

Town of Townshend

151st Annual Report



Old Town Barn



New Town Garage

For Fiscal Year July 1st, 2008 to June 30, 2009

TOWN OF TOWNSHEND
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Population – 1,152 Registered Voters – 901
Elevation – 574 feet Area – 27,200 acres Roads – 63 miles

First Constable	365-4063	Highway Dept.	365-4260
Second Constable	365-7710	Library	365-4039
Townshend Dam	365-7703	Town Hall	365-7300
Picnic/Swimming	For Reservations – 802-886-8111		
Elementary School	365-7506	L&G Union HS	365-7355

TOWN CLERK HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. – Closed Thursday & Saturday

COMPACTOR HOURS

Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Saturday – 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

MEETINGS

CEMETERY COMMISSION

3rd Monday 5:00P.M. at Town Hall

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2nd & 4th Monday 7:00P.M. at the Elementary School

FIRE DEPARTMENT

4th Monday 7:00P.M. Work Detail

2nd Thursday 8:00P.M. Business Meeting at Fire Station

SELECT BOARD

1st & 3rd Monday 6:00P.M. at Town Hall

PLANNING COMMISSION

2nd & 4th Wednesday 7:15P.M. at Town Hall

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

2nd Wednesday 6:00P.M. at the Library

AUDITORS

Monthly at Town Hall at their discretion

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 1:00P.M. to 5:00P.M.

Tuesday 9:00A.M. to 1:00P.M.

Wednesday 1:00P.M. to 7:00P.M.

Friday 9:00A.M. to 1:00P.M.

Saturday 9:00A.M. to 1:00P.M.

LISTER HOURS

Tuesday & Friday 8:30A.M. to 12:00P.M.

TOWN Informational Meeting Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

Please bring this report to **Town Meeting** on March 2, 2010 at 9:00 A.M.

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**WARNING FOR THE TOWN OF TOWNSHEND
2010 ANNUAL MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Townshend are hereby notified and WARNED to meet at the Town Hall in Townshend, Vermont on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE I. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year:

ARTICLE II. To see if the Town will vote to revise the Warning for the 2009 Town Meeting, viz: "The legal voters are hereby notified and Warned to meet at the Town Hall in Townshend, Vermont on Tuesday March 3, 2010, at 9:00 A.M. to act on the following articles."

ARTICLE III. To act upon the July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 Auditors' Report:

ARTICLE IV. To see what salaries the Town will vote to pay its various officials for the ensuing year:

Town Clerk: \$31,300.00 / yr

Town Treasurer: \$2064.00 / yr

Select Board:

(1) Chair: \$675.00 / yr

(4) Members: \$600.00 / yr

Listers, Auditors, assistants and casual labor: \$12.36 / hr

ARTICLE V. To elect all Town Officials for the ensuing year(s):

Town Clerk (1) 1 yr term

Town Treasurer (1) 1 yr term

Select Board: (1) 3 yr term

(2) 1 yr term

Listers: (1) 3 yr term

(1) 2 yr remaining - 3 yr term

Auditors: (1) 3 yr term

Delinquent Tax Collector (1) 1 yr term

First Constable: (1) 1 yr term

Second Constable: (1) 1 yr term

Town Grand Juror: (1) 1 yr term

Town Agent: (1) 1 yr term

Library Trustees: (1) 5 yr term

Cemetery Commissioner: (1) 5 yr term

ARTICLE VI. To see if the Town will vote to restore the Board of Listers from 3 (three) members to 5 (five) members?

- ARTICLE VII. To see if the Town will elect a Tax Collector to receive its Real Property Taxes quarterly, August 30, 2010; November 15, 2010; February 15, 2011; and May 15, 2011? Monthly interest will be charged at the rate of one-half percent (1/2%) or fraction thereof; interest of one percent (1%) or fraction thereof plus penalties will commence on May 15, 2011.
- ARTICLE VIII. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of the Town, and if so, how much?
- ARTICLE IX. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, for the purpose of purchasing a Highway Department truck, and if so, how much?
- ARTICLE X. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, for the running expenses and liabilities of maintaining the Town's roads, and if so, how much?
- ARTICLE XI. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, to be placed in a Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund for payment toward the future purchases of vehicles and equipment, and if so, how much?
- ARTICLE XII. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$1000.00, by taxation, to be placed in a Capital Reserve Fund for the future purchase of office equipment?
- ARTICLE XIII. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, for the running expenses and liabilities of the Library, and if so, how much?
- ARTICLE XIV. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, to pay for law enforcement services, and if so, how much?
- ARTICLE XV. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 10,000.00, by taxation, to be placed in the "Act 60: Reappraisal Planning Fund" for payment in preparation of the next, State required, Town-wide reappraisal?
- ARTICLE XVI. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 10,000.00, by taxation, to be placed in the Capital Expenditure Fund Fire Department Reserve for payment toward a future pumper?
- ARTICLE XVII. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 1,000.00, by taxation, for the Old Cemetery Fund?

- ARTICLE XVIII. To see if the Town will raise any money, by taxation, for the repair and/or replacement of the Town's sidewalks, and if so, how much?
- ARTICLE XIX. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, for the support of Social Services as recommended by the Screening Committee?
- ARTICLE XX. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to set a tax rate sufficient to cover all monies raised for municipal entities for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, and to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?
- ARTICLE XXI. To see if the Town will vote to exempt from taxation the real estate of Blazing Star Lodge #23, located at 1968 Vermont Route 30?
- ARTICLE XXII. To see if the Town will vote to extend property tax relief to qualifying disabled Veterans who request said relief by an increase in the reduction of their property valuation from \$20,000, to \$40,000?
- ARTICLE XXIII. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or convey properties acquired by the Town through tax sales and to execute, acknowledge and deliver deed and other transfer documents upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may deem to be in the interest of the Town?
- ARTICLE XXIV. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift or purchase, land for municipal forest, to promote reforestation, water conservation and good forestry practices?
- ARTICLE XXV. To transact any other non-binding business to properly come before said Meeting?

Dated at Townshend, this 18th day of January, 2010.

TOWNSHEND SELECT BOARD:

Steve Ovenden, chair
 Bruce Bills
 Hedy Harris
 Michael Charles
 David Dezendorf

2010 Select Board Report

Over this last year, the select board has undertaken some major projects, enacted new policies, overseen personnel changes, begun overhauling a complicated and outdated budget, and continued to pursue opportunities for improvement of the town's aging infrastructure. The board lost one member, Allie Evans, in August and was replaced by David Dezendorf in October. We wish to thank Allie for her years of service to the town and for getting this board up on its feet. We feel the board has worked well during this challenging first year together and learned much during a short time. It is a lot of hard work running a town and we encourage residents to step up and help fill open seats on the various boards and committees. We can tell you from experience that you will be busy, challenged and feel a deep sense of accomplishment and responsibility.

In recent years, our town has taken a more reactive approach to managing the budget and has not planned very well for anticipated expenses. Both the general fund and the highway fund contained some reserve accounts that were under-funded and some funds that were moved into different budget items. This created a complicated process for tracking the budget from year to year and made it more difficult to plan for future expenses and set a realistic budget to cover the true costs of running the town. After reviewing the FY09 and FY10 budgets we performed a complete re-assessment of budgeting practices and re-organized the budget FY11.

Following extensive review by this board, an outside accounting firm, the town's book-keeper and treasurer, we reorganized some items in the budget to make it easier to track expenses and straightened out an old list of running and reserve accounts. We have trimmed some items back and increased others. We have also attempted to make the budget more proactive by anticipating future capital expenses while also remembering that *a penny saved is a penny earned*. We are very aware of the financial pressures bearing down on the town, its schools, businesses and our households and have looked long and hard at each line item to weigh the costs and benefits of spending during these difficult times.

Several key organizational changes in the budget included moving the Town Barn and Waste/ Recycling budgets from the General Fund into the Highway Fund and creating an "Anticipated Tax Shortfall" line item under "Other Expenses". We have combined the winter and summer highway maintenance budgets into one budget for General Maintenance. Also, the town will no longer use the practice of charging itself hourly usage rates for highway equipment as a way to generate savings for future equipment. Over the last few years, the growing upkeep costs of an aging fleet have outpaced the revenue generated by these hourly rates and little to no actual savings for new equipment was accumulated. Instead, we are budgeting prudent amounts that are more consistent with the actual vehicle maintenance expenses and are requesting that you consider creating a new highway capital budget for the replacement of highway equipment schedule consistent with standard depreciation schedules.

Aside from the very challenging budget, the new board has gotten its feet quite wet in many different areas this year, the highlights of which are:

- Adopting the town's first ever Emergency Management Ordinance, which defines roles,

responsibilities and protocols for handling any number of large-scale emergency situations and beginning to train townspeople so that we are ready to react

- Construction of the new town highway maintenance facility, led by a committee headed by Dale Davis, is nearing completion
- The Ancient Roads Committee has been painstakingly searching old land records for evidence of existing town rights-of-way and will provide an assessment this spring
- Overseeing various town hall projects that will improve parking, access and energy efficiency. Tiz Garfield helped to procure a \$5,000 grant for new handicap access ramps and seven new parking spaces and sidewalks are planned for construction this spring
- Hiring a new book-keeper and establishing formal procedures for managing payroll accounts and ensuring that tax payments are received and deposited in a timely manner
- Revised and adopted the Town Personnel Policy, created job descriptions for the first time, developed schedules for employee reviews, and reviewed existing town ordinances and posted them on the town website

We wish to thank those volunteers who help make running the town possible and want to encourage everyone to help make this a better town by contributing some of your time to local government and filling one of the open positions.

Steve Ovenden, Chair
Hedy Harris, Vice-Chair
Michael Charles, Clerk
Bruce Bills
David Dezendorf

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2009

I have to say it was another interesting year in the quiet little Town of Townshend. One thing I have learned is I never know what will happen on any given day. On July 7, 2009 a couple came in to get their marriage license and asked for names of Justices of the Peace. They were not sure exactly when they were going to get married but after my telling them that Allie Evans, who was in my office at the time, was a Justice of the Peace, Joe Daigneault and I witnessed the couple spontaneously getting married in the dining hall. Although not all days are this memorable, it's moments like that which make me realize why I am lucky to have a job that truly makes me smile.

I do have a couple of issues that I feel need to be discussed. The first involves elections. As the year 2010 will be an election year, I would like to request that you not write in Mickey Mouse, or other names intended as a joke. It makes tallying votes very time consuming as I have to enter each name that is put on the ballot and consider it a legitimate vote for that particular person. If you don't have a candidate you wish to vote for, please leave the space blank. I would appreciate it.

The second issue I feel is of importance deals with those citizens who run for Justice of the Peace. The duties of Vermont's justices of the peace (JP) are many and varied: from serving as election officials to determining tax appeals to giving oaths to solemnizing marriages to purging the voter checklist. So, please take these responsibilities into consideration in deciding whether or not to run for the position, and do not put your name forward as a candidate if you are not willing to accept the serious obligations that go with the job.

A memorable milestone was reached this year when I started to record in Book 100 of the Land Records. For an historical perspective, all the Town's records were contained in 36 volumes between the years 1779 to 1960.

There were not many land transfers this past year, but many refinances due to the low mortgage rates. With a growth rate like this, storage will become a problem in the not too distant future. The Town Hall Renovation committee led by Tiz Garfield has been working on plans to revitalize the building and increase the protected storage space for the important records kept here. I am hopeful that the Townspeople will get behind that project when it is ready to proceed.

There were changes made in the town hall regarding personnel. Although initially it was very difficult and burdensome, after a couple of months of long days, much paperwork and finally the hiring of Kim Ellison as bookkeeper, things have finally calmed down and are now on an even keel. At times I truly felt like a Jack-of-all-trades and master of none. I did, however, get a taste of how other offices of government work.

I know it seems redundant but, as always, I need to thank all my assistants for all their help. It's nice to know that I have competent, intelligent people to fill in for me when I am not able to be in the office. A new addition to the Town Hall staff is Nancy Bumbala who has been doing an outstanding job in keeping this building clean and sparkling.

I would also like to extend a vote of appreciation to all the Town Barn Committee members, Dale Davis, Kurt Bostrom, Brud Sanderson, Michael Charles, Carole Melis and Jeff Russ, for their persistence and hard work on what has been a long and difficult process in getting the town a much-needed new town garage.

A great note of gratitude must also go to David Dezendorf for the work he has been doing as Emergency Management Coordinator. He really takes this position seriously and has expended a lot of time and energy in developing an Emergency Plan so that if ever there comes a time when we need to implement such a plan, the Town of Townshend and its resident will be prepared.

Finally, I would like to thank all the residents of Townshend for the opportunity to continue to serve as their Town Clerk.

Anita Bean
Town Clerk

**Town Treasurer's Report
January 1, to December 31, 2009**

Being elected as the Town Treasurer has been a big learning experience for me, I still have a lot to learn. It is an ongoing process. All the people I deal with on a daily basis have been extremely helpful.

During the summer we were dealing with some issues that have since been resolved and everything is running as it should be in the Treasurer's office.

The town decided to retain Chittenden Bank's Lock Box Services for the collection of the 2009/2010 property taxes thereby taking over all the financial bookkeeping associated with the collection process. Chittenden Bank was also contracted to do the town's payroll which includes all aspects of the payroll process including preparing the quarterly reports to the State of Vermont and the Internal Revenue Service. The town decided to retain both of these services to give the bookkeeper more time to deal with the daily financial matters of the town. The transition was somewhat confusing to both town officials and employees due to changes that were required to be made such as everyone being paid every two weeks rather than weekly.

