 2010	\$ 0.00	
Fund Deposit	<u>250.00</u>	
Balance Petty Cash Fund December 31, 2010		\$ 250.00

REPORT OF THE CHESTER AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Ambulance Service was asked to respond 264 times during 2010. This total reflects 227 calls within Chester, 25 calls to Andover, and 12 mutual aid calls to other towns (Ludlow 7, Springfield 2, Weston 1, Windham 1, Rockingham 1). As a result, a total of 200 patients were transported by CAS from the following types of situations:

183 Medical Emergencies	44 Trauma Emergencies
24 MVC's (Motor Vehicle Crashes includes motorcycle, ATV & snowmobile)	9 Public Assists 4 Stand-Bys (Fire Scenes, etc)

We currently staff 23 active transport members and 4 police officers who first respond during their scheduled PD shifts. This total of 27 individuals includes 9 Advanced EMT's, 11 Basic EMT's, 6 Drivers, and 1 Trainee who will soon become certified thus adding to our roster another EMT Basic.

Aside from a few minor operation issues, 2010 presented us a fairly routine year with the majority of situations being handled without undue incident. The protocols for CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) have changed again and with the passing of a new bill in the legislature, the State is now in the process of rewriting its EMS Rules. When these Rules are complete, they will affect process in respect to EMT recertification and will also add allowable procedures to all levels of certification.

With the struggling economy during the past year, the nationwide problem of volunteerism taking second place to jobs and family has begun to hit home more than ever. Our members do the best they can, but staffing calls with legal transport crews during the day, especially weekdays, is becoming an arduous task. As a result, we have, on a number of occasions, been required to call for mutual aid to transport from our coverage area. During a majority of these times, however, we did have at least the ability to first respond as support until mutual aid arrived.

We continue our pursuit of new recruits, especially those individuals that may be available days. No experience is necessary as we will train prospective applicants. If you are interested, please contact Dan Cook at 875-3134(H), 802 558-9972(C) or dcookemti@comcast.net.

Within the proposed budget for 2011, you will find increases to two of the ambulance line items. One is the added \$1,500.00 to equipment for coverage of the extra yearly expense we will assume for support of software needed for the upcoming State mandate of electronic patient care reporting. The other increase is \$3,500.00 to vehicle maintenance. This increase is precautionary as our ambulance is turning 13 years old during 2011, and its transmission is now beginning to tire. If this transmission does in fact need to be replaced in the near future, it alone will cost over \$3,000.00. Another request that you will find is for approval of \$12,000.00 to be released from the Capital Emergency Equipment Fund. This request is necessary once again as a result of the State mandate for electronic patient care reporting and the initial purchase of computer equipment and software that will be needed toward compliance.

The electronic reporting that I have been mentioning is a system that is being adopted by the State of Vermont which is necessary to be compliant with the rest of the nation in which all medical records are to be kept in a secure national database. Simply

explained, this database not only allows for improved statistical findings but will also permit medical facilities and professionals across the country to access important records needed for emergency situations in a much timelier manner.

For a second year, we have again applied for a grant to hopefully replace the ambulance at minimal cost to the Town. This application was submitted in an amount not to exceed \$170,000.00 which is the approximate replacement cost based on the specifications of our current vehicle with mandated safety upgrades included. If we do happen to receive this grant, the Town would be liable for 5% of the purchase (\$8,500.00). This amount is accounted for in the proposed budget under grant seed money at a sum of \$500.00 over last year with respect for inflation. As I have previously stated, though, our current ambulance will be turning 13 years old during 2011. We do need to set a year (proposed for 2012 within the capital plan) that we say "enough of the uncertainties" and seriously think about Town-funded replacement if this year's grant is not approved.

We would like to thank all town departments of Chester and Andover including all officials and 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, which enables us to continue operation at our current level of care.

I would personally like to extend my sincere appreciation to each member of our service for their continued devotion as well as thank their respective loved ones for their gracious acceptance of any subsequent loss of family time throughout the year:

Deb Aldrich	Allison Forney	Mark Phelps
Meghan Austin	Tim Garvey	Eric Richardson
Maryann Bonneville	Tara Gomo	Bruce Savery
Linda Carroll	Matt Goyette	Marie Tyrrell
Jillian Cenate	Jeff Holden	Ben Whalen
Steve Cenate	Paul Larochelle	Amber Wilson
Laurie Cloud	Jerry Lindsley	Mary Wilson
Rick Cloud	Ken Markwell	Matt Wilson
Georgia Ethier, Billing Secretary	Chris Parker	
	Deb Phelps	

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel J. Cook, Coordinator

REPORT OF THE ZONING DEPARTMENT

The Zoning Administrator's (ZA) position is now a part-time role here in Chester. I am in the office on Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and also available other times of the week by appointment. Special thanks to Julie Hance, Deborah Aldrich, and Wanda Purdy for all of their continuing assistance...they made me feel very welcome. The guidance from the Development Review Board has been timely and instructive. And thank you to all the citizens for your patience in my first year in this office.

As a reminder, generally speaking, all new construction needs a permit. The lone exception(s) would be when an existing structure is torn down, and a new one replaced in the same footprint. Here are a few reminders to assist in the process:

- We would like to clear up any lingering confusion regarding a possible Agricultural exemption. Please understand that the State of Vermont has specific guidelines, and it is best to contact the ZA's office to review the specifics before construction. In some cases there may be no fee, yet the Town may still require a permit for proper record keeping.
- There is a 15-day waiting period for all building permits, and we ask that you plan accordingly.
- The State recognizes the need and has guidelines for a "Mother-in-law apartment" for use by family members with no fee exchanging hands. There is a clear line drawn and separate regulations for rental apartments.

In all situations, having a properly recorded permit will only enhance the value of your property, and help clear up any confusion when it comes time for selling or transferring your home or land.

Another reminder...even though the number of building permits increased from last year, the majority were porches, decks, storage sheds, garages, etc. There were only eight new homes constructed, several which were replacing torn-down structures. There were eleven subdivision applications and most of those were minor in nature. There were three variances requested. In my short tenure here in Chester, I am also pleased to say that good old Yankee common sense is being used to compliment the actual local regulations and State statutes. We need your assistance, though,...when in doubt, ask before you build.

I am sitting in on the Planning Commission meetings regarding the revised and consolidated Zoning/Subdivision/Flood Plain regulations. Once again, I am seeing a pragmatic and healthy TEAM approach to these revisions.

We are working on updating information and the permit applications that are available on line. In the meantime, though, you may review the current Zoning and Subdivision regulations via www.chester.govoffice.com. In my absence from the office, the various forms may be picked up Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Normyle, Zoning Administrator
mnormyle@vermontel.net

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

The Chester Fire Department responded to the following calls in 2010:

Building fire	4	Dispatched and canceled en route . . .	1
Chimney fire	4	Wrong location/town	1
Oil burner/boiler, malfunction	1	Controlled burning	2
Vehicle fire	4	HazMat release investigation W/N	
Off-road vehicle	1	HazMat	1
Brush/ grass mixture	9	False alarm	1
Medical assist	8	Sprinkler activated, system	
Motor vehicle accident	15	malfunction	2
Hazardous condition	1	Smoke detector activation due to	
Carbon monoxide incident	1	malfunction	5
Power line down	8	Smoke detector activation due to burnt	
Arcing of power line	3	food	2
Smoke or water removal	2	Alarm system sounded due to	
Assist police	1	malfunction	4
Unauthorized burning	4	Carbon monoxide detector activation	
Cover assignment/ mutual aid to other		due to malfunction	5
towns	14	Flood assessment	1
Good intent call	1	Total	106

I wish to thank the seventeen men of the Chester Fire Department for another outstanding year. Efforts by these men greatly reduced the loss of property by fire. This is due directly to their dedication to fire fighter training. I also would like to thank the Chester Police Department, the Town Highway Crew , and the Chester Ambulance Service for their support.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry Goodell, Fire Chief

TOWN OF CHESTER FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED

The Town of Chester is seeking area men and women to serve on the Chester Fire Department. Positions needed are Firefighters and Apparatus Operators. Applications are being accepted from both experienced and inexperienced individuals. The Fire Department is willing to train the right people. All applicants should be available to respond during emergency situations at any time of the day or night. Attendance at monthly drills is mandatory. Pay is commensurate with ability and level of experience and education.

Interested parties should contact the Town Manager's office for a copy of the Fire Department Personnel Rules in addition to an application. The Town Manager's Office is located at 556 Elm Street, Post Office Box 370, (802) 875-2173.

REPORT OF THE FIRE WARDEN

I am happy to report that there were no brush fires caused by illegal burning in the Town of Chester for the year of 2010. There was only one reported burning of Hazardous Material and that subject was ticketed for the offense.

I would like to thank all of the citizens of Chester for calling for permits to burn. This is the main reason that we have had a good year, with no unnecessary fires or Fire Department responses. I would also request that people continue to call in the winter to burn legal materials so that I can keep track of where the fires are and avoid unnecessary Fire Department responses. This will continue to be a cost savings to the taxpayers by avoiding unnecessary responses.

