

Annual Report



**Town of Chester, Vermont
Calendar Year 2011**



Tribute to the Chester Highway Department

This Chester Town Annual Report is dedicated to the Chester Highway Department because of their tireless work during and after Tropical Storm Irene to rebuild our roads, bridges, and assisting residents to safety and regaining access to their homes and businesses.

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINTH

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, 2011

EXPLANATION OF THE GRAND LIST

Total Listed Valuation of Real Estate for Taxation	\$415,856,778.00
One Percent of Total Listed Valuation	4,158,567.78
Total Listed Valuation of Nonresidential Real Estate for Schools	201,986,378.00
One Percent of Nonresidential School Valuation	2,019,863.78
Total Listed Valuation of Homestead Real Estate for Schools	213,870,400.00
One Percent of Homestead School Valuation	2,138,704.00

ANNUAL GRAND LIST INCREASE

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%
2011	4,158,567	0.2%

*Reappraisal

COMPARATIVE TAX TABLE

	2011	2010	2009	2008
Homestead School Tax Rate	\$1.2062	\$1.2152	\$1.1807	\$1.0807
Nonresidential School Tax Rate	1.3471	1.3584	1.3478	1.2202
Municipal Tax Rate	0.5684	0.6079	0.6164	0.5966

**ELECTIVE TOWN OFFICERS
March 1, 2011**

	TERM EXPIRES		TERM EXPIRES
MODERATOR:		AUDITORS:	
William E. Dakin, Jr.	2012	E. W. Spaulding	2012
		Phyllis Jewett	2013
TOWN CLERK:		John H. (Jack) Cable	2014
Deborah J. Aldrich	2014		
LISTERS:		SCHOOL DIRECTORS	
Wanda C. Purdy, Chairman	2012	TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT:	
Deborah Trent	2013	Irene Wood	2012
Carol L. Balch	2014	Alison DesLauriers	2013
		Gertrude J. Bennett	2014
SELECTMEN:		SCHOOL DIRECTORS	
Thomas Bock	2012	UNION NO. 29:	
Arunas "Arne" Jonynas	2012	Betsy L. Hart (Resigned)	2012
Derek Suursoo, Vice Chairman	2012	Tonya Fleming (Appointed)	2012
William L. Lindsay	2013	Jeffrey M. Hance	2013
John DeBenedetti, Chairman	2014	Phillisa Jones-Prescott	2013
		Unexpired Term	2014
TAX COLLECTOR:		SCHOOL DIRECTORS	
Town Manager		UNION NO. 35:	
Article 14-1977 Town Meeting		Geralyn Donohue	2012
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS:		Alison DesLauriers	2013
Shirley A. Barrett	2012	Ginger Roper	2013
Erron J. Carey	2013	"Arne" Jonynas	2014
Unexpired Term	2014		
TOWN GRAND JUROR:		BUDGET COMMITTEE:	
Vacant	2012	Mariette Bock	2013
		Laurie Jackson	2013
TOWN TREASURER:		Julie Ladieu-Walton	2014
Deborah J. Aldrich	2014		
AGENT TO DEFEND SUITS:		GENERAL ELECTION-NOVEMBER 2010	
Vacant	2012	Justices of the Peace:	
		Kenneth D. Barrett	
TRUSTEES OF WHITING LIBRARY:		Roderick Bates	
Cynthia L. Collins	2012	Lynne Beehler	
Alice H. Forlie	2012	Patricia G. Benelli	
Bruce Parks, Chairman	2012	John "Jack" Coleman	
Mariette Bock	2013	Ruth Douglas	
Shawn Cunningham	2013	Molly Ferris	
Jean Emery	2014	Leo F. Graham	
Mary Lou Farr	2014	Jeffrey Kibbe	
		Cheryl LeClair	
		Bruce Parks	
		Colleen Truax	

OFFICERS APPOINTED

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

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

	2010	2011
TOWN MANAGER		
David Pisha	\$62,215.39	\$65,864.71
TOWN CLERK		
Deborah J. Aldrich	40,733.29	41,978.91
TOWN TREASURER		
Deborah J. Aldrich	2,100.00	2,664.50
SELECTMEN		
Tom Bock	600.00	600.00
John DeBenedetti, Chairman	600.00	600.00
Julie Ladieu-Walton	600.00	0.00
William Lindsay	600.00	600.00
Derek Suursoo, Vice Chairman	600.00	600.00
Arunas "Arne" Jonynas	0.00	600.00
LISTERS		
Carol L. Balch	0.00	2,536.50
Wanda C. Purdy	17,178.11	17,572.80
Donald Robinson	1,981.45	0.00
Deborah Trent	2,125.63	2,410.80
AUDITORS		
John H. (Jack) Cable	1,495.85	1,259.93
Richard G. Higley	813.70	0.00
Phyllis A. Jewett	0.00	1,216.85
E. W. Spaulding	1,578.25	1,259.93
HEALTH OFFICER		
Leslie Thorsen	800.00	800.00

REPORT OF THE SELECT BOARD

To say there have been eventful years in the Town of Chester is an understatement, and 2011 has been no exception. In the wake of a fierce Tropical Storm, the replacement of two bridges along one of the major access routes into Town, and dealing with the normal everyday events that a small town can experience, the Town survived, and remained viable and strong during the most trying times. The credit for this much-noted success can be directly attributed to the hard work of our entire Town staff, and their ability to perform at the highest level when faced with the most difficult challenges.

At the end of August, Tropical Storm Irene devastated the State of Vermont, and Chester certainly saw its share of damage to roads, rivers, and property. FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) is anticipated to cover the majority of the repair costs and hopefully the Town will experience little to no financial impact after this reimbursement. The hard work by our Emergency Services, Public Works, and Water and Sewer Departments safely and efficiently provided the necessary repairs to get the Town infrastructure up and running again in a relatively short amount of time. It should also be noted that the office staff diligently and tediously gathered and presented all the necessary documentation required to be submitted to FEMA. In fact, at a county planning meeting to review the overall recovery, a comment was made to “call Chester if you want to know what to do.”

Prior to the storm, the Town was faced with the replacement of the two bridges along Route 103, the route which provides the major access into the Town from the south. The much anticipated (and sometimes feared) road closing came and went, and at the worst, proved to be a minimal interruption with the total closure lasting only three weeks. The efforts of the contractor, Cold River Bridges, and the guidance from the Vermont Agency of Transportation engineer, Jeremy Reed, kept the project on track, and allowed the opening of the bridges several days earlier than scheduled, and for that, the Town was most grateful.

During the past year, the Select Board recommended implementation of several plans and procedures to benefit the overall well-being of the Town and its residents. A Road Surface Management Program was developed to identify and prioritize future repairs to the asphalt-paved roads throughout the Town. This helped to provide guidance in selecting a substantial portion of Main Street, and all of River Street for paving repairs last season. Currently, a similar “dirt roads” program is being developed to address maintenance needs on the back roads as well. In addition, a Sidewalk Program was developed to survey, identify, and address conditions of all the Town sidewalks, and as of this writing, information contained within that program enabled the Town to secure a Sidewalk Improvement Grant in excess of \$ 270,000 for sidewalk reconstruction starting in 2013.

Since Select Board members are also the Water and Sewer Commissioners, a policy and procedure was developed to alleviate the sharing of costs to treat certain “high strength discharges” by all the sewer users, and allocate those costs just to the users generating those types of waste. With guidance from our sewer consultant, Norton True, this past year we were able to implement a program that identified and measured these high strength discharges, and using industry guidelines and data, develop appropriate fees to address the additional cost of treatment.

Finally, we want to acknowledge and congratulate Ken Barrett for his thirty-eight years of dedicated service to the Town. Ken retired in March of 2011, and the Board and the entire Town are most thankful for all he has done for Chester.

Respectfully submitted,
John L. DeBenedetti, Chairman
Derek Suursoo
William L. Lindsay
Thomas Bock
Arne Jonynas

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The past year has been an active one for the Town's employees and citizens. Tropical Storm Irene hit in late August and caused extensive damage throughout the area. But the Town's staff immediately began to take action and within a week, roads were once again drivable. Over the course of the next three months, the work continued and now is essentially completed except for several bridges that will be reviewed in 2012 for possible enlargement.

All departments need to be commended. Police and Fire helped with traffic control as well as reaching out to citizens that were in need of special assistance. The Recreation Director participated in this effort as well. The office staff maintained meticulous records for the work being accomplished. This was important since FEMA requires detailed documentation before any reimbursement payments are made. The Water and Sewer staff maintained services even though a major sewer pipe break occurred under the Williams River. And, of course, the Highway Department must not be overlooked. They put in long hours of overtime stretching over many weeks. So far, over \$1,000,000 has been spent on repairs. Most of this money is expected to be repaid to the Town in the coming months from both FEMA and the State of Vermont.

Prior to the storm, paving was happening on River Street. Main Street was also skim coated to improve its surface for driving.

Converting land records to an electronic format continued. So far, this computerization goes back to the latter half of the year 2008. The goal is to transfer all land records to this format. If an accident were to happen that damaged or destroyed the physical records, there would still be an offsite source of these vital documents.

Improvements continue in the Recreation Department as well. The pavilion was completed and a snack stand was constructed. Work was also completed on the pool deck to make it a safer area for swimmers.

After the Selectboard approved a new Sewer Ordinance, businesses were visited to explain the new rules. The changes were made to improve the operation of the Treatment Plant for the benefit of all users on the system. So far, the changes have been met with a very positive response.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Town staff for their tremendous efforts made this past year. In the face of real adversity, they responded immediately to the problems at hand. They are an excellent team I am happy to be associated with.

Respectfully submitted,
David Pisha, Town Manager

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee has been actively involved in the development of the proposed 2012 Budget by attending and participating in both meetings with the Selectboard and the Town Manager.

During this three-month review process, we have questioned, recommended, suggested, and, on occasion, challenged, various aspects of the 2012 Budget. Our questions were always addressed respectfully and professionally. The Selectboard, Town Manager, and Town employees have done an outstanding job being fiscally responsible both in setting the annual budget and operating within it.

In particular, the Budget Committee commends the Selectboard on its efforts to evaluate the Town's position relative to other municipalities of comparable size with respect to elected officials' payroll as well as employee payroll and benefits.

Noting the Budget presented for 2012 increases required tax revenues slightly more than \$60,000 compared to last year, the Selectboard, with the Town Manager's guidance, is to be commended for allowing such a modest increase (under 3%) in the proposed 2012 Budget. This is commendable particularly in light of the increased expenses incurred from Tropical Storm Irene.

The Budget Committee unanimously recommends approval of the 2012 Town Budget by the taxpayers of Chester.

Respectfully submitted,
Mariette Bock
Laurie Jackson
Julie Ladieu-Walton



Tropical Storm Irene flooding of Thompson Road, looking toward VT Route 103 North

REPORT OF THE TOWN AUDITORS

The Auditors have examined the accounts of the Town for the year ending December 31, 2011, 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 October 21, 2011, from the Town Treasurer one (1) Warrant for 2011 totaling six-hundred twenty-three thousand two-hundred forty-two dollars and forty cents (\$623,242.40) in real and personal property taxes, including penalties and interest, for collection. The total uncollected taxes as of December 31, 2011, was four hundred twenty-three thousand one hundred seventy-one dollars and forty-eight cents (\$423,171.48) including penalties and interest of sixty-one thousand nine hundred seventy-three dollars and twenty-six cents (\$61,973.26). There were abatements this year in the amount of five thousand nine hundred eighty-one dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$5,981.28) due to property losses associated with Tropical Storm Irene.

CHESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT:

We examined the financial books and found them well documented and in good order.

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. performed an audit of Town records for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010. An outside, independent audit will be performed for fiscal year 2011 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, Christine Balch, and Wanda Purdy for their patient assistance during the year. A 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 2011, we started the project of having our land records microfilmed and we are putting them on our computerized land records system. This project will take many years, but is under way and going well.

We also had changes in the front office staff. Deb Epler resigned as Bookkeeper and Wanda Purdy resigned as Assistant Town Clerk. We hired Christine Balch as a part-time Bookkeeper/Assistant Town Clerk. Christine is a great addition to our office. I would like to thank both Deb and Wanda for their dedicated hard work and years of service to the Town of Chester. You will still see Wanda in the Town Office as she is still the Chairman of the Listers and works every day from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Also, in 2011 the pillars and the trim on the front of the building were painted and in 2012 a new flag pole will be installed. We also purchased a dehumidifier to be installed in the basement to help preserve the records that are stored there.

In 2012 there are three elections: March 6 - Presidential Primary and Town Meeting; August 29 – Primary Election and November 6 – General Election. The polls are open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Second Floor. If you would like an absentee ballot, please call the Town Clerk's Office.

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 4:00 p.m. Upon Wanda's resignation as Assistant Town Clerk, the needs of the front office were reevaluated and the office hours were changed and staff was cut back in an attempt to cut costs. However, staff is available outside of these hours if prior arrangements are made.

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

We had many challenges in 2011, especially with Tropical Storm Irene, and I would like to thank our Office Staff, Highway and Water/Sewer Departments, Police Department and Fire and Ambulance Services and the citizens of Chester for all of your dedication and hard work to put our Town back together.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah J. Aldrich
Town Clerk/Treasurer

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
DECEMBER 31, 2011**

General Fund

REVENUES

Property Taxes	\$6,614,849.63
Taxes	190,897.37
Licenses, Permits & Fees	6,705.00
Planning & Zoning	7,053.90
General Government	41,134.14
Police Department	118,935.54
Fire Department	15,382.50
Ambulance Service	70,826.06
Communications	12,000.00
Highway	326,379.66
Recreation Department	23,153.10
Parks & Cemeteries	7,880.31
Other Income	190,158.56
Grant Revenue	3,750.00
Prior Year Highway Surplus	174,529.28
TOTAL	<u>\$7,803,635.05</u>

EXPENDITURES

Taxes	\$ 6,055.24
Planning & Zoning	16,975.23
General Government	253,124.01
Police Department	409,773.08
Fire Department	68,148.06
Ambulance Service	81,744.78
Communications	27,398.65
Highway	1,199,322.67
Listing	29,249.56
Insurance	502,410.40
Recreation Department	63,264.78
Recreation Facilities	31,585.32
Parks & Cemeteries	58,418.86
Selectmen/Manager	70,298.34
Solid Waste	26,040.90
Health	935.00
Library	89,000.95
Town Hall	34,207.88
Capital	330,000.00
County	8,720.75
Voted Articles	31,901.00
School Assessment	4,319,022.65
Grant Expenses	33,932.06
TOTAL	<u>\$7,691,530.17</u>

Total Excess Revenue over Expense	\$ 112,104.88
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Total Highway Excess	\$ 51,258.00
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Total General Fund Excess	\$ 60,846.88
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	\$ 112,104.88
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BUDGET SUMMARY

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Revenues	2011	2012
\$ 232,950.00	\$	237,350.00
Expenses		
\$ 898,703.00	\$	891,555.00
Net		
(\$ 665,753.00)	(\$	654,205.00)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Revenues	2011	2012
\$ 165,800.00	\$	192,445.00
Expenses		
\$ 610,253.82	\$	635,300.00
Net		
(\$ 444,453.82)	(\$	442,855.00)

PUBLIC WORKS

Revenues	2011	2012
\$ 428,357.00	\$	285,519.77
Expenses		
\$1,203,999.72	\$	1,046,750.00
Net		
(\$ 775,672.72)	(\$	761,230.23)

CAPITAL & TRANSFERS

Revenues	2011	2012
\$ 0.00	\$	11,000.00
Expenses		
\$ 330,000.00	\$	342,000.00
Net		
(\$ 330,000.00)	(\$	331,000.00)

TAXES

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

Revenues	2011	2012
\$ 32,550.00	\$	33,420.00
Expenses		
\$290,650.00	\$	282,405.00
Net		
(\$258,100.00)	(\$	248,985.00)

HEALTH

Revenues	2011	2012
\$ 0.00	\$	0.00
Expenses		
\$ 1,300.00	\$	1,300.00
Net		
(\$ 1,300.00)	(\$	1,300.00)

GRANTS

Revenues	2011	2012
\$260,360.00	\$	528,345.00
Expenses		
\$294,292.06	\$	556,950.00
Net		
(\$ 33,932.06)	(\$	28,605.00)

OTHER & VOTED ARTICLES

Revenues	2011	2012
\$258,065.19	\$	141,871.92
Expenses		
\$ 89,496.00	\$	85,398.53
Net		
\$168,569.19	\$	56,473.39

TOTALS	Revenues 2011	2012
	\$1,378,052.19	\$1,429,951.69
	Expenses	
	\$3,728,694.60	\$3,851,658.53
GF Surplus/Deficit	\$49,437.50	\$57,097.00
Pre Surplus Total	(\$2,350,642.41)	(\$2,421,706.84)
To Be Collected	(\$2,301,204.91)	(\$2,364,609.84)
Difference	\$63,404.93	

**2012
BUDGET**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

REVENUES		2010	2011	2011	2012
Taxes		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-318-01	Railroad Taxes	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,530.90	\$ 1,500.00
1-318-03	Land Use	110,000.00	115,000.00	125,074.00	130,000.00
1-318-06	Pilot Program	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,746.76	2,500.00
1-319-02	Penalties/Interest	70,000.00	70,000.00	61,545.71	60,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 183,700.00	\$ 188,700.00	\$ 190,897.37	\$ 194,000.00