The Treasurer's job is only part time but I am happy to make myself available to anyone at anytime. I make it a point to stop into the town hall at least once a day to check my messages and mail. Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Joe Daigneault
Town Treasurer

AUDITORS REPORT FY2009

We have examined the financial statement of the Town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3593 V.S.A., Vermont Statutes annotated. In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, to the best of our knowledge, the financial operations of each fund types on June 30, 2009. The Auditors met on a regular basis each month to reconcile case accounts and to examine and review Town records during the year.

In an effort to reduce the cost of printing and mailing the town report to residents and property owners we offered the following options: The report would be available online, could be picked up at the Town Hall or be mailed to your home/PO Box. Please notify the Auditors of your preference by emailing us at Townshendauditors@Yahoo.com or mailing a note to:

Townshend Auditors
Town of Townshend
PO Box 223
Townshend, VT 05353

The Auditors are diligently trying to avoid duplication in mailing your town report. Residents and property owners can assist us by notifying the Town Clerk when you change your address.

We wish to express our appreciation to Anita Bean for all her help during the auditing process. She was always willing to lend a helping hand. We thank Kim Ellison, Townshend's new bookkeeper, for her patience and help. We also thank the Selectboard for their help along the way.

Respectfully submitted,
Townshend Auditors,

Carol Chidley Liz Harrison Ellie Lemire

**FY 2009 GENERAL FUND
Comparative Balance Sheet**

	6/30/2009	6/30/2008
ASSETS		
Cash Accounts & Petty Cash	43,299.25	197,633.69
Garage Checking	875,000.00	
Receivables		
<i>Delinquent Taxes</i>	224,618.17	160,019.76
<i>Dam Taxes</i>	0.00	5,656.00
<i>Due from Highway Fund</i>	11,554.07	-89,217.81
<i>Due to Other Funds</i>	-36,364.94	265.38
Prepaid Utilities & Expenses	49,599.48	5,157.46
Accounts Receivable	2,515.94	4,778.07
TOTAL ASSETS	1,170,221.97	284,292.55
LIABILITIES, RESERVES & FUND BALANCES		
Accounts Payable	3,252.23	3,551.91
Insurance Payables	0.00	-68.50
Tax Refunds - Overpayments & Prebates	-1,957.08	0.00
Notes Payable - Town Garage	875,000.00	0.00
License Fees Due - State of Vermont	194.00	78.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	1,421.70	0.00
Prepaid Property Tax	2,929.62	622.41
Health Insurance Withholding	0.00	133.51
Payroll Withholdings	2,823.71	-761.79
Deferred Taxes	61,392.62	61,392.62
Tax Sale	0.00	1,859.79
TOTAL PAYABLES	945,056.80	66,807.95
Special Articles		
Selectboard Assistant	5,667.76	10,667.76
Law Enforcement	0.00	14,587.35
TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES	5,667.76	25,255.11
Due Other Funds		
Townshend Public Library	6,385.00	6,385.00
Act 68 - Adjustments to Education Tax	-3,961.98	-3,961.98
Special Articles Voted	0.00	18,967.66
Gazebo	500.00	
TOTAL DUE OTHER FUNDS	2,923.02	21,390.68
Reserves		
Restore Records	8,958.58	6,543.69
Infrastructure	0.00	15,846.35
Reappraisal	72,758.62	52,802.62
Sidewalk Repair/Infrastructure	23,846.35	8,000.00
Firehouse Repair	2,150.69	2,150.69
Firetruck Equipment	10,000.00	1,500.00
Town Hall Renovation	0.00	9,994.70
Planning Commission	8,220.58	1,691.75
TOTAL RESERVES	125,934.82	98,529.80
Fund Balance (Net)	90,639.57	65,841.79
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES & FUND BALANCES	1,170,221.97	277,825.33

**TOWNSHEND CEMETERY COMMISSION FUND
1/1/2008 TO 6/30/2009**

	Oakwood	Oakwood Water	Round Hill	Maple Grove	Totals
Balances 01/01/2007	147,679.06	6,707.38	9,082.91	7,099.62	170,568.97
Add Receipts	10,095.48	252.86	383.28	1,001.51	11,733.13
Deduct: Expense	(6,151.78)				(6,151.78)
Reimbursements to Oakwood	1,545.35	(50.72)	(421.03)	(1,073.60)	0.00
Balances 12/31/2007	153,168.11	6,909.52	9,045.16	7,027.53	176,150.32
Reported in Town Report	156,894.19	6,909.40	9,493.73	5,873.00	179,170.32
Differences	(3,726.08)	0.12	(448.57)	1,154.53	(3,020.00)

CORRECTED 12/31/2007 BALANCES

	Oakwood	Oakwood Water	Round Hill	Maple Grove	Totals
Balances 12/31/2007	153,168.11	6,909.52	9,045.16	7,027.53	176,150.32
Perpetual Care	83,844.57		8,086.31	2,167.28	94,098.16
Stone Fund				75.00	75.00
General Fund	69,323.54	6,909.52	958.85	4,785.25	81,977.16
2008 Revenue (1/08-6/08)	1,636.28	24.19	41.67	24.61	1,726.75
2008 Expense (1/08-6/08)	2,220.48	0.00	78.68	114.71	2,413.87
Balances 6/30/08	152,583.91	6,933.71	9,008.15	6,937.43	175,463.20
Perpetual Care	84,144.57		8,086.31	2,167.28	94,398.16
Stone Fund				75.00	75.00
General Fund	68,439.34	6,933.71	921.84	4,695.15	80,990.04
FY 09 Revenue (7/08-6/09)	8,972.49	208.69	596.13	1,208.80	10,986.11
FY 09 Expense (7/08-6/09)	4,226.06	57.71	443.14	973.79	5,700.70
Balances 6/30/09	157,330.34	7,084.69	9,161.14	7,172.44	180,748.61 *
Perpetual Care	87,144.57		8,086.31	2,167.28	97,398.16
Stone Fund				75.00	75.00
General Fund	70,185.77	7,084.69	1,074.83	4,930.16	83,275.45

*TD Bank MM \$9,706.46; TD Bank Checking \$146.15; Chittenden CD #1 \$99,896.00 (matures 9/6/2010);
Chittenden CD #2 \$71,000.00 (matures 2/6/2010)

Perpetual Care: Maple Grove \$250.00, Wisell \$617.50, Twitchell \$50.00, Sanderson \$500.00, Taft \$700.00, Acton \$50.00

2008 Receipts (1/1/08 - 6/30/08)

	Oakwood	Oakwood Water	Round Hill	Maple Grove/Old	Total
Interest	536.28	24.19	31.67	24.61	616.75
Annual Care	190.00				190.00
Sale of Lots	300.00				300.00
Fees: Deed & Burial	10.00				10.00
Taxes Voted					0.00
Grace Cottage Field Use	500.00				500.00
Misc	100.00		10.00		110.00
Total Revenue	1,636.28	24.19	41.67	24.61	1,726.75

2008 Warrants Paid (1/1/08 - 6/30/08)

Contract	2,080.00				2,080.00
Wages			58.70	93.92	152.62
FICA			4.50	7.17	11.67
Insurance					0.00
Deed Fees					0.00
Maint/Repair	125.00			13.62	138.62
Electricity	15.48		15.48		30.96
Use of Equipment					0.00
Supplies					0.00
Total Expenses	2,220.48	0.00	78.68	114.71	2,413.87

FY 09 Receipts (7/1/08 - 6/30/09)

	Oakwood	Oakwood Water	Round Hill	Maple Grove/Old	Total
Interest	4,592.49	208.69	271.13	208.80	5,281.11
Annual Care	1,050.00		175.00		1,225.00
Perpetual Care	3,000.00				3,000.00
Sale of Lots	-150.00				-150.00
Fees: Deed & Burial	480.00				480.00
Taxes Voted				1,000.00	1,000.00
Grace Cottage Field Use					0.00
Misc			150.00		150.00
Total Revenue	8,972.49	208.69	596.13	1,208.80	10,986.11

FY 09 Warrants Paid (7/1/08 - 6/30/09)

Contract					0.00
Wages	242.40		357.54	778.71	1,378.65
FICA	18.54		27.35	59.58	105.47
Insurance					0.00
Postage	8.40				8.40
Maint/Repair	3,821.24		37.00	49.00	3,907.24
Electricity	57.69	57.71			115.40
Use of Equipment	21.75		16.25	17.25	55.25
Mileage				69.25	69.25
Supplies	56.04		5.00		61.04
Total Expenses	4,226.06	57.71	443.14	973.79	5,700.70

TOWN GARAGE PROJECT AS OF JANUARY 25, 2010

ORIGINAL LOAN AMOUNT		875,000.00
EXPENSES TO DATE		
Survey	654.50	
Well	5,316.48	
Sitework/Sand Removal	5,568.14	
Office Expenses/Mailing	543.67	
Engineering	10,038.99	
Contractor	662,412.50	
Legal Fees/Notices	2,429.87	
Audit	8,500.00	
Electric/Miscellaneous	<u>2,854.13</u>	698,318.28
CURRENTLY OWE		
Contractor-Josselyn Brothers	10,000.00	
Audit-McSoley McCoy	3,000.00	
Misc-Osterman Propane	<u>825.00</u>	13,825.00
ANTICIPATED EXPENSES		
Legal-Giuliani		1,000.00
ADD'L CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS		25,000.00
AMT OF NEW LOAN 2/3/2010 (rounded)		740,000.00
SURPLUS RETURNED TO CHITTENDEN		135,000.00
INTEREST DUE 2/09 TO 2/10		19,196.52
INTEREST EARNED 2/09-2/10		-16,542.05
NET INT OWED TO CHITTENDEN		2,654.47
INTEREST 2/3/10-9/1/10		
@2.2% = \$1,356.67/MO		9,496.67
EST. INTEREST ON BOND		<u>23,223.00</u>
\$875,000 @ 3.883%		
EST. INTEREST DUE FY2011		32,719.67

**FY 2009 TOWN EQUIPMENT FUND
Comparative Balance Sheet**

	6/30/2009	6/30/2008
ASSETS		
Cash Account - Other	57,964.73	41,240.00
Cash Account - Compactor	22,493.93	
Receivables	47,127.95	33,255.93
Voted Town Meeting 2007	0.00	13,967.66
TOTAL ASSETS	127,586.61	88,463.59

LIABILITIES, RESERVES & FUND BALANCES		
Municipal Equipment Note - Truck 7	12,000.00	16,000.00
Municipal Equipment Note - Truck 8	74,280.00	92,850.00
Municipal Equipment Note - Backhoe	71,850.00	0.00
Compactor Reserve	22,493.93	22,493.93
Fund Balance	-53,037.32	-42,880.34
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES & FUND BALANCES	127,586.61	88,463.59

EQUIPMENT LOAN SCHEDULE	Balance 7/1/2008	Encumbered	Paid	Balance 6/30/2009
Truck #7 2006 Ford 1-Ton	16,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	12,000.00
Truck #8 2007 Sterling	92,850.00		18,570.00	74,280.00
Backhoe - 2008 John Deere	0.00	71,850.00	0.00	71,850.00

**FY 2009 EQUIPMENT FUND
Revenue & Expenses - Voted & Actual**

	Actual FY 2008	Actual FY 2009	Proposed FY 2011
Truck #3 - 1999 International			
Supplies/Parts	23,437.07	11,814.27	
Insurance/Registration	380.00	362.80	
Outside Repairs	12,236.89	9,084.88	
Total	36,053.96	21,261.95	39,659.00
Truck #4 - 2000 International			
Supplies/Parts	19,289.49	11,534.68	
Insurance/Registration	380.00	362.80	
Outside Repairs	5,784.34	4,301.18	
Total	25,453.83	16,198.66	20,000.00
Truck #7 - 2006 Ford 1-ton			
Supplies/Parts	9,320.38	7,777.70	
Insurance/Registration	410.00	372.80	
Outside Repairs	110.59	2,464.74	
Total	9,840.97	10,615.24	10,882.00
Truck #8 - 2007 Sterling			
Supplies/Parts	14,185.78	5,025.55	
Insurance/Registration	560.00	417.80	
Outside Repairs	110.59	0.00	
Total	14,856.37	5,443.35	8,000.00
Loader - 2001 John Deere			
Supplies/Parts	5,522.54	1,419.81	
Insurance/Registration	500.00	397.80	
Outside Repairs	2,973.97	150.00	
Total	8,996.51	1,967.61	5,500.00
Grader - 2002 John Deere			
Supplies/Parts	13,983.66	9,581.92	
Insurance/Registration	678.00	532.80	
Outside Repairs	2,028.94	447.10	
Total	16,690.60	10,561.82	12,000.00
755 Tractor - John Deere			
Supplies/Parts	1,539.93	376.86	
Insurance/Registration	65.00	159.98	
Outside Repairs	0.00	0.00	
Total	1,604.93	536.84	1,765.00
Backhoe - 2008 John Deere			
Supplies/Parts	0.00	1,983.84	
Insurance/Registration	0.00	172.80	
Outside Repairs	0.00	0.00	
Total	0.00	2,156.64	7,500.00
Miscellaneous Equipment			
	586.20	1,425.87	4,800.00

	Actual FY 2008	Actual FY 2009	Proposed FY 2011
ALL EQUIPMENT EXPENSES			
Miscellaneous Shop Supplies	2,592.91	4,308.47	5,200.00
Diesel	18,143.39	42,566.79	24,328.00
Unleaded Gas	2,627.86	945.55	1,000.00
Tank Expenses-Diesel & Gas	383.50	256.15	300.00
Liquid Chlorine Machine	1,619.84	0.00	1,863.00
Interest Paid-Equip. Financing	5,282.32	2,177.00	3,860.00
Total	30,649.82	50,253.96	36,551.00
 TOTAL EQUIPMENT/SHOP EXPENSES	 144,733.19	 120,421.94	 146,657.00