I would like to remind everyone that you may call for a permit any day of the week on my cell at 802-384-3001.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Holden, 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.

Ken Barrett has been the recorder of snowfall starting in 1984. This will be his last report as his retirement from the Town is effective March 31. Thanks, Ken, for your recording for over 27 years.

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	13	31.25	0	0	66.25
2010-11	0	Trace	16					
Average	0.51	4.93	16.75	22.90	18.25	14.17	3.70	80.73

REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

Once again, it is that time of year to try and write a meaningful and inspiring message from the Town Health Officer. My usual tirade involves asking all members of the community to improve their health through a shifting of unhealthy eating habits, and increased fitness through walking, running, swimming, or any other form of added movement! (Pressing the remote is not included in this list).

This year I am actually going to talk about carbon monoxide. This is a colorless, odorless gas that is produced when a liquid, solid, or gas fuel is burned. In the home, this includes fuel-fired furnaces or boilers, gas stoves, space heaters with pilot lights, or open flames such as kerosene heaters, wood stoves, and fireplaces. Dryers and water heaters that use gas or liquid fuels are also included. Charcoal, gas grills, and lawnmowers or snowblowers that are run in an attached garage are also a source of dangerous carbon monoxide and should be avoided. Tobacco smoke also contains carbon monoxide!

Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headache and drowsiness, nausea, sleepiness, ringing in the ears, and blurred vision. At high levels, this causes unconsciousness and death. Carbon monoxide lowers the body's ability to carry oxygen in the blood stream. Therefore, the recommendation is that every home should have a carbon monoxide detector that is approved by the Underwriters Laboratory. In addition to having a detector, your fireplace, furnace, and chimney should be checked and cleaned annually. Do not allow any engine to idle in an attached garage. Do not use your gas stove for heating! Also make sure snow is not built up on the outside of the building which vents appliances. And finally, do not smoke cigarettes inside the house or in an enclosed car; you are exposing yourself and your loved ones to carbon monoxide! If your carbon monoxide detector goes off, immediately exit the building and call 911.

In closing, I hope that everyone makes one attainable health goal this year. It has been shown that making a goal for yourself is a good way to motivate change. People often make a giant list and then feel like they have failed because they have made an unrealistic expectation. Pick just one thing to work on, and don't give up. Habits are hard to change, but by making a small shift in your unhealthy behavior, you are making a large impact on your overall health. Once again, here is to a happy and healthier New Year!

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

2011 DOG AND CAT RABIES CLINICS

Athens - Sat., March 5, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Town Office - \$10

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

Bellows Falls - Sat., March 19, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Town Garage
next to Playground - \$10

Rockingham - Sat., March 26, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Rockingham Vet.
Clinic, Lower Bartonville 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 2010:

	<u>Brookside</u>	<u>North St.</u>	<u>Pleasant View</u>	<u>Outside Cemeteries</u>
Lots/Grave Spaces Sold	0	2	9	0
Monument Bases/ Foundations Installed	0	4	5	0
Cornerstone Sets Purchased/ Installed	0	2	4	0
Military Markers Placed	0	0	1	0
Burials	1	6	9	0

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.

This year, in the Cemeteries, started with two-feet of heavy, wet snow in late February which caused extensive tree damage. Two of the old Arbor Vitae trees in Brookside had to be removed.

We had a very dry summer and early fall so mowing did not have to be as frequent. This allowed much-needed maintenance to get done. There was extensive pruning of the Arbor Vitae trees in Brookside Cemetery. The old stone wall in front of Brookside was totally repointed. Some small stone walls were rebuilt in Pleasant View.

Hopefully in 2011 some much-needed maintenance will be able to be done on the "Hearse House" shed built in the 1840s at Brookside Cemetery. Some lumber and clapboards need replacing plus the building needs repainting.

Also, money is included in the 2011 Budget for surveying to be done at Pleasant View Cemetery for the purpose of mapping and adding more lots.

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.

Due to impending retirement, this is my last report as Cemetery Sexton. I would like to thank everyone for help and encouragement during the past 38 years. Please support Jeff Sheldon who will be replacing me and has worked with me for nearly seven years.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Barrett, Cemetery Sexton

LISTERS' REPORT

Filing your HS122 (Homestead Declaration Form) is mandatory to receive a State payment. The State has changed the rules again so, effective in 2011 it won't be necessary to file every year. You will file only if you buy, sell, change the use, or build a new house. All else remains the same. The Town will receive a download of everyone who filed in 2010 to review, and this will be updated weekly. If you do have to file, then the due date is April 15 of each year.

As of year end, the market seems to be improving slightly. We are seeing more sale prices that are closer to appraised value than what was happening earlier in the year so maybe things are starting to look up.

We are seeing more property owners renovating and adding on than building a new home. Decks, porches, and garages are the greatest number of improvements. This does not add a large amount to our Grand List as in a normal year where we add several new homes but it certainly helps.

Some statistics that might be interesting: There are 1831 taxable properties, 50 non-taxable properties, 156 parcels are enrolled in the current use program, and there are 17 veterans receiving an exemption of \$20,000 off the top of their assessment. There were 731 people who received a State payment as the result of filing their HS122 toward their property tax.

Respectfully submitted,
Wanda C. Purdy, Chairman
Donald W. Robinson
Debbie Trent



RAILROAD STATION, CHESTER, VT.

REPORT OF THE RECREATION DIRECTOR

The year 2010 has been a year of finishing projects for the Recreation Department. The Jinxrel Skatepark was completely finished with the installation of lights. Green Mountain Power donated the lights, and The Jinxrel Foundation funded the installation. They were installed by Alonzo Neff of Chester who donated his time and expertise. We extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Neff, Green Mountain Power, and The Jinxrel Foundation. Their generosity has enriched the lives of Chester youth, providing a safe and fun environment for kids of all ages.

The Chester Town Pool remodeling was also completed this year. Funded by a Vermont State Grant, the remodel included new showers, toilets, and floors on the interior of the pool clubhouse. On the exterior, the remodel included new doors and windows as well as all new exterior siding.

By way of scheduled maintenance, a new pool pump was installed in May, completing the upgrades for a clean and safe pool.

The Cobleigh Street Ice Rink was outfitted with a new warming hut this year, giving skates and skaters alike, a place to stay warm and dry.

Our Town Garage "guys" did a fantastic job clearing trees and brush from the Town's sledding hill at the Pinnacle Area. This hill gets tremendous use all winter with families coming from far and wide to enjoy winter family fun. A special thanks goes out to Graham Kennedy and the guys for all their work and great support of the Recreation Department. In truth, the efforts made for the improvement and upkeep of our recreation facilities could not be successful without their hard work.

All of our other Recreation Programs continued as usual this year; Little League Baseball, Softball, Soccer, Climbing team, Basketball, and our summer programs continue to create offerings year round for the children of Chester. I would like to send my utmost thanks to all the volunteers who make these programs work. Parent-coaches and sponsors keep these programs alive. Their enthusiasm and support are much appreciated.

The past five years have seen great changes in our recreation facilities. It has been my great pleasure to see the children of Chester grow and enjoy these wonderful opportunities. It is a great gift to live in a community which provides such enrichment for its children and citizens.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Nelligan, Director of Recreation

REPORT OF THE WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

The Water/Sewer Departments have been very busy this year with the installation and implementation of the new water metering system. We feel that the transition has gone smoothly and are thankful to all Chester water/sewer users for the patience and courtesy during this process.

With the new system will come a few changes in the billing. Beginning in 2011, the water/sewer billing will change from three times per year to quarterly. Each bill received will be for three months of usage in addition to 1/4 of the base rate. This change will not only drastically improve cash flow for the Water/Sewer Departments, but will create a more consistent, even billing for the users. The first bill under the new program will be mailed by February 28, 2011, which will include usage for December (2010), January, and February.

In addition to the installation of new meters, the Town of Chester has recently undergone a thorough review of the common practices of the Sewer Plant and its users. Therefore, a consultant was hired to review the existing policies and procedures of the Water/Sewer Departments. Upon recommendation of the consultant, the Chester Selectboard recently adopted the new Chester Wastewater Disposal System and Plant Ordinance.

The costs of operating and maintaining the Sewer Plant have escalated dramatically over the past several years. These costs are directly related to the processing of greases, oils, and fats from local businesses, as well as the processing of storm water runoff being pumped directly into the sewer system.

A requirement under the previous Ordinance was the installation, maintenance, and inspection of grease traps/grease interceptors into any commercial, industrial, and/or institutional service business. Due to the increase in greases and oils reaching the Sewer Plant, and the escalating cost of treating this material, the Town of Chester has determined that all businesses that meet the stated criteria will be required to comply with this grease trap regulation within six months. Following the installation of the grease traps/interceptors, the Water/Sewer Departments will be performing monthly inspections of each business.

The Water/Sewer Departments will also be enforcing the requirement that there will be no connection of sump pumps, roof downspouts, exterior foundation drains, areaway drains, or other sources of surface runoff or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.