Licenses, Permits, & Fees		2010	2011	2011	2012
		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-321-01	Liquor Licenses	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,300.00
1-321-03	Fish & Game	250.00	250.00	238.50	250.00
1-321-04	Dog Licenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,282.00	1,500.00
1-321-05	Other Licenses	300.00	500.00	2,396.50	1,000.00
1-321-06	Rabies	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,180.00	1,200.00
1-321-07	Motor Vehicle	500.00	500.00	558.00	500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 5,050.00	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 6,705.00	\$ 5,750.00

Planning & Zoning		2010	2011	2011	2012
		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-321-02	Permits	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 7,053.90	\$ 5,000.00

General Government		2010	2011	2011	2012
		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-341-11	Recording Fees	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 28,352.08	\$ 27,500.00
1-341-12	Administration	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
1-341-17	911 House Nmbrs.	0.00	200.00	45.90	200.00
1-341-19	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	3,583.46	0.00
1-341-41	Tax Sale	1,000.00	1,000.00	5,400.00	1,000.00
1-341-51	Interest	200.00	200.00	1,352.70	500.00
1-341-53	Interest	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
1-341-61	Audit	1,600.00	1,600.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
	TOTAL	\$ 34,800.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 41,134.14	\$ 32,600.00

TOT. GEN. GOVT. REVENUES	\$ 227,550.00	\$ 232,950.00	\$ 245,790.41	\$ 237,350.00
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EXPENDITURES		2010	2011	2011	2012
Selectmen FT=1		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-411-10	Selectmen	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,500.00
1-411-70	Selectmen Exps.	1,500.00	1,500.00	959.21	1,500.00
1-412-10	Town Manager	63,000.00	66,000.00	65,864.71	68,000.00
1-412-16	Mgmt. Consultant	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
1-412-40	Manager Expenses	2,000.00	2,000.00	474.42	1,500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 70,500.00	\$ 73,500.00	\$ 70,298.34	\$ 76,500.00

**2012
BUDGET**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURES		2010	2011	2011	2012
Administration		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-413-09	Elections	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,075.85	\$ 5,000.00
1-413-10	Election Payroll	6,500.00	1,500.00	689.14	4,000.00
1-415-10	Payroll (1)	136,502.00	132,500.00	125,137.99	122,500.00
1-415-11	Treasurer	2,600.00	2,700.00	2,664.50	2,800.00
1-415-17	911 House Nbrs.	0.00	500.00	7.65	250.00
1-415-20	Office Supplies	15,000.00	15,000.00	14,229.18	15,000.00
1-415-22	Equipment	14,000.00	23,800.00	21,885.85	24,000.00
1-415-33	Notices	1,200.00	3,500.00	3,860.50	4,000.00
1-415-34	Telephone	8,000.00	8,000.00	4,461.29	6,000.00
1-415-35	Postage	10,000.00	10,000.00	9,024.56	7,000.00
1-415-36	State Treasurer	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,161.00	2,500.00
1-415-40	VLCT	3,550.00	3,637.00	3,637.00	3,838.00
1-415-41	Training	3,000.00	3,000.00	626.08	3,000.00
1-415-55	Chamber of Comm.	0.00	0.00	0.00	125.00
1-415-56	Legal	3,000.00	5,000.00	9,257.31	10,000.00
1-415-57	Town Audits	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,736.71	4,000.00
1-415-58	Outside Audit (2)	16,000.00	16,500.00	16,500.00	11,000.00
1-415-59	Computer	1,500.00	6,000.00	9,401.18	4,500.00
1-415-60	Service Charge	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,613.19	2,500.00
1-415-62	Town Report	5,000.00	2,500.00	1,834.00	3,000.00
1-415-63	Record Rstrtn.	3,500.00	7,000.00	7,104.29	7,000.00
1-415-79	Unclassified	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
1-415-80	Current Exp. Int.	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
1-415-90	TAN Interest	28,000.00	10,000.00	4,720.74	7,500.00
1-415-91	FEMA Loan Int. (4)	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 274,352.00	\$ 263,637.00	\$ 244,628.01	\$ 265,513.00
Listers					
01-416-10	Salary PT=3	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 22,520.10	\$ 25,750.00
01-416-21	General Expenses	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,165.43	5,500.00
01-416-22	Training	700.00	800.00	295.00	1,000.00
01-416-74	Travel	1,300.00	2,000.00	1,269.03	2,000.00
01-416-75	State Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 33,300.00	\$ 29,249.56	\$ 34,250.00
Taxes					
01-417-20	Tax Billing	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00
01-417-22	Abatement	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,055.24	5,000.00
01-417-24	State Appeals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-417-33	Advertising	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
01-417-56	Legal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,055.24	\$ 7,500.00
Planning & Zoning					
01-418-10	Salary PT=1	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 9,714.04	\$ 13,500.00
01-418-21	Notices	6,500.00	2,500.00	2,112.50	2,500.00
01-418-22	Grant Funding	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-418-23	Enforcement	1,000.00	2,000.00	88.05	0.00
01-418-38	Town Plan/Zoning	5,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	2,000.00
01-418-56	Legal	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,851.08	3,000.00
01-418-64	Training	0.00	700.00	116.56	500.00
01-418-65	Computer	0.00	750.00	49.00	750.00
01-418-66	Reg Plan. Dues	0.00	3,044.00	3,044.00	3,650.00
01-418-95	SRDC (3)	0.00	8,649.00	8,496.00	0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 31,143.00	\$ 25,471.23	\$ 25,900.00

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURES		2010	2011	2011	2012
Insurance		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-419-15	Social Security	\$ 93,665.00	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 93,273.17	\$ 98,000.00
1-419-16	Unemployment	4,120.00	4,500.00	888.09	1,672.00
1-419-17	Workers Comp.	56,590.00	39,388.00	32,282.32	35,000.00
1-419-18	Medical	166,753.00	144,660.00	150,281.06	138,156.00
1-419-19	Life	3,193.00	3,193.00	2,649.50	3,193.00
1-419-20	Retirement	59,000.00	61,000.00	49,270.81	53,000.00
1-419-50	Prop/Casualty	76,697.00	72,882.00	65,179.00	62,871.00
1-419-52	Co-Insurance (5)	<u>55,000.00</u>	<u>68,000.00</u>	<u>108,586.45</u>	<u>90,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 515,018.00	\$ 489,623.00	\$ 502,410.40	\$ 481,892.00
TOTAL GEN. GOVT.EXPENSES		\$ 922,870.00	\$ 898,703.00	\$ 878,212.78	\$ 891,555.00

Item #	Explanation
1	Wanda retired from her front office position and a reorganization then took place that saved money.
2	The Town switched auditing firms and saved \$5,500 compared to last year.
3	The contribution to SRDC has been moved out of General Government and is now a Voted Article.
4	A separate loan was taken out to cover hurricane-related expenses; this is the interest portion.
5	Budget set to a more realistic figure; however, overall insurance costs are stable.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

POLICE DEPARTMENT		2010	2011	2011	2012
Revenues		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-342-11	Court Fees	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 61,344.82	\$ 75,000.00
1-342-12	Ski Payroll Reimb.	20,000.00	20,000.00	18,200.00	20,000.00
1-342-13	Sub-Cntrct. Reimb.	0.00	0.00	21,125.00	0.00
1-342-15	Other Income	1,500.00	1,500.00	14,121.08	3,500.00
1-342-19	START	0.00	0.00	4,144.64	4,145.00
	TOTAL	\$ 86,500.00	\$ 81,500.00	\$ 118,935.54	\$ 102,645.00

Expenditures		2010	2011	2011	2012
		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-421-10	Payroll FT=4, PT=4	\$ 280,390.88	\$ 282,000.00	\$ 280,731.60	\$ 290,460.00
1-421-11	Overtime	22,000.00	22,000.00	21,871.33	22,500.00
1-421-12	Ski Traffic	18,500.00	18,500.00	15,017.60	18,500.00
1-421-13	Traffic Control	0.00	0.00	13,788.48	0.00
1-421-15	CORE Payroll	25,000.00	25,000.00	12,628.22	24,000.00
1-421-16	SIU PR	0.00	421.82	2,226.94	1,000.00
1-421-19	GHSP Payroll	0.00	0.00	3,331.50	0.00
1-421-20	Supplies	7,500.00	7,500.00	3,008.98	7,500.00
1-421-23	Equipment (1)	6,000.00	6,000.00	9,057.58	10,000.00
1-421-24	DARE	750.00	750.00	903.60	750.00
1-421-34	Telephone	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,617.65	5,000.00
1-421-36	Training	3,000.00	3,500.00	3,208.95	3,000.00
1-421-40	Police Assoc.	350.00	350.00	360.00	350.00
1-421-68	Vehicles	4,000.00	4,000.00	6,306.95	5,000.00
1-421-69	Gasoline	15,000.00	20,000.00	24,726.61	25,000.00
1-421-74	Travel	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,584.49	2,000.00
1-421-75	Uniforms	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,632.39	3,000.00
1-421-76	Attorney	1,000.00	1,500.00	66.00	1,500.00
1-421-77	MDC	3,000.00	3,632.00	4,564.21	3,000.00
1-421-78	Watch Guard	400.00	400.00	140.00	400.00
	TOTAL	\$ 395,890.88	\$ 404,553.82	\$ 409,773.08	\$ 422,960.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT		2010	2011	2011	2012
Revenues		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-342-21	Other Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,082.50	\$ 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	\$ 15,382.50	\$ 9,300.00

Expenditures		2010	2011	2011	2012
		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-422-10	Salary	\$ 30,900.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 31,065.68	\$ 32,640.00
1-422-22	Physicals	1,400.00	1,400.00	201.00	1,400.00
1-422-23	Equipment	10,000.00	15,000.00	10,752.36	15,000.00
1-422-36	Training	1,000.00	1,000.00	412.65	1,000.00
1-422-40	Assoc. Dues	1,300.00	1,500.00	1,494.00	1,500.00
1-422-67	Garage Doors	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
1-422-68	Vehicle Maint.	3,500.00	5,000.00	2,734.96	5,000.00
1-422-69	Fuel	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,487.41	2,000.00
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	\$ 70,900.00	\$ 78,700.00	\$ 68,148.06	\$ 84,840.00

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PUBLIC SAFETY REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

AMBULANCE		2010	2011	2011	2012
Revenues		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-342-31	Ser. Fees/Reimb.	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 64,826.06	\$ 62,500.00
1-342-34	Andover	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 70,826.06	\$ 68,500.00
Expenditures		2010	2011	2011	2012
		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-423-10	Salary	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 65,155.00	\$ 72,000.00
1-423-21	Supplies	6,000.00	6,000.00	5,004.20	6,000.00
1-423-22	Medical Expenses	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
1-423-23	Equipment	4,500.00	6,000.00	5,068.21	6,000.00
1-423-24	Intercept	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,150.00	3,000.00
1-423-36	Training	3,000.00	3,000.00	687.10	3,000.00
1-423-68	Vehicle Maint.	2,500.00	6,000.00	2,813.30	4,000.00
1-423-69	Fuel	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,866.97</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 89,500.00	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 81,744.78	\$ 96,500.00
COMMUNICATIONS		2010	2011	2011	2012
Revenues		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-343-20	Tower Rent	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
1-343-21	Andover Disp. Fee	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Expenditures		2010	2011	2011	2012
		Budget	Budget	Cash	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	1,381.85	3,000.00
1-426-35	Radio Maint.	1,000.00	2,500.00	1,295.17	2,500.00
1-426-36	Cell Phones	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>4,721.63</u>	<u>5,500.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 27,398.65	\$ 31,000.00
TOT. PUB. SAFETY	Revenues	\$ 169,800.00	\$ 165,800.00	\$ 217,144.10	\$ 192,445.00
	Expenses	\$ 585,790.88	\$ 610,253.82	\$ 587,064.57	\$ 635,300.00

Item #	Explanation
1	A new radar unit, copier, and officer weapons need replacement.

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PUBLIC WORKS REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

Revenues	2010 Budget	2011 Budget	2011 Cash	2012 Budget
1-344-11 Diesel Sales:				
1-344-11 Police	\$ 0.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 24,726.61	\$ 25,000.00
1-344-11 Water	1,200.00	1,800.00	2,135.02	2,200.00
1-344-11 Sewer	1,200.00	1,500.00	2,518.36	2,600.00
1-344-11 Fire	0.00	0.00	1,487.41	2,000.00
1-344-11 Ambulance	0.00	1,200.00	1,866.97	2,000.00
1-344-11 School	45,000.00	55,000.00	58,402.66	60,000.00
1-344-12 Material Sale	0.00	0.00	1,202.43	0.00
1-344-13 State Aid (1)	173,298.00	173,298.00	234,040.20	140,461.77
1-344-14 Prior Year Surplus	131,797.62	174,529.00	174,529.28	51,258.00
TOTAL	\$ 352,495.62	\$ 427,327.00	\$ 500,908.94	\$ 285,519.77

Expenditures	2010 Budget	2011 Budget	2011 Cash	2012 Budget
1-431-10 Payroll	\$ 405,500.00	\$ 390,000.00	\$ 432,307.49	\$ 401,700.00
1-431-20 Equipment	5,400.00	5,000.00	0.00	7,500.00
1-431-21 Supplies	6,500.00	6,500.00	7,368.13	7,500.00
1-431-23 Tools	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,182.73	6,500.00
1-431-24 Salt	46,500.00	55,000.00	54,576.31	55,000.00
1-431-25 Sand	65,000.00	65,000.00	60,352.00	65,000.00
1-431-26 Gravel	65,000.00	65,000.00	62,324.50	75,000.00
1-431-27 Hot Mix	4,000.00	5,000.00	4,866.56	5,000.00
1-431-28 Paving (2)	111,750.00	225,000.00	186,680.10	34,000.00
1-431-29 Cal. Chloride	10,000.00	20,000.00	11,428.00	20,000.00
1-431-30 Culverts	6,000.00	7,500.00	4,754.62	10,000.00
1-431-31 Rip Rap	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,360.00	1,500.00
1-431-32 Bridge Material	15,000.00	20,000.00	854.10	10,000.00
1-431-34 Communications	1,000.00	1,000.00	999.70	1,000.00
1-431-36 Training	500.00	500.00	402.00	500.00
1-431-37 Cont. Serv.	10,000.00	10,000.00	13,050.00	10,000.00
1-431-38 Mowing	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	13,000.00
1-431-55 Sidewalk Repair (3)	3,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
1-431-67 Diesel/Gas (4)	120,000.00	150,000.00	212,750.39	160,000.00
1-431-68 Veh. Maint.	43,000.00	50,000.00	65,792.81	55,000.00
1-431-69 Street Lights	26,000.00	29,000.00	30,373.50	30,000.00
1-431-75 Uniforms	8,000.00	6,000.00	9,615.92	9,000.00
1-431-76 Garage Utilities	6,500.00	7,500.00	7,271.12	7,500.00
1-431-77 Garage Water	1,500.00	2,000.00	1,353.30	2,000.00
1-431-78 Fuel	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
1-431-79 Garage Maint. (5)	12,000.00	15,000.00	13,472.65	15,000.00
1-431-66 Blades/Chains/Plows	23,100.00	11,000.00	11,186.74	15,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,014,250.00	\$1,177,000.00	\$1,199,322.60	\$1,020,700.00

Net Expenditures \$1,177,000.00 \$1,020,700.00

SOLID WASTE

Expenditures	2010 Budget	2011 Budget	2011 Cash	2012 Budget
1-432-37 Eager Beaver	\$ 975.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,040.90	\$ 1,050.00
1-432-38 Transfer Station	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 25,975.00	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 26,040.90	\$ 26,050.00

Grand Total **\$1,040,225.00** **\$1,203,000.00** **\$1,225,363.57** **\$1,046,750.00**

**2012
BUDGET**

PUBLIC WORKS REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

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| 1 | The State accelerated the aid payments in 2011; only 3 payments will be received in 2012. |
| 2 | Popple Dungeon will be straightened using the Popple Dungeon Fund and Paving funds. |
| 3 | Sidewalk repair is a new category; sidewalk reconstruction is in the Capital Plan. |
| 4 | This expense has been increased; fluctuation in the oil market make predictions difficult. |
| 5 | The Town Garage will be insulated; the cost of material is estimated to be \$10,000. |

**2012
BUDGET**

CULTURE & RECREATION REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

REVENUES			2010		2011		2011		2012
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		4,000.00		1,945.00		2,000.00
01-346-13	Baseball Camps		3,000.00		2,000.00		2,395.00		2,000.00
01-346-15	Softball Camp		0.00		0.00		25.00		0.00
01-346-16	Fall Soccer		2,000.00		2,000.00		1,750.00		2,000.00
01-346-17	Soccer Camps		3,000.00		2,500.00		3,345.00		3,000.00
01-346-18	Basketball Camps		500.00		200.00		675.00		0.00
01-346-19	Basketball		2,000.00		1,000.00		1,150.00		1,500.00
01-346-20	Gymnastics Camp		400.00		400.00		400.00		400.00
01-346-21	Golf Camp		400.00		300.00		200.00		300.00
01-346-23	Pool Income		4,000.00		4,000.00		4,001.50		4,000.00
01-346-24	Climbing Team		200.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
01-346-25	Climbing Camp		0.00		0.00		100.00		0.00
01-346-26	Skateboard Camp		700.00		1,000.00		515.00		500.00
01-346-27	Donations		0.00		0.00		155.00		0.00
01-346-28	Food Com./Sales		5,000.00		1,000.00		1,836.41		4,000.00
01-346-29	Tennis Camp		200.00		0.00		350.00		0.00
01-346-30	Material Sales		0.00		550.00		0.00		0.00
01-346-32	Theater Camp		0.00		0.00		105.00		120.00
01-346-33	Babe Ruth Baseball		0.00		800.00		405.19		800.00
	TOT. REC. Revenues	\$	28,200.00	\$	23,550.00	\$	23,153.10	\$	24,420.00