**FY 2009 HIGHWAY FUND
Revenue - Voted & Actual**

	Voted FY 2009	Actual FY 2009	Voted FY 2010	Proposed FY 2011
TAX REVENUE				
Property Tax	420,222.00	372,247.00	516,891.00	606,389.00
Deduct Surplus/Add Deficit	-47,975.00	0.00	8,283.00	66,865.84
To be Raised in Taxes	372,247.00	372,247.00	525,174.00	673,254.84
State of Vermont Annual Program	109,000.00	104,395.64	109,000.00	109,000.00
Highway Revenue-Plow other Towns	1,600.00	1,785.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
FEMA	0.00	34,051.24	0.00	0.00
Total Non-Tax Highway Revenue	110,600.00	140,231.88	110,600.00	110,600.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUE	482,847.00	512,478.88	635,774.00	783,854.84 **

**Will be reduced by \$35,000 if Article passes for purchase of new truck

**FY 2009 HIGHWAY FUND
Comparative Balance Sheet**

	6/30/2009	6/30/2008
ASSETS		
Federal & State FEMA Receivables	261.41	56,223.29
TOTAL ASSETS	261.41	56,223.29
 LIABILITIES, RESERVES & FUND BALANCES		
Due to General Fund	11,554.07	0.00
Gravel Crushing Reserve	15,000.00	0.00
East Hill Bridge Reserve	0.00	4,531.23
Special Project Reserve	0.00	21,818.88
Retreatment	10,700.00	0.00
Prior Year's Surplus	29,873.18	
 Fund Balance (Net)	-66,865.84	29,873.18
 TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES & FUND BALANCES	261.41	56,223.29

FY 2009 SPECIAL TOWN FUNDS

Mary Taft Fund

Balance 06/30/08	1,867.77
Interest	4.75
Donation to Townshend Food Shelf	-1,872.52
Balance 06/30/09	0.00

Common Fund

Balance 06/30/08	15,557.48
Interest	137.74
Fountain Repair	-11,610.00
Balance 06/30/09	4,085.22

Moseley Fund

Balance 06/30/08	60,163.68
Interest	543.10
Balance 06/30/09	60,706.78

Sewer Escrow

Balance 06/30/08	39,266.80
Interest	83.18
Balance 06/30/09	39,349.98

Town Hall Renovation

Balance 06/30/08	4,994.70
Municipal Planning Grants	9,113.30
Reimburse GF for Town Hall Renovations	-12,000.00
Balance 06/30/09	2,108.00

Pilot/RDAG Funds

Balance 06/30/08	127,645.58
Interest	248.40
Due to GF for Town Hall Cabinets	-5,651.17
Balance 06/30/09	122,242.81

Fund Designation

Pilot: \$40,000 TH Renovation: \$82,242.81

**FY 2009 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUND
Comparative Balance Sheet**

	6/30/2009	6/30/2008
ASSETS		
Cash Account	126,590.67	105,890.10
Receivable: Voted Tn Mtg 3/2008	10,000.00	20,000.00
Interest	228.99	700.57
TOTAL ASSETS	136,819.66	126,590.67
LIABILITIES, RESERVES & FUND BALANCES		
Prior Years' Interest	8,078.43	7,377.86
Reserves:		
Fire Department Pumper	87,062.58	77,062.58
Fire Truck and Study	20,000.00	20,000.00
Town Barn/Salt Shed	21,449.66	21,449.66
Total	136,590.67	125,890.10
Interest	228.99	700.57
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES & FUND BALANCES	136,819.66	126,590.67

FY 2009 SALARIES & WAGES

Auditors

Carole Chidley	518.79
Gaila Gulack	1,093.83
Elizabeth Harrison	66.66
Ellie Lemire	1,557.97
Kimberley Liebow	1,164.80

Cemetery

Jamie Bernard	402.99
Charles Marchant	1,021.50
Doug Winot	316.80

Compactor Attendant

Arnold Cole	10,024.13
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Delinquent Tax Collector

Megan Richardson	5,105.50
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Elections

Jacqueline Dezendorf	36.36
Hedy Harris	36.36
Priscilla Lyman	36.36
Robert Rowell	36.36
Susan Rowell	36.36
Dolores Snow	36.36
Rickey Snow	36.36
Deborah Whitney	36.36
Joseph Winrich	36.36
Nacelle Winrich	36.36

Highway Department

Kurt Bostrom	55,545.68
Scott Dorman, Sr.	8,254.00
Herbert Edgerly	477.00
Joseph Daigneault	14,121.68
Walter Royce	29,087.45
Edward Smith	46,770.08

Library

Robert Attley	650.03
Karen LaRue	17,724.80
Timothy Sullivan	140.80
Donna Trumbull	3,614.63

Lister

Howard Lott	10,151.18
Richard Lucier	2,295.01
Andrea Royce	1,026.68

Mowing & Snowblowing

Michael Cutts	264.00
Dale Davis	603.10
Jeffrey Russ	446.31
Bryan White	490.86

Selectboard

Alene Evans	600.00
Henry Martin	675.00
Carole Melis	600.00
Brud Sanderson	600.00
<i>Cynthia Davis</i>	<i>1,190.05</i>
<i>Craig Hunt</i>	<i>5,149.54</i>

Town Clerk

Anita Bean	30,235.79
<i>Kathleen Hege</i>	<i>891.38</i>
<i>Richard Jackson</i>	<i>612.91</i>
<i>Kurt Tietz</i>	<i>2,329.49</i>
<i>Annette Leigh</i>	<i>420.85</i>

Town Hall Maintenance

Francis Bailey	335.56
Nathaniel Carlson	978.69
Nancy Bumbala	551.46

Finance Office

Joseph Daigneault	1,698.00
Meredith Roberts	19,210.00
Michalina Wasung	972.77

Names in italics performed clerical duties

**FY 2009 HIGHWAY FUND
Expenses- Voted & Actual**

	Voted FY 2009	Actual FY 2009	Voted FY 2010	Proposed FY 2011
TOWN BARN				
Supplies	350.00	590.08	350.00	368.00
Water	300.00	214.88	150.00	0.00
Insurance	400.00	467.60	450.00	473.00
Repair/Maintenance	0.00	1,145.94	500.00	550.00
Electricity	3,200.00	2,473.36	3,200.00	4,000.00
Fuel	4,500.00	3,451.89	4,500.00	4,950.00
Telephone	600.00	584.22	600.00	630.00
Computer	0.00	239.70	300.00	330.00
Total	9,350.00	9,167.67	10,050.00	11,301.00

WASTE/RECYCLING/COMPACTOR

WSWMD Assessment	9,360.00	7,921.00	10,081.00	13,740.00
Wages	10,000.00	10,024.13	10,000.00	10,200.00
Highway Driver	3,000.00	2,206.75	3,000.00	0.00
Supplies	2,000.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Insurance	650.00	486.72	600.00	600.00
Tipping Fees	20,000.00	20,348.50	23,400.00	25,800.00
Repair/Maintenance	5,200.00	678.84	3,000.00	1,500.00
Total	50,210.00	41,665.94	50,281.00	52,040.00

TOWN BARN AND WASTE/RECYCLING/COMPACTOR MOVED FROM GENERAL FUND TO HIGHWAY FUND

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Wages	52,500.00	65,501.09	52,500.00	151,150.00
Materials & Supplies	15,000.00	20,136.12	18,000.00	120,000.00
Road Signs	500.00	161.50	500.00	500.00
Contracted Services	4,000.00	10,531.86	7,000.00	14,000.00
Use Town Equipment	55,000.00	64,393.00	90,000.00	0.00
Use Town Gravel	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
Total	130,000.00	160,723.57	171,000.00	285,650.00

WINTER MAINTENANCE

Wages	80,000.00	84,291.04	80,000.00	<i>see above</i>
Materials & Supplies	70,000.00	85,871.05	82,750.00	<i>see above</i>
Contracted Services	1,000.00	1,460.00	1,000.00	<i>see above</i>
Use Town Equipment	60,000.00	111,720.00	80,000.00	<i>see above</i>
Total	211,000.00	283,342.09	243,750.00	<i>see above</i>

GENERAL MAINTENANCE & WINTER MAINTENANCE ARE COMBINED UNDER GENERAL MAINTENANCE

RETREATMENT 80,000.00 79,997.41 93,000.00 83,000.00

FOG LINE PAINTING 10,000.00

	Voted FY 2009	Actual FY 2009	Voted FY 2010	Proposed FY 2011
SPECIAL PROJECTS - NET OF FUNDS RECEIVED (TOWN MATCH)				
Special Projects	26,181.00	0.00	32,000.00	0.00
Windham Hill Road	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00
<i>Ditches/culverts/underdrains</i>				
Route 35 Bridge #1	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,000.00
<i>Change to box culvert</i>				
Total	26,181.00		32,000.00	28,000.00
GRAVEL CRUSHING	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	22,500.00
TOTAL DIRECT HIGHWAY	521,741.00	589,896.68	615,081.00	492,491.00
ANCILLARY EXPENSES				
Liability Insurance	1,800.00	1,826.78	1,800.00	1,800.00
Uniforms	3,000.00	3,623.87	3,000.00	3,000.00
Training	250.00	108.00	250.00	250.00
CDL	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Miscellaneous	641.00	286.20	641.00	641.00
Total	5,791.00	5,844.85	5,791.00	5,791.00
EMPLOYER EXPENSE				
Payroll Taxes	10,000.00	10,832.54	10,100.00	12,500.00
Unemployment Insurance	2,000.00	1,942.64	2,000.00	2,000.00
Health Insurance	27,000.00	26,789.40	37,700.00	37,700.00
Retirement	6,700.00	6,529.00	6,700.00	8,000.00
Workers' Compensation	20,000.00	14,651.77	10,000.00	11,400.00
Miscellaneous	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
Other Fund Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
Total	65,850.00	60,745.35	66,950.00	72,050.00
TOTAL INDIRECT HIGHWAY	71,641.00	66,590.20	72,741.00	77,841.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE	593,382.00	656,486.88	687,822.00	570,332.00 **

**INCLUDES TOWN BARN AND WASTE/RECYCLING/COMPACTOR FORMERLY IN GENERAL FUND

**FY 2009 TOWN GENERAL FUND
Revenue - Voted & Actual**

	Voted FY 2009	Actual FY2009	Voted FY2010	Proposed FY2011
TAX REVENUE				
Property Tax	272,309.00	272,309.00	270,470.00	308,235.00
Deduct Surplus/Add Deficit	-64,387.00	-64,387.00	-79,198.66	-32,561.78
Total Non-Tax Revenue				-87,856.00
Adjust for Rate Set	0.00	3,646.41	0.00	
OTHER TAX REVENUE				
Late Filed "Fee Tax" Act 68	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
Interest - Late Tax Payments	0.00	3,005.75	0.00	-1,000.00
Adjusted Taxes - E & O	-10,000.00	-181.02	-10,000.00	-10,000.00
Interest - Delinquent Taxes	10,000.00	11,509.48	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL TO BE RAISED IN TAXES	207,922.00	226,052.62	191,271.34	186,817.22
NON-TAX REVENUE				
LICENSES & PERMITS				
Liquor Licenses	300.00	360.00	300.00	300.00
Dog Licenses	1,300.00	1,582.00	1,300.00	1,400.00
Septic Permits	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL				
Dam Tax-Loss Payment	5,656.00	5,656.00	5,656.00	5,656.00
Dept. of Interior-Special Allocation	0.00	2,323.00	0.00	0.00
PILOT - Pmt in Lieu of Taxes on State Owned Land	2,868.00	4,446.68	3,000.00	3,000.00
Civil/Local Fines	15,000.00	43,111.89	25,000.00	35,000.00
OTHER REVENUE				
Interest	2,500.00	2,711.39	2,000.00	2,000.00
Rent - Town Hall	1,000.00	640.00	500.00	500.00
Town Office Fees	15,000.00	18,791.40	15,000.00	15,000.00
Compactor Fees	25,000.00	26,226.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	360.00	0.00	0.00
Total Non-Tax Revenue	69,124.00	106,208.36	77,756.00	87,856.00

**FY 2009 TOWNSHEND PUBLIC LIBRARY
Expenses - Voted & Actual**

EXPENSES	Voted FY 2009	Actual FY 2009	Voted FY 2010	Proposed FY 2011
Salary - Librarian	17,640.00	17,725.00	18,170.00	19,000.00
Wages - Asst/Subs	5,500.00	3,615.00	5,500.00	5,200.00
Wages - Custodian	854.00	650.00	854.00	854.00
Employer Payroll Expense	1,700.00	1,676.00	1,700.00	2,000.00
Insurances	1,500.00	1,857.00	1,500.00	1,900.00
Utilities	5,000.00	4,409.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Postage	800.00	1,095.00	800.00	1,000.00
Supplies	2,000.00	1,560.00	2,000.00	1,500.00
Snow Removal	200.00	630.00	400.00	400.00
Travel/Meetings	400.00	233.00	400.00	250.00
Telephone	600.00	527.00	600.00	550.00
Maintenance/Repair	4,000.00	5,900.00	3,000.00	3,500.00
Equipment	1,000.00	616.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total	41,194.00	40,493.00	40,924.00	42,154.00