A copy of the new Sewer Ordinance is available at the Chester Town Office for review during regular business hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Holden, Water/Sewer Superintendent

SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REPORT

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

This past year, the Vermont legislature formulated and adopted law regulating the collection and recycling of all electronic waste in the State. This law, Title 10 VSA Chapter 166, Subsections 7551 through 7564, can be read at The Vermont Statutes Online at www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes. This action reflects a new movement to make manufacturers responsible for the end-of-life handling of the products they make. The law calls for a plan for the collection and recycling of all electronic waste in the State to be adopted by January 1, 2011, with implementation beginning July 1, 2011. In very general terms, the law calls for manufacturers of certain types of equipment, namely computers, computer monitors, and televisions, to pay a fee which will be used to fund the collection and recycling of the waste. Those are the general terms, the law is specific and detailed. The January 1 deadline has come and gone without a finalized plan. As reported to the District by our Manager, discussion is ongoing between the Agency of Natural Resources, the solid waste districts and solid waste professionals. Specific details are sparse and we will just have to wait to find out what the plan is.

It is also probable that in 2011 the legislature will address a similar plan for the disposal of non-latex paints. Non-latex paints comprise a very large part of our District's Household Hazardous Waste collection program and as the HHW program costs about \$40,000 (not paid for by taxpayers) while serving less than 500 households per year, some appropriately designed relief would be nice.

The use of Compact Florescent Lights, otherwise called CFLs, is widespread and growing. CFLs contain MERCURY and must be recycled. Some area hardware stores have a program where CFLs can be recycled at no cost. Unfortunately this program, which was funded by Efficiency Vermont, will not be funded after June 30, 2011. Turn in your bulbs now!

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

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, 2010**

Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Dividend Income	\$	13,484.36
Realized Gain/Loss		52.89
Town Perpetual Care		1,250.00
Unrealized Gain/Loss		<u>39,806.94</u>
Total Income		\$ 54,594.19
Expense		
Abbie Ingalls School	\$	5.66
Bank Fees		5,710.95
Chester School		435.02
Town of Chester		<u>2,378.21</u>
Total Expense		\$ 8,529.84
Net Ordinary Income		\$ 46,064.35
Net Income		\$ 46,064.35
ASSETS		
Money Market Fund		\$ 44,066.76
Mutual Fund Equity		287,798.51
Mutual Fund Fixed Income		<u>203,429.33</u>
Total Other Assets		\$535,294.60
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
	Due to Abbie Ingalls School	\$ 5.66
	Due to Chester School	435.02
	Due To Town	<u>2,378.21</u>
Total Liabilities		\$ 2,818.89
Equity		
Retained Earnings		\$486,411.36
Net Income		<u>46,064.35</u>
Total Equity		\$532,475.71
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		\$535,294.60

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

In January, we sat down with our Senior Portfolio Manager and our Wealth Management Officer and discussed how the public funds were allocated and the economic outlook in general. As Trustees, we are pleased with the growth in 2010.

As Trustees, we have an informal investment policy and guideline as outlined in the Statutes of the State of Vermont but we are in the process of writing a more formal investment policy and guideline that will be on file at the Town Office for the public to view and to help future Trustees to understand what the objectives of the funds are.

We have looked over the history of most of the funds listed and what was stated when the funds were put into our trust and we have adhered to the instructions.

We would like to remind the voters that if there is a specific project that you might be interested in, you can always bequeath money or forward funds with a letter stating how you would like the money used in the future and these instructions will become part of the Trustees' purview.

Respectfully submitted,
Erron J. Carey
Shirley Barrett

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY AND BOARD OF TAX ABATEMENT

The year 2010 was yet another one where the Boards of Civil Authority and of Tax Abatement had little business before them. Only one appeal for a lower property assessment was carried through the full process of review. That one case resulted in the approval of the assessment proposed by the Listers. A few other appeals were withdrawn by the property owners before hearings were necessary. And the few appeals for abatement of taxes were typically small in amount, most often on mobile homes where ownership was hard to trace, and the prospects of even getting any money from them were remote. One such case, however, was complicated enough, not in the money sense but on who was responsible for it and where that person was now located. We deferred action though until we learned more of the story.

This low volume of business for us is a sign surely of most taxpayers feeling that the prevailing assessments are fair in comparison from one property to another. Confidence in the Listers' judgements in such matters seems to be at a high level. We owe them a deep thanks and congratulations on the expert assistance they have enlisted from outside contractors. The small number of tax abatement appeals in turn surely reflects a growing awareness of how few grounds for abatement are permissible under Vermont law.

The Board of Civil Authority has responsibilities, too, for the conduct of Town elections. All was well on that front, mostly because of the work of the Town Clerk and her assistants on voting days.

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



**DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2010**

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Penalty</u>	<u>Total Due</u>
2002	240.64	342.94	19.25	602.83
2003	259.44	322.90	20.76	603.10
2004	544.14	579.37	43.53	1,167.04
2005	709.10	638.17	56.72	1,403.99
2006	928.29	668.31	74.28	1,670.88
2007	2,169.94	1,171.56	173.59	3,515.09
2008	4,782.38	1,810.22	427.46	7,020.06
2009	51,455.43	10,590.81	4,116.47	66,162.71
2010	<u>252,628.64</u>	<u>7,581.45</u>	<u>20,220.46</u>	<u>280,430.55</u>
	\$313,718.00	\$ 23,705.73	\$ 25,152.52	\$362,576.25

PROCEDURES FOR TAX SALE

The Tax Sale process will begin on a property at the moment that a property becomes two-years delinquent. Tax Sales for the Town of Chester are conducted twice per year - December and May. The December tax sale is for those properties who have accumulated two years of delinquent taxes. The May Tax Sale is for those properties who have not maintained their accepted payment agreement established with the Town of Chester.

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, 2011**

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 our collections of artifacts. In our collection are over 500 glass plate negatives, many of which have never been printed. We are in the process of having these negatives scanned and printed, who knows what we will find.

Further, with the use of Town-appropriated funds, the Academy building is undergoing a complete rewiring from basement to attic. The old knob and tube wiring is being replaced with up-to-date wiring and fixtures. The wiring project will take place over a three-year period, again with Town-appropriated funds. Phase one was completed in December 2010; the remaining wiring will take place in the years 2011 and 2012. This is an important hurdle for the Historical Society and the residents of the Town of Chester as it is a Town building.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Patch, President

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www.vtpicker.com



CHESTER TRAIN STATION

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Voters of Chester:

SIZE OF THE WINDSOR SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION

As of July 1, 2010, 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, 2010:

<u>GRADE:</u>	<u>EC</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	28	24	28	29	35	37	26	38	31	26	35	26	43	34	440

Chester has 6 students privately tuitioned to other schools; 5 school-choice students that attend other schools.

Chester pupils transported: 395

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 BUDGET
Fiscal Year 2011-2012

EXPENDITURES

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
	2009-2010	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
Pre-school Collaborative	\$113,426.00	\$ 91,488.00	\$ 99,645.00	\$108,356.00
Special Education				
EEE	72,477.00	66,904.72	65,070.00	34,296.00
Related Services	24,540.00	10,135.08	33,090.00	31,250.00
Supervisory Union Assessment	8,817.00	8,815.00	8,076.00	8,268.00
Bank Charges	100.00	0.00	0.00	35.00
Bank Interest	500.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
School Directors	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Clerk Treasurer	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Auditors	0.00	19.50	200.00	3,450.00
TOTAL	<u>\$220,435.00</u>	<u>\$177,937.30</u>	<u>\$206,656.00</u>	<u>\$186,330.00</u>

REVENUES

Prior Year Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 30,542.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 28,981.00	\$ 0.00
Abbie Ingalls Fund	0.00	30,542.00	0.00	11,481.00
Interest	500.00	264.74	250.00	250.00
EEE	33,545.00	33,294.00	32,005.00	32,687.00
Education Spending Revenue	<u>155,848.00</u>	<u>155,848.00</u>	<u>145,420.00</u>	<u>141,912.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$220,435.00</u>	<u>\$219,948.74</u>	<u>\$206,656.00</u>	<u>\$186,330.00</u>