EXPENDITURES			2010		2011		2011		2012
Administratio n			Budget		Budget		Cash		Budget
1-451-10	Payroll FT=1	\$	43,700.00	\$	45,000.00	\$	45,330.71	\$	46,350.00
1-451-13	Vehicle Expense		3,500.00		3,500.00		3,500.04		3,500.00
	TOTAL	\$	47,200.00	\$	48,500.00	\$	48,830.75	\$	49,850.00

Recreation Pr ograms			2010		2011		2011		2012
			Budget		Budget		Cash		Budget
1-451-11	Snack Shack Payroll	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	578.00	\$	1,000.00
1-451-12	Babe Ruth		0.00		800.00		364.20		800.00
1-451-18	GM Sports Camp		0.00		0.00		750.00		0.00
1-451-21	Golf Camp		270.00		270.00		225.00		270.00
1-451-22	Climbing Team		200.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
1-451-23	Gymnastics Camp		400.00		360.00		400.00		360.00
1-451-32	Theater Camp		0.00		0.00		105.00		0.00
1-451-36	Black Fly Baseball		2,825.00		1,600.00		1,810.76		1,800.00
1-451-37	Baseball		3,000.00		4,000.00		2,448.39		2,500.00
1-451-39	Tennis		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
1-451-40	Fall Soccer		1,500.00		1,500.00		3,308.29		2,000.00
1-451-42	Soccer Camp		3,000.00		2,300.00		2,690.74		2,500.00
1-451-43	Basketball Camp		500.00		170.00		0.00		0.00
1-451-44	Basketball		1,200.00		600.00		810.00		600.00
1-451-45	Skateboard Camp		500.00		800.00		515.00		500.00
1-451-77	Water & Sewer		0.00		0.00		428.65		400.00
	TOTAL	\$	13,395.00	\$	12,400.00	\$	14,434.03	\$	12,730.00

**2011
BUDGET**

CULTURE & RECREATION REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURES		2010	2011	2011	2012
Rec. Facilities		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-458-11	Lifeguards	\$ 15,800.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,695.88	\$ 17,000.00
1-458-20	Pool Improvement (1)	4,200.00	5,000.00	3,979.19	0.00
1-458-21	Supplies	1,200.00	1,000.00	1,031.86	1,500.00
1-458-22	Concession Expense	5,000.00	800.00	2,127.08	2,500.00
1-458-23	Swimming Lessons	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-458-41	Skating Rink Maint.	500.00	500.00	778.16	500.00
1-458-68	Pool Maintenance	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,098.48	3,000.00
1-458-75	Water & Sewer	0.00	0.00	559.04	750.00
1-458-76	Utilities	3,500.00	5,000.00	4,315.63	4,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 33,200.00	\$ 31,300.00	\$ 31,585.32	\$ 29,250.00
TOTAL	REC. EXPENSES	\$ 92,800.00	\$ 91,895.00	\$ 94,850.10	\$ 90,150.00

Other Income		2010	2011	2011	2012
		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-349-11	Poor Funds	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 79.63	\$ 500.00
1-350-12	Cyprus Minerals	1,000.00	1,400.00	692.32	1,400.00
1-350-13	School Refund	67,500.00	89,496.90	15,083.07	89,471.92
1-350-15	State Payment	0.00	166,668.29	166,713.54	0.00
1-350-16	Net FEMA Payment	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
1-432-15	Other Income	0.00	0.00	7,590.00	500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 69,000.00	\$ 258,065.19	\$ 190,158.56	\$ 141,871.92

Other Exps.		2010	2011	2011	2012
		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-431-98	FEMA Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-450-15	School Refund	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 89,496.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 85,398.53
	TOTAL	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 89,496.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 85,398.53

**HEALTH & WELFARE
Expenditures**

1-441-10	Health Officer	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
1-441-20	Animal Care	500.00	500.00	135.00	500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 935.00	\$ 1,300.00

PARKS & CEMETERIES

1-347-21	Sale of Lots	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 1,000.00
1-347-22	Grave Preparation	4,500.00	4,500.00	3,500.00	4,500.00
1-347-23	Cemetery Funds	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,375.31	1,500.00
1-347-25	Perpetual Care	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,750.00	1,500.00
1-347-26	Other Income	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00
1-347-40	Town Hall	500.00	500.00	280.00	500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,880.31	\$ 9,000.00

Expenditures		2010	2011	2011	2012
		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-452-10	Payroll	\$ 40,500.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 44,106.28	\$ 52,000.00
1-452-21	Supplies	2,000.00	3,000.00	1,753.83	4,000.00
1-452-23	Equipment	500.00	3,500.00	4,499.00	2,000.00
1-452-38	Contract Labor	0.00	0.00	318.75	500.00
1-452-39	Trees	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
1-452-40	Perpetual Care	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,375.00	1,375.00
1-452-45	Survey	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
1-452-76	Water	250.00	250.00	160.00	250.00
1-452-77	Memorial Day	500.00	500.00	706.00	700.00
	TOTAL	\$ 46,750.00	\$ 63,250.00	\$ 58,418.86	\$ 63,325.00

**2012
BUDGET**

CULTURE & RECREATION REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

LIBRARY		2010	2011	2011	2012
Expenditures		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-455-21	Library Expense	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 0.00
1-455-22	Library Fund	67,170.00	70,000.00	0.00	70,000.00
1-455-68	Maintenance	5,000.00	7,500.00	6,620.43	7,500.00
1-455-76	Utilities	3,500.00	4,500.00	5,177.65	5,500.00
1-455-77	Water/Sewer	1,200.00	2,000.00	458.12	1,250.00
1-455-78	Fuel	3,000.00	6,000.00	6,744.75	6,500.00
	TOTAL	\$ 79,870.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 89,000.95	\$ 90,750.00

TOWN HALL		2010	2011	2011	2012
Expenditures		Budget	Budget	Cash	Budget
1-456-10	Payroll	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,409.71	\$ 4,000.00
1-456-21	Supplies	1,000.00	1,200.00	502.04	1,500.00
1-456-68	Repair/Maint. (2)	10,000.00	12,000.00	5,447.22	6,000.00
1-456-76	Utilities	6,500.00	9,000.00	7,630.59	8,500.00
1-456-77	Water/Sewer	1,000.00	1,000.00	650.26	1,000.00
1-456-78	Fuel	7,000.00	7,500.00	7,389.16	7,500.00
1-456-79	Trash	2,500.00	3,000.00	2,623.00	3,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 39,200.00	\$ 28,651.98	\$ 31,500.00

ACADEMY		2010	2011	2011	2012
1-457-68	Academy	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,555.90	\$ 5,000.00

TOTAL CUL. & REC.	Revenues	\$ 37,200.00	\$ 32,550.00	\$ 31,033.41	\$ 33,420.00
	Expenses	\$ 257,915.00	\$ 289,650.00	\$ 276,477.79	\$ 282,405.00

Item #	Explanation
1	This expense has been moved to the Capital Plan
2	Town Manager and Police Offices will be reconfigured

GRANTS 2011

PROCEEDS

Awarded Grants	
Public Safety	\$ 1,000.00
Road Surface	7,210.00
Municipal Planning	10,150.00
TOTAL	\$ 18,360.00

Grants Under Review	
Ambulance	\$ 161,500.00
Popple Dungeon	15,000.00
Pavilion	29,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 205,500.00

Potential Grants	
Recreation	\$ 7,500.00
Police	1,500.00
Bridges	10,000.00
Elections	2,500.00
Energy Efficiency	10,000.00
Economic Development	5,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 36,500.00
TOTAL PROCEEDS	\$ 260,360.00

EXPENDITURES

Awarded Grants	
Public Safety	\$ 1,000.00
Road Surface	7,210.00
Municipal Planning	8,582.06
TOTAL	\$ 16,792.06

Grants Under Review	
Ambulance	\$ 161,500.00
Popple Dungeon	15,000.00
Pavilion	38,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 214,500.00

Potential Grants	
Recreation	\$ 15,000.00
Police	3,000.00
Highway	10,000.00
Elections	5,000.00
Energy	20,000.00
Economic Dev.	10,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 63,000.00
TOT.EXPNDTRS	\$ 294,292.06
NET	(\$ 33,932.06)

GRANTS 2012

PROCEEDS

Awarded Grants	
Carry Forward	\$ 11,000.00
Pavilion	850.00
Municipal Planning	3,045.00
Sidewalks	343,450.00
TOTAL	\$ 358,345.00

Grants Under Review	
None at this time	
TOTAL	\$ 0.00

Potential Grants	
Recreation	\$ 7,500.00
Police	1,500.00
Fire/Ambulance	5,000.00
Highway	10,000.00
Energy Efficiency	6,000.00
Economic Development	10,000.00
Popple Dungeon	130,000.00
Other Grants	0.00
TOTAL	\$ 170,000.00
TOTAL PROCEEDS	\$ 528,345.00

EXPENDITURES

Awarded Grants	
Pavilion	\$ 0.00
Municipal Planning	2,500.00
Sidewalks	343,450.00
TOTAL	\$ 345,950.00

Grants Under Review	
None at this time	
TOTAL	\$ 0.00

Potential Grants	
Recreation	\$ 15,000.00
Police	3,000.00
Fire/Ambulance	10,000.00
Highway	10,000.00
Energy	18,000.00
Economic Dev.	20,000.00
Popple Dungeon	130,000.00
Other Grants	5,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 211,000.00
TOT.EXPNDTRS	\$ 556,950.00
NET	(\$ 28,605.00)

**2012
BUDGET**

EXPENDITURE

CAPITAL

Fund Transfers

		2010 BUDGET	2011 BUDGET	2011 CASH	2012 BUDGET
1-470-90	Cap. Plan Fund	\$ 310,000.00	\$ 330,000.00	\$ 330,000.00	\$ 331,000.00
1-470-91	Grant Fund	0.00	33,932.06	33,932.06	28,605.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 310,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 363,932.06</u>	<u>\$ 363,932.06</u>	<u>\$ 359,605.00</u>

County Tax

1-475-61	County Tax	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,720.75	\$ 10,000.00
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Voted Articles

1-481-20	RACLT	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 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	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
1-480-25	CT River Transit	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00
1-480-26	Meals on Wheels	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	0.00
1-480-27	Family Center	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
1-480-28	RSVP	400.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
1-480-32	Wnshr. Co. Prtnr.	800.00	800.00	800.00	0.00
1-481-33	Adult Learning	0.00	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.	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1-481-87	Community Cares	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 34,201.00</u>	<u>\$ 31,901.00</u>	<u>\$ 31,901.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

GRAND TOTAL REVENUES

\$1,144,781.02 \$ 1,378,052.19 \$1,274,383.28 \$1,429,951.69

GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES

\$3,596,074.88 \$ 3,728,694.60 \$3,450,517.95 \$3,851,658.53

CAPITAL PLAN

	2011	2011 Cash	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Beginning Bal.	\$192,677.64	\$192,677.64	\$364,287.53	\$203,699.11	\$85,896.36	\$11,964.96	\$77,517.51
Transfer In	\$330,000.00	\$330,000.00	\$342,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$353,000.00	\$330,000.00	\$330,000.00
Trsts. Of Pub.Fnds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rec. Transfer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$9,000.00
Total Funds	\$522,677.64	\$522,677.64	\$717,287.53	\$560,712.11	\$447,910.36	\$351,979.96	\$418,533.51
Expenditures							
Highway	\$85,000.00	\$79,533.00	\$105,467.00	\$125,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$145,000.00
Other Highway	\$75,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$100,000.00
Sidewalks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emerg. Equip.	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$247,000.00	\$0.00	\$225,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bridges	\$22,770.00	\$0.00	\$34,770.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,600.00	\$11,236.00	\$11,910.16
Police	\$40,000.00	\$31,000.00	\$0.00	\$44,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$45,000.00
Rec./Cemetery	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00
Signage Program	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00
Facilities	\$20,845.52	\$0.00	\$33,345.52	\$13,500.00	\$14,580.00	\$15,746.40	\$17,006.11
Total Expenses	\$263,115.52	\$165,533.00	\$517,582.52	\$476,500.00	\$436,180.00	\$275,982.40	\$351,916.27
Carry-Forward	\$259,562.12	\$357,144.64	\$199,705.01	\$84,212.11	\$11,730.36	\$75,997.56	\$66,617.24

Purchases by Year of Acquisition							
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	Highway	Other Highway	Emerg. Equip.	Police	Recreation	Signage	Facilities
2011	Dump Trk.	Sidewalk Plow Flatbed Truck	Computer Upgd.	Plc. Cruiser		Rd. signs	
2012	Dump Trk.	Pick-Up Equip. Shed Engr. Sdwks.	Amb./Equip. Util. Fire Trk.		Storage Shed	Rd. signs	Insulate Tn. Hall & Grg.
2013	Dump Trk.	Grader Build Sdwks.		Plc. Cruiser		Rd. signs	
2014	Dump Trk.	Pick-Up	Fire Truck	Plc. Cruiser		Rd. signs	
2015	Dump Trk.	Loader				Rd. signs	
2016	Dump Trk.	Excavator		Plc. Cruiser	Pick-Up	Rd. signs	

GRANTS REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

	2011 Cash	2011 Budget
Revenues		
Fund Transfer	\$ 33,932.06	\$ 33,932.06
Awarded Grants		
Communications	\$ 0.00	\$ 14,116.00
Municipal Planning	7,105.00	10,150.00
PACIF Grant	7,500.00	0.00
Public Safety Grant	11,272.80	1,000.00
Road Surface	<u>7,105.00</u>	<u>7,210.00</u>
Total Awarded Grants	\$ 32,982.80	\$ 32,476.00
Grants Under Review		
Ambulance	\$ 0.00	\$161,500.00
Pavilion	22,433.00	29,000.00
Popple Dungeon	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
Total Grants Under Review	\$ 22,433.00	\$205,500.00
Potential Grants		
Bridges	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,000.00
Economic Development	0.00	5,000.00
Elections	0.00	2,500.00
Energy Efficiency	0.00	10,000.00
Police	0.00	1,500.00
Recreation	<u>0.00</u>	<u>7,500.00</u>
Total Potential Grants	\$ 0.00	\$ 36,500.00
Total Revenues	\$ 89,347.86	\$308,408.06
Expenditures		
Awarded Grants Expenditure		
Communications	\$ 0.00	\$ 14,116.00
Municipal Planning	6,098.48	8,582.06
PACIF Grant	12,500.00	0.00
Public Safety	14,116.00	1,000.00
Road Surface	<u>7,105.00</u>	<u>7,210.00</u>
Total Awarded Grants Expenditure	\$ 39,819.48	\$ 30,908.06
Grants Under Review Expenditure		
Ambulance	\$ 0.00	\$161,500.00
Pavilion	37,881.78	38,000.00
Popple Dungeon	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
Total Grants Under Review Exp.	\$ 37,881.78	\$214,500.00
Potential Grants Expenditure		
Economic Development	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,000.00
Elections	0.00	5,000.00
Energy Efficiency	0.00	20,000.00
Highway Bridges	0.00	10,000.00
HMPD Grant	42.18	0.00
Police	0.00	3,000.00
Recreation	0.00	15,000.00
Sidewalk Grant	<u>245.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Potential Grants Expenditure	\$ 287.18	\$ 63,000.00
Bank Fees	22.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 78,010.44	\$308,408.06
Net Income/Carry Forward	\$ 11,337.42	\$ 0.00

**GRANT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 2011**

SUMMARY

Earned Income 2011	\$ 89,347.86
Incurred Expenses 2011	<u>78,010.44</u>
	\$ 11,337.42

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	2011
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	<u>\$ 11,337.42</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 11,337.42</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITIES	
Liabilities	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 0.00
Retained Earnings	\$ 0.00
Net Income	<u>11,337.42</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$ 11,337.42</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 11,337.42

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Balance January 1, 2011	\$ 0.00
Fund Transfer	33,932.06
Cash Receipts from Grants	55,415.80
Grant Expenditures	<u>78,010.44</u>
Balance December 31, 2011	\$ 11,337.42

TOWN NOTES

General Fund

Borrowed:

TAN Current Expense Note/ Line of Credit
Dated 01/21/2011 - People's United Bank \$ 520,000.00 Due 11/15/2011

Paid:

TAN Current Expense Note/Line of Credit
Dated 01/21/2011 - People's United Bank \$ 520,000.00 Paid 09/22/2011

Tropical Storm Irene Flood Damage Fund

Borrowed:

Line of Credit
Dated 09/28/2011 - People's United Bank \$ 916,500.00 Due 09/27/2012

MUNICIPAL GRANTS

<u>Type of Grant</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year Received</u>
1. VT RC & D Council	Bridge and Culvert Inventory	\$ 3,750.00	2010
2. DHCA - Mun. Planning	Zoning and Subdivision Regs.	10,150.00	2010
3. DHCA	Road Surface Mgmt. Plan	7,210.00	2011
4. Reg. Plan. Com.	Energy Audit	8,000.00	2011
5. Parks & Recreation	Pavilion and Snack Shack	17,000.00	2011
6. Homeland Security	Pagers for Fire & Ambulance	11,272.80	2011
7. VLCT	Fire Gear	<u>5,000.00</u>	2011
	TOTAL	\$ 62,382.80	

**TROPICAL STORM IRENE FLOOD DAMAGE FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 2011**

SUMMARY

Earned Income 2011	\$ 18,927.60
Incurred Expenses 2011	<u>939,469.92</u>
	(\$920,542.32)