FY 2009 TOWNSHEND LIBRARY TRUSTEES

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Fund Drive	6,495.00	Supplies	596.66
Donations	1,045.36	Audio Visual	651.68
Friends of the Library	1,520.00	Subscriptions	837.95
Reimbursements	1,026.03	Programs	1,171.10
Book Club	3,304.63	Fundraisers	180.85
State Library Grant	450.00	Prof Expenses	209.75
Memorials	0.00	Books	11,944.10
Book Sale	0.00	Performers	100.00
Interest	172.82	EE Gifts	34.55
		Tech	697.28
		Newsletter	174.07
		Misc	281.94
Total	14,013.84		16,879.93

**FY 2009 TOWN GENERAL FUND
Expenses - Voted & Actual**

	VOTED FY 2009	ACTUAL FY 2009	VOTED FY 2010	PROPOSED FY 2011
SELECTBOARD				
Wages - SelectBoard	3,075.00	2,475.00	3,075.00	3,075.00
Wages - Clerk	5,000.00	6,339.59	5,000.00	13,495.00
<i>SB Asst Bal from Reserve</i>		<i>-5,000.00</i>	0.00	0.00
Supplies	550.00	622.77	500.00	500.00
Tax Bill Expense	900.00	473.90	900.00	900.00
WEB Expense	220.00	96.00	220.00	250.00
Technical Support	0.00	7,853.84	1,000.00	0.00
Notices	500.00	592.03	500.00	1,000.00
Windham Regional Assessment	1,776.00	1,776.00	1,798.00	1,900.00
VLCT Assessment	1,421.00	1,421.00	1,493.00	1,731.00
Insurance	3,500.00	3,087.34	3,500.00	3,500.00
Legal Expense	4,000.00	3,001.05	4,000.00	4,000.00
Travel/meetings	250.00	207.50	200.00	200.00
Equipment	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
Total	21,192.00	22,946.02	22,386.00	30,551.00
TAFT MEADOWS				
Public Notices	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maintenance Expense	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
Land Study Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
ELECTIONS				
Wages - Ballot Clerks	1,000.00	969.99	200.00	500.00
Supplies	175.00	414.03	175.00	200.00
Total	1,175.00	1,384.02	375.00	700.00
TREASURER				
Salary	1,890.00	2,871.77	1,890.00	2,064.00
Wages - Clerk	0.00	917.77	0.00	0.00
Health Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Retirement	0.00	48.64	0.00	0.00
Supplies	200.00	366.05	0.00	0.00
Computer	1,250.00	159.80	0.00	0.00
Bond	106.00	122.38	100.00	100.00
Repair/Maintenance	0.00	132.52	0.00	0.00
Training/Professional Development	0.00	125.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Travel/Fees	0.00	153.93	0.00	0.00
New Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	3,446.00	4,897.86	1,990.00	2,164.00

	VOTED FY 2009	ACTUAL FY 2009	VOTED FY 2010	PROPOSED FY 2011
FINANCE OFFICE				
Wages - Current Tax Collector	0.00	4,338.96	4,500.00	4,500.00
Wages - Bookkeeper	20,000.00	19,210.00	20,000.00	12,000.00
Bookkeeper Clerical Assistance	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Technical Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Supplies	1,000.00	1,525.31	300.00	0.00
Computer	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Repairs/Maintenance	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00
Training/Professional Development	150.00	590.00	300.00	300.00
Payroll Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
Lockbox for Tax Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
New Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Travel/Fees	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
Total	26,150.00	25,664.27	25,720.00	22,550.00
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR				
Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reverse Collection Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies	400.00	400.29	400.00	400.00
Computer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bond	50.00	25.00	50.00	50.00
Total	450.00	425.29	450.00	450.00
AUDITORS				
Wages	1,900.00	2,790.09	1,900.00	2,400.00
Supplies	50.00	3.52	100.00	0.00
Computer	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Computer Training	150.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Town Report - Printing	2,550.00	2,509.20	3,000.00	3,000.00
Town Report - Preparation	1,550.00	793.24	2,000.00	2,500.00
Travel/Meetings	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
Total	6,400.00	6,096.05	7,250.00	8,150.00
LISTERS				
Wages	15,125.00	14,530.34	15,125.00	16,000.00
Clerical	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
Supplies	500.00	408.94	500.00	350.00
Map Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Computer	500.00	1,080.30	500.00	1,000.00
Contractual Service	5,500.00	6,487.28	8,000.00	5,000.00
Software Licenses	200.00	0.00	200.00	500.00
Technical Support	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Notices	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Legal Expense	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
Travel/Meetings	500.00	331.65	500.00	150.00
Telephone	750.00	543.73	0.00	0.00
Equipment	2,500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
<i>Less Lister Tech Support Reserve</i>	0.00	-1,691.75	0.00	0.00
Total	28,525.00	21,690.49	28,075.00	24,450.00

	VOTED FY 2009	ACTUAL FY 2009	VOTED FY 2010	PROPOSED FY 2011
TOWN CLERK				
Salary	30,103.00	30,103.00	30,103.00	31,300.00
Wages - Clerk	5,000.00	3,127.79	5,000.00	5,000.00
Health Insurance	13,655.00	12,333.76	15,566.00	15,000.00
State Retirement	1,505.00	1,503.29	1,505.00	1,565.00
Supplies	2,000.00	2,065.81	2,000.00	1,500.00
Copier	500.00	563.02	500.00	0.00
Computer	500.00	716.57	500.00	500.00
Bond	10.00	13.82	10.00	15.00
Repair/Maintenance	500.00	31.05	500.00	0.00
Training/Professional Development	500.00	50.00	500.00	300.00
New Equipment	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Record Maintenance	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
Total	54,773.00	50,508.11	58,184.00	56,180.00
PLANNING COMMISSION				
Supplies	200.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
Map Expense	500.00	0.00	300.00	500.00
Printing	2,000.00	0.00	250.00	500.00
Town Plan	5,000.00	1,274.42	6,000.00	1,400.00
Notices	300.00	5.00	200.00	500.00
Travel/Meetings	150.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Town Plan Assistance	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Moved to Reserve</i>		8,220.58		
Total	9,650.00	9,500.00	6,900.00	3,000.00
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY				
Supplies	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00
Voter Registration	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
Appeals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	75.00	0.00	75.00	0.00
TOWN HALL				
Wages - Janatorial	5,000.00	1,647.55	2,500.00	2,500.00
Supplies	750.00	829.47	500.00	2,250.00 **
Copier	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
Insurance	2,000.00	2,282.88	2,900.00	2,500.00
Lawn Care	250.00	36.36	200.00	200.00
Repair/Maintenance	2,000.00	555.18	200.00	500.00
Clock Contract	300.00	80.00	300.00	300.00
Electricity	3,000.00	2,014.43	2,200.00	2,200.00
Fuel	13,000.00	9,808.24	13,000.00	13,000.00
Telephone	1,200.00	1,098.61	2,500.00	1,500.00
Use of Town Hall	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00
New Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Town Hall Renovations	0.00	4,931.73	0.00	0.00
Total	27,650.00	23,284.45	24,450.00	25,700.00
Total Town Government	179,986.00	166,896.56	176,355.00	173,895.00

**All Town Office Supplies now combined in this category

	VOTED FY 2009	ACTUAL FY 2009	VOTED FY 2010	PROPOSED FY 2011
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Rescue Inc	27,750.00	28,725.00	29,300.00	29,740.00
Constable	640.00	513.38	640.00	845.00
Emergency Management	1,000.00	45.25	1,000.00	2,500.00
Forest Fire	250.00	7,109.80	250.00	3,500.00
<i>Reimbursement from State</i>	0.00	<i>-3,564.90</i>	0.00	0.00
Poundkeeper	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Total	30,140.00	32,828.53	31,690.00	37,085.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT - STATION				
Supplies	500.00	69.44	500.00	500.00
Dues	11,500.00	11,450.00	12,500.00	13,500.00
Insurance	1,350.00	2,461.50	2,000.00	3,000.00
Worker's Compensation Insurance	1,500.00	653.77	3,200.00	1,500.00
Required Medical Expense	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Repair/Maintenance	1,200.00	365.15	500.00	5,000.00
Communication	7,500.00	0.00	11,450.00	1,000.00
Fire Pond	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Electricity	1,900.00	756.86	800.00	900.00
Fuel	5,000.00	2,615.33	4,500.00	5,000.00
Telephone	500.00	503.98	500.00	525.00
New Equipment	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Total	33,450.00	18,876.03	38,450.00	33,425.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT - VEHICLES				
Supplies	2,000.00	14.25	1,000.00	1,000.00
Insurance/Registration	2,000.00	1,261.48	2,000.00	2,000.00
Repair	2,000.00	2,092.06	1,000.00	2,500.00
New Equipment	300.00	0.00	300.00	1,000.00
Total	6,300.00	3,367.79	4,300.00	6,500.00
BOARD OF HEALTH				
Supplies	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Legal Expense	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Mileage	75.00	0.00	75.00	0.00
Total	625.00	0.00	625.00	550.00
Total Public Safety	70,515.00	55,072.35	75,065.00	77,560.00
SIDEWALKS/STREET LIGHTS				
Wages - snowblowing	600.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
Repair/Maintenance	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Street Lights	6,500.00	6,205.22	6,000.00	6,200.00
Snowblower use	600.00	490.86	600.00	600.00
Sidewalk Study	0.00	5,835.00	0.00	0.00
Total	9,700.00	12,531.08	7,350.00	7,550.00

	VOTED FY 2009	ACTUAL FY 2009	VOTED FY 2010	PROPOSED FY 2011
COMMON				
Supplies	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Lawn Care	520.00	366.63	200.00	600.00
Tree Care	350.00	605.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Fountain Care	750.00	13,020.00	1,000.00	200.00
<i>Common Fund Reimbursement</i>	0.00	<i>-11,610.00</i>	0.00	0.00
Electricity	400.00	453.53	400.00	480.00
Use Town Equipment	300.00	0.00	300.00	200.00
Gazebo Maintenance	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Total	2,520.00	2,835.16	3,600.00	4,180.00
RECREATION				
Ballfield	500.00	81.81	250.00	100.00
General Recreation	300.00	0.00	150.00	100.00
Total	800.00	81.81	400.00	200.00
Total Public Works	13,020.00	15,448.05	11,350.00	11,930.00
EMPLOYER EXPENSE - TOWN				
Payroll Taxes	6,500.00	8,536.11	7,900.00	7,500.00
Workers' Compensation	2,000.00	6,025.05	2,600.00	2,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	300.00	1,191.40	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total	8,800.00	15,752.56	12,500.00	11,500.00
OTHER EXPENSES				
Anticipated Tax Shortfall	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
Interest Paid - Notes	1,000.00	73.50	0.00	100.00
Windham County Tax	11,142.00	11,142.45	13,000.00	13,000.00
Memorial Day Expense	250.00	227.81	250.00	250.00
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	950.00	0.00	0.00
Total	12,392.00	12,393.76	13,250.00	33,350.00
Total Other Expenses	21,192.00	28,146.32	25,750.00	44,850.00
TOTAL	284,713.00	265,563.28	288,520.00	308,235.00

SOCIAL SERVICE SCREENING COMMITTEE 2010 REPORT

George D. Aiken Resource Conversation & Development Council, Inc. helps towns, groups and organizations by bringing together the technical, financial and administrative resources to deal with natural resource conservation and rural and community development issues. Their projects have included providing EBT and debit card readers at farmers' markets, and traditional conservation projects like stream bank stabilization. Starting in 2009 they will be offering whole farm energy audits for farmers interested in reducing their energy costs.

2010 appropriation: 100 2011 request 100 **2011 recommendation: 100**

Brattleboro Area Drop In Center, Inc. provides emergency food assistance, outreach, and case management services. In 2008 they provided food to 58 Townshend residents, 38 adults and 20 children.

2010 appropriation 200 2011 request 300 **2011 recommendation: 200**

Brattleboro Area Hospice, Inc. Provides services to the terminally ill and their loved ones and bereavement services to families and the community, and community education about issues of death and dying. All services are free of charge.

2010 appropriation: 300 2011 request: 300 **2011 recommendation: 300**

Connecticut River Transit provides transportation between Townshend and Brattleboro in regular, handicap- and wheelchair-accessible buses to work, shopping, medical appointments, and human service agency programs. Last year they transported Townshend residents for, 1,916 including for medical appointments for the elderly, disabled, and/or children and families.

2010 appropriation: 750 2011 request: 750 **2011 recommendation: 750**

Council on Aging for Southeastern VT provides information and assistance to the elderly in applying for benefits; help with health insurance problems, housing needs and fuel assistance and Medicare prescription assistance. They provide home delivered meals medical transportation, and case management to enable seniors to access services which help them remain in their homes. They also provide caregiver respite.

2010 request: 650 2011 request 650 **2011 recommendation: 650**

Gathering Place provides adult day services to help seniors and adults with disabilities maintain their independence by offering health monitoring, education, exercise, stimulating activities and meals.

2010 400 2011 request: 400 **2011 recommendation: 400**

Green Up Vermont sponsors Green Up Day

2009 appropriation: 0 2010 request: 100 2010 recommendation: 100

2008 appropriation: 100 **2011 recommendations 150**

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services provides professional counseling services, 4,393 residents of Windham and Windsor counties currently being served.

2009 appropriation: 1,000 2010 request: 1,200 2010 recommendation: 1,000

2011 recommendation: 1,000

Newbrook Fire and Rescue provides fire protection and rescue service to Townshend residents. This year Newbrook said they were mindful that the requests from Townshend were much reduced and asked Townshend to make “whatever donation it feels is convenient and appropriate.”

2009 appropriation: 2,000 2010 request: 2,000 2010 recommendation: 2,000
2011 recommendations 1,500

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) matches volunteers 55 and over with community services and nonprofit organizations including Grace Cottage Hospital, Townshend Elementary School, Valley Health Council, VHC Thrift Shop, and the Adult Literacy Program.