District: Chester County: Windsor		T047 Windsor Southwest		Enter base education amount. See note at bottom of page. 8,544	Enter estimated homestead base rate for FY2012. See note at bottom of page. 0.87
Expenditures		FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$209,306	\$220,435	\$206,656	\$186,330
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-	-	-	-
4.	Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget	\$209,306	\$220,435	\$206,656	\$186,330
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit reduction if not included in expenditure budget	-	-	-	-
7.	Gross Act 68 Budget	\$209,306	\$220,435	\$206,656	\$186,330
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$8,078	\$8,817	\$8,076	\$8,288
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
10.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$14,622	\$64,587	\$61,236	\$44,418
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	plus Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures)	-	-	-	-
13.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-	-	-	-
14.	Total local revenues	\$14,622	\$64,587	\$61,236	\$44,418
Education Spending		\$194,684	\$155,848	\$145,420	\$141,912
16.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	13.59	13.59	13.54	13.68
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil		\$371.86	\$10,199.48	\$10,700.52	\$10,374
18.	minus Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$1,706.09	\$1,594.70	-	-
19.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	-
20.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is solely attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed	-	-	-	-
21.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-
22.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-
23.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-
24.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$372	\$10,199	\$10,701	\$10,374
25.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$10,374 / \$8,544)	4.529% <small>based on \$8,219</small>	119.376% <small>based on \$8,544</small>	125.240% <small>based on \$8,544</small>	121.415% <small>based on \$8,544</small>
Prorating the local tax rate					
26.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (121.415% x \$0.870)	\$0.0394 <small>based on \$0.87</small>	\$1.0266 <small>based on \$0.86</small>	\$1.0771 <small>based on \$0.86</small>	\$1.0563 <small>based on \$0.870</small>
27.	Percent of Chester equalized pupils behind local SD costs	100.000%	3.020%	2.790%	2.91%
28.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (2.910% x \$1.06)	\$0.0394	\$0.0310	\$0.0301	\$0.0307
29.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	111.46%	100.16%	99.38%	100.96%
30.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.031 / 100.96%)	\$0.0353 <small>based on \$0.87</small>	\$0.0310 <small>based on \$0.86</small>	\$0.0303 <small>based on \$0.860</small>	\$0.0304 <small>based on \$0.87</small>
<p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</p>					
31.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (121.415% x 1.80%)	0.08%	2.15%	2.25%	2.19%
32.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (2.910% x 2.19%)	0.08%	0.06%	0.06%	0.06%
33.	Percent of equalized pupils at Chester-Andover UESD	42.71%	45.27%	47.15%	47.86%
34.	Percent of equalized pupils at Green Mountain UHSD	54.46%	51.71%	50.06%	49.23%

- Due to the ongoing fiscal crisis, there is uncertainty as to what the base education amount and homestead tax rate should be. Our current recommendation is to use \$8,544 and \$0.87, respectively. A district may choose to use different parameters if so desired. Final figures will be set by the Legislature and approved by the Governor.
 - The base income percentage cap is 1.80%.

**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. The Superintendent shall notify appropriate persons of this policy and of the grievance procedure whereby claims of discrimination may be processed including the right to contact the Human Rights Commission in Montpelier and the Regional Office of Civil Rights in Boston. Information on these and other sources of assistance is contained in the grievance procedure.

WHITING LIBRARY

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

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 use their personal laptop computers; and meeting room space for local organizations.

Some highlights of 2010: Our patron counter has shown an average of 100 people per day use the Library. The Library received a bequest in December of \$25,281 from the estate of Cynthia Parsons. The majority of the bequests will be designated for the endowment. A total of 139 new patrons signed up for library cards. In 2010, the Green Mountain Library Consortium made available a new service, Listen Up Vermont. Whiting Library has subscribed to this service to provide our patrons free access to hundreds of audiobook titles. A number of ebooks are also available through Listen Up. The audiobooks are available for download to a personal computer and then can be transferred to a portable listening device.

The Library is in the process of automating the card catalogue. We are presently still using the card catalogue that has served the Library for many years but are also in the process of updating to a computerized system utilizing Library World, an automation services vendor, to create the materials and patron databases. As of the end of 2010, library staff members have entered over 2200 electronic records of items from our collection and will be working tirelessly throughout 2011 on this project. We hope to have record entry completed by 2012 and our catalog will be available soon after for public use. Thanks for your patience and support.

The book discussion group continues to meet on the second Wednesday of every month. Drop in participants are always welcome. Whiting Library, in collaboration with local groups, participated in the Vermont Humanities Council 2010 *Vermont Reads* project. The Humanities Council book this year was *The Day of the Pelican* by Katherine Patterson. 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 websites, workshops, free consultations, library cards, access to any library in Vermont for interlibrary loans, and access to newspaper, periodical, and historical research databases.

Thank You! Thank you to all who have helped in the past year to make Whiting Library an institution of which the people of Chester can be proud. First and foremost, thank you so much to the volunteers without whom the Library could not function. Whiting Library is highly dependent on volunteer help and our volunteers put in a total of more than 30 hours per week. Whiting Library Children's Room would like to thank all those who helped make it a successful 2010 beginning with Vanessa Heybyrne and Faith Woods who added their talents to story-time and to Rebecca Salem who led the preschool group in yoga.

Our summer library program was made possible through the contributions of Cindy Roundy-Winston and Ciana Winston, Megan Spinnard and Kirsten Kouwenhoven who gave their time throughout the summer program, especially during our tie-dye night, and to Ann Curran, Priscilla Luebbers, Mariette Bock , Mark Tanzer, Jack Carlock and Cindy Collins for their help with various activities and refreshments during the summer "Make a Splash" event. Thanks to Steve Nelligan and his staff for making our program finale at the pool possible. 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 gave three new books per month throughout the year.

A big thank you goes to the Quilters of Whiting Library who created a colorful quilt "Bits and Pieces" for their annual quilt raffle. They designed and made the quilt which raised funds to support children's services at the Library. Whiting Library would like to extend a special thank you to Eclectic Technologies for providing our computer equipment, technology support, and computer services.

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 Whiting Library Board of Trustees raises funds throughout the year to keep the Library functioning and to share the cost of operations with Chester taxpayers. In 2010, close to \$15,000 was raised. 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. Also - our dinosaur, Reada Booker, gratefully accepts donations from our patient patrons and the kids!

Come and visit your Library. All are welcome.

Karen Morris, Director
Sharon Tanzer, Children's Librarian
Carole Reeves, Circulation Coordinator
Will Wilcox, Library Assistant

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Parks, Chairman
Suzy Forlie, Secretary
Shawn Cunningham, Treasurer
Mariette Bock
Cynthia Collins
Charlotte Edgar
Mary Lou Farrar

**WHITING LIBRARY FUND
2011 BUDGET**

		2009	2010	2010	2011
		Receipts	Budget	Receipts	Budget
Revenues					
5-311-01	Dividends	\$ 1,127.29	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 605.33	\$ 750.00
5-311-02	Interest	190.74	200.00	133.88	100.00
5-311-03	Town of Chester	67,170.00	67,170.00	67,170.00	70,000.00
5-311-04	Grants/Programs	183.38	100.00	164.00	100.00
5-311-05	Fund Raising	12,651.00	14,600.00	16,866.21	15,000.00
5-311-10	Donations	446.00	300.00	138.75	300.00
5-311-11	Book Sales	1,723.69	1,750.00	1,266.55	1,750.00
5-311-12	Lost Items>Returns	50.00	30.00	169.39	125.00
5-311-13	Mtg. Rm. Donations	100.00	100.00	125.00	200.00
5-311-14	Copier	668.00	750.00	665.75	600.00
5-311-20	Fund Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$84,310.60</u>	<u>\$86,200.00</u>	<u>\$87,304.86</u>	<u>\$98,925.00</u>
		2009	2010	2010	2011
		Expended	Budget	Expended	Budget
Expenditures					
5-415-10	Payroll	\$63,998.65	\$68,000.00	\$63,834.66	\$68,000.00
5-415-20	Administration	271.96	300.00	333.85	300.00
5-415-21	Fund Raising	1,114.50	1,200.00	1,751.77	1,500.00
5-415-22	Prof. Development	115.00	300.00	230.00	500.00
5-415-23	Travel	774.40	300.00	198.72	300.00
5-415-25	Books & Materials	7,675.12	9,000.00	10,423.73	10,775.00
5-415-26	Holden Fund	3,452.68	0.00	0.00	0.00
5-415-34	Programs	901.61	1,100.00	1,074.54	1,100.00
5-415-35	Postage	997.50	1,000.00	923.39	1,200.00
5-415-41	Supplies	1,785.62	1,500.00	2,014.62	1,750.00
5-415-56	Telephone	796.05	850.00	589.23	850.00
5-415-60	Copier	1,211.04	1,400.00	804.61	900.00
5-415-70	Equipment	637.37	1,000.00	1,301.30	1,500.00
5-415-79	Maint. & Repairs	199.94	250.00	176.18	250.00
5-415-80	Automation Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$83,931.44</u>	<u>\$86,200.00</u>	<u>\$83,656.60</u>	<u>\$98,925.00</u>
	Net Income	\$ 379.16	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,648.26	\$ 0.00

**STATEMENT OF FUNDS
HELD BY TRUSTEES OF WHITING LIBRARY
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010**

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
TD Bank Money Market	\$ 29,080.88
TD Bank Savings	<u>35,430.10</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>\$ 64,510.98</u>
 Total Current Assets	 \$ 64,510.98
 Other Assets	
Investment Fund Eaton Fund	\$ 4,432.92
Investment Fund JP Morgan	<u>63,875.34</u>
 Total Other Assets	 <u>\$ 68,308.26</u>

TOTAL ASSETS **\$132,819.24**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity	
Retained Earnings	\$102,705.14
Net Income	<u>30,114.10</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$132,819.24</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **\$132,819.24**

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Begin Balance January 1, 2010	\$ 74,679.10
Receipts	87,004.86
Expenses	<u>83,656.60</u>
Balance December 31, 2010	\$ 78,027.36

Petty Cash	
Begin Balance January 1, 2010	\$ 100.00
Receipts	100.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2010	\$ 200.00

Petty Cash Postage	
Begin Balance January 1, 2010	\$ 0.00
Receipts	200.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2010	\$ 200.00

SPRINGFIELD/CHESTER TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING CENTER

Last year's report ended on the subject of signs, and encouragement to read them. I had intended to repaint them, make them larger, and perhaps less enigmatic, but I don't know how to clarify something like "NEWS PRINT ONLY" or "TIN CANS." Well, the year slipped by without a new sign in sight. We will get to them eventually, and then I'll feel better about having a tirade over people not reading them. However, there is an arrow-shaped sign that reads "Batteries" standing near the location of the old battery collection bin. It points, in an unambiguous way, toward a small building bearing a sign that reads "BATTERIES." We built it away from the old location because of the possibility of fire, thinking that a small shack would be easier to replace than a large one. That, and we get a kick watching people try to figure out the changes. NO, not really. In fact, we hate change about as much as anybody. You wouldn't believe all the different places we've found batteries since the move. The best result we ever got from a sign was the one about poisonous ticks. It kept most of the public and half of our staff out of the electronics storage trailer all summer. The one posting a reward for a missing pet python didn't work nearly as well; too many words, I think.