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	2011
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	<u>\$ 10,121.88</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 10,121.88</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITIES	
Liabilities	
Due to General Fund	\$ 14,164.20
Line of Credit	<u>916,500.00</u>
Total Liabilities	\$930,664.20
Retained Earnings	\$ 0.00
Net Income	<u>(920,542.32)</u>
Total Equity	<u>(\$920,542.32)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>\$ 10,121.88</u>

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Balance January 1, 2011	\$ 0.00
Cash Receipts-Insurance Proceeds	14,026.00
Cash Receipts-FEMA Reimbursement	4,901.60
Proceeds from Line of Credit	916,500.00
Due to General Fund	14,164.20
Expenses-Replacement of Damaged Equipment	14,164.65
Expenses-Other	18,544.83
Expenses-Highway Bridge Repairs	39,842.71
Expenses-Highway Road Repair	<u>866,917.73</u>
Balance December 31, 2011	<u>\$ 10,121.88</u>

**WATER DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 2011**

SUMMARY

Earned Income 2011	\$201,415.13
Incurred Expenses 2011	162,980.75
Net Income before CEDC Loan Payment	38,434.38
CEDC Loan Payments - Principal	<u>19,181.44</u>
Net Income	\$ 19,252.94

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	2011
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Water Fund	\$ 25,167.94
Water Reserve	<u>19,238.62</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>\$ 44,406.56</u>
 Total Current Assets	 <u>\$ 44,406.56</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 \$ 44,406.56
 LIABILITIES & EQUITIES	
Liabilities	
Chester Development Fund	
Balance January 1, 2011	\$ 80,000.00
Less 2011 Principal Payments	<u>(19,181.44)</u>
	\$ 60,818.56
Retained Earnings	(54,846.38)
Net Income	<u>38,434.38</u>
Total Equity	<u>(\$ 16,412.00)</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	 \$ 44,406.56

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Balance January 1, 2011	\$ 15,454.57
Cash Receipts	191,898.82
Expenses	(162,980.75)
Due to General Fund	(23.26)
CEDC Loan Payment - Principal	<u>(19,181.44)</u>
 Water Fund Balance December 31, 2011	 \$ 25,167.94
 Water Reserve Fund	
Balance January 1, 2011	\$ 9,722.31
Interest	19.67
Fund Transfer from Water Fund to Reserve	<u>9,496.64</u>
Balance December 31, 2011	\$ 19,238.62

**2012 BUDGET
WATER DEPARTMENT**

		2010 Budget	2011 Budget	2011 Cash	2012 Budget
REVENUES					
03-311-01	Water Usage	\$ 96,000.00	\$154,640.00	\$133,358.00	\$134,100.00
03-311-02	Delinquent	0.00	9,000.00	26,094.00	25,000.00
03-311-03	Penalty & Interest	0.00	2,000.00	3,328.00	4,000.00
03-311-05	Water Connect.	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
03-311-07	Interest	0.00	500.00	71.00	500.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 96,000.00</u>	<u>\$166,140.00</u>	<u>\$165,351.00</u>	<u>\$163,600.00</u>
03-311-06	Hydrant Fees	\$ 0.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 22,200.00	\$ 20,000.00
03-311-09	Other Income	0.00	500.00	13,864.00	500.00
03-311-13	Transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 36,064.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,500.00</u>
	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 96,000.00	\$186,640.00	\$201,415.00	\$184,100.00
		2010 Budget	2011 Budget	2011 Cash	2012 Budget
EXPENDITURES					
03-411-10	Labor FT=1.5	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 79,640.00	\$ 75,000.00
03-411-15	Benefits	18,182.00	19,000.00	16,008.00	19,000.00
03-411-23	Tools	0.00	800.00	833.00	1,000.00
03-411-24	Meters	10,000.00	5,000.00	2,560.00	2,500.00
03-411-25	Collection System	1,500.00	2,000.00	3,963.00	2,500.00
03-411-29	Chemicals	0.00	11,500.00	10,787.00	11,500.00
03-411-32	Hydrants	0.00	1,400.00	0.00	1,500.00
03-411-36	Training	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
03-411-37	Contracted Services	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,083.00	3,500.00
03-411-38	Well Repair	3,000.00	2,000.00	6,827.00	3,000.00
03-411-39	Testing	2,000.00	2,000.00	905.00	2,000.00
03-411-50	PACIF Insurance	0.00	0.00	3,053.00	2,560.00
03-411-58	Computer	0.00	1,000.00	346.00	1,000.00
03-411-59	Audit	0.00	800.00	800.00	800.00
03-411-60	Service Charges	0.00	1,000.00	1,020.00	1,000.00
03-411-61	State Fees	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,387.00	2,000.00
03-411-68	Vehicle Maintenance	0.00	2,000.00	1,899.00	2,000.00
03-411-69	Gasoline	1,200.00	1,800.00	2,135.00	2,000.00
03-411-76	Utilities	0.00	14,000.00	15,682.00	16,000.00
03-411-77	Telephone	0.00	400.00	432.00	400.00
03-411-78	Gas	1,500.00	1,500.00	616.00	1,500.00
03-411-80	CEDC Loan	0.00	19,181.44	19,181.44	21,000.00
03-411-90	Bonds	21,637.73	0.00	0.00	0.00
03-411-91	Bond Interest	1,580.76	0.00	0.00	0.00
03-411-92	Hydrant Reserve	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
03-411-93	Tank Inspect/Maint.	2,000.00	2,000.00	267.00	3,000.00
03-411-95	2010 Voted Meters	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
03-411-97	Capital Plan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
03-411-98	FEMA Expenses	0.00	0.00	738.00	0.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$138,600.49</u>	<u>\$178,681.44</u>	<u>\$182,162.44</u>	<u>\$185,060.00</u>
	Net	(\$42,600.49)	\$ 7,958.56	\$ 19,252.94	(\$ 960.00)

**SEWER DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending December 31, 2011**

SUMMARY

Earned Income 2011	\$438,081.85
Incurred Expenses 2011	445,400.30
Net Income before CDEC Loan Payment	(7,318.45)
CDEC Loan Payment - Principal	<u>(20,000.00)</u>
Net Income after CEDC Loan Payment	(\$ 27,318.45)

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	2011
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Sewer Fund	\$ 14,451.54
Sewer Reserve	<u>10,003.29</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>\$ 24,454.83</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 24,454.83</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITIES	
Liability	
CEDC Loan	
Balance January 1, 2011	\$ 60,000.00
Less 2011 Principal Payment	<u>20,000.00</u>
	\$ 40,000.00
Retained Earnings	(8,226.72)
Net Income	<u>(7,318.45)</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$ 24,454.83</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 24,454.83

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Balance January 1, 2011	\$ 47,006.27
Cash Receipts	433,078.56
Due to General Fund from 2010	232.99
Expenses	445,400.30
Due to CEDC	<u>20,000.00</u>
Sewer Fund Balance December 31, 2011	\$ 14,451.54
Sewer Reserve Fund	
Balance January 1, 2011	\$ 5,000.00
Interest	3.29
Fund Transfer from Sewer Fund to Reserve	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2011	\$ 10,003.29

**2012 BUDGET
SEWER DEPARTMENT**

		2010 Budget	2011 Budget	2011 Cash	2012 Budget
REVENUES					
04-311-01	Sewer Fees	\$210,000.00	\$210,000.00	\$323,150.00	\$326,500.00
04-311-02	Delinquent Fees	0.00	25,000.00	57,936.00	55,000.00
04-311-03	Penalty & Interest	0.00	6,000.00	7,262.00	7,500.00
04-311-04	Base Rate	164,338.00	164,338.00	0.00	0.00
04-311-05	Sewer Connection	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00
04-311-07	Interest	0.00	750.00	99.00	500.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$374,338.00</u>	<u>\$406,088.00</u>	<u>\$391,947.00</u>	<u>\$389,500.00</u>
04-311-09	Other income	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,901.00	\$ 3,000.00
04-311-10	Excess BOD Chrg	0.00	0.00	1,919.00	1,000.00
04-311-25	FEMA	0.00	0.00	0.00	65,000.00
04-311-26	VLCT Ins. Pymnt.	0.00	0.00	38,315.00	0.00
	TOTAL	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>46,135.00</u>	<u>69,000.00</u>
	TOTAL INCOME	\$376,838.00	\$408,588.00	\$438,082.00	\$458,500.00
		2010 Budget	2011 Budget	2011 Cash	2012 Budget
EXPENDITURES					
04-411-10	Payroll FT=1.5	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 79,139.00	\$ 80,000.00
04-411-15	Fringe Benefits	35,683.00	40,000.00	37,275.00	40,000.00
04-411-23	Tools	0.00	1,500.00	333.00	1,500.00
04-411-24	Lab. Equipment	1,000.00	1,000.00	911.00	1,500.00
04-411-25	Plant Maintenance	6,000.00	4,500.00	4,007.00	4,500.00
04-411-26	UV Disinfection	800.00	1,000.00	660.00	1,000.00
04-411-28	Sludge Disposal	16,000.00	18,000.00	16,133.00	18,000.00
04-411-29	Chemicals	9,000.00	9,000.00	7,268.00	9,000.00
04-411-32	Pump Stations	0.00	5,500.00	2,503.00	40,000.00
04-411-35	Training	0.00	500.00	220.00	500.00
04-411-36	Collection System	0.00	15,000.00	11,826.00	15,000.00
04-411-37	Contracted Services	8,000.00	8,000.00	5,080.00	8,000.00
04-411-38	Engineering	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
04-411-39	Testing	3,500.00	3,500.00	2,383.00	3,500.00
04-411-40	Uniforms	0.00	1,000.00	374.00	1,000.00
04-411-50	PACIF Insurance	0.00	0.00	5,483.00	5,500.00
04-411-58	Computer	0.00	0.00	123.00	0.00
04-411-60	Service Charge	750.00	750.00	1,025.00	1,000.00
04-411-61	State Fees	0.00	750.00	839.00	1,000.00
04-411-68	Vehicle Maintenance	0.00	1,500.00	955.00	1,000.00
04-411-69	Gasoline	1,200.00	1,800.00	2,518.00	2,500.00
04-411-76	Utilities	0.00	40,000.00	45,111.00	41,000.00
04-411-77	Audit	0.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
04-411-78	Loan	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
04-411-79	Interest	6,000.00	3,000.00	1,950.00	1,950.00
04-411-90	Bonds	136,838.00	136,838.00	136,838.00	133,727.19
04-411-95	Reserves	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	20,212.00
04-411-97	Capital Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
04-411-98	FEMA Expenses	0.00	0.00	75,847.00	0.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$306,771.00</u>	<u>\$399,738.00</u>	<u>\$465,401.00</u>	<u>\$452,989.19</u>
	Net	\$ 70,067.00	\$ 8,850.00	(\$ 27,319.00)	\$ 5,510.81

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	
		20,000.00	2011	Paid 11/16/2011	
		20,000.00	2012		
		20,000.00	2013		

SEWER BONDS (WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT)

In December 2011, the two 20-year bonds held by the USDA for the Wastewater Treatment Plant were combined and transferred to the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank at the lower rate of interest of 3.93%, to be retired in 2026. The new payment schedule for this refinanced bond is listed below:

\$1,481,290.67 (3.93%) Payment Schedule

<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal Remaining</u>
1	5-15-12	\$ 26,843.46	\$ 0.00	\$26,843.46	\$1,481,290.67
2	11-15-12	\$106,883.73	\$ 77,776.37	\$29,107.36	\$1,403,514.30
3	5-15-13	\$ 27,579.06	\$ 0.00	\$27,579.06	\$1,403,514.30
4	11-15-13	\$108,412.04	\$ 80,832.98	\$27,579.06	\$1,322,681.32

WATER DEPARTMENT NOTES

Five-Year Expense Note- Community Development Loan
 Dated 10/20/2010 18-Quarterly Payments, Loan Amount: \$80,000.00

<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Remaining Balance</u>
5	3-31-12	\$ 4,795.36	\$ 4,316.52	\$478.84	\$59,412.48
6	6-30-12	\$ 4,795.36	\$ 4,351.60	\$443.76	\$55,060.88
7	9-30-12	\$ 4,795.36	\$ 4,386.95	\$408.41	\$50,673.93
8	12-31-12	\$ 4,795.36	\$ 4,422.60	\$372.76	\$46,251.33

**DELINQUENT WATER/SEWER REPORT
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Over 30</u>	<u>Over 60</u>	<u>Over 90</u>	<u>Over 120</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sewer	\$12,246.54	\$1,571.02	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,987.99	\$15,107.44	\$36,912.99
Water	<u>5,128.19</u>	<u>629.97</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,184.79</u>	<u>6,461.47</u>	<u>15,404.42</u>
Total	\$17,374.73	\$2,200.99	\$ 0.00	\$11,172.78	\$21,568.91	\$52,317.41

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, 2011	\$ 81,285.66
Interest	3,805.07
Loan Payments	30,059.95
Due from Sewer	20,000.00
Due from Water	<u>16,921.01</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2011	\$152,071.69

REAPPRAISAL FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2011	\$115,365.53
Interest	260.04
2011 State Payment	<u>17,793.50</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2011	\$133,419.07

POPPLE DUNGEON ROAD FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2011	\$ 90,187.80
Interest	135.38
Town Funds Transfer	<u>0.00</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2011	\$ 90,323.18

LISTER TRAINING FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2011	\$ 1,179.44
State Payment	401.73
Expense	<u>(100.00)</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2011	\$ 1,481.17

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 2011	\$ 11,341.29
Donations	0.00
Interest	<u>28.81</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 2011	\$ 11,367.78
Money Mkt. Bal 12/31/11	\$ 5,452.43

Fund	Balance 01/01/2011	Interest	Income	Fund Transfer	Expenses	Balance 12/31/2011
EMS Building	\$ 31,054.31	\$ 62.18	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	(\$ 0.00)	\$ 31,116.49
Sam Adams Poor	1,772.00	2.60	230.95	0.00	(0.00)	2,005.55
Academy Building	6,469.33	5.98	250.00	0.00	(1,402.00)	5,323.31
Recreation Donation	1,194.52	0.00	2,766.00	0.00	(819.50)	3,141.02
Police Com. Resource	1,560.96	1.72	678.41	0.00	(1,062.97)	1,178.12
Capital Bud.Reserve	192,677.64	366.91	0.00	330,000.00	(188,245.47)	334,799.08
Forfeiture	18,172.00	0.00	194.55	0.00	(2,299.89)	16,066.66

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 (Popple 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)	<u>3.00</u>	<u>72,500</u>
TOTAL	<u>715.01</u>	<u>\$8,635,300</u>

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Officers of the Chester Police Department responded to 1,434 calls for service in 2011. This is an increase of 90 calls for service from 2010. The Department issued 355 verbal/written warnings and 876 traffic citations. Of these ticket totals, the C.O.R.E. Program issued 115 verbal/written warnings and 393 traffic citations.

Chester Police had 49 bookings, an increase of 16 from last year, processing a total of 87 offenses. Offenses for DUI, Driving License Suspended, and Motor Vehicle Disturbance more than doubled from last year. Reports of Suspicious Person or Circumstances have increased. Burglaries, Thefts, and Vandalism have also shown an increase. It is good practice to secure your house and vehicle. Not doing this makes access easy for undesirable people. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle unattended.

Accidents with Injury and Accidents with Property Damage have more than doubled from last year. Many accidents are a direct cause of speed or inattentiveness. Driving too fast for road and weather conditions, along with ignoring Stop signs and Speed postings, are a leading cause for this increase.

There were 10 cases utilizing the talents of Canine Riggs in 2011. This decrease in K-9 usage is due primarily to Riggs' retirement this year. Our Department wishes him enjoyment in his life as a civilian living with his handler, Sergeant Phelps.

Officer Wilson was promoted to Detective position. Along with this promotion came additional responsibility. In 2011, he investigated 18 Sex Offenses, 17 Child Abuse cases and 3 Death Investigations along with his regular case work. These counts are comparable with Springfield Police, Hartford Police, and Windsor County State Police Departments, all of which have a larger population than Chester.

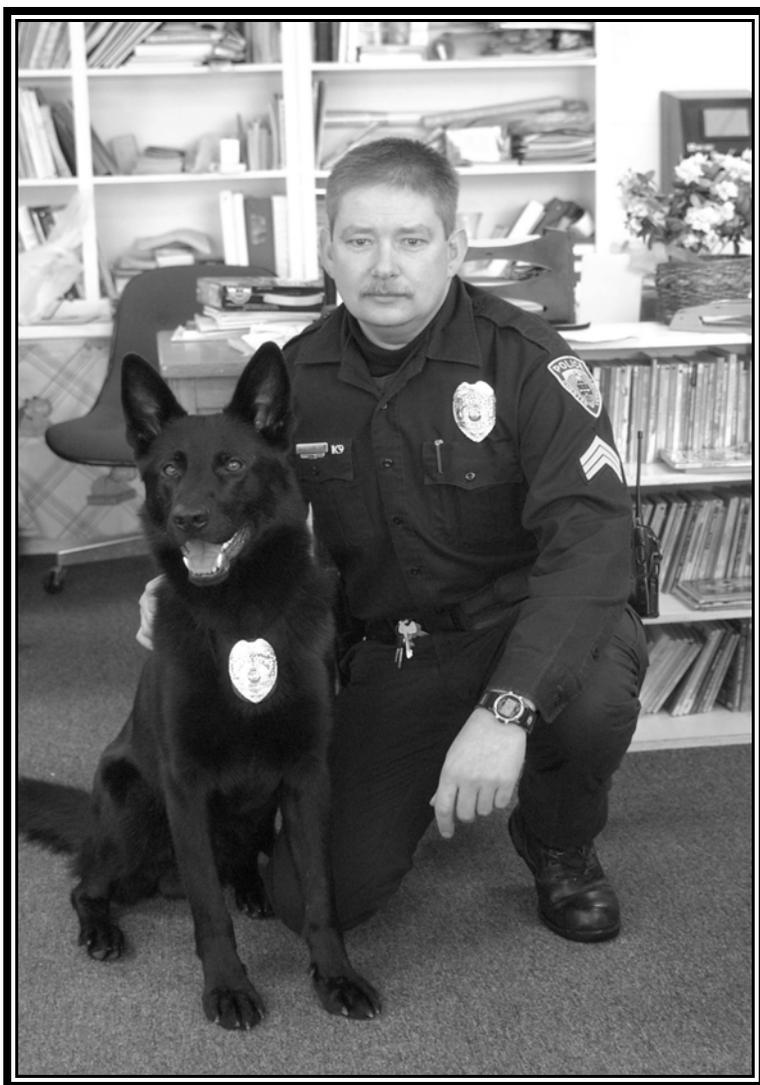
Other changes within the Police Department include the hiring of Officer Ladd Wilbur to fill the open part-time position; new laptop computers for the full-time officers; and a replacement cruiser. Due to the extra case load and paperwork involved, the Department has upgraded the much needed scanner/fax/copier equipment.