Townshend area volunteers donated over 500 hours of service last year at Grace Cottage, knitting for the Reformer Christmas and making blankets for the Linus Project. An RSVP volunteer leads a Bone Builders class at Valley Cares.

2009 appropriation: 275 2010 request: 275 2010 recommendation: 275
2011 recommendations 275 request 275

Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc. (SEVCA) provided the following services to Townshend residents during the past year: family outreach 13 families (30 individuals) received 60 services including crisis intervention, financial counseling, nutrition education, and referral; fuel/utility assistance 16 families (\$5,258); housing assistance 1 individual (\$200); weatherization 5 households (12 individuals, \$31,466).

2009 appropriation: 1,100 2010 request: 1,100 2010 recommendation: 1,500
2011 request 1,100
2011 appropriation 1,100

Townshend Community Food Shelf, currently located in the Townshend Community Church, provides food and other staples, information, and contacts to people in need from 21 towns. In 2008 they provided 367 individual food allotments to help sustain an individual for a week each. 20% of those (73) were to Townshend residents.

2010 Request non-specific 2010 Recommendation 500
2011 appropriation 500

Vermont Center for Independent Living assists people with significant disabilities to live more independently through financial and technical assistance to make entrances and bathrooms accessible, providing assistive technology, and peer counseling. VCIL spent in this past year \$792.00 in Townshend on Meals on Wheels.

2009 appropriation: 255 2010 request 255 2010 recommendation: 255
2011 request 255
2011 appropriation 255.00

Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH In Townshend last year they made 647 home visits to 44 residents and provided approximately \$28,312 of uncompensated care to Townshend residents.

2009 appropriation: 2,590 2010 request: 2,690 2010 recommendation: 2,690
2011 appropriation 2,690

Windham County Humane Society is a non-profit organization. From 1/1/2009 to 11/23/2009 WCHS served Townshend residents as follows:

Ten Townshend residents adopted an animal, five stray cats were brought in. Three were adopted and two were euthanized due to old age/illness and a positive FIV [the Humane Society does not euthanize for time and space.] All told they spent 176 days at the shelter. Two stray dogs came to the shelter. Two Townshend residents requested low income pet food assistance, which is a part of the Humane Society's program. There were four investigations of neglect and cruelty in Townshend and one Townshend resident took advantage of their low cost spay/neuter clinic.

2011 requested 1,000 **2011 appropriated 500**

Women's Crisis Center provides shelter, crisis intervention, emotional support, and information and referral for women and children who are survivors of physical, sexual, and emotional violence, and prevention and education services

2009 appropriation: 1,100 2010 request: 1,100 2010 recommendation: 1,200

2011 request 1,200 **2011 appropriated 1,200**

Youth Services coordinates the Big Brother/Big Sister program, provides in home parent education and support, a 24/7 crisis line, family mediation with teens, alcohol and drug abuse prevention, intervention and treatment, court diversion, a runaway program, and transitional living services. In 2008 they provided services to over 1,679 children and adults.

2009 appropriation: 1,540 2010 request: 1,540 2010 recommendation: 1,540

2011 requested 1,540 **2011 appropriated 1,540**

Totals: 15,341 12,660 13,110 for 2011

WARNING
Townshend School District Annual Meeting
Tuesday, March 2, 2010

The legal voters of the Town of Townshend, in the County of Windham and the State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at in the Town Hall in said Town of Townshend on the first Tuesday, March 2, 2010, to transact the following business and act upon the following articles:

- ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator for a term of one year.
- ARTICLE 2. To elect School Directors for the following terms:
one (1) – three year term – until March 2013
two (2) – one year terms – until March 2011
- ARTICLE 3. To elect a School District Treasurer for a term of one year.
- ARTICLE 4. To see what salaries the Town School District will approve for Town School District Officers. Treasurer School Directors
- ARTICLE 5. To see what sum the Town School District will approve to raise by taxation for deposit into the School Capital Expenditures Fund.
- ARTICLE 6. To see what sum the Town School District will approve for the running expenses and liabilities of the School.
- ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters of the Town School District authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of revenue?
- ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters of the Town School District authorize the School Directors to spend “unanticipated” funds such as grants or gifts that may be received by the District for school purposes?
- ARTICLE 9. To set the date of the Annual Meeting of the Town School District for the First Tuesday of March in the year 2011, and every year thereafter.
- ARTICLE 10. To transact any other non-binding business to properly come before this meeting.

Townshend Elementary School

Principal's Report 2009

Celebrating individuality, creativity and the concept of excellence!

As a small school (90 students), we continue to be aware of the prediction of the decline in enrollment in Vermont. This issue impacts budgets significantly. We have maintained our enrollment numbers over the last few years but our numbers for future kindergarten students are decreasing. This fact will require creative solutions to maintain the wonderful programming we are proud of at TES. Below are the highlights of our past year:

Staff: Our teachers have remained a constant resource of very high quality. There have been no changes in staffing this year. We received more Title 1 funding to increase Beth Burnham's time with students. This enabled the creation of an after-school homework club to help students who have difficulty getting this work done. Beth provides individual and small group assistance in the classroom and continues this work during the homework club time after school.

School Building & Grounds: Our UV water disinfection system that we received funding approval for last year, was installed in the summer of 2008 and has been problematic. The installation of this system was mandated by the State of Vermont to guarantee that our well water will always meet the monthly testing requirements without the addition of chemicals. The cost of this project was totally reimbursed by the State of VT and the ongoing repairs will be as well during this warranty period. Thanks to Jeff Russ, who has donated much time to this project and continues to be our plumbing support.

Special Programs:

Technology: You can keep up with technology and other school activities by visiting our website at www.townshend.windham.vt.us. If you want to send us an email, our school email address is tespr@sover.net, which is checked daily. The goal of technology is integration with the curriculum and communication between home and school. Heidi Russ, Administrative Assistant initiated a program to send all school communication to parents via email attachments. This has saved paper and gives parents a consistent place to receive communication from school. In addition to technology integration, we have continued to use an online assessment called MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) as our local assessment in reading, math and language literacy. This test differs from traditional assessments because it is calibrated to individual student responses (if a student misses a question, the next question gets easier and vice versa.) We were impressed with the younger students' computer skills and again thank Rick Hege and the teachers for skillfully teaching the technology standards which prepared them to take this test.

The Four Winds Program (hands-on environmental science) is taught by parent volunteers who are trained in science instruction using local environmental resources. This program brings science concepts "alive" to our youngest students by guiding them to explore their natural

surroundings and make connections with scientific concepts. Carley Sanderson, Melissa White, Penelope Momaney, Clare Adams and Diedre Beattie have done a great job teaching with their enthusiasm.

Our food service program continues to be successful and is essentially paying for itself thanks to the efforts and talents of Maureen Holden, Kitchen Manager.

After School Programs: We have very active parent-coached soccer, basketball and baseball programs at every grade level. We thank our dedicated parents for providing this healthy activity after school and Saturday mornings. Our other After School Programs have continued on several afternoons a week throughout the year: karate, drama, cooking, visits to residents of Valley Cares, and Big Brother/Big Sister Program . These programs build confidence through skill development and provide great learning opportunities for our students. During the winter months, students are dismissed on eight Wednesday afternoons for Winter Sports (downhill skiing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, swimming). Thanks to parents and School Club for supporting this program.

School Club: Our School Club is comprised of a group of vibrant, committed parents whose generosity knows only the bounds of their budget. School Club officers are: Carley Sanderson, President, April Chase, Vice-president, Michelle Sanderson, Secretary and Kim Liebow., Treasurer. Besides conducting productive monthly meetings, the school club members voted to spend much of their fund-raised budget on enrichment activities for the students such as: Camp Keewaydin for grade 5 , Winter Sports scholarships and equipment, 6th grade graduation, Teacher Appreciation luncheon and classroom gifts, scholarships to Townshend Leland & Gray students and field trips. Their dedication has given our students and staff the enrichment activities that provide the extra curricular opportunities that enhance each child's experience. A huge thank you to School Club.

As Principal of the Townshend Elementary School for fourteen years, I remain proud and thrilled every day to work in such a vibrant school. I wish to thank our dedicated School Board members for hours of work on our behalf. Thanks also to everyone who joins with time and talent to shape the lives of our children and thus everyone's future. Please pay us a visit this year; you are always welcome!

Deborah M. Leggott, Principal

Report of the Superintendent of Schools 2009-2010

Windham Central Supervisory Union

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The Windham Central Supervisory Union includes the school districts of Marlboro, Brookline, Newfane, Townshend, Windham, Jamaica, Wardsboro, Dover, Stratton, Winhall, and Leland and Gray Union Middle and High School. Over 120 teachers and 50 support staff care for each of the 957 students enrolled in our nine schools this year. Beyond the teachers and support staff, an effective school requires parent and community volunteers. When you have moment, thank those volunteers and the members of your school board for their countless hours dedicated to public education.

Students throughout the WCSU have made remarkable gains in learning. You have much to be proud of, but much more can be accomplished. To direct and drive our work together as a diverse group of unique school communities, the WCSU must have a plan for the future. On December 9, 2009, the WCSU Board adopted a WCSU Strategic Plan with specific action steps to achieve our common goals. This Strategic Plan builds on last year's work by the Board to develop a Mission and Core Values for the WCSU. The plan's nine goals focused on three areas of school function: Curriculum and Instruction; Human Resources; and Operations. My administration will be held accountable to make progress in these areas.

Building on the changes initiated by my predecessor and endorsed by the WCSU Board, some highlights of the transition to my administration follow:

- Adoption of a WCSU Strategic Plan, the first for our supervisory union
- Improved infrastructure for school information and communications to support administrative and instructional functions and reports
- Successful project management of the LGUHS Addition and Renovation improvement plan
- Secured \$114,000 in grants to improve lighting efficiency in the schools
- Negotiated the first regional bus transportation contract for several school districts and secured grants for replacement buses.

This winter, all WCSU school boards and administrators are facing an economic downturn and the prospect of declining student enrollment. These two factors oblige us to question, "How we can afford to sustain and improve the quality of our public school system?" Those who vote will ultimately determine the answer to this question.

I commend all my staff, your school's principal, and especially your school directors for their careful attention to every detail of the budgets proposed for the 2010-2011 school year. Despite challenges from conflicting interests, the boards have welcomed any and all suggestions from the public, weighed them carefully, and made the hard choices these very tight budgets require. I am convinced that the proposed budget you will consider is the best possible. I urge you to vote for approval.

Steven B. John, Ed.D., Superintendent

Windham Central Supervisory Union
Proposed Budget FY2011
Superintendent's Office Administration and Support of Instruction

	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Adopted Budget	FY 2011 Proposed Budget
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Interest Income	6	4,000	500
Erate Grant	0	5,000	5,000
Brookline Assessment	26,532	23,124	22,582
Dover Assessment	42,724	47,802	44,086
Jamaica Assessment	49,980	39,182	36,529
Marlboro Assessment	43,834	47,802	47,661
Newfane Assessment	71,578	58,453	57,118
Stratton Assessment	6,170	5,139	8,368
Townshend Assessment	58,620	57,168	61,103
Wardsboro Assessment	43,194	43,679	45,163
Windham Assessment	15,426	13,489	9,962
Winhall Assessment	32,086	34,044	40,514
Leland & Gray UHS Assessment	228,923	242,803	241,490
Total General Fund Revenues	619,073	621,685	620,076
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Professional Salaries	204,337	212,355	203,900
Clerical Salaries	38,121	37,476	20,500
Reserve for Salaries & Benefits	0	-12,000	12,654
Health & Dental Benefits	41,268	39,781	39,390
Fica Benefits	21,617	18,194	18,135
Disability & Life Ins. & Retirement Benefits	2,934	13,237	7,287
Workmen's Comp & Unempl. insurance	4,943	3,573	3,573
Legal & Professional Services	5,701	8,000	8,000
Information System Services	17,667	18,000	18,000
Professional Development & Curriculum	7,571	7,000	7,000
Bond Insurance & Prof. Liability	6,658	11,000	8,000
Telephone	6,777	9,000	9,000
Postage	2,844	3,500	3,500
Advertising	2,588	6,000	4,500
Travel	7,806	12,000	10,000
Conferences	561	5,000	5,000
Supplies	3,647	3,000	3,100
Equipment	2,325	2,100	2,100
Dues	4,442	4,091	4,500
Business Office Salaries	118,168	116,281	117,092
Health Insurance & Retirement Benefits	43,199	39,952	46,389
Fica Insurance	8,337	8,896	8,958
Audit Services	22,365	10,000	14,000
Equip. Repair & Supplies	3,028	4,000	4,000
Equipment	5,298	3,450	3,450
Property Services - Custodial	2,710	3,250	3,250
Property Services - Maintenance & Repair	1,006	5,000	4,000
Rent	17,800	17,800	17,800
Electric/Fuel	9,833	8,500	10,000
Building Equipment	2,702	3,250	3,000
Total Superintendent Office/Instruction Exp.	616,253	621,685	620,076
GENERAL FUND - SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	2,820	0	0

Townshend School District

Balance Sheet

Twelve Months Ending - Fiscal Year to Date 6/30/09

	General Fund
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<u>Assets</u>	
Cash	46,963
Receivable-WCSU Medicaid	6,566
Receivable-Blue Cross Cobra	0
Receivable-Stratton Tuition	0
Receivable-State Aid-Special Ed	23,526
Receivable-State Aid-Food	1,222
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Total Assets	78,277
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Accrued Salary Expenses	34,422
Accrued Benefit Expenses	1,988
Accrued Expenses	40,966
Notes Payable	50,000
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Total Liabilities	127,376
<u>Fund Balance</u>	
Beginning Fund Balance	(27,667)
Fund Balance YTD	(21,432)
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Total Fund Balance	(49,099)
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Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	78,277
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* Original bond for Townshend School improvement project was \$920,000, established 1989, 20 year term, current interest rate 6.75%.
Last payment due 12/1/2009.