Recycling leans heavily on the art and science of Reuse. Literally tons of usable items and materials are diverted from the waste stream every month by our Second Chance Store. Please donate responsibly; if you don't want the item, will anybody else? Without the help of a small number of volunteers, led for the past ten years by Andrea Sanford, this aspect of your recycling center would simply not exist. The community owes Andrea a debt of gratitude for all she has done. I could fill this report with a list of her qualities and good works but that wouldn't begin to show my appreciation. It is my sincere hope that she remains with us for the next ten years at least. Many of Andrea's customers have often asked if the thrift store could expand to meet an ever-growing need. I am very pleased to report that work has begun. Thanks to all the small donations at the Second Chance Store, and funds administered by the Springfield Recycling Committee, we have started construction and hope to have the framing complete before cold weather sets in.

Some of the information needed for a complete report remains elusive, but should be available early in the new year. A computer wired to the world might get the results out a little sooner, but I'm a bit of a technophobe, so it's the abacus and the Ouija board for now. The Ouija board is fairly accurate and indicates a small increase in tons of glass, cardboard, and scrap-metal but a slight decrease in paper. It also indicates a decrease in solid waste; that's what we want to hear, but I suspect the spirit world knew that. Again, better information will be available soon.

The numbers for the paper are in; close to 350 tons, saving about 5,000 trees. Good work; we couldn't have done it without you, so 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, as well as promoting cooperation and coordination among towns.

During FY 2010, member towns contributed 3% to the Regional Planning Commission's annual budget of \$756,607.00. 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 FY 2010, the Regional Planning Commission assisted the Town of Chester in completing a VT Route 103 Corridor Management Plan and develop implementation strategies; assisted the town to improve coordination on VT Route 103 bridge projects with Vermont Agency of Transportation; assisted the town with federal and state grant applications; assisted the Highway Department with an inventory of bridges and culverts, and is assisting the Planning Commission in developing a unified development bylaw which incorporates zoning, subdivision, and flood hazard regulations. The RPC also hosted regional road foreman meetings, local energy committee networking meetings, and Zoning Administrator's roundtable meetings. In addition to providing specific services, the RPC provides ongoing technical assistance to member towns in land use, energy and transportation planning, zoning, Act 250, grant writing and administration, brownfields assessment and remediation, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping.

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 2010, 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
website: www.swcrpc.org

CHESTER-ANDOVER FAMILY CENTER

The Chester-Andover Family Center has had another great year of change and improvement thanks to the continued support of our communities. With the mission to "Provide a Helping Hand to Persons and Families in Need," we work hard to address the needs of our residents who still struggle in this difficult economy. Many people are unemployed or under employed with wages not keeping up with expenses. 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 2010. Looking ahead, we expect to see even more people in need for the coming year.

After much discussion and exploration of options, the CAFC Board has decided to sell our Depot Street building. We have outgrown our current space, and we realize our building is not keeping up with the needs of our recipients. Because of past generosity by our communities, we have no debt. The proceeds from the sale will give us a good down payment on a new location, and we plan to apply for grants as well as do some fundraising.

We realize our biggest challenge is for the Food Shelf. Our storage and distribution space is upstairs. Every can, box, and bag of food must be carried upstairs for sorting and storage, then back down again when we have our distribution days. We are grateful for volunteers who have been able to accomplish this, but it is not easy. With the limited upstairs storage space, we are not able to buy food at wholesale nor are we able to become members of the Vermont Foodbank, which would give us access to very low cost food. We do not meet the requirements to allow recipients to "shop" for example, to pick 3 cans of soup rather than have 3 cans chosen for them.

We are very grateful for the 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 only occasionally. Besides staffing the shop when open, 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 as there is no paid staff.

Our increased number of volunteers has allowed us to expand the Thrift Shop hours again. The Shop is now open Tuesday 10-4, Wednesday 1-7, Friday 10-4, and Saturday 9-2. Income from the Shop supports both the Food Shelf and financial assistance. The service directors for the current year are: Jonne Adler, Food Shelf; Sherry Willumitis, Thrift Shop; and Edie Brown, Social Services. You can reach each of them by calling the Thrift Shop (875-3236). Please leave a message if the shop is not open.

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.

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 2275 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.

During this fiscal year, WCP began negotiations with Three River Valley Business Education Partnership to adopt their Springfield school- and community-based mentoring programs. This would enable WCP to serve youth it was formerly unable to reach, while enhancing its long-term sustainability. Offering a choice of programs, including one that requires less of a commitment, would appeal to a wider range of potential mentors, while providing the opportunity to later deepen their relationship by joining the community program. In September 2010, we completed the adoption process, marking the first time in 36 years that WCP has expanded its vision.

In this last year WCP served one person from Chester but supported 29 total partnerships from among 14 towns in Windsor County. Schools in every town we serve have no shortage of children to refer. Our biggest challenge is finding mentors. Please consider becoming a mentor today.

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 and thank you for your steadfast support.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Kinter, Director
(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 **149** residents requested assistance this past year. As part of the Medicare Part D prescription program, we have trained staff available by phone, office, or home.*

Senior Nutrition - *A total of **7,135** home-delivered meals were arranged through a contract with Meals on Wheels of Greater Springfield.*

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

Case Management & 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 **56** Chester residents which is estimated as an annual cost of \$67,200.*

Caregiver Respite - *Through grants, we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases.*

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

Your Town contribution generates 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, 2009, and June 30, 2010, the VNA & Hospice made *4,213 homecare visits (5,112 hours of service) to 148 Chester residents, and absorbed approximately \$106,548 in unreimbursed charges.*

Home Healthcare: 2,715 home visits to 110 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

Long-Term Care: 807 home visits to 15 residents with chronic medical problems who needed extended care in their home to avoid admission to a nursing home.

Hospice Services: 598 home visits to 12 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Maternal and Child Health Services: 93 home visits to 11 residents for well baby, preventive, 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

Serving Windsor County: An Invitation to Serve in Chester

Last year, all over the country more than 450,000 Senior Corps volunteers aged 55 and over served more than 98 million hours through 65,000 organizations, improving the lives of millions of our most vulnerable citizens. Senior Corps is impacting our nation in substantive ways and making life better for those in need. Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center is a part of Senior Corps, and we want to share our good news with everyone!

In the Chester area, RSVP volunteers donated 3,974 of those 98 million hours by working at Chester-Andover Family Center, the Chester-Andover Elementary School, the Whiting Library, and the Chester Information Booth. Chester volunteers also serve at the Springfield Hospital and Springfield Health and Rehab. They work at Meals on Wheels, the American Red Cross Blood Drives, CRT, the Vermont Center for the Book, as AARP Tax Aides, and they knit and crochet for local families and elders in need.

The work of these volunteers can be multiplied throughout the State of Vermont, to our neighboring states, and all across the country. When you think of the impact that volunteers over the age of 55 are making everywhere, it is astonishing and heartwarming. If you wish to be a part of this powerful effort, please call Linda Husband at (802) 885-2083.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Palencsar, Executive Director

COMMUNITY CARES NETWORK, INC.

For nearly fifteen years, Community Cares Network of Chester and Andover, Inc. has been providing services on a volunteer basis to the Senior Citizens of our communities. We are a nonprofit neighbor-to-neighbor organization whose goal is to help seniors stay in their home safely and longer.

Community Cares Network, Inc. offers an array of services for the seniors of Chester. First of all, we provide transportation, as well as company, especially to medical appointments and to shopping. We also have an impact through friendly visiting and reassurance check-ins. Twice a year, we work with the Respect Club of Chester-Andover Elementary School and parents to do chores for Senior Citizens, such as raking leaves. In this way we help to bring the generations together, since people of all ages, from toddlers to adults, participate in these work days.