The future relocation of the Rockingham State Police Barracks is a serious issue for Chester Police. Planning of their new facility has begun and when completed, our Department will no longer have the Rockingham location to process and detain arrestees. As a result, it will become necessary for Chester Officers to process criminals at their Putney location. This change will pose significant financial and time issues and will need to be addressed in the immediate future.

I would like to remind the residents of Chester to annually update their residential alarm information with 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 of your location should you require their quick response.

Additionally, I wish to thank our Officers, Town employees, and residents who responded to aid the people of Chester during Hurricane Irene and its aftermath. Due to everyone's selflessness and hard work, Chester Officers were able to access remote residents, bringing water, and much needed supplies.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Richard H. Cloud



Canine Riggs retired from duty earlier this year after ten years of outstanding and dedicated service with the Chester Police Department. Riggs was trained in patrol, tracking, and drug searches and with that expertise, he became a valuable asset to the Department. We send our best wishes to him for a long and happy retirement residing with his handler, Sgt. Mark Phelps. Thanks, Riggs, for your hard work!!

REPORT OF THE CHESTER AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Ambulance Service was requested 238 times during 2011. This total reflects 197 calls within Chester, 23 calls to Andover, and 18 mutual aid calls to other towns including Ludlow (12), Springfield (4), Cavendish (1), and Rockingham (1). As a result, a total of 204 patients were transported from the following types of situations:

147 Medical Emergencies	48 Trauma Emergencies
28 MVC's (Motor Vehicle Crashes includes motorcycle, ATV & snowmobile)	8 Public Assists 7 Stand-Bys (Fire Scenes, etc)

We currently have on staff a total of 23 members including 9 Advanced EMT's, 10 Basic EMT's, and 4 Drivers. Even though not medically certified, our drivers are an important asset to our cause and are required to maintain CPR skills and attend all organizational training activities.

Once again, 2011 presented us a fairly routine year with the majority of situations being handled without undue incident. One exception to this was Tropical Storm Irene on August 28. All members that could report spent the day helping out in one capacity or another (Fire, EMS or PD) with evacuations, minor injuries, etc., but five of our members did dedicate themselves to the ambulance and attended to the needs of evacuees throughout the day at a temporary shelter. Although thanks goes out to all in whatever capacity involved, my personal thanks goes out to Laurie Cloud, Mary Wilson, Marie Tyrell, Bruce Savery, and especially Linda Carroll. Linda's house was entirely being flooded, but once her family was safe, Linda spent the day helping others without regard for her own adversity.

We continue with the problem of difficulty staffing weekday calls. On a number of occasions we have been forced to call mutual aid for transport from our coverage area. However, we do maintain the ability, with a majority of these calls, to at least staff one person to first respond as support until mutual aid arrives. We continue our pursuit of new recruits, especially those individuals who 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© or dcookemti@comcast.net.

Within the proposed budget for 2011, you will find an article requesting that monies be released from the Capital Reserve Fund. Included in the total amount will be a sum of \$188,000.00 for the purchase of a new ambulance. For the last few years, we have been diligently applying for a grant to cover this purchase, but so far it has been to no avail. Our current ambulance is in its 14th year of service and is now showing more signs of fatigue. Taking into account inevitable costly repairs and the fact that new ambulance prices have consistently raised an average of approximately \$5000.00 each year, can we realistically continue to wait for uncertainties.

The State of Vermont mandatory compliance date of January 1, 2012, for electronic reporting has been extended to January 1, 2013. At this time, the billing computer has been upgraded, but given reported problems that have surfaced within the State's system, we have not yet begun the rest of our transitioning process. Therefore, most of the \$12,000.00 released from the Capital Reserve Fund last year is still available for this purpose.

During 2011, the Town was able to secure a grant for the purpose of replacing non-upgradeable fire and ambulance pagers. This purchase was necessary to be compliant with a mandated rule set forth by the Federal Communications Bureau which states that all Public Services will transition to narrow band radio frequencies by the year 2013. These pagers have now been placed in service using our current frequency and, after a few minor adjustments, are working fine. The actual transition to our new frequency will take place sometime during 2012.

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, that 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
 Meghan Austin
 Maryann Bonneville
 Linda Carroll
 Jillian Cenate
 Steve Cenate
 Laurie Cloud
 Georgia Ethier, Billing Secretary

Greg Gomo
 Tara Gomo
 Jeff Holden
 Jerry Lindsley
 Steve Mancuso
 Ken Markwell
 Rebekah Martens
 Deb Phelps

Mark Phelps
 Eric Richardson
 Bruce Savery
 Marie Tyrrell
 Amber Wilson
 Mary Wilson
 Matt Wilson

Respectfully submitted,
 Daniel J. Cook, Coordinator



Tropical Storm Irene flooding of Green Mountain Softball field

REPORT OF THE ZONING DEPARTMENT

The Zoning Administrator's (ZA) position remains a part-time role here in Chester, with office hours on Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. I am often available other times of the week by appointment. While my second year in this position has been smoother than my first, it has not been without its challenges. A big thank you again to the ladies in the Town Office and the Development Review Board for their assistance, and to applicants for their patience and cooperation.

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:

- *If you do not like the current Zoning Regulations, find them confusing, or have some suggestions.....attend the on-going Planning Commission meetings and get involved.*
- Please do not rely solely on friends, relatives, or Real Estate agents for advice on anything remotely related to land use/zoning regulations (remember what your Grandmother said about assumptions).
- **Small towns like Chester are facing many challenges and your input is needed.**
- Always make copies and keep your own good records.

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

A few quick notes on the activity in 2011. There were 48 building permits. This included 5 new homes constructed, several which were replacing torn-down structures. There were 9 subdivision applications and most of those were minor in nature. There were 12 conditional use applications and 3 variances requested.

The agendas for upcoming meetings, along with the Development Review Board decisions, are being posted on the Chester website for your information. You may also 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 -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 2011:

Building fire	12	Sprinkler activated, system	
Chimney fire	3	malfunction	4
Vehicle fire	3	Smoke detector activation due to	
Off-road vehicle	5	malfunction	7
Brush/ grass mixture	3	Smoke detector activation due to burnt	
Medical assist	1	food	1
Motor vehicle accident	22	Alarm system sounded due to	
Carbon monoxide incident	1	malfunction	5
Power line down	8	Carbon monoxide detector activation	
Arcing of power line/electrical equip.. . . .	4	due to malfunction	5
Smoke scare	1	Flood assessment/natural disaster	
Unauthorized burning	1	(multiple calls at same time)	5
Cover assignment/ mutual aid to other		Search for lost person	2
towns	15	Building collapse	1
Good intent call	2	Animal rescue	1
HazMat release investigation W/N		Total	114
HazMat	2		

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 2011.

I would like to thank all of the citizens of Chester for calling for permits to burn. This is the main reason 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



Tropical Storm Irene flooding of corn field near Wastewater Treatment Plant

SNOWFALL

Snowfall is presently measured at Dian Circle, elevation 760 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 while the Missing Link Road, between Peck Road and Green Mountain Turnpike, at 530 feet above seal level is the lowest elevation in Town.

Pleased to report that Ken Barrett will continue as the recorder of snowfall even though he retired from the Town last year. Thanks, Ken, for coming out of retirement long enough to provide the snowfall statistics.

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	34.5	37.5	10	2.5	100.5
2011-12	8.75	10	2					
Average	0.79	5.12	16.33	23.34	18.96	14.02	3.66	81.46

REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

I hope everyone had a healthy 2011, and survived Hurricane Irene! This last year I received many, many phone calls from tenants who rent in the Chester area. When problems arise between a landlord and the tenant, invariably legal aid is called, and the tenant is directed to me. Some of the calls are legitimate, and some are not. I would like both of these parties to be aware of their legal rights. The Vermont Department of Health (healthvermont.gov) has a website that outlines the Rental Housing Health Code. If you are planning to be a landlord, please refer to this document to make sure that you are fulfilling your legal responsibility when you rent your property. Tenants also be aware of this, and start by calling the landlord when the problem arises. If the landlord is unwilling to correct the problem, then please call me right away. Enough said!!

Now, in the past I have written about improving eating habits and exercising. I have spoken about the perils of high fructose corn syrup. I am hoping everyone is checking the ingredients of the food they are buying and are trying to avoid high fructose corn syrup. I was just shopping and the store brand kidney beans in a can contained high fructose corn syrup! Don't buy it! It is one source of body fat without any health benefit! (It's in soda, some ice cream, and even some breads that appear healthy can contain this). The more us consumers avoid these products, the more the food companies have to improve their ingredients. For example, Snapple had high fructose corn syrup in it, and it was removed when consumers stopped buying it. Some granola bars that also appear to be natural can contain high fructose corn syrup. I have emailed some of these companies; if they hear from enough people, they will change their product.

This year, I want to talk about saturated and unsaturated fat. On average, a person should consume 25 to 35 percent of their daily calories in fat. On average, a 30 to 50-year-old female needs about 2,000 calories a day. So let's say the fat intake would be about 500 calories a day. Saturated fats and trans fats are found in donuts, fast food, cream cheese, red meat, and many other items. If the product contains less than 1% trans fat, they are allowed to round down and say 0 (certain chip brands). The recommendation is to limit trans fat to 1 percent of your daily fat intake. If the product is not labeled as such, you can eat 3 or 4 servings, and believe you have not ingested trans fat. Trans fat is hidden in the words partially hydrogenated or hydrogenated. Regular peanut butter contains this, and all natural peanut butter does not. Other saturated fats you can have 6% of your daily intake, so combined, it is about 200 calories a day of this type of fat. Polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fats are found in fish, nuts, seeds, and all vegetable oils. These actually play a role in decreasing your bad cholesterol (LDL) and increasing your good cholesterol (HDL). In reverse, the trans fats and saturated fats play a role in increasing your bad cholesterol and decreasing your good cholesterol. So, once again, take the time to read what you are buying, and your health will improve. If you do not want to improve your diet, you will, instead, be choosing to support the pharmaceutical industry by having to take pills to reduce your cholesterol and blood pressure. There are a few individuals who have high cholesterol in spite of their diet, but that is the exception to the rule.

There is also another health risk that people may not be aware of and that is heating up food in the microwave in a plastic container. There is plenty of literature out there to support the fact that the plastic leeches into the food and is a cancer risk. Use glass containers for the microwave. If you or your children have plastic reusable water bottles make sure they are BP free.

So, I guess that is it for this year. As usual, KEEP MOVING! If anyone has any questions or concerns, feel free to give me a call. Stay healthy!!

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

2012 DOG AND CAT RABIES CLINICS

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

Chester - Sat., March 17, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Town Garage - \$10
Dog Licenses available for Chester residents only

Bellows Falls - Sat., March 10, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Town Garage
next to Playground - \$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 the 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 in 2011:

	<u>Brookside</u>	<u>North St.</u>	<u>Pleasant View</u>	<u>Outside Cemeteries</u>
Lots/Grave Spaces Sold	0	2	4	1
Monument Bases/ Foundations Installed	0	1	7	1
Cornerstone Sets Purchased/ Installed	0	2	3	1
Military Markers Placed	0	0	6	0
Burials	1	1	11	1

This was my first year as Cemetery Sexton; the transition went smoothly thanks to my predecessor, Ken Barrett, for all the years of training and willingness to answer any question that arose this year. I also had much help from my fellow coworkers on preparing for Memorial Day--thank you. I had a new trainee to help take care of the cemeteries, Kirby Putnam, who did a great job, too.

This year, the grass grew fast and never let up so we kept quite busy mowing and trimming, trying our best to keep everything looking up to par. We had a very nice upgrade to our leaf disposal, our new Giant Vac, which made the fall clean-up a lot easier. I was very excited to see how much time this saved for cleaning up.

Hopefully, we will be able to see the cemetery shed on Main Street take shape this coming year as we have been working on the details for fixing it up this year. I am also glad to inform everyone that our new section on High Street, which Ken had built, will be ready to sell lots next season; the surveying has been finalized as of this December. We also had an opportunity to remove a dangerous tree from Smokeshire Cemetery to prevent any damage to the surrounding stones.

As a reminder to the owners of lots in Chester cemeteries, please remove summer seasonal arrangements from lots by October 31 and fall /winter arrangements by April 15. Please note that flower pots and plastic arrangements will be disposed of by the Cemetery Department on or about November 1 starting next year. Also, the planting of trees and shrubs is not allowed in the cemetery lots.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Sheldon, Cemetery Sexton

LISTERS' REPORT

In 2011, the biggest thing to affect some values in Chester was Hurricane Irene. On top of all the road damage and general erosion, we lost four houses; three on Route 11 West and one on RT 103 North. The Listers visited each property to determine the amount of loss; one house and land was a complete loss and the other three had only the buildings that were destroyed. These values were abated at a total cost in tax dollars of \$5,981.28, a minor number compared to some other towns in the State. As of this date, three months after, the property owners are still not back in their homes.

Another major impact to our Grand List for 2011 was the improvements that VT Transco (VELCO) made to their equipment. Over seven and a half million dollars were added which helped keep our tax rate lower than it would have been.

The Current Use Program through the State of Vermont has many taxpayers taking advantage of lower taxes if they qualify. We have 166 parcels enrolled with 15,819.55 acres in the program. This amounts to \$22,763,780 of assessed value. Each year we receive several new applicants to the program; in 2011 we received 10. You have to have at least 25 acres of wooded or agricultural land to be able to participate. Looking at our current Grand List there are a possible 129 more parcels that could be eligible.

Just as a reminder, the old HS 122 Homestead Declaration form, now the HS 131, does not have to be filed each year, only if you buy, sell, or when there is a change in use.

Respectfully submitted,
Wanda C. Purdy, Chairman
Debbie Trent
Carol L. Balch



Tropical Storm Irene flooding extended over VT Route 103 North

REPORT OF THE RECREATION DIRECTOR

The year 2011 comes to a close with major projects complete. The Pavilion was completed in this past fall with some recognition due. The efforts of Dick Jewett and Graham Kennedy were critical. Mr. Jewett donated countless hours in the construction of the concrete slab and walkway. His dedication and expertise are greatly appreciated. Mr. Kennedy and the crew at the Town Garage were instrumental in the beautification of the Pinnacle as a whole. The hard work and enthusiasm of this group are seen in the end result; a Recreation Facility to be proud of; many thanks to Graham and his crew.

The Pavilion was used not only on a daily basis but also as a reservation-based venue for families and events. This beautiful structure, created for our use and as a memorial to our much loved Andy Ladd, is the shining crown of our Recreation Area. We extend our gratitude to Rotary for their donation and management of donated funds and to Ladd Construction for their excellent work.

Our recreation programs continue to grow and to serve all of the families and citizens of Chester. Our programs are truly community based as we continue to be grateful for the support of our schools and the school facilities and staff. Many of our programs take place within the school buildings and the support of staff is essential, necessary, and very much appreciated.

The other new addition to our Pinnacle is the concession stand. The "Snack Shack" was acquired with grant monies and serves two purposes; it provides a summer job for several of our teenagers and gives children and families a place to purchase snacks during their long summer days at the pool. Our pool deck was refurbished this year, and we added two more shade screens for families to stay cool. Our nine lifeguards provided swimming lessons and safety to the 100 plus children we serve each summer.

Our summer programs continue to delight. Tennis camp, soccer camp, climbing wall, baseball, skate park camp, theatre workshops, sports fitness camp, and swimming lessons provide outdoor enrichment to Chester families and visitors.

Our other programs include basketball, climbing team, baseball, and softball. The weight room at the Green Mountain Union High School continues to be of use to Chester residents.

Overall, the Recreation Department continues to serve our Town with great support from our volunteers and families who continue to enroll in programs and events.

It has been a great year, despite the challenges we all faced with Irene. Our facilities escaped unscathed and we are grateful.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Nelligan, Director of Recreation

REPORT OF THE WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

This year has been extremely busy for all departments due to damage resulting from the flooding caused by Hurricane Irene. The Water Department was fairly fortunate with only temporarily losing about five residential services and one 2-inch main to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, which was without water for about five days. There was also NO infiltration of contamination into the water system and, as far as I know, no interruption of service to any residence.

The Sewer Department was not so fortunate with the loss of the road to the Plant and the 10-inch main line into it. It was repaired rather quickly, with the assistance of personnel from Springfield Water/Sewer Department, and the replacement of about 45 feet of main. We also lost the river crossing under the river near the junction of Routes 103 and 11 East. The torrent ripped out both 6-inch Ductile Iron pipes which crossed it. Springfield personnel also assisted us with setting up a temporary system for pumping the raw sewage over the bridge via a temporary cat walk that was on the bridge due to ongoing bridge work. This temporary system remained in use for about eight weeks while the crossing was replaced and encased in a concrete sleeve.