Summary of Changes to Fund Balance	
Beginning Fund Balance	(27,667)
Add: FY 2009 Revenues	1,299,872
Less: FY 2009 Expenses	(1,321,304)
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Change in Fund Balance	(21,432)
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Ending Fund Balance	(49,099)
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District: **Townshend**
County: **Windham**

LEA: **T208**
S.U.: **Windham Central**

Enter estimated homestead base rate for FY2011. See note at bottom of page.

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		Act 68		Act 130		
		FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	
Expenditures						
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$201,578	\$1,287,326	\$1,321,838	\$1,363,828	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget	\$201,578	\$1,287,326	\$1,321,838	\$1,363,828	4.
5.	plus Prior years Leland and Gray UHSD #34 assessment	\$993,456	NA	NA	NA	5.
6.	plus No union elementary or junior high school assessment	-	NA	NA	NA	6.
7.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	7.
8.	plus Prior year deficit reduction if not included in expenditure budget	-	-	-	-	8.
9.	Gross Act 68 Budget	\$1,195,034	\$1,287,326	\$1,321,838	\$1,363,828	9.
10.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	10.
11.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	11.
Revenues						
12.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$272,578	\$278,046	\$243,049	\$250,396	12.
13.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	13.
14.	plus Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures)	-	-	-	-	14.
15.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-	-	-	-	15.
16.	Total local revenues	\$272,578	\$278,046	\$243,049	\$250,396	16.
17.	Education Spending	\$1,915,912	\$1,009,280	\$1,078,789	\$1,113,432	17.
18.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	157.83	87.28	86.65	86.19	18.
19.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$12,139	\$11,563.70	\$12,449.96	\$12,918	19.
20.	minus Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$396.86	\$532.99	\$536.86	-	20.
21.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is solely attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed	-	-	-	-	22.
23.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-	24.
25.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$12,139	\$11,564	\$12,450	\$12,918	25.
26.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$12,918 / \$8,544)	156.917% <small>based on \$7,736</small>	140.849% <small>based on \$8,210</small>	145.716% <small>based on \$8,544</small>	151.198% <small>based on \$8,544</small>	26.
Prorating the local tax rate						
27.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (Tax rates were not prorated in FY07 - FY08) (151.198% x \$0.88)	\$1.365 <small>based on \$0.87</small>	\$1.2254 <small>based on \$0.87</small>	\$1.2532 <small>based on \$0.86</small>	\$1.3336 <small>based on \$0.88</small>	27.
28.	Percent of Townshend equalized pupils not in a union school district	Not applicable prior to Act 130	53.366%	53.420%	52.90%	28.
29.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (52.900% x \$1.33)	Not applicable prior to Act 130	\$0.6539	\$0.6695	\$0.7055	29.
30.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	121.03%	106.98%	99.87%	104.04%	30.
31.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (Tax rates were not prorated in FY2008) (\$0.706 / 104.04%)	\$1.128 <small>based on \$0.87</small>	\$0.6112 <small>based on \$0.87</small>	\$0.6704 <small>based on \$0.86</small>	\$0.6781 <small>based on \$0.88</small>	31.
32.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (151.198% x 1.80%)	Not applicable prior to Act 130 <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.54% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.62% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.72% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	32.
33.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (52.900% x 2.72%)	2.82% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	1.36% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	1.40% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	1.44% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	33.
34.	Percent of equalized pupils at Leland & Gray UHSD	Not applicable prior to Act 130	46.63%	46.58%	47.10%	34.
35.		Not applicable prior to Act 130	-	-	-	35.

TOWNSHEND SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY 2011 BUDGET

	FY 2009 Adopted Budget	FY 2010 Adopted Budget	FY 2011 PROPOSED Budget	\$ VARIANCE 11 vs 10	% VARIANCE 11 vs 10
Preliminary Statistics					
Total elementary cost per student	13,410	14,687	15,498	811	5.5%
Total elementary enrollment	89	90	88	(2)	-2.2%
Act 68 Revenues	278,047	243,050	250,396	7,346	3.0%
Local Education Spending	1,009,280	1,078,789	1,113,432	34,643	3.2%
Equalized Pupils (k-6)	87.28	86.65	86.19	(0)	-0.5%
Excess Spending per Eq.Pupil Threshold-State	13,287	13,984	14,549	565	4.0%
Ed. Spending per Equal. Pupil (Act 68)-TES	11,564	12,450	12,918	468	3.8%
Variance over / (under) Threshold	(1,723)	(1,534)	(1,631)	(97)	6.3%
Base Education Spending Index	8,210	8,544	8,544	0	0.0%
Statewide Education Tax Rate	\$0.87	\$0.86	\$0.88	\$0.02	2.6%
Tax Impact Estimates:*					
Est. Equalized School Prop. Tax Rate	\$1.225	\$1.253	\$1.334	\$0.08	6.4%
Common Level of Appraisal	106.98%	99.87%	104.04%	0.04	4.2%
Estimated Actual School Tax Rate	\$1.145	\$1.255	\$1.282	\$0.03	2.2%
Income Sensitivity Index	1.80%	1.80%	1.80%	0.00	0.0%
Townshend School Tax Income Sensitivity % (K-12)	2.54%	2.71%	2.74%	0.03%	1.1%

* Above estimated school tax rates reflect K-6 budget per requirements of Act 130. Effective FY09 LGUHS calculates a separate tax rate that is combined with the elementary school tax rate as noted below. The school tax rate is based on weighted average equalized student statistics provided by the Vermont Department of Education.

*** Estimated FY11 combined Elementary School & LGUHS Equalized School Tax Rate per Act130:**

School District	FY10 Equalized Students	FY10 % of Total	FY11 Equalized Students	FY11 % of Total	Prior Year FY10 Equ. School Tax Rate	FY11 Equ. School Tax Rate	% change
Townshend School District PreK-6	86.65	53.4%	86.19	52.9%	\$1.253	\$1.334	6.4%
LGUHS School District 7-12	75.57	46.6%	76.67	47.1%	\$1.338	\$1.353	1.1%
Comb. K-12 (wt. avg. Eq. Sch. Tax Rate)	162.22	100.0%	162.86	100.0%	\$1.293	\$1.343	3.9%
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)					99.87%	104.04%	4.2%
					Actual Tax	Actual Rate-Estimated	
Comb. Totals K-12 (wt. avg. Actual. Sch. Tax Rate)					\$1.294	\$1.291	-0.3%
% Change in Equalized Student Enrollment-Townshend				-0.5%			
% Change in Equalized Student Enrollment-LGUHS				1.5%			
% Change in Equalized Student Enrollment-PreK-12 combined				0.4%			

Weighted Income Sensitivity Index:

	FY11 Equalized Students	% of Total	spending index Factor	weighted index
LEA local base ed spending index weight	86.19	52.9%	151.20%	0.80
+ LGUHS base ed spending index weight	76.67	47.1%	153.43%	0.72
	162.86	100.0%		152.2%
Income sensitivity base index [set by legislature]				1.80%
Income sensitivity - combined weighted average				2.74%

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per DOE Assumptions*

	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2009 Adopted Budget	FY 2010 Adopted Budget	FY 2011 PROPOSED Budget
REVENUES				
Local Revenue:				
Interest Income	286	2,000	2,000	300
Tuition revenue	11,000	11,000	12,000	12,000
Transport Fees (LGUHS)	11,009	10,078	11,682	13,396
Special Education Excess Cost	24611	21,243	18,683	28,324
Food Service revenue	21,466	20,588	25,000	25,000
Other Local revenue	1,068	0	0	0
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	69,440	64,909	69,364	79,020
State Aid:				
State Aid-Block/Education Spending Rev.	1,009,280	1,009,280	1,078,789	1,113,432
State Aid-Career Ctr. (DOE on behalf)	0	0	0	0
State Aid-Small Schools Grant	66,430	66,430	68,012	45,568
State Aid-Transportation	4,573	4,737	5,490	5,358
State Aid-Water Project	14,621	10,000	0	0
Sp Ed.-State Block Grant	29,856	99,047	91,830	101,489
Sp Ed.-State Intensive aid	55,470	0	0	0
Sp Ed -State Extraord. aid	0	0	0	0
Sp Ed Reimb.-EEE	11,301	8,757	9,314	9,309
Sp Ed Reimb.-Care & Custody		0	0	0
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	1,191,531	1,198,250	1,253,435	1,275,156
Federal Aid:				
Medicaid & EPSDT WCSU Subgrant	7,440	4,445	4,706	8,085
IDEA WCSU Subgrant	7,722	7,722	0	0
Federal Food Reimbursements	23,738	12,000	22,000	22,000
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	38,900	24,167	26,706	30,085
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Total Revenue	1,299,871	1,287,326	1,349,505	1,384,261
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EXPENDITURES				
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS				
Teacher Salaries-Instruction	383,077	361,523	416,164	421,862
General Inst. Aides Salaries	70	0	0	0
Substitutes	3,670	3,500	3,500	4,000
Reserve Salaries & Benefits	0	29,676	11,156	7,200
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Total Salaries	386,817	394,699	430,819	433,062

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	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2009 Adopted Budget	FY 2010 Adopted Budget	FY 2011 PROPOSED Budget
CONTRACTED SERVICES				
Art Education	14,305	14,305	15,146	15,721
Physical Education	27,591	27,591	30,386	25,913
Music-Instumental	17,902	17,902	18,465	19,010
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Instruction Contracted Services	59,798	59,798	63,997	60,644
BENEFITS				
Health Insurance	67,361	69,678	64,562	59,379
Fica - Teachers/Aides	29,051	30,194	32,958	33,129
Life Insurance & Disability Ins	1,879	1,759	1,995	2,017
Workers Comp & Unempl. Ins.	5,900	7,400	7,400	7,400
Tuition Reimbursement	6,527	4,000	4,000	7,000
Dental Insurance	2,727	1,561	2,161	3,571
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Total Benefits	113,445	114,593	113,077	112,496
Action Planning (Writing,reading comp., Health)	3,083	3,000	3,000	3,000
Enrichment Programs	1,271	5,000	5,000	0
Educational Trips (Keewaydin)	993	5,000	5,000	0
504 Services & Supplies	1,800	1,000	1,000	1,000
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Total Enrichment programs	7,147	14,000	14,000	4,000
EARLY EDUCATION	0	0	0	0
GENERAL INSTRUCTION SUPPLIES & MATERIALS				
Technology Support	13,128	13,140	13,140	13,140
Data Management	0	0	0	0
Equipment Repair	64	1,500	1,500	1,500
Class Room Supplies	11,101	11,000	11,000	11,000
Textbooks	2,984	3,000	3,000	3,000
Computer Software	55	2,000	2,000	2,000
Equipment	8,754	10,000	10,000	10,000
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Total Supplies & Materials	36,086	40,640	40,640	40,640
SPECIAL EDUCATION				
Salaries	0	0	0	0
Aides	69,602	46,458	53,614	42,718

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	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2009 Adopted Budget	FY 2010 Adopted Budget	FY 2011 PROPOSED Budget
Fica	5,074	3,554	4,101	3,268
Health & Dental Insurance	9,005	11,685	5,741	11,558
Prof Services (WCSU Case mgt. OT, PT)	18,638	7,722	21,087	25,648
Special Ed Teacher -WCSU	76,745	68,800	0	0
Testing	0	0	0	5,157
WCSU Admin & Teacher Assessment	56,292	56,291	94,095	116,875
School Tuition	0	0	0	0
Supplies & Travel Reimb.	480	500	1,150	1,150
Total Special Education	235,836	195,010	179,788	206,374
ESSENTIAL EARLY ED	9,972	8,757	9,314	9,309
TOTAL DIRECT INSTRUCTION	849,101	827,497	851,635	866,525
GUIDANCE				
Guidance Contract Services	23,176	18,894	23,338	24,435
HEALTH SERVICES				
Professional Services	8,457	8,457	8,824	8,812
Supplies	175	150	150	150
Total Health Services	8,632	8,607	8,974	8,962
LIBRARY				
Librarian	12,612	11,557	13,332	9,528
Fica	938	884	1,020	729
Equipment Maintenance	0	150	150	150
Supplies	0	450	450	450
Books & Periodicals	1,344	1,750	1,750	1,750
Equipment	0	250	250	250
Total Library Services	14,894	15,041	16,952	12,857
SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION				
School Directors	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Fica	0	115	115	115
Professional - Negotiations/Legal	1,195	2,000	500	1,500
Professional/Travel/Services	150	1,000	1,000	1,000
Bond Insurance	50	70	70	70
Advertising	42	200	200	200
Supplies	126	100	100	100