In some cases, our volunteers provide the only link to the outside world that some elderly and homebound people have, and we help to reassure them that they are not forgotten.

For the year 2010: 30 volunteers provided an array of services for 40 Seniors. We provided over 500 transportation trips; 90 odd jobs; 2 work days; 500 reassurance calls and visits. And our volunteers gave well over 1000 hours of their time and service.

We thank the citizens of Chester for their participation and financial support over the years.

Community Cares Network of Chester/Andover, Inc.
John Nunnikhoven
and the Board of Directors

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 12. 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 10 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 10 CRT services to your Town: In-Town and Shopper Bus Services: 1,732; Seasonal Commuter Bus Service to Okemo: 5,783; - Dial-a-Ride Service to Chester Residents: 4,566; includes medical rides for Chester's elderly, disabled, and/or children and families who receive Medicaid.

Ridership increases in FY 10 CRT services to the region: Commuter Bus Service to the Upper Valley, Okemo, and Brattleboro: 3.7% overall to 80,986; Non-Commuter Bus Service to the General Public: 1% to 34,443; Human Services Transportation including the Volunteer and Taxi network: level at 82,200.

FY 10 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 10.

The local contributions (comprised of the three categories below) in FY 10 to CRT services was over \$194,000: Individuals riding the CRT services: 46% for \$89,500; Businesses serviced by CRT commuter, general public, and human service transit: 32% for \$62,000; and Towns in CRT service area: 22% or \$43,000.

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 \$43,000, 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 three million dollars to the local economy in FY 10.

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

NEW BEGINNINGS, INC.

New Beginnings, Inc. is a nonprofit agency approaching its 30th year of providing crisis and post-crisis services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Southern Windsor County. Our free and confidential services are available every hour of every day via our Hotline, in our office in Springfield weekdays, and evenings and weekends in the local full-time police stations/barracks and in Springfield and Mt. Ascutney Hospitals. We offer education and support for safety, financial, and life planning, education and support through the relief from abuse legal process, safe housing, peer support groups, social service advocacy and referrals; community and school prevention education for students in grades K-12 is also a priority, with audiences receiving information on healthy relationships and teen dating violence, self-esteem building, bullying, internet use safety, gender stereotyping, and media influences on children, youth, and adults. Presentations and materials are free and available upon the request of teachers, guidance counselors and school nurses, or other community members. Our staff is certified to provide training regarding these difficult issues to police officers and medical personnel and to others who serve your residents such as teachers, social workers, daycare providers, business owners, and religious leaders.

During the past fiscal year, our hotline volunteers provided 6734 hours of crisis coverage to residents of Chester, Southern Windsor County, and the Town of Rockingham in Windham County. During Fiscal Year 2010 (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010), our staff and volunteers supported and worked to empower 341 survivors throughout the area, with 1081 services provided to those victims. Nineteen (19) residents of Chester received 58 of those direct services. Three hundred and seventy (370) children (22 children of Chester) were reported to be exposed to violence among those 341 homes. Additionally, non-victim residents of Chester – family, friends, neighbors and co-workers – sought advice to best support a victim toward safety, stability, and peace.

We wish to thank the people of Chester for their continued support of this work and we welcome your comments and suggestions, and additional contributions of time and talents, perhaps as a hotline volunteer or board member. May your homes be filled with peace in the coming year.

Business Telephone: (802) 885-2368
24-Hour Hotline: (802) 885-2050/674-6700

Respectfully submitted,
Terri A. Fisk, Executive Director

HEALTH CARE AND REHABILITATION SERVICES OF SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont requests an appropriation of \$3,044.00 from the Town of Chester at the 2011 Town Meeting to help defray the cost of services to its residents for the Mental Health Walk-In Clinic. In the year ending June 30, 2010, our agency provided a comprehensive range of community-based services to 4,749 residents of Windsor and Windham counties. The services that are available to the residents of your community are:

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

Alcohol and Drug Treatment Services: For adults and family members who are adversely affected by the use of alcohol or drugs, we offer a comprehensive program of assessment, inpatient referral, outreach, outpatient treatment, and aftercare dedicated to aiding the recovery from chemical dependency and its effects.

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

Developmental Services (DS): The DS program provides services to people with developmental disabilities and their families. Services are available to people of all ages who have been found eligible, and each person being served receives an individually written program to meet his or her needs.

The Alternatives Program: A short-term alternative to hospitalization, the Alternatives Program provides crisis stabilization, respite, and support to clients with psychiatric disabilities or to any adult experiencing an acute mental health crisis. We also provide a transitional residence for those stepping down from an inpatient setting. Our program provides a very desirable alternative to hospitalization in being less costly and less structured, while at the same time providing individualized attention in a more homelike, community-based setting.

Emergency Services: The Emergency Services Team has a very specific mission to act quickly in critical situations. Specially trained mental health professionals are available 24 hours a day for emergencies. Anyone may use this service when an emergency arises including individuals of any family or friends of an individual in crisis, hospitals and nursing homes, police, schools, clergy, businesses, and other community agencies.

We thank the Board and the citizens of Chester for your past support and for your continued interest in Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,
George Karabakakis, Ph.D., Chief Operating Officer

MEALS & WHEELS OF GREATER SPRINGFIELD INC.

Meals & Wheels of Greater Springfield, Inc., has been serving meals to the elderly and qualifying handicapped recipients since 2000. The program serves the communities of Andover, Baltimore, Chester, Springfield, and South Weathersfield. A hot meal is provided Monday through Friday with frozen meals available to those who qualify for weekends and holidays. We also provide a cold breakfast meal for those who qualify which we deliver along with the noon time meal.

During the past fiscal year, October 1, 2009 -September 30, 2010, Meals & Wheels served 6,993 meals at our congregate meal site in Springfield. Volunteers delivered 32,270 meals to over 130 private homes around the Springfield area, for a total of 39,263 meals provided to those in need in the community.

All this work was done with the help of three part-time and one full-time paid employees and many volunteers. Over the past year, Meals & Wheels engaged about 75 volunteers who came to us from community programs such as RSVP, the Springfield Schools, Lincoln Street, Mental Health Services, and other community members who just want to volunteer out of the Spirit of goodwill. Volunteers serve on our Board, deliver meals, wait on tables, assist in the kitchen, provide entertainment at the congregate meal site, and help with fund raising. We strongly believe that our program gives back to our volunteers as much as they give to the program. We provide an opportunity to be a part of a vital service and a chance for volunteers to connect with others and to become part of the community.

The most important role of our program goes far beyond meeting the nutritional needs of the seniors in the community. For many, the meal delivery volunteer may be the only contact they have for the day and seeing a friendly face can be the highlight of their day. At Meals & Wheels, we do our part in providing a safety net for many isolated seniors in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Directors

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

Neighborhood Connections is a community-based nonprofit serving Weston, Londonderry/S. Londonderry, Jamaica, Peru, Windham, Winhall, Chester, Andover, and Landgrove. Our mission is to provide preventive health care, health education, and social services with particular emphasis on those most vulnerable. We are dedicated to excellence in our work to improve the health and quality of life for all.

Our organization began working last October, and has provided the following services in our target communities, including the Town of Chester.

Our Health Educator has:

- Served as the Flood Brook School Physician.
- Prepared television programs on health care topics which can be viewed over Channel 8.
- Offered home visits, in conjunction with local medical providers.
- When necessary, accompanied patients to medical visits or the emergency room, to coordinate care.
- Received a grant from Susan G. Komen for breast cancer screening. The work is ongoing with senior lunches, food pantries, home groups, and individual home visits.
- Run booths at the Jamaica Old Home Day and the Bondville Fair as well as the Komen Race for the Cure, with information about breast cancer prevention and screening.
- Submitted a grant proposal for a Healthy Living Initiative to be held in conjunction with, and located at, the Flood Brook School.

Our Social Worker has:

- Worked closely with "Just Neighbors" to coordinate volunteer transportation and delivery of wood for our clients that live in our target area.
- Worked with residents to process social service applications.
- Set up an emergency loan fund to help our clients through temporary financial setbacks.
- Provided emergency funds when necessary to prevent utility shut-off orders and evictions.
- Referred clients to credit counseling services.
- Provided follow-up and case management on all services that are provided.
- Distributed blankets to needy families.
- Worked with families and offered support during a crisis.

We also have many other programs in the planning stages which will benefit the Town of Chester. In order to ensure the continued availability of these services we are requesting funding in the amount of \$1000.00 from the Town of Chester for FY2011.

Respectfully submitted.

Carole Robbshaw, Business Administrator

P. O. Box 207

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2010 VITAL STATISTICS

Traditionally, Vital Statistics (Births, Deaths, and Civil Marriages) 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 2010:

Civil Marriages - 41
Births - 10
Deaths - 15

**TOWN OF CHESTER AND CHESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 1, 2010**

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 Deborah 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 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. Irene Wood made a motion to raise \$206,656.00, to be paid to the Town Treasurer on September 15, 2010. Seconded by Nora-Ellen Spaulding. Alison DesLauriers explained that the Town School District information can be found on pages 60 – 63 of the Annual Report. 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. Leigh Dakin 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. Leigh Dakin moved Article 6 as printed. Seconded by Richard Jewett. Article 6 voted in the affirmative.