We also lost operation of the First Avenue pump station for a time. For the first time since that station has been in operation, the water was flowing completely over the dry pit hatch that allows us access to the pumps. Needless to say, the pumps and electrical controls were under water for a period of time. The Sewer Department was able to get it running fairly quickly. However, there is still work to be done to get it back to pre-flood operating status.

We had massive clean up at the Plant with our parts trailer under about 4 feet of water, leaving behind 1-½ feet of mud. The workshop/garage had about one foot of water in it, leaving 2-3 inches of mud to clean up. We also lost a portable generator which was on site. We are still sorting and cleaning parts.

This year, the Sewer Department has also taken on extra duties due to the new updated Sewer Ordinance which is meant to assist us with a more fair billing of the system users and attempt to reduce the amount of grease, oil, and other high strength discharge which increases the processing cost, and, in turn, affects all users. This has increased the amount of testing, monitoring, and man hours, but is intended to pass the cost onto the proper accounts, the high strength discharge users.

In late November, we had a large water leak under the railroad tracks in the depot area which required the replacement of a section of eight-inch main. Due to the federal water supply rules, we were required to do additional monitoring testing and to introduce Chlorine into the system for a period of time as a precautionary measure.

I would like to thank the personnel from Springfield Water/Sewer Department and Chester Highway Department who assisted us during these emergencies. With their experience and dedication, they saved our community money as well as additional hardships to the users of these services. I would also like to thank the railroad personnel who were on site for their assistance and cooperation during the repairs on Depot Street. These departments have always worked well together whenever the need arises.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Holden, Water/Sewer Superintendent

SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REPORT

Yet again, another quiet year has passed. The Solid Waste District's operations are still smooth and efficient.

A few brief words about recycling, proper disposal, and conservation:

The other day, my daughter, while walking, found a pair of mattresses and an old tube-type TV thrown away beside the road. I don't know if the individual(s) responsible will read this, but I really wish that they or others who do similar things would just show some respect.

Electronic waste may be disposed of at no cost at the Springfield Recycling Center on Fairgrounds Road. Lots of other things can also be disposed of at no cost at the Recycling Center. Check it out.

Twice a year, in the spring and fall, the Solid Waste District offers free collection of certain hazardous materials. Details of this program are contained in a newspaper insert which is available at the Chester Town Hall Office and various locations around town. If you can't wait to dispose of the waste, please contact us before your throw it in the trash.

Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs) contain mercury and must be recycled. To those of you who are resistant to using CFLs, I would like to point out that CFLs reduce the heat generated in those old fixtures and the amount of current flowing through those old wires. Just something to think about.

In my mind, conservation of resources remains the best option. Turn off the lights when you leave a room, use a multi-use shopping bag, or maybe say no to that extra run to the store.

The District continues to maintain a website, www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org, which contains a lot of useful information about reducing, reusing, and recycling. Our Recycling Coordinator, Mary O'Brien, can be reached at (802) 674-9235 or emailed at mobrien@swcrpc.org.

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, 2011**

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income	
Dividend Income	\$ 17,044.34
Town Perpetual Care	<u>1,375.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 18,419.34
Expense	
Bank Fees	<u>\$ 6,173.20</u>
Total Expense	\$ 6,173.20
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 12,246.14
Net Income	\$ 12,246.14

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Money Market Fund	\$ 23,494.01
Total Checking/Savings	<u>\$ 23,494.01</u>
Total Current Assets	\$ 23,494.01
Other Assets	
Mutual Fund Equity	\$ 243,604.09
Mutual Fund Fixed Income	<u>227,733.30</u>
Total Other Assets	\$ 471,337.39
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 494,831.40

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity	
Retained Earnings	\$ 482,585.26
Net Income	<u>12,246.14</u>
Total Equity	\$ 494,831.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 494,831.40

NOTE: Mutual Funds are reported at cost per GASB requirements. Market values as of December 31, 2011, are listed below:

Cash & Equivalents	\$ 23,494.01
Mutual Fund Fixed Income	234,856.79
Mutual Fund Equity	<u>269,219.42</u>
Total Market Value of Investment	\$ 527,570.22

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

This year, the Trustees completed the investment policy and guidelines as outlined in the Statutes of the State of Vermont, and this is on file at the Town Office for the public view.

We continue to adhere to the instructions of the funds entrusted into our care. There are some funds that date back to 1879 with very specific instructions.

As we did in last year's report, we want to remind the voters that if there is a specific project that you might be interested in or something you would like the town to benefit from, these funds may be forwarded to the Town with a letter as to how these fund and the interest are to be distributed and your instructions will be followed.

Respectfully submitted,
Erron J. Carey
Shirley Barrett

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY AND BOARD OF TAX ABATEMENT

The Board of Civil Authority, as part of its responsibility for the conduct of elections, discussed the Reapportionment process required in the wake of the 2010 Census. Board members gave unanimous support to keeping our District in the State Legislature as it is. The State Reapportionment Commission recommended that Grafton be joined with our District and the portion of Springfield be removed. Board members felt that this move was not in the best interest of the Town of Chester. As of now, the Commission agreed to leave our legislative district as it presently is constituted.

The Board conducted the biennial review of the Voter Checklist as required by law. This meant going through the entire list, name by name, identifying names of those we knew were no longer here either by moving away or are deceased, and sending inquiries whenever anyone on the Board of Civil Authority had reason to ask whether the name was still properly on the List.

Three cases came before the Board of Civil Authority from property owners arguing that the assessments on their properties were too high in comparison with those on comparable properties. The Board voted to lower one assessment but left the other two the same as the Listers' assessments. Those two appeals have now been carried to the State level.

Six requests for tax abatement came before the Board of Tax Abatement which consists of the Selectboard, the twelve Justices of the Peace, the Town Clerk and Treasurer, and the three Listers. Four of the requests were the result of loss of property from Tropical Storm Irene and were granted. The fifth request for abatement did not fit the narrow criteria for abatement and was thus denied. A sixth request for abatement was based on "inability to pay." The Board felt a decision could not be rendered at that time so this appeal is recessed until February of 2012 so that more information may be gathered.

As a Board, we extend our thanks to John "Jack" Coleman for his many years of service as Chair of the Board of Civil Authority. His wisdom and experience were invaluable to us. Jack stepped down as Chair this past summer, but he remains on the Board as a Justice.

Also, we thank the Town Hall staff and the Listers for doing the preparation and work that makes our job as a Board much easier.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth B. Barrett, Chairman
Board of Civil Authority
and Board of Tax Abatement

**DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011**

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Penalty</u>	<u>Total Due</u>
2002	240.64	382.65	19.25	642.54
2003	259.44	365.69	20.76	645.89
2004	544.14	669.13	43.53	1,256.80
2005	709.10	755.21	56.72	1,521.03
2006	814.08	720.39	65.13	1,599.60
2007	1,808.73	1,274.87	144.69	3,228.29
2008	2,638.78	1,424.95	210.61	4,274.34
2009	18,596.38	6,918.87	1,487.78	27,003.03
2010	63,428.45	12,367.53	5,070.49	80,866.47
2011	<u>272,158.48</u>	<u>8,168.96</u>	<u>21,806.05</u>	<u>302,133.49</u>
	\$361,198.22	\$ 33,048.25	\$ 28,925.01	\$423,171.48

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.

**2012 PROPERTY TAXES DUE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2012**

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

We are happy to report much progress was made in 2011. The Academy Building has been completely rewired with everything now up to code.

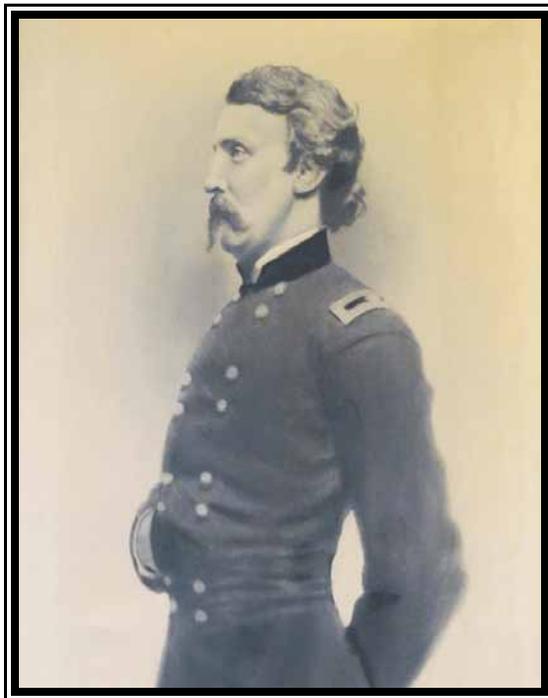
In 2006, townspeople voted to give the Historical Society \$10,000 for display and preservation of our collections. This fund has been instrumental as we continue to archive our huge collections of Chester artifacts. In this process, we are discovering many new and exciting bits of history. Thanks to this fund, we can locate, catalog, and preserve them using up-to-date technology.

We are pleased that we were able to publish The History of Chester in 2011. This is the only history ever written about our town.

Perhaps one of our greatest achievements this year was the purchase of General Edwin Stoughton's portrait. Had we not intervened and purchased this important portrait, it would have left Vermont forever. Gen. Stoughton was born and raised in Chester and was a West Point graduate who had a famous Civil War career.

"Our strength is our history."

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Patch, President



General Edwin Stoughton

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Voters of Chester:

SIZE OF THE WINDSOR SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION

As of July 1, 2011, 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, 2011:

<u>GRADE:</u>	<u>EE</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>
	42	26	23	31	32	35	39	31	40	29	26	37	21	44	456

Chester has 5 students privately tuitioned to other schools; 4 school-choice students that attend other schools.

Chester pupils transported: 386

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 and placed on the Windsor Southwest Supervisory Union website. The Chester-Andover Elementary School Board meets the first Monday of each month. Green Mountain Union High School Board meets the second Thursday of each month. The public is invited to all meetings. Each month, a list of activities, which will take 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 2012-2013

EXPENDITURES

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
	2010-2011	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Pre-school Collaborative	\$ 99,645.00	\$ 88,424.64	\$108,356.00	\$142,793.00
Special Education				
EEE	65,070.00	86,617.86	34,296.00	62,620.00
Related Services	33,090.00	7,337.22	31,250.00	10,500.00
Supervisory Union Assessment	8,076.00	8,046.00	8,268.00	11,034.00
Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	35.00	35.00
Bank Interest	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
School Directors	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Clerk Treasurer	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Supplies	0.00	94.60	0.00	0.00
Audit Fee	200.00	0.00	3,450.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$206,656.00	\$191,095.32	\$186,330.00	\$227,657.00

REVENUES

Prior Year Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 28,981.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,481.00	\$ 48,401.00
Abbie Ingalls Fund	0.00	5.46	0.00	0.00
Williams Fund	0.00	435.22	0.00	0.00
Interest	250.00	245.58	250.00	250.00
EEE	32,005.00	32,005.00	32,687.00	29,020.00
Education Spending Revenue	145,420.00	145,420.00	141,912.00	149,986.00
Prior Year Adjustment	0.00	1,022.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$206,656.00	\$179,133.26	\$186,330.00	\$227,657.00

District: Chester County: Windsor		T047 Windsor Southwest				Enter base education amount: See note at bottom of page.	Enter estimated homestead base rate for FY2012: See note at bottom of page.
				8,544	8,544	8,544	8,544
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	\$9,078	\$9,817	\$9,076	\$9,298		
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		
15.	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		
17.	Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$1,708.09	\$1,994.70	-	-		
18.	Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	-		
19.	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	-	-	-	-		
20.	Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-		
21.	Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-		
22.	Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	Threshold = \$13,287	Threshold = \$13,924	Threshold = \$14,549	Threshold = \$14,733		
23.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$372	\$10,199	\$10,701	\$10,374		
24.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$10,374 / \$8,544)	4.520%	119.376%	125.240%	121.415%		
25.	based on \$8,210	based on \$8,544	based on \$8,544	based on \$8,544			
Prorating the local tax rate							
26.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (121.415% x \$0.870)	\$0.0394	\$1.0286	\$1.0771	\$1.0563		
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	\$0.0310	\$0.0303	\$0.0304		
	based on \$0.87	based on \$0.86	based on \$0.86	based on \$0.87			
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.							
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 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) 875-6679.

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

Stepping into the modern age without leaving tradition behind is always a challenge and a marvelous opportunity to see what we're made of. This year has been one of transition. The Library's collection of books has never been better, populating the shelves with the latest information, most current topics, fun picture books, and hottest fiction works. To assist those who prefer to avoid rental fees, we have hundreds of videos and DVDs for all ages. For those who love to listen to books rather than reading them, we have hundreds of audios. Whiting Library subscribes to ListenUp so any patron can use their library card from home to access thousands of books and ebooks for free. What we do not own, the Library may request from other Vermont libraries, and the Department of Libraries offer over thirty helpful databases also free. We are able to provide passes for free or discounted access to Vermont historical sites, parks, and museums. Our community meeting room is busier than ever hosting classes and discussions including our own monthly book group. Whiting once again took part in Vermont Reads' statewide celebration of To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee.

Never has our mission been as clear as when assisting visitors displaced and inconvenienced by Tropical Storm Irene. Having walked, in some cases for hours people were so pleased to find the Library open, computers available, wireless internet, phone service in place, phone directories, and friendly help. These dazed visitors were delighted to find their needs answered, though not surprised that a small public library could do so.

Whiting Library was visited nearly seventeen thousand times this year, 1400 people per month, about 85 visitors each day. Our patrons come to see us for all those needs listed above, plus the intangible quality of knowing that each is treated with courtesy. Seeing Carole Reeves at the circulation desk ensures our patrons of graciousness. Will Wilcox shelving books or adjusting the card catalog shows people they are sure to be warmly greeted. Theone Wallace, our new children's librarian, lets everyone she encounters know that she will spontaneously burst into reading aloud. Richard Hoffmann, our Vermont Associate client, can discuss anything with anyone, making each visit entertaining. Jodi Swan is responsible for the cleanliness of the inside of the building, while our walkways were kept clear of snow and ice by Kit LeFevre.

A major transition occurred this year with the retirement of Karen Morris as Director. She gave this staff an exemplary model of customer service to follow, and we hope to make her proud. Sharon Tanzer, former Whiting library children's librarian, was appointed to the role of Director in April.

Heartfelt thanks go to those who make the Library exceptional, our volunteers. These undaunted individuals give generously of their time and talents. You will see their friendly faces at the circulation desk, among the shelves, providing refreshments, planting flowers, guiding children to a love of reading. Join us in appreciation for Jonne Adler, Eclectic Computer, Charlotte Edgar, Mary Lou Farr, Daryl Gustafson, Doris Hastings, Rose Jackson, Marion Mosher, Elizabeth Moulton, Cianna Winston, Arlene Mutscher and Oreo.

The wonderful old drawers of little cards with holes in the bottom are being replaced with computer technology. Though bittersweet for some, those catalog drawers and cards and the supplies that keep a paper system in place are fading away. Even if you do not own a home computer, you are affected by computers every day: the touch pad on your microwave, phoning your friend, waiting for a traffic light, registering your car.

You will soon see the computer as a tool in finding what your library has to offer. Whiting Library will gently glide into this world in the coming year with much of the framework already in place. Preparation of the collection is due largely to the diligent, meticulous efforts of Joan Houghton and Kathy Emmons.

The Chester Quilters group has once again offered one of their colorful creations for the benefit of the Library. The quilt raffle tickets, our book sales, and our twice annual appeal letter combine to raise funds and share the cost of Library operations with Chester taxpayers.