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	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2009 Adopted Budget	FY 2010 Adopted Budget	FY 2011 PROPOSED Budget
Total Board of Education	3,063	4,985	3,485	4,485
WCSU ADMIN. ASSESSMENT	58,620	58,619	57,169	61,103
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE				
Salary	69,368	66,700	69,368	72,836
Administrative Assistant	34,320	33,000	34,320	35,693
Fica	6,805	7,627	7,932	8,302
Health Benefits-Professional	10,036	11,520	11,319	11,395
Health Benefits-Clerical	5,077	5,843	5,741	5,779
Dental Benefits	625	797	797	780
Prof. Development/Travel	420	1,000	1,000	1,500
Equipment Repair/Software supt.	0	450	450	450
Office Supplies	553	1,000	1,000	1,000
Office Equipment	0	0	0	0
Total Principal's Office	127,204	127,936	131,927	137,736
ACCOUNTING				
Treasurer's Salary & Sup.	1,674	1,654	1,737	1,790
Treasurer's Fica	0	127	133	137
Town Auditors/Profes. Audit	0	0	0	14,000
Short Term Debt-Interest	4,706	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total Accounting Services	6,380	6,780	6,870	20,927
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT				
Salaries	23,220	15,055	23,589	24,532
Health Insurance	5,077	5,843	0	0
Fica	1,737	1,152	1,805	1,877
Workers Comp Insurance	0	260	260	260
Disposal/Snow Removal	2,963	2,500	2,500	3,650
Repairs, Maint., Security	11,684	10,500	8,500	13,000
Ins. Prop.& liab. & boiler	4,557	4,700	4,700	4,700
Telecommunications	4,313	4,000	4,000	4,000
Supplies	5,217	3,000	3,000	5,000
Electricity	9,508	12,000	8,500	8,800
Oil	20,091	18,000	26,000	16,000
Capital Improvements/Equipment	21,203	39,250	20,000	65,750
Total Maintenance Services	109,570	116,260	102,853	147,568

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*Revenues to be Updated
per DOE Assumptions*

	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2009 Adopted Budget	FY 2010 Adopted Budget	FY 2011 PROPOSED Budget
TRANSPORTATION				
Salary	10,477	9,248	9,348	9,746
Fica	776	707	715	746
Workman's Comp Ins.	0	500	500	500
Repairs/Maintenance & Contract Serv.	7,907	5,000	5,000	8,000
Insurance	853	1,100	1,400	1,400
Supplies & Fuel	1,943	3,600	6,400	6,400
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Total Transport Services	21,956	20,156	23,363	26,792
FOOD SERVICE				
Salary	15,240	12,218	14,875	15,475
Health Benefits	5,077	5,843	5,741	5,779
Fica	543	935	1,138	1,184
Equip Repair & Maintenance			2,000	2,000
Food purchases	28,292	14,000	25,000	28,000
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TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	49,152	32,995	48,753	52,438
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	422,647	410,273	423,685	497,302
LOAN INTEREST-830	4,556	4,557	1,519	0
LOAN PRINCIPAL-910 (last pmt 12/1/09)	45,000	45,000	45,000	0
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TOTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	1,321,304	1,287,326	1,321,838	1,363,828
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SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(21,433)	0	27,667	20,433
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SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) APPLIED	0	0	(27,667)	(20,433)
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NET	(21,433)	0	0	0
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Ending Fund Balance	(48,100)	0	(20,433)	0
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Townshend School District
Personnel Overview

FY2011 FTE	Employees	FY2011 PROPOSED CONTRACT
1.0	Barton, Bethany	55,854
1.0	Bean, Randy	18,658
1.0	Bedortha, Barbara	59,140
1.0	Berry, Joyce	59,140
0.4	Bumbala, Nancy	5,874
1.0	Dolan, Julie	65,711
1.0	Gould, Judy	59,140
1.0	Holden, Maureen	15,475
1.0	Jerz, Kristina	60,782
1.0	Leggott, Deborah	72,836
0.2	Morse, Charlene	12,814
0.2	Nau, Cynthia	9,528
1.0	Richardson, Megan	49,283
1.0	Royce, Andrea	9,746
1.0	Russ, Heidi	35,693
1.0	Sperry, Sandra	20,943
1.0	Staib, Lori	21,775
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14.8	Subtotal Employees	632,390
Contracted Services - WCSU		
0.4	West, Carla	25,913
0.2	Mckinney, Micheal	19,010
0.2	Laughterbach, Ann	15,721
0.1	Trczinski, Ruth	8,812
0.3	Scarlett, Bill	24,435
0.0	Turner, Roger	0
1.3	Aldrich, Nancy	116,875
0.1	Stent, Geoffrey	10,988
0.1	Gordon, Linda	14,660
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2.7	Subtotal Contracted Services	236,414

Board of Listers 2009-2010 Report

PLEASE remember to file form HS-122, your Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Claim. This form will be in your Vermont Income Tax Booklet which will arrive early in 2010. Unlike past years, there will now be penalties for HS-122 forms filed after April 15!

Here are some facts which impact each of your tax bills:

- The Current Use Program now has 77 landowners, with 2,645 acres owned by residents and 9,217 owned by non-residents. This program reduced Townshend's April 1, 2009 Grand List by \$7,317,966.
- Townshend Dam with 948 acres pays the Town \$5,656 each year in lieu of taxes. This amount has not changed since the dam was constructed.
- Townshend State Park encompasses 856 acres and under the PILOT program pays only \$2,300.

Because this report is written in October for you to read in February/March, the Listers have not yet received the newest CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) or COD (Codefficient of Dispersion) figures from Vermont's Department of Property Valuation and Review. Last year, the CLA was 99.8 and the COD 12.41. We have not had as many property transfers of late as in previous years, significantly, the ones we had have close to assessed values. There has been an increase in family transfers and trust creations, though. There was only one appeal made to the Board of Civil Authority.

The April 1, 2009 Grand List went up slightly from 2008 and next year we expect the same sort of change. Having the Grand List's not change and Town's voted expenses increase will significantly impact the amount of tax assessed to each parcel.

Keeping the Grand List current is a challenging task which is very important to the taxpayers in Townshend. The cooperation of Townshend's landowners and two campgrounds allowing the Listers to visit and inspect properties is deeply appreciated. Finally, on some difficult problems, Anne Bernhardt of B&B Associates has provided valuable assistance and guidance. Her support has been invaluable!

Townshend Volunteer Fire Department 2009 Annual Report

While the number of calls for the department is down a little from the past few years, the severity of some of them increased. In 2009, Townsend had one structure fire with total loss and another with severe damage. These calls brought into play the value of the Mutual Aid System, and during the year we were able to return the favor by supporting other departments at various times.

Taking the lead from NewBrook, we made a by-laws change to create the position of Chaplin. Dave Onyon was asked to serve in this capacity and he accepted. At a following meeting, Dave was made a Life Member of the Department.

Through the generosity of Dave and Janice Onyon, their field has been made available for DHART helicopter landings. The DHART people say this is their favorite landing site because of Dave's flight knowledge and Janice's refreshments. Almost 20% of our calls for 2009 were DHART related. NewBrook assists in these calls is another example of the value of the Mutual Aid System.

Alarm System calls continue to increase. This past year almost 25% of our total calls were in this category. Those of you that have these systems, we ask you to pay attention to them so we don't have to respond needlessly.

We want to emphasize the importance of safety inspections of chimneys and furnaces. If you have questions, don't hesitate to call one of the fire department members or Chief Winot.

As much as it is difficult to discuss expenses we need to begin to think about the next truck replacement. Each year, we ask that some money be put into a truck replacement fund and we hope the townspeople will support that request. At some point there must also be some discussion of the firehouse and its upkeep. The most pressing need at this time is the roof.

The department is always looking for new members. If interested, contact Chief Winot. Our meetings continue to be the second Thursday (for business) and the fourth Monday (for training) of each month.

Sincerely,
Doug Winot, Chief

Cemetery Commission 2009 Report

The Commission meets the third Monday from March to December in the Town Hall. The meetings are at 5 PM and are open to the public.

This year, Oakwood cemetery maintenance was continued by W.B. Welding. We thank Wayne Beattie for his good work. Jamie Bernard took care of the Round Hill, Wiswall, and Maple Grove cemeteries and did an excellent job. All the other cemeteries received the necessary annual care and Memorial Day flags. The Commission thanks the students of Leland and Gray for their help with the flags.

At town meeting there will be a presentation by the Commission regarding the possibility of increasing the size of the Round Hill Cemetery in West Townshend. There are only a few gravesites left in the current cemetery so the Commission felt it was a good time to act on the offer of more land.

The Commission thanks Allie Evans for her service to the Commission. She resigned in August to take a teaching job in Turkey.

As a member of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association, Townshend will assist them in the updating of their book, *Burial Grounds of Vermont*. Part of this project will involve using a GPS device to locate all the back country cemeteries in the state. If anyone wants to be a part of this project, contact Charlie Marchant of the Cemetery Commission.

Cemetery Commission members:

Howard Graff, Chairman
Scott Nystrom, Vice Chair
Charlie Marchant, Agent
Dave Liebow, Secretary
Allie Evans (resigned)

**Townshend Planning Commission
2009 Town Report**

The Planning Commission has continued work on many important projects this year. The Town Plan has been at the forefront of our discussions along with the regular review of any Act 250 permits, state project review sheets and wastewater permits.

Town Plan

The majority of our time together this year has been updating the town plan. This is a large job and we have contracted Windham Regional Commission to help us with this new plan. We feel the experience of WRC will greatly enhance the plan and give us information necessary to revise and update a comprehensive plan.

Flood Certification Ordinance

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) created federal regulations in 2007 to regulate construction within flood plains. The town of Townshend passed a new bylaw in September of 2007 to comply with these new regulations. We continue to develop a Flood Certification Ordinance.

Town Hall Renovations

Renovations to the Town Hall are an important project. We have appointed an Ad Hoc committee to further study this project. Below is the report from that committee.

The P.C. Ad Hoc Committee on Town Hall Renovations worked with architects Keefe & Wesner to produce an overall plan to address current needs and problems with the historic building. The architects' Conceptual Design and Findings was completed in February 2009. It addresses fire and safety issues that include a new fire stair in the rear and a fire alarm system. The plan also meets ADA requirements for bathrooms, and provides for a lift to accommodate wheelchairs, replacing the present chair on the front stairway. Additional vault space is included in the design.

Heating costs are a major concern. Thermal House of Jamaica, Vermont, produced a Thermal Performance Analysis that demonstrates the heat loss and shows how proper insulation of the building will produce significant cost savings for the town.

The Select board has applied for a grant to fund the insulation project, but the competition for dollars is stiff and at this time we don't know the results of the application.

The committee will continue investigating ways to preserve and protect our town hall so that it may be used for another hundred years or more.

PC meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month at 7:15 PM.

The public is always encouraged to attend.

Art Monette, Chair

John Evans, Co Chair

Berenice Brooks, Clerk

Stanley Holt

Bob DeSiervo

Susan LeCours

Townshend Library Trustees

This past year, the Trustees continued to focus on general building maintenance. A new countertop, which was built by Ken Hoffman and funded by the Friends, was installed for our three computers as well as purchasing new chairs. We are concerned about the continual paint peeling problem at the library. We patched the places this summer, but we are thinking of looking into the feasibility of vinyl siding for the building. Some trustee changes occurred this past year. We regretfully accepted the resignation of Sharon Redfield, after many years of service. We welcomed Barbara Bedortha as a new trustee to fill the remaining year of the term. Due to a generous bequest from June Kipp, the library was able to move forward with automating the catalog and circulation system. This is an ongoing process which will take time to complete.

Our library is a tremendous town resource. The successful fundraising, annual book sale, contributions from the friends, gifts and interest on investments enable us to continually add to our collection. We depend on the valuable contributions of our dedicated volunteers as well as our hard working librarian and assistant librarian to keep our library flourishing. If there are any services that you would like to see provided, or if you are interested in becoming a friend of the library, please contact our librarian or a trustee. We welcome your ideas about how to continue to grow as a resource for our town.

Townshend Library Trustees:

Margaret Bills, Marjorie Holt, Ann Allbee, Marilee Attley, Barbara Bedortha

Townshend Library Trustees

7/01/08 – 6/30/09

Receipts		Disbursements	
Fund Drive	6,555	Audio Visual	652
Donations	966	Subscriptions	838
Friends of the Library	1,520	Supplies	597
Reimbursements/ Petty Cash	976	Fundraising	181
Book Club	3,083	Professional	210
State Library Grant automation	375	Books	11,944
Interest	152	Performers	100
Estate of June Kipp designated for library	8,000	Programs	1,171
		Technogy	697
Total	21,627	Newsletter	174
		Misc.	282
		Gifts	35
		Total	16,881

Key Investments	46,691.60
(income reserved for books)	

2009 Librarian's Town Report

When I sat down in October to write this I looked back at past town reports and noticed the changes of the year are always highlighted. This year I considered a different approach but obviously if a library or any business exists without change it won't exist for very long. At your library there is always something going on, changes taking place, and improvements being made. Thankfully, one thing that hasn't changed is our group of dedicated volunteers. Without Mary Moberly, Martha Hoffmann, Ginny Milliken, Jean Danilow, and Iva Yates services would grind to a halt. Without people like Ken Hoffmann, Jeff MacQuarrie, Ken Denzel, Heidi Russ and the dedicated board members your library would be a shabby mess. Another group that deserves thanks is the Friends of the Library group and all the people that help out with the Memorial Day book sale.

As with most libraries, we have seen an increased use of our services during the recent economic downturn. For example, in July we had nearly 700 patrons visit during the 78 hours we were open that month! While I like to think it was because of our wonderful children's summer reading program where we 'got creative' and enjoyed seeing how some of the local residents used their creativity, I know in part it was a sign of the times. People are consciously saving money by using our computers, borrowing books instead of buying their own copies, using the internet at the library and using the library as a common meeting place. I realize I'm biased but I think these are wise habits no matter what your age or financial status. To help out our patrons, we've added more movies, updated books and resources to help with job searches, updated technology, and we continue to offer WiFi (free wireless internet), as well as the latest best sellers and other items of interest, and I'm always looking for suggestions on ways we can improve.

New services that we now offer include a small indoor book sale, running continuously in the meeting room. In addition to our traditional audio books, we are beginning a program that will allow patrons to download audio books to listen to on their own ipods and other media playing devices.