Article 7: To act on the reports o the Town School District Officers for the year ending December 31, 2009. Steve Nelligan moved Article 7 as printed. 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 7:10 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 7:14 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.

Moderator Dakin then introduced the Board of Selectmen: Michael Westine, Julie Ladieu-Walton, Derek Suursoo, John DeBenedetti, and Richard Jewett, Town Manager, David Pisha and Town Clerk, Deborah Aldrich. 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 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. Alison DesLauriers moved Article 2 as printed. Seconded by Leigh Dakin. Lee Gustafson asked if the Town Report was on the Town Website now. Deborah Aldrich replied yes. Amber Wilson asked what the cost savings would be. Julie Hance replied approximately \$2,500.00. Article 2 voted in the affirmative.

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. David Armstrong moved Article 3 as printed. Seconded by Seeley Morton. Article 3 voted in the affirmative.

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. Michael Caduto moved Article 4 as printed. Seconded by Richard Crocker. Julie Hance made a motion to amend Article 4 to read: **To see if the Town will vote to change the location of the annual and any special Town Meetings from the Town Office Building to the auditorium of the Green Mountain Union High School.** Seconded by Frank Kelley. Amber Wilson asked if the Australian Ballot Voting would also be changed to the High School. Deborah Aldrich replied no. Voting would still be at the Town Hall. Many voters spoke in favor of moving to the High School and many voters spoke in favor of keeping Town Meeting at the Town Hall. Moderator Dakin explained that there would first be a vote on the amendment. Amendment to Article 4 voted in the affirmative. Moderator Dakin re-read Article 4 as amended.

Moderator Dakin took a voice vote and then asked for a Division of the House. Ayes – 111 No – 56. Article 4 as amended voted in the affirmative.

Moderator Dakin then introduced Representative Kathy Pellet and explained that Representative Pellet would give a brief explanation of the progress that is being made in Montpelier and at the end of the meeting she would be available to answer any questions that the voters may have. Representative Pellet gave a brief summary of the deficit (\$150 million), education and transportation issues and VT Yankee.

Moderator Dakin then read four Resolutions from the General Assembly honoring Richard Higley, Richard Jewett, George Cook and Irene Wood, for their years of service, and presented each with a framed Resolution.

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. Nora-Ellen Spaulding moved Article 5 as printed. Seconded by Leigh Dakin. Article 5 voted in the affirmative.

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. Kathy Pellet moved Article 6 as printed. Seconded by Leigh Dakin. Article 6 voted in the affirmative.

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. Richard Crocker moved Article 7 as printed. Seconded by Steve Nelligan. Alison DesLauriers asked if the wording of the Article was intended to be that the \$330,000.00 would be put in the budget every year.

Derek Suursoo explained that yes the Article is intended to be that every year the \$330,000.00 would be included in the budget. David Liebttag asked where the \$330,000.00 figure came from. David Pisha answered that he had reviewed the equipment list and looked at future needs. He also explained that there is a Capital Plan on page 26 of the Annual Report. Ruth Zezza asked if there would be an increase in taxes. David Pisha answered no. Phyllisa Jones-Prescott asked why it would be included in the budget every year. David Pisha answered for future budgeting purposes. Derek Suursoo explained that once this is voted and the money is allocated every year it is impossible to predict that there will be no increase in taxes. Lee Gustafson asked if the money could be spent on anything else. David Pisha advised that it could only be spent on the items in the Capitol Plan. Lee Gustafson asked if this was the intent forever. David Pisha explained that the plan goes out ten years right now. Julie Ladieu-Walton explained that the voters have to approve any money that is spent out of the Capital Budget Reserve Fund. Article 6 is an example of that. She explained that \$330,000.00 will be in the budget every year, but the voters can decide to vote the budget down. Ruth Zezza asked how the voters would be informed if money was being spent out of this fund. David Pisha replied that there would have to be a warned meeting. Article 7 voted in the affirmative.

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. Wanda Purdy made a motion to raise \$2,417,092.86, as found on page 14, to be paid to the Town Treasurer on September 15, 2010. Seconded by Sean Whalen. Moderator Dakin then advised that David Pisha would make a presentation on the budget. (Copy attached in Permanent Minute Book only) Article 8 voted in the affirmative.

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. Edie Brown moved Article 9 as printed. Seconded by Nora-Ellen Spaulding. Edie Brown explained that the report of the Chester-Andover Family Center could be found on page 74 of the Annual Report. Deb Epler explained that she supports all of these organizations but would like to remind people that the budget was reduced this year by \$22,000.00 and that by voting all of these special interest Articles they would add that back into the budget. Derek Suursoo explained that it would add \$34,201.00 to the budget, which is about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cent. Article 9 voted in the affirmative.

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 organization which provides services to Senior Citizens, helping them to stay in their homes safely longer. David Armstrong moved Article 10 as printed. Seconded by Richard Crocker. David Armstrong explained that they are a volunteer service that provides transportation, financial records keeping help; they do chores for the elderly, etc. They are a 501C organization. Nancy Pennell asked if there could be more information, about these organizations, sent out to voters before future meetings. Julie Ladieu-Walton explained that, compared to last year; all of these organizations are level funded. Nancy Pennell asked why the organizations have to petition every year, could an amount for special organizations just be put in the budget. Richard Jewett explained that about 8 or 9 years ago the Selectboard decided that the voters should be the ones

to vote on the monies that the organizations ask for. Article 10 voted in the affirmative.

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. Nora-Ellen Spaulding moved Article 11 as printed. Seconded by Muriel Briggs. Nora-Ellen Spaulding explained that she was on the Board of Directors and the report of the Council on Aging could be found on page 76 of the Annual Report. Article 11 voted in the affirmative.

Article 12: 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. Richard Crocker moved Article 12 as printed. Seconded by Steve Nelligan. Leigh Dakin explained that the report for the Visiting Nurse Association could be found on page 77 of the Annual Report. Article 12 voted in the affirmative.

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. Susan Kropp moved Article 13 as printed. Seconded by Sean Whalen. Sharon Litchfield asked where HCRS was in Chester. Susan Kropp explained that HCRS is actually located in Springfield, but it serves people in Chester. Article 13 voted in the affirmative.

Article 14: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500) to Rockingham Area Community Land Trust (RACL) 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? Sean Whalen moved Article 14 as printed. Seconded by Michael Caduto. Richard Crocker, President of RACL, explained that their report could be found on pages 80 – 81 of the Annual Report. Article 14 voted in the affirmative.

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. Susan Kropp moved Article 15 as printed. Seconded by Kathleen Karl. Susan Kropp explained that SEVCA is a nonprofit organization and gave a brief explanation of their services. Article 15 voted in the affirmative.

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. Susan Kropp moved Article 16 as printed. Seconded by Marilyn Mahusky. Article 16 voted in the affirmative.

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. David Armstrong moved Article 17 as printed. Seconded by Phyllisa Jones-Prescott. Linda Stowell explained that she is on the Board of Directors and gave a brief explanation of the services that The Current offers. Article 17 voted in the affirmative.

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? Maria Contro moved Article 18 as printed. Seconded by Michael LeClair. Maria Contro, Treasurer for Meals on Wheels, explained that Meals on Wheels has been in existence for 30 years and they are also serving breakfast now. Article 18 voted in the affirmative.

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? John Holme moved Article 19 as printed. Seconded by Lew Waters. Derek Suursoo explained that he had read the report on page 75 of the Annual Report and noted that they had not served anyone in the Town of Chester. Paula Townshend, from Windsor County Partners, explained that they have not served anyone in Chester for the past three years. The reason for that is that no one from Chester has come forward to be a mentor. They have recently received an application from a woman in Chester that would like to be a mentor. Article 19 voted in the affirmative.

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? Maria Contro moved Article 20 as printed. Seconded by Seeley Morton. Leigh Dakin advised that the report of Green Mountain RSVP could be found on page 78 of the Annual Report. Article 20 voted in the affirmative.

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. Cynthia Prairie moved Article 21 as printed. Seconded by Matt Prescott. Shawn Cunningham explained the grant is for \$30,000.00 and it is a 50% matching funds grant. They have raised \$12,000.00 so far through donations. Derek Suursoo asked what the official title is and if they are a 501C organization. Shawn Cunningham explained that they are receiving help from Chester Economic Development and Southern Vermont Regional Planning will be receiving the funds. George Cook asked if this was a onetime request. Shawn Cunningham explained that yes it is. Deb Epler asked what would happen if the bridge project did not happen in 2011. Shawn Cunningham explained that they have been assured by the VT Transportation Board

that it is happening. Kathy Pellet advised that it is on the schedule to be done. Julie Ladieu-Walton asked if the limit to be spent was \$45,000.00, with the grant being \$30,000.00 and the matching funds being \$15,000.00. Shawn Cunningham advised that if more than \$45,000.00 was going to be spent they would have to raise the extra money. Wanda Purdy asked who this \$1,000.00 would be paid to, because the Article does not say who the check should be made out to. Shawn Cunningham explained that no organization has been set up yet. It could be Chester Economic Development or Chester Farmers Market. He also explained that if the grant was not funded they would not be asking for any money from the Town. William Lindsay explained that he was on the Economic Development Board and the Board has not taken a vote yet to support this grant application. Ron Patch advised that he did not feel that this was tax payer responsibility. John Holme made a motion to amend Article 21 to read to be payable to the Chester Farmers Market. Seconded by Pat Budnick. After some more discussion Moderator Dakin explained that there would now be a vote on the amendment. Amendment to Article 21 voted in the affirmative. Moderator Dakin then re read Article 21 as amended. **Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000) to Chester Farmers Market, Inc., 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.** The Moderator took a voice vote and then asked for a Division of the House. Ayes – 97 No – 34. Article 21 voted in the affirmative.