Respectfully submitted
Sharon Tanzer, Director
Theone Wallace, Children's Librarian
Carole Reeves, Circulation Manager
Will Wilcox, Library Assistant

Bruce Parks, Chairman
Mary Lou Farr, Secretary
Shawn Cunningham, Treasurer
Suzy Forlie
Marianne Bock
Cynthia Collins
Jay Emery

**WHITING LIBRARY FUND
2012 BUDGET**

		2010 Budget	2011 Budget	2011 Cash	2012 Budget
Revenues					
5-311-01	Dividends	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,416.57	\$ 1,400.00
5-311-02	Interest	200.00	100.00	0.00	900.00
5-311-03	Town of Chester	67,170.00	70,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00
5-311-04	Grants/Programs	100.00	100.00	155.00	200.00
5-311-05	Fund Raising	14,600.00	15,000.00	13,790.00	15,000.00
5-311-06	Fines	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
5-311-10	Donations	300.00	300.00	490.69	2,100.00
5-311-11	Book Sales	1,750.00	1,750.00	2,286.12	2,000.00
5-311-12	Lost Items	30.00	125.00	230.71	200.00
5-311-13	Mtg. Rm. Donations	100.00	200.00	25.00	200.00
5-311-14	Copier	750.00	600.00	531.39	600.00
5-311-20	Fund Transfer	0.00	10,000.00	14,000.00	0.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 86,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 98,925.00</u>	<u>\$102,925.48</u>	<u>\$ 92,900.00</u>

		2010 Budget	2011 Budget	2011 Cash	2012 Budget
Expenditures					
5-415-10	Payroll	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 71,217.77	\$ 65,959.00
5-415-11	Payroll Benefits	0.00	0.00	6,103.27	5,541.00
5-415-20	Administration	300.00	300.00	1,209.91	400.00
5-415-21	Fund Raising	1,200.00	1,500.00	1,166.78	1,400.00
5-415-22	Prof. Development	300.00	500.00	445.00	300.00
5-415-23	Travel	300.00	300.00	485.16	300.00
5-415-25	Books & Materials	9,000.00	10,775.00	10,145.03	10,000.00
5-415-34	Programs	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,145.40	700.00
5-415-35	Postage	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,891.13	1,400.00
5-415-41	Supplies	1,500.00	1,750.00	3,299.91	1,900.00
5-415-56	Telephone	850.00	850.00	772.75	800.00
5-415-60	Copier	1,400.00	900.00	1,356.00	900.00
5-415-70	Equipment & Tech.	1,000.00	1,500.00	2,253.74	3,000.00
5-415-75	Land Purchase	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00
5-415-79	Repairs & Maint.	250.00	250.00	225.51	300.00
5-415-80	Automation Project	0.00	10,000.00	5,062.82	0.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 86,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 98,925.00</u>	<u>\$110,780.18</u>	<u>\$ 92,900.00</u>
	Net Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	(\$ 7,854.70)	\$0.00

**STATEMENT OF FUNDS
HELD BY TRUSTEES OF WHITING LIBRARY
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011**

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
TD Bank Money Market	\$ 29,148.79
TD Bank Savings	<u>1,424.06</u>
Total Checking/Savings	\$ 30,572.85
 Total Current Assets	 \$ 30,572.85
 Other Assets	
Investment Fund Eaton Fund	\$ 4,162.21
Investment Fund JP Morgan	<u>53,669.43</u>
 Total Other Assets	 <u>\$ 57,831.64</u>

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 88,404.49**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity	
Retained Earnings	\$132,819.24
Net Loss	<u>(44,414.75)</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$ 88,404.49</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **\$ 88,404.49**

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Begin Balance January 1, 2011	\$ 78,027.36
Receipts	102,925.48
Expenses	<u>110,780.18</u>
Balance December 31, 2011	<u>\$ 70,172.66</u>

Petty Cash	
Begin Balance January 1, 2011	\$ 200.00
Receipts	0.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2011	<u>\$ 200.00</u>

Petty Cash Postage - Interlibrary Loan Postage	
Begin Balance January 1, 2011	\$ 200.00
Receipts	0.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2011	<u>\$ 200.00</u>

SPRINGFIELD/CHESTER TRANSFER STATION AND RECYLING CENTER

In an effort to save your tax dollars, the editors have asked all departments to keep their reports short. I offered to skip mine all together, for the greater good mind you, that and the fact that writing about the raw tonnage of various material year after year has lost its appeal to me, and I wouldn't blame you for feeling the same way about reading it. If anyone really wants to know, or is having trouble sleeping, quarterly reports are available for free on request. (Ironic comments are extra.) The offer to "skip it" was not accepted in time to save the budget or the reader from the following.

The only big change came in July. The State implemented a product stewardship program covering computers and televisions. Now VT residents, small businesses, and various religious cults can recycle those items for free. Please note: other electronics, such as radios, VCRs, DVDs, so on and so forth, remain at 20 cents per pound for responsible disposal. This stuff is known collectively as E-waste and contains a number of hazardous materials, so they have been banned from the regular mixed solid waste stream.

The new space for a larger Second Chance Shop was completed this fall. "Completed" may not be the right word exactly, - "occupied" would be better. This project began late last year and would not have been possible without the support of some wonderful volunteers. Recycled material was used at every opportunity. Anything that we couldn't find was purchased locally with funds generated by donations of VT returnable bottles and contributions given at the Second Chance Shop. These funds are administered by the Springfield Recycling Committee. The Shop diverts tons of usable items and material from the waste stream annually. But there's more, Andrea, our volunteer store manager, views the shop as a community resource, here for families and individuals starting out or starting over. Following last summer's hurricane, the shop provided literally truck loads of basic necessities to those in need. This only works when people donate responsibly. The store is like no other; all that is asked, of those who can afford it, is a small contribution. It helps keep the place going. For those who can't afford it, all we ask is, One: let us know what you need, and Two: a smile and a thank you is payment enough.

So that's about it for now; as always, buy local, think global, and keep bringing your stuff.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Farrar, Recycling Coordinator

SOUTHERN WINDSOR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission (SWCRPC) is an organization that serves 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 2011, member towns contributed 3% to the Regional Planning Commission's annual budget of \$876,610.00. Town dues assessment was based on \$1.00 per person based upon 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, the administration of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), and the Southern Windsor County Brownfields Reuse Project. State funds were derived from the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) for environmental planning, and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) 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. SWCTAC's primary responsibilities are to make recommendations on regional transportation policies, review and provide comment on Vermont Agency of Transportation (VAOT) projects, identify and rank town/regional transportation improvements for submission to VAOT, and provide input on regional transportation studies. In addition to these tasks, the SWCRPC conducted bridge, culvert, and sign inventories.

SWCRPC updated Chester's All Hazards Mitigation Plan and assisted the Planning Commission in developing a set of unified bylaws, which included updates to the Town's zoning and subdivision regulations. The SWCRPC, through its energy program, paid for an energy audit of the Town Hall. Additionally, SWCRPC provided technical assistance in land use, energy, and transportation planning, zoning issues, Act 250 reviews, as well as Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping.

Annually, the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Chester appoints two individuals, a representative and an alternate, to serve on the SWCRPC. The SWCRPC board is responsible for developing regional policies, providing Act 200 review of town plans, and facilitating cooperation amongst member towns. In FY 2011, Tom 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 the mission to "Provide a Helping Hand to Persons and Families in Need." With tax support from the Town of Chester, as well as donations from individuals, businesses, organizations, and foundations, CAFC is able to provide assistance to so many people in our community who struggle to make ends meet.

Here are just a few of the ways your support reaches the people who need help right now:

- Approximately 150 people a month supplement their diets with bags of nutritious food.
- Shoppers find quality clothing for all ages, as well as small housewares, books, puzzles, movies, and other items.
- Fuel is delivered, electric shut-offs are avoided, rent is paid so people don't lose their housing.
- Gas cards are given so people can keep their car on the road.
- Children receive Christmas gifts their families cannot afford.

The Chester-Andover Family Center continues to search for a new location. We have looked at several promising options, but so far nothing has worked out. As we continue to look, we are making improvements to streamline our operation and improve our current space. As we have done since 1996, we will continue to get your support to those who are in need.

Our amazing volunteers are the lifeblood of the organization. We always welcome more volunteers. There is no paid staff.

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. Please leave a message if the shop is not open.

Respectfully submitted,
Edith B. 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 county-wide, 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 1710 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 adopted Three River Valley Business Education Partnership's school- and community-based mentoring programs in Springfield. This has enabled WCP to serve youth it was formerly unable to reach, while enhancing its long-term sustainability. In our first year running the Let's do Lunch Program, we supported 46 school-based matches.

In this last year, WCP served seven persons from Chester and supported 33 total partnerships from among 13 towns in Windsor County. There are four children from your area on the waiting list. 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)

SENIOR SOLUTIONS - COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT, INC.

Senior Solutions - Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, 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. We received **283** calls from residents requesting assistance this past year.

As part of the Medicare Part D prescription program, we have trained staff available by phone, office or home. **101** residents received assistance this past year.

Senior Nutrition – 7779 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 **62** Chester residents which is estimated as an annual cost of \$74,400.

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

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 health care organization committed to providing the highest quality home health care 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, 2010 and June 30, 2011, the VNA & Hospice made 3,954 homecare visits to 147 Chester residents and absorbed approximately \$125,807 in unreimbursed charges to residents.

Home Health Care: 2,922 home visits to 111 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

Long-term Care: 489 home visits to 10 residents with chronic medical problems who needed extended care in their home to avoid admission to a nursing home.

Hospice Services: 488 home visits to 10 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Maternal and Child Health Services: 55 home visits to 16 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 health care, 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

Green Mountain RSVP and Volunteer Center (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) is part of the Corporation for National and Community Service which includes Senior Corps, a nationwide program for people 55 and older who wish to have a positive impact on the quality of life in their communities. Through meaningful and significant use of their skills and knowledge, they offer their volunteer service to nonprofit and community organizations.

Bone Builders (osteoporosis prevention exercise classes), Seniors for Schools (helping young students read), and TeleCare (calling homebound elders) are three of the important programs RSVP sponsor in Windsor County. Our volunteers continually address community concerns such as health and independent living for elders, literacy, emergency preparedness, and the needs of lower-income citizens.

In Chester, 16 RSVP volunteers served 4,611 hours last year at Chester-Andover Family Center, the Vermont Center for the Book, Chester-Andover Elementary School, the Whiting Library, Meals on Wheels, the American Red Cross Blood Drives, and the Chester Information Booth. Throughout Windsor County, 212 volunteers offered 50,714 hours of service last year to 77 different organizations. If you are interested in becoming an RSVP volunteer, Linda Husband can be reached at the Springfield office at (802) 885-2083.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Palencsar, Executive Director
Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center
Southern Vermont Headquarters
215 Pleasant Street
Bennington, VT 05201
(802) 447-1545

COMMUNITY CARES NETWORK OF CHESTER/ANDOVER, INC.

Thank you, citizens of Chester. Through your support we were able to accomplish the following for the senior citizens of our town.

The mission of the Community Cares Network of Chester/Andover, Inc. (CCN, INC.) is to help the senior citizens of our communities live in their own homes longer safely and continue to live healthy, productive lives.

Over this past year, we have helped with:

Transportation	over 600
Odd Jobs	over 100
Visits & Reassurance Calls	over 700
2 Work Days (one in the spring and one in the fall)	

Some of our special and non-routine activities were:

- CCN,INC. has worked with Senior Solutions to help guide the person to the resources they might need.
- We have also worked with the social workers at Dartmouth Hospital so the person would have the support necessary.
- CCN,INC. has worked along with the Vermont Public Guardian office. We were able to help them find family members so the patient could have the support and care needed. In some cases we have had to refer the family or the senior citizen to another source better suited to help them.
- During the flood, CCN,INC. worked to coordinate the help that some of our senior citizens needed at the time.
- In the fall and spring we worked with the school children to clean up senior citizens' yards. This brought the seniors and the children together.
- CCN,INC. has a series on "Laughter is Healthy" with Traci Pena and Sister Pat. We ended with a cookout and entertainment by Dr. Smarty Pants. Through this we were able to get the seniors out and together. They also learned simple exercises that are very easy to do and help them feel much better.
- We worked with the seniors to help them coordinate the refreshments for the caroling for the "Overture to Christmas."

Debbie Armstrong
Program Coordinator
Community Cares Network of Chester/Andover, Inc.
Telephone: (802) 875-6341

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 **\$ 2,250** for FY 13. CRT is a private, nonprofit public transit provider serving 30 towns in the Windham and Southern Windsor County areas. CRT currently provides over 250,000 trips annually on our public bus service and volunteer network.

FY 11 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 11 CRT services to your town: In-Town and Shopper Bus Services: 1,388; Seasonal Commuter Bus Service to Okemo: 2,991; and Dial-a-Ride Service to Chester Residents: 4,136, and includes medical rides for Chester's elderly, disabled and/or children and families who receive Medicaid.

Ridership increases in FY 11 CRT services to the region: Commuter Bus Service to the Upper Valley, Okemo and Brattleboro: 9.5 % overall to 85,316; Non-Commuter Bus Service to the General Public: 117% to 84,544 since taking over the Brattleboro Beeline Service; and Human Services Transportation including the Volunteer and Taxi network: level at 81,239.

FY 11 for CRT was a big year; laying the foundation for a solid and sustainable infrastructure. We are Partnered with The Town of Rockingham on a Park and Ride plan on the facility property at exit 6 off 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 68% of donations in FY 11.

The local contributions (comprised of the three categories below) in FY 11 to CRT services were over \$217,000: Individuals riding the CRT services: 34% for \$73,500; Businesses serviced by CRT commuter, general public and human service transit: 34% for \$74,500; and Towns in CRT service area: 32% or \$69,000.

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 \$69,000, about 2% of the total CRT budget. Although a small percentage, it is a very important percent. These donations provide the local matching funds that allow CRT to access the state and federal grants, private foundations and the human service transportation contracts that contributed \$3 million to the local economy in FY 11.

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

WINDHAM & WINDSOR HOUSING TRUST (WWHT)

The Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non –profit organization serving the residents of Windham and southern Windsor County. The organization began in 1987 and in 2011, acquired selected assets from the former Rockingham Area Land Trust (RACLT).

WWHT’s purpose is to enhance the quality of life of low and moderate income citizens; to preserve and revitalize neighborhoods; to foster diversity; and to improve the social, economic, and cultural health of communities of Windham and southern Windsor County.

We operate three programs as described below:

Homeownership Center

The **Revolving Loan Fund** provides low-cost loans to low and moderate income homeowners throughout Windham and Windsor counties to make critical home repairs. This would include repairs necessary to bring homes up to code and make them a safe place to live. A staff rehabilitation specialist inspects the home, determines which repairs are necessary and works with the homeowner to plan and finance the project.

Housing Counseling Services are provided to all residents in both counties. We provide homebuyer education, credit counseling, delinquency counseling and foreclosure prevention counseling.

The **Homeland Program** provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes. The grant is used toward the purchase price of the land underneath the home, lowering the cost to the homebuyer. The Housing Trust retains ownership of the land and ensures long-term affordability through special ground lease provisions.

Rental Housing Development Program-to meet the diverse housing needs of a community, WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities. This might take the form of housing rehabilitation or the construction of new apartments. WWHT can work with towns to plan for meeting affordable housing or community development needs.

Rental Housing Management Program-WWHT manages many of their rental properties and hires Stewart Property Management Services to manage the remaining properties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of its multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure the long-term health and safety for its residents.

For 25 years, WWHT has created decent, safe affordable housing; revitalized neighborhoods; eliminated blight; preserved historic properties; and built sustainable communities.

For more information, please visit us on the web at www.w-wht.org

Cathy Semans, Director of Homeownership
Jill Spiro, W-WHT Community Consultant

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, 2010 - September 30, 2011, 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

2011 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 2011:

Civil Marriages - 43
Births - 15
Deaths – 22

**TOWN OF CHESTER AND CHESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 26, 2011**

Moderator William E. Dakin, Jr. called the Chester Town School District Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

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 Green Mountain Union High School Auditorium in said Town 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. Alison DesLauriers made a motion to raise \$186,330.00, to be paid to the Town Treasurer on September 15, 2011. Seconded by Gertrude Bennett. Alison DesLauriers explained that the Town School District information can be found on page 58 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. Nora-Ellen Spaulding moved Article 5 as printed. Seconded by Julie Hance. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 6: To authorize the Town School District to accept payment from the State Department of Taxes under Act 68. Julie Hance moved Article 6 as printed. Seconded by Nora-Ellen Spaulding. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 7: To act on the reports of the Town School District Officers for the year ending December 31, 2010. Derek Suursoo moved Article 7 as printed. Seconded by GERALYN DONAHUE. Voted in the affirmative. Alison DesLauriers stated that there were two corrections on page 58, under the column Actual 2009 – 2010, \$30,542.00 & \$11, 481.00 should be on the line Prior Year Surplus (Deficit). Article 7 voted in the affirmative.

Article 8: To transact any other business deemed proper when met. Alison DesLauriers explained that there is a committee working on Voluntary Virtual Mergers and Consolidations per act 153. She also advised that there have been tentative state calculations done and the school tax rate may be going down one cent.

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Moderator Dakin explained that there would be a five minute break for the Select Board to take their seats.

Moderator Dakin called the Town Meeting to order at 10:16 a.m. He then asked the voters if there was any objection to nonvoters speaking, if asked to. There was no objection.

Moderator Dakin then introduced the Select Board: John DeBenedetti, Derek Suursoo, William Lindsay and Thomas Bock and 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 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 Article 1 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 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: Jeffery 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. Ken Barrett moved Article 2 as printed. Seconded by Bruce Parks. Article 2 voted in the affirmative.

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. Arne Jonynas moved Article 3 as printed. Seconded by Terry Hartman.

Tom Hildreth asked about the upgrade to the software for the ambulance. Dan Cook, Coordinator of Chester Ambulance, explained that it is a mandate by the State and not a Federal mandate that states that all EMS services start using the NEMSIS Program for patient information and the Ambulance Service has to purchase a laptop, software and two licenses. Article 3 voted in the affirmative.

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.

Julie Hance moved Article 4 as printed. Seconded by Amy Howlett. Arne Jonynas asked how the fund was going to work and where the money was coming from. Julie Hance advised that the money would come from Article 5 and on page 24 of the Annual Report explains how it would work. Nancy Pennell asked for clarification on what grants. Derek Suursoo explained that this came about for matching funds that may not be expended in that year, so this fund is being set up so that the money does not get lost and go to something else. Payne Junker asked if anyone could apply for a grant or if it was just for the Town's use. Julie Hance explained that it was just for the Town's use. Article 4 voted in the affirmative.

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.

Deborah Epler moved Article 5 as printed. Seconded by Deb Baker. Rosie Harlow Segal asked how the Town came up with that specific amount. Julie Hance explained that the information is on page 24 of the Annual Report. Robert Parker requested that in next year's Annual Report there be footnotes for pages that refer to Articles. Article 5 voted in the affirmative.

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.