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. William Lindsay moved Article 22 as printed. Seconded by Nora-Ellen Spaulding. Lee Gustafson asked the cost to carry a loan. David Pisha advised 2 ¼ %. He explained that it is a Line of Credit and does not get drawn on until needed. Lee Gustafson asked if there was a rough cost. Derek Suursoo explained that on page 18 of the Annual Report, line 01-415-90, TAN Interest, is budgeted at \$28,000.00. Alison DesLauriers asked if the Board was still looking into doing quarterly payments for taxes. Julie Ladieu-Walton explained that the Board is working on that. Article 22 voted in the affirmative.

Article 23: To act on the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 2009. Nora-Ellen Spaulding moved Article 23 as printed. Seconded by Muriel Briggs. Tony Weinberger referred to page 39, the list of Cemetery's, Spoonerville Cemetery is listed as being on Mattson Road, and it is on Trebo Road. Don Robinson commented on the Springfield/Chester Regional Recycling and Transfer Center Report, good report. Article 23 was voted in the affirmative.

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. George Cook & Jack Cable commended the Town Highway Crew on a job well done. Jack Cable also thanked Richard Higley for his years of service as an Auditor.

Moderator Dakin explained that Representative Kathy Pellet would answer any questions that anyone may have. There was no question and answer period.

Carla Westine made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Seeley Morton. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

A true record.

/s/ Deborah J. Aldrich, Town Clerk

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

/s/ William E. Dakin, Jr., 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 Green Mountain Union High School Auditorium in said Town of Chester on Monday, May 10, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., to act on the following Article.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to expend an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, less any available grant funds, for the purpose of purchasing a new water metering system for the Chester water/sewer users. Any funds borrowed will be repaid in a term of no more than 5 years.

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 7th day of April, 2010.

/s/John DeBenedetti, Chairman
/s/Derek Suursoo
/s/Tom Bock
/s/Julie Ladieu-Walton
/s/William Lindsay

**TOWN OF CHESTER SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 10 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 the voters if there was any objection on non-voters speaking, if asked to. There was no objection.

Moderator Dakin then introduced Town Manager, David Pisha; and Select Board Members; John DeBenedetti, Julie Ladieu-Walton, Derek Suursoo, Thomas Bock and William Lindsay. He then read the Warning.

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Julie Hance made a motion to move article 1 as written. Seconded by Ruth Douglas. Town Manager David Pisha then made a presentation. Copy attached in Permanent Minute Book only.

Robert Parker asked if the Board had thought about setting up a capital fund or emergency fund instead of reducing bills.

Mr. Pisha explained that yes that has been talked about. Once the system is put into place and we go through a couple of cycles we can see where we stand.

Robert Parker asked what the cost to install would be. Mr. Pisha replied \$85,000.00.

Cecil Waldo expressed concern about future emergency projects, for example the water tank, pump station or any other major projects in the next five years?

Mr. Pisha advised that a capital fund would help those kinds of situations. He also advised that to go after grant money you need a capital plan.

Richard Crocker asked if the savings would be in administration costs. Mr. Pisha replied yes. Mr. Pisha also explained that there would be savings to users by having meters that read accurately. Mr. Crocker asked if there had been any needs assessments done. Mr. Pisha advised that there are needs that have been looked at.

Mr. Pisha advised that they need to layout a program.

Don Robinson asked what makes up the base rate. Mr. Pisha advised the Water and Sewer Bonds. The Water Bonds are being paid off this year. Some of the Sewer Bonds will be paid off next year.

Mr. Robinson asked Mr. Pisha to define user. Jeff Holden explained that the water usage is metered. Apartment buildings, with several units, are billed, the base rate fee, for each dwelling unit.

Mr. Robinson asked Mr. Holden how long it would take to install the new meters. Mr. Holden replied a couple of months, hopefully. Some of the meters may be installed on weekends or evenings, when people will be at home.

Mr. Robinson asked how 4 ½ year's came to be for paying the meters off. Mr. Pisha advised that it had worked out that way to not raise rates.

Mr. Robinson advised that he had heard several figures; \$85,000, \$90,000, and \$100,000. Is the \$85,000 realistic? Mr. Holden explained that there could be unforeseen costs. Mr. Holden advised that there are many variables; VT & CA have passed a no lead law in any fixtures, so depending on how many meters need full replacement, the cost could change.

Mr. Parker asked if the meters were the same size, and the old one would just be disconnected. Also, would any plumbing need to be done? Mr. Holden advised that no plumbing would need to be done and there would be no grey boxes on the outside of houses anymore. There will be an antenna in the basement of each house.

Moderator Dakin reread the article. Article 1 voted in the affirmative.

Robert Parker made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Richard Jewett. Meeting adjourned at 7:19.

A true record.

/s/ Deborah J. Aldrich, Town Clerk

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

/s/ John DeBenedetti, Chairman, Board of Selectmen

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 Green Mountain Union High School Auditorium in said Town of Chester on Saturday, February 26, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., to act on the following Articles. Voting on Articles 1, 2 and 3 will be by Australian Ballot on March 1, 2011, 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, 2010.
- ARTICLE 8:** To transact any other business deemed proper when met.

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 10th day of January, 2011.

/s/ Alison DesLauriers, Chairman
/s/ Gertrude J. Bennett
/s/ Irene Wood

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WARNING
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- ARTICLE 1:** To elect Town Officials for the ensuing year as provided by the Public Laws of Vermont and citizens to serve on the Budget Committee (Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to accept gifts and trust funds for perpetual care of cemetery lots in accordance with conditions of said gifts and trusts as follows: Jeffrey C. Holden, \$250.00; Jon Clark and Jeff Clark, \$375.00; Patricia Larson and Ronald Moore and Lori Moore, \$375.00; Barbara Lavoie, \$125.00; Ferris W. and Elizabeth B. Carmichael, \$250.00.
- ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to expend from the Capital Budget Reserve Fund, \$273,115.52 to be allocated as follows: \$95,000.00 for the purchase of a new dump truck; \$75,000.00 for the purchase of a flatbed truck and the repair of the existing sidewalk plow; \$12,000.00 to upgrade the computer software in the ambulance as mandated by new Federal Regulation; \$40,000.00 for the purchase of a new police cruiser; \$7,500.00 for the replacement of street signage as required by new Federal Regulation, \$20,845.52 to be used for continued repairs to existing town facilities; \$22,770.00 to be used for the upgrading and repairs of town bridges and culverts; all as indicated on the Capital Budget Program schedule.
- ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Grant Fund which will be used solely for the purpose of providing matching funds for potential grants.
- ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to allocate \$33,932.06 to fund the Grant Fund established by the voters. The amount to be funded each year will be incorporated in the annual budget and presented to the voters at the Annual Meeting. Said funds are to be used solely for the purpose of matching funds for potential grants.
- ARTICLE 6:** 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 7:** 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 Olive Branch Lodge #64.
- ARTICLE 8:** 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 Green Mountain Softball League.

- ARTICLE 9:** 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 Chester Rod and Gun Club, Inc.
- ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the Disabled Veterans Exemption from \$20,000.00 to \$40,000.00 in accordance with VSA 3802(11) in the deduction for Disabled Veterans rated at 50% disabled or greater. The article proposes the increase in exemption being the only change in the language of the current Town Rule as allowed by VSA 3802(11).
- ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town of Chester will appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) to assist in the services of the Chester-Andover Family Center for individuals and families in need.
- ARTICLE 12:** 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 13:** 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 14:** 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 15:** 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 16:** 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 17:** 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 18:** 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 19:** 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 20:** 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 21:** 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 22:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,200.00) to support the COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VT, INC. to provide services to the elderly.
- ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town of Chester will raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to Neighborhood Connections to assist Chester in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services.
- ARTICLE 24:** 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 25:** To act on the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 2010.
- ARTICLE 26:** 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 21st day of January, 2011.

/s/ John DeBenedetti, Chairman
/s/ Julie Ladieu-Walton
/s/ Derek Suursoo
/s/ Tom Bock
/s/ William Lindsay

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February 26, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.
At Green Mountain Union High School

TOWN BALLOTING

March 1, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
in Town Hall Second Floor

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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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