Wanda Purdy made a motion to raise \$2,301,204.91, which includes the surplus of \$49,437.50, as found on page 13, to be paid to the Town Treasurer on September 15, 2011. Seconded by Sean Whalen. Moderator Dakin then advised that David Pisha would make a presentation on the budget. (Copy attached) Nancy Pennell asked if the signage program was an upgrade or new. David Pisha advised that the signs have to be larger. Bridget Sullivan asked if the vehicles were replacement of old ones. David Pisha advised that they were replacements. Tom Hildreth asked about the progress of Popple Dungeon Road work? David Pisha advised that there is \$90,000.00 in the Popple Dungeon Account and hopefully this year the work will get done. Robert Parker stated that he felt that the Town was doing a very good job. David Pisha stated that the good job is from the efforts of the Town Staff. Wanda Purdy asked why Springfield Regional Development Corporation requested money was put into the Selectmen's Budget without a petition. Thomas Bock advised that the majority of the Select Board felt that it should be included in their budget. Springfield Regional Development will help with job and business increase in our area. Bob Flint, Executive Director of Springfield Regional Development, explained that SRDC does get State funding and appropriations from other municipalities. They help businesses get started and also

help businesses that are already established. Deborah Epler asked if SRDC received Federal funding. Mr. Flint replied no, they do not receive Federal funding. John DeBenedetti explained that he was one of the two Select Board members that were not in favor of including SRDC money in the budget. Mr. DeBenedetti also advised that the Select Board would be keeping track of what is going on with SRDC. Deborah Epler asked if there could be more information on what SRDC does and what the money can be used for. William Lindsay advised that he was the second Select Board member that did not approve of the SRDC money being in the budget and not being voted on by the voters. Mr. Lindsay advised that the Town has the Chester Economic Development Board. Lynne Reed advised that she is on the Chester Economic Development Board and she feels that Springfield Regional Development Corporation does a lot for the Town. David Waldmann, of Vermont Hardwoods, advised that his company moved from Rockingham to Chester and SRDC was very helpful. Derek Suursoo advised that he supports SRDC. Melissa Post asked how the insurance cost went down. David Pisha advised that costs went down in Worker's Compensation, Property & Casualty and Health Insurance premiums went down, co-pay went up. Robbo Holleran commended the Town Manager, Select Board and Town Staff. Alison DesLauriers asked if the Select Board had had any more discussion about changing the tax collection structure. David Pisha advised that there has been discussion and the Select Board has decided that they will not be going forward with it at this time. Derek Suursoo advised that as of November of 2010 the Town became debt free. Mr. Suursoo thanked all of the Town Employees. Article 6 voted in the affirmative.

Moderator Dakin then introduced Representative Leigh Dakin and advised that Representative Dakin would give a brief explanation of the progress that is being made in Montpelier. Representative Dakin advised that the issues being reviewed in the various committees of the House are: Education and Jobs; Veterans; Health Care Reform; Vermont Yankee; Transportation and the Budget. Representative Dakin advised everyone to give her a call or email her with any questions or concerns. She also informed everyone of a State wide Public Hearing being held March 7, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Vermont Interactive TV at the Howard Dean Center in Springfield. There will be a press release going out on how to participate. Representative Dakin then asked everyone to join her in honoring Ken Barrett for his 38 years of service to the Town of Chester. Representative Dakin then read a Resolution to Mr. Barrett. Ken Barrett will be retiring March 31, 2011.

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. Paul Truax moved Article 7 as printed. Seconded by Perry Foster. Wanda Purdy advised that the town assessment of this property is \$431,300.00 and the taxes would be \$11,102.52. Donald Webster, Secretary of the Lodge, advised that he was requesting support of this Article. Deborah Epler asked if the taxes included municipal and education taxes. Wanda Purdy advised yes. Derek Suursoo advised that the \$11,000.00 would be exempt from collection and 2/3 of that is education tax which still has to be paid to the State. Terry Hartman asked why exempt for five years? Wanda Purdy advised it is State Statute. Deborah Epler asked if it had to be 100%. Wanda Purdy advised no. Robbo Holleran made a motion to amend Article 7 to 50%. Seconded by Sean Whalen. Ronald Patch stated that he

is President of the Historical Society and their fund raising is limited. The Olive Branch Lodge does a lot to help out the Historical Society when they need it. Nancy Pennell asked if other towns do this. Wanda Purdy advised that this has been done for years and that this Article and the next two, which also ask for exemptions, amount to about \$20,000.00 or ½ cent on the tax rate. After some more discussion Moderator Dakin read Article 7 as amended: To see if the Town will vote to exempt from municipal and education taxes, for a period of five years, 50% of the Fair Market Value of lands and buildings occupied by Olive Branch Lodge #64. Moderator Dakin advised that there would now be a vote on the amendment. Article 7 amendment failed. Moderator Dakin read Article 7 primary motion: 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 7 primary motion voted in the affirmative.

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. Ruthie Douglas moved Article 8 as printed. Seconded by Deb Baker. Bruce Parks asked what the assessed value and taxes were for Green Mountain Softball League. Wanda Purdy advised that the assessed value was \$110,300.00 and the taxes would be \$2,168.83. Ruthie Douglas advised that the Softball League has been there for 30 years. It is also used by the Green Mountain Softball team, there are birthday parties and family reunions held there and the fireworks every year. Green Mountain Softball League is a nonprofit organization. Article 8 voted in the affirmative.

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. Robert Pelletier moved Article 9 as printed. Seconded by Lillian Elliott Miller. Wanda Purdy advised that the assessed value was \$261,100.00 and the taxes would be \$6,721.24. Robert Pelletier, President of the Rod and Gun Club, explained a few things that the Rod and Gun Club is used for; Hunter Safety Courses and the Chester Police Department and Military do their qualifying there. Mr. Pelletier read two letters of appreciation; one from the Army National Guard and one from the Chester Police Department. Article 9 was voted in the affirmative.

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). Thomas Martin moved Article 10 as printed. Seconded by Ruthie Douglas. Deborah Epler advised that there were currently 17 properties that are affected by this and that it will affect any decrease in the tax rate. Richard Pease-Grant asked who determines what Veterans qualify for disability. Thomas Martin advised that the Veterans Administration determines that. Article 10 voted in the affirmative.

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. Edie Brown moved

Article 9 as printed. Seconded by Nora-Ellen Spaulding. Edie Brown, President of the Chester-Andover Family Center, explained that the report of the Chester-Andover Family Center could be found on page 67 of the Annual Report. Mrs. Brown also explained some of the things that the Family Center provides and that they are run totally by volunteers. Deb Epler explained that she would like to remind people that the budget was reduced this year and that by voting all of these special interest Articles would add back to the budget. Amy Howlett asked what the amount was. Deborah Epler advised that it would add \$34,401.00, which is about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cent. Article 11 voted in the affirmative.

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 organization which provides services to Senior Citizens, helping them to stay in their homes safely longer. David Armstrong moved Article 12 as printed. Seconded by Richard Pease-Grant. David Armstrong explained that they are a volunteer service that provides transportation, financial records keeping help; they do chores for the elderly, etc. Mr. Armstrong also advised that their report could be found on page 71 of the Annual Report. Article 12 voted in the affirmative.

Article 13: 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. Leigh Dakin moved Article 13 as printed. Seconded by Sean Whalen. Jan Stryker, President of Visiting Nurses advised that their report could be found on page 70 of the Annual Report and that Visiting Nurses appreciates the Town of Chester's support. Edie Brown asked if they receive State and Federal Funding. Jan Stryker answered Medicare and Medicaid and they apply for Grants. Edie Brown asked if the \$106,000.0 spent was just for Chester. Jan Stryker replied yes. Article 13 voted in the affirmative.

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. James Bartley moved Article 14 as printed. Seconded by Amy Howlett. Ruthie Douglas asked how many people from Chester they serve. James Bartley advised that he did not have the number of people but it was 37,500 hours for 2010, provided to Chester residents. Mr. Bartley also advised that their report could be found on page 74 of the Annual Report. Moderator Dakin then took a voice vote and then asked for a Division of the House. Yes – 40 No – 22. Article 14 voted in the affirmative.

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? Nora-Ellen Spaulding moved Article 15 as printed. Seconded by Amy Howlett. There was no one at the meeting representing RACLT to answer questions. After some discussion Article 15 failed.

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. Leigh Dakin moved Article 16 as printed. Seconded by Bruce Parks. Gloria Dawson, former Executive Director of SEVCA, explained some of the things that SEVCA does. Daryl Houk explained the things that SEVCA did in Chester in 2010. Article 16 voted in the affirmative.

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. Jean Kiewel moved Article 17 as printed. Seconded by Penny Benelli. Jean Kiewel explained that their report could be found on page 73 and she is not affiliated with New Beginnings, but has worked with them and would answer any questions. Article 17 voted in the affirmative.

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. Sean Whalen moved Article 18 as printed. Seconded by Nora-Ellen Spaulding. Wanda Purdy asked how many people ride the bus a week. Stacey Hill, from The Current explained that 4,566 people rode the bus last year. They also have Dial a Ride services. Tom Hildreth asked if all of the buses are utilized. Mrs. Hill explained that some of the buses are spares and some of them have too many miles on them and they will be getting rid of those buses. Matt Prescott asked what the yearly budget was. Mrs. Hill replied \$3 million, which \$43,000.00 of that is from Town donations. Derek Suursoo asked where the other money comes from. Mrs. Hill explained that they get State and Federal Funding and large donations from Okemo and DHMC. The Current's report can be found on page 72 of the Annual Report. Derek Suursoo asked if fees were voluntary. Mrs. Hill answered yes. Article 18 voted in the affirmative.

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? Maria Contro moved Article 19 as printed. Seconded by Amy Howlett. Maria Contro, Treasurer for Meals on Wheels, explained that Meals on Wheels has been in existence for 30 years and explained what Meal on Wheels does. Article 19 voted in the affirmative.

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? Wendy Germain moved Article 20 as printed. Seconded by Mark Germain. Phyllisa Jones Prescott asked if anyone in Chester was being serviced. Wendy Germain explained that they have volunteer mentors and one person is being serviced in Chester. Moderator Dakin asked for a voice vote and then asked for a Division of the House. Yes – 37 No – 27. Article 20 voted in the affirmative.

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? Maria Contro moved Article 21 as printed. Seconded by Sean Whalen. Article 21 voted in the affirmative.

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 Vermont, Inc. to provide services to the elderly. Nora-Ellen Spaulding moved Article 22 as printed. Seconded by David Armstrong. Nora-Ellen Spaulding, member of the Board of Directors, explained that their report is on page 69 of the Annual Report. Article 22 voted in the affirmative.

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. Lynne Reed moved Article 23 as printed. Seconded by Amy Howlett. Gloria Dawson, Director of Neighborhood Connections, advised that they service ten communities; they get no State or Federal Funding and are only supported by Towns. They provide emergency services and help people find the services they need. Nancy Pennell asked where they are located. Gloria Dawson replied Londonderry. Nancy Pennell asked if they are a volunteer organization. Gloria Dawson replied no, they have salaried employees and some volunteers. Article 23 failed.

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. William Lindsay moved Article 24 as printed. Seconded by Derek Suursoo. Article 24 voted in the affirmative.

Article 25: To act on the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 2010. Amy Howlett moved Article 25 as printed. Seconded by Nora-Ellen Spaulding. Article 25 was voted in the affirmative.

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. Don Robinson asked about having Australian Ballot for the Articles that were on the Warning. William Lindsay explained that he would like to see Australian Ballot for the Special Articles, but not the Town Budget. Don Robinson felt that we should not go to Australian Ballot. There was more discussion on Australian

Ballot and Town Meeting and the lack of representation at this year's Town Meeting. There was discussion about advertising more, the date, time and place of Town Meeting and about moving Town Meeting back to the Town Hall.

Richard Pease-Grant made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

A true record.

/s/ Deborah J. Aldrich, Town Clerk

/s/ John DeBenedetti, 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 Green Mountain Union High School Auditorium in said Town of Chester on Monday, January 23, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., to act on the following Articles.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to change the date and time of the annual Town Meeting from the Saturday before the first Tuesday in March at 10:00 a.m. to the Monday before the first Tuesday in March at 6:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to change the location of the annual Town Meeting and any Special Town Meetings from the Green Mountain Union High School Auditorium to the Town Hall Second Floor.

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 21st day of December, 2011.

/s/ John DeBenedetti, Chairman
/ s/ Derek Suursoo
/s/ Tom Bock
/s/ Arne Jonynas
/s/ William Lindsay

**TOWN OF CHESTER SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2012**

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 introduced the Select Board, John DeBenedetti, Tom Bock, William Lindsay, Arne Jonynas and Town Manager David Pisha and explained that Derek Suursoo sends his regrets for not being able to make the meeting. He then read the Warning.

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at Green Mountain Union High School Auditorium in said Town of Chester on Monday, January 23, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., to act on the following Articles.

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to change the date and time of the annual Town Meeting from the Saturday before the first Tuesday in March at 10:00 a.m. to the Monday before the first Tuesday in March at 6:00 p.m. Leo Graham made a motion to accept Article 1 as printed. Seconded by Robert Parker. There was no discussion. Article 1 voted in the affirmative.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to change the location of the annual town Meeting and any Special Town Meetings from the Green Mountain Union High School Auditorium to the Town Hall Second Floor. Leigh Dakin made a motion to accept Article 2 as printed. Seconded by Kari Storm. There was no discussion. Article 2 voted in the affirmative.

Richard Jewett made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Robert Parker. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

A true record.

/s/ Deborah J. Aldrich, Town Clerk

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

/s/ John DeBenedetti, Chairman, Select Board

**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 Chester Town Hall, Second Floor in said Town of Chester on Monday, March 5, 2012, at 6:00 pm., to act on the following Articles. Voting on Article 1 will be by Australian Ballot on March 6, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall Second Floor.

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

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to accept gifts and trust funds for perpetual care of cemetery lots in accordance with conditions of said gifts and trusts as follows: Ken and Shirley Barrett, \$375.00; Nancy Anderson, \$250.00; Michael and Barbara Dwinell, \$250.00; Tom Litchfield, \$250.00; Daniel and Penelope Cote, \$250.00; Alan Raymond and Kimberly Amidon Farrar, \$250.00; Daland Potter, \$125.00.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to expend from the Capital Budget Reserve Fund, \$517,582.52 to be allocated as follows: \$105,467.00 for the purchase of a new dump truck; \$50,000.00 for the purchase of a pick up truck for the Highway Department, and an equipment shed; \$202,000.00 for the purchase of an ambulance and related upfitting equipment; \$45,000.00 for the purchase of an equipment truck for the Fire Department; \$34,770.00 for various bridge and culvert projects throughout Chester; \$11,000.00 for the repair of the equipment shed located at Pleasantview Cemetery; \$6,000.00 for road signs, to include a flashing speed warning sign and other traffic control devices; \$33,345.52 for various town facility upgrades; \$30,000.00 for the engineering of the sidewalk project; all as indicated on the Capital Budget Program schedule and less any grant funds that may be received.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00, together with any interest accrued, from the Popple Dungeon Road Fund to the Public Works Department to be used for paving. Said transfer will only take place if a grant award is obtained for the Popple Dungeon Road.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to increase the salary of the Selectboard members from \$600.00 per person per year, to \$1,100.00 per person per year. This article is by request of the elected Town Auditors.

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 allocate a one-time payment in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Whiting Library to defray the operating deficit of 2011. This article is by Selectboard request.
- ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$8,649.00 to the Springfield Regional Development Corporation. This article is by Selectboard request.
- ARTICLE 9:** 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. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 10:** 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. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 11:** Shall the Town of Chester Appropriate the sum of \$800 (eight hundred dollars) to Windsor County Partners, for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 12:** 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. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 13:** 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. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 14:** To see if the town will support SENIOR SOLUTIONS the Council on Aging for Southeastern VT, for \$1200.00 to serve elders. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 15:** 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**. This article is by petition.

- ARTICLE 16:** 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.** This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 17:** 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. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 18:** 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. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 19:** 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. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness.
- ARTICLE 21:** In light of the United States Supreme Court's *Citizens United* decision that equates money with speech and gives corporations rights constitutionally intended for natural persons, shall the town of Chester, VT vote on March 5, 2012 to urge the Vermont Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Congress to propose a U.S. Constitutional amendment for the States' consideration which provides that money is not speech, and that corporations are not persons under the U.S. Constitution, that the General Assembly of the State of Vermont pass a similar resolution, and that the town send its resolution to Vermont State and Federal representatives within thirty days of passage of this measure. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 22:** We, the Chester community, are asserting our right to grow, buy, sell and eat local foods – our local food sovereignty. We are concerned about our ability to access food that is safe, healthy, natural, humane and compatible with the environment. We are choosing a local food system that benefits our neighbors and communities, instead of foods traveled thousands of miles with a much larger carbon footprint. We as an individual community within Vermont need to

exceed the current statewide local food consumption rate of only five percent. Therefore, we the citizens of Chester, declare our right to produce, process, sell and purchase local foods. In recognition of Vermont's commitment to freedom and unity, we assert this vital right as the foundation of our local food sovereignty. This article is by petition.

ARTICLE 23: To act on the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 2011.

ARTICLE 24: To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not including the expenditures of Town Funds or other business acted upon in the preceding Articles.

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 26th day of January, 2012.

/s/ John DeBenedetti, Chairman
/s/ Tom Bock
/s/ Derek Suursoo
/s/ William Lindsay
/s/ Arne Jonymas

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 Chester Town Hall, Second Floor in said Town of Chester on Monday, March 5, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. to act on the following Articles. Voting on Articles 1, 2 and 3 will be by Australian Ballot on March 6, 2012, 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, 2011.
- ARTICLE 8:** To transact any other business deemed proper when met.

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 26th day of January, 2012.

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

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TOWN MEETING

March 5, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.
in Town Hall Second Floor

TOWN BALLOTING

March 6, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
in Town Hall Second Floor

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING

First and Third Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION'S MEETING

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

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD'S MEETING

Second and Fourth Monday 7:00 p.m.

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