The greatest change this year is our switch to a web based software product that will serve as our card catalog as well as help us process our library records and eventually circulate our books and things. Library World is the name of the product that we chose to go with because of its cost and for the services it offers. We are updating our patron records as we go (so please stop in), and are gradually adding the records for all the books and movies etc. into the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC). During the process I am weeding out unwanted items and reorganizing and repairing the rest. This will make it easier to find what you are looking for. The OPAC, will also make it easier to find what you're looking for because, unlike our old catalog, the amount of information available will not be limited because of its drawer space. You can access our OPAC online at www.libraryworld.com/opac. You will need to type the name "Townshend Library" but no password is required.

Karen LaRue, Librarian

Rescue Inc.
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009

Rescue's mission is to serve as a key component of our rural healthcare system and provide the highest quality, risk appropriate, rapid response emergency medical care and transportation services in our region; to recognize the contribution, determination and dedication of our staff and volunteers who fulfill this mission; and to complement our skills and services with the education and training needed to achieve our objective.

In conjunction, the purpose of the Board of Trustees is to provide effective leadership, set policy, ensure fiscal responsibility for the organization and support delivery of the best pre-hospital care in the region.

Due to the dedication of Rescue Inc. employees and volunteers, board members, and community members to the mission above, the financial health of the agency has improved over last year's grave situation. We achieved this improvement despite limited payments from the federal and state governments and reimbursement reduction by private and secondary insurance companies. An ever-increasing number of individuals with no insurance puts an even larger burden on the system. Rescue Inc. took a loss of \$220,851.00 last fiscal year in bad debt (medical calls that we received no payment for). Couple this with a reduction in the Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements and the financial challenges become even greater.

Volunteers with the qualifications and time to devote to the agency are at a premium and the cost to bring a willing volunteer up to effectiveness is about \$750.00. Comprehensive and strict rules for training and ongoing certification are mandated by the States of Vermont and New Hampshire.

Our Subscription plan, fund raising by the Board of Trustees and Rescue Inc. staff, and donations from the public help to close the financial gap for our non-profit organization. Town assessments also help to finance our operating expenses, medical supplies and equipment purchases, vehicle maintenance, occupancy expenses and constant training of our medical staff. It is our promise that the towns who contract with us will receive the most up-to-date emergency medical care possible. Rescue Inc. has exceptionally well trained staff and with our equipment is considered an "emergency room on wheels."

We currently cover 500 square miles in Windham and Cheshire counties, which includes major highways of Vermont Route 30, Route 9 in both Vermont and New Hampshire and Interstate 91 in Vermont. We responded to over 4,300 calls in this past fiscal year.

For more information about the past year please see the Rescue Inc. Annual Report. Copies are available at local libraries, Town Offices and at Rescue Inc. Headquarters on Canal Street in Brattleboro.

Townshend Emergency Management

This year has been a busy time for Emergency Management in Townshend. I was appointed following Tim Bell's notification of deployment to the Middle East. My thanks to Tim for his work to strengthen the radio communications of Vermont and help build the regional CERT (Community Emergency Response Team).

Since April I've been working on three tasks for Townshend. In conjunction with the Emergency Management Team at Grace Cottage Hospital, I've created a Medical Special Needs program. This program will help those who identify themselves as needing assistance during a prolonged power outage. Any personal information obtained by this program will be secured and only used during an emergency where lives are jeopardized.

The Emergency Management teams of Grace Cottage, Grafton, Jamaica, Newfane, Townshend, and the Red Cross are hosting training sessions to teach us how to open and operate an Emergency Shelter. This shelter can be operated in any of the regions towns, allowing it to better serve the needs of our residents. If you would like to learn more, please contact me.

I am working with FEMA, the Windham County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC VI) to provide emergency and incident training to Townshend elected and appointed governmental officials. After the terrorist attacks of 9/11, President Bush called on the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a national incident management system (NIMS) to provide a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, tribal and local governments to work together to prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity. This training will make it easier for our officials to work with the State and Federal government during a disaster.

Much work has yet to be done to make sure Townshend and Windham County survive any hazard, sometimes you have to start with baby-steps. Each of you can help by making sure your house numbers are clearly visible from the road. This simple act will help Rescue Inc. and the Fire Department find you quickly and easily.

Regards,
David Dezendorf, Townshend Emergency Management

Grace Cottage Hospital
Townshend, VT
(802) 365-7357 www.gracecottage.org

Thanks to your support, this non-profit hospital is growing and thriving, continuing to provide patient care second to none. Up-to-date technology is being used by Grace Cottage's medical professionals (eight family practice physicians, a pediatrician, chiropractor, psychiatrist, three physician assistants, a family nurse practitioner, nine physical therapists, four occupational therapists, a speech therapist, and five pharmacists!) to care for patients of all ages, from newborn to hospice.

For over sixty years, Grace Cottage Hospital has provided personal and professional healthcare to the people of Windham County and well beyond. Over 24,700 visits were made to Grace Cottage Family Health doctors' offices last year, and total patient days for the hospital's 19 beds (including hospice care) numbered 4,286.

Exciting new developments for patients during 2009 included the construction of a Community Wellness Center for expanded and additional yoga, belly dancing, Strong Bones exercise, and Tobacco Cessation classes. Two physicians with decades of experience elsewhere (an internist, Dr. Evan Ginsberg, and a geriatrician, Dr. Carol Blackwood) joined Grace Cottage to serve the additional patients who are seeking their healthcare here.

During the past year, 1,204 patients from Townshend used Grace Cottage's services, and \$112,685 in uncompensated care was provided to Townshend residents. Overall, Grace Cottage provided \$523,386 in uncompensated care to Vermont residents.

On behalf of the many patients who use Grace Cottage's healthcare services, thank you, residents of Townshend, for your support.

SERVICES	FY1999	FY2008	FY2009
ER Visits	1,547	2,659	2,816
Lab Tests	35,598	71,611	75,336
Radiology Scans	2,287	3,193	4,830
Physical/Occupational/Speech Therapy	17,107	22,361	24,411
Retail Prescriptions Filled	26,833	56,773	57,506

To view a 9-minute video about Grace Cottage's unique culture, visit www.gracecottage.org and click on the Memorial Garden photo on the home page, or call (802) 365-9109 to order a free copy of the DVD by mail. Better yet, call this number for a behind-the-scenes tour anytime – our doors are always open!

Windham Regional Commission

To Whom It May Concern:

The Windham Regional Commission (WRC) works with its 27 member towns to address regional issues and to help them provide effective local government. Each town annually appoints two representatives to the Commission. Townshend's current representatives are Clay Turnbull and Bradley Horn. Regional commissioners serve on a number of committees that address regional issues and concerns. Some of the highlights of fiscal year 2009 include:

- Assistance for local and regional transportation projects, including traffic analysis, Road Safety Audit Reviews, public transit planning, infrastructure inventories, and the Route 103 corridor management plan that was conducted in partnership with affected towns and a neighboring regional planning commission.
- Direct staff support to the Local Emergency Planning Committee and additional work on emergency preparedness, the Radiological Emergency Response Program, the National Flood Insurance Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation planning, and Rapid Response and Emergency Operations Plan assistance.
- Expansion of the very valuable regional Brownfield initiative through receipt of new EPA grants totaling \$400,000, extending our ability to bring EPA-funded assistance to many towns, development organizations and commercial property owners to support redevelopment of abandoned or under-utilized commercial sites.
- Increased work on energy issues, including having successfully appealed the federal government's denial of county funds for energy efficiency work thus bringing an additional \$130,800 into the region for the upcoming year.
- GIS support for towns, including highway data, land use planning scenarios, planning and zoning maps, natural resources & conservation mapping, natural hazard maps, road name and E-911 maps, and more.
- Review of regionally important projects under Act 250 (state land use permits), "section 248" (energy generation and transmission), and other state and federal programs.
- Response to almost daily requests / questions from local officials and the public on a host of planning related issues.
- Additional work covered a broad range of topics, including natural resources planning, village redevelopment and revitalization projects, economic development planning, and a variety of education and training events for local officials.

The WRC's core budget is partially funded by-and relies on-member town assessments, The \$1.64 per resident rate will result in a total assessment of \$1779.4 from Townshend for the new fiscal year. Townshend may wish to budget additional amounts for town-specific work needed from the WRC. For information on the WRC and its programs, contact one of your town's regional commissioners or the WRC office at 139 Main St, Suite 105, Brattleboro (802) 257-4547; wrc@sover.net. Visit our website at www.rpc.windham.vt.us

Windham Solid Waste Management District Report FY09

The Windham Solid Waste Management District Board of Supervisors and Staff have continued to provide recycling services as well as hazardous waste, paint, compost and other waste recycling programs throughout the District. As indicated in last year's report, the District suffered a significant loss in revenues for the year due to the lack of demand for recyclables as a result of the deteriorating economy. The Board was able to decrease spending in operations mainly by cutting overtime and some benefits and employees helped by suggesting cuts in spending even if they were minor. We survived the financial crisis and have been on relatively stable financial footing.

The Board also convened a Planning Committee to look at: what we are doing now; what we can do to improve operations; and, determine if there are alternatives to provide the same level of services for recycling and solid waste management within the District. The committee has been meeting regularly and continues to evaluate alternatives that may or may not take effect in the next fiscal year depending on the financial impact of the alternatives.

The District Budget Assessment to the member towns is going to increase approximately 1.4 percent the next fiscal year. Revenues from the sale of the processed recyclables drive the assessment and prices have rebounded somewhat over the past year from a ten-year low at the end of 2008. Capital replacement of the recycling containers that are starting to rust apart has also been an issue and the Board has started to set aside funds to replace equipment when needed.

The most exciting news of the year is the agreement negotiated with Carbon Harvest Energy to take over the gas system at the District from the previous operators. The new installation will include a new generator, greenhouse, fish tank and algae growth system all heated by the waste heat from the electrical generators that are powered by landfill gas. Food produced in the facilities will be used by the Vermont Foodbank and local restaurants and produce stores.

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

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

Town Barn Committee Report

January 11, 2010

Following the favorable bond vote held on November 4, 2008, the town Barn project was able to begin in earnest. We solicited bids from a large number of contractors in a competitive design-build process, and eventually interviewed five of them before choosing Josselyn Brothers Construction, Inc. as our general contractor. Meanwhile, the Selectboard arranged for the interim financing from Chittenden Bank to allow the project to proceed.

One of the first challenges we had to meet was determining the condition of the soils on the property. Initial testing indicated the presence of oil pollutants which required further testing. We were very fortunate – it was determined that there is no seepage to the water table or brook. The soils are containing the contaminants so we were able to avoid an expensive clean-up. As soon as all necessary permits were obtained, construction of the sand and salt shed and new garage began in July of 2009. We substantial completion by January 7, 2010 which allowed the road crew to open operations for the winter's work from the new structures.

As with most projects, there have been some delays that have resulted in the construction not being completely finished as this report is written. The landscaping and final grading of the property will be completed as soon as weather permits this coming spring. In the meantime, the town now has a fully functional 7-bay garage which houses all of the road equipment and school bus, and a covered salt and sand shed which meets the standards for a storm water permit if one is ever required. The road crew has working water and sewer for the first time and an enclosed, warm place in which to service our trucks, and the requirements of OSHA and VOSHA have been met. Although the final costs have not yet been calculated, it appears we have come in under the budgeted amount.

Our sincere thanks go to the many townspeople who volunteered their time and energy to accomplish this goal, especially Ken Hoffman, Craig Hunt and Brian Searles who were instrumental in getting this project started, to David Josselyn who brought our vision and our wishes to fruition, and to Michael Marquise and David Balk, the engineers who guided us throughout the project. We also wish to thank the Selectboard for its support and cooperation, and above all we thank the voters of the Town of Townshend who recognize the desperate need to fix the Town Barn problem now. Due to the country's economic situation the past year, this turned out to be the right time to undertake the project. This committee is very pleased with the end result, and we hope the people of Townshend are as well.

Dale Davis, Chair
Brud Sanderson
Kurt Bostrom
Carole Melis
Jeffrey Russ
Michael Charles

List of Town Properties FY2009

Town Hall & Town hall Water Supply (1/2 Interest I Driven Well), Town Barn, 1-300 Gallon Gas Tank, 1-2,000 Gallon Diesel Tank & Pumps, Town Athletic Field (Leased to L&G until July 2070), Library, Fire Station, Gravel Pit, Compactor Hut, Elementary School House, Driven Well & Septic System, Old Dump, Several Tax Sale Lots, Taft Meadows.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1951 4WD Dodge Truck & Trailer
1969 Willys Jeep Pick Up
1976 Chevy Pumper
1987 GMC Pumper-Tanker
1991 Ford Utility Truck
2000 Pumper & Tanker
Two-way Radio System
Safety Equipment

TOWN HALL

Fax Machine
York Fire Safe/Files
Phone Answering Machine
PA System
Office Furniture
5 Computers & Printers
Plat Cabinet
Map Cabinet
2 Pianos
Chairlift
2 Copiers
Voting Booths
Tables, Chairs
Kitchen Equipment
5 Storage Cabinets

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1998 International School Bus
Kitchen Supplies
Computers & Office Equipment
Phone System
Tables, Chairs, Desks

TOWN HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

2000 International Truck 4
2001 International Truck 3
2006 F350 Truck 7
2007 9500 Sterling Truck 8
2008 JD 410 Backhoe
1992 International Compactor
755 Mower & Snowblower
2001 John Deere 554H Loader
2002 John Deere 772CH Grader
4 Plows
3 Wings
4 Sanders
York Rake
1-Ton Crane
Lime Spreader (Junk)
Portable Heaters
Welder
Radio System
Torches
Battery Charger
2 Electric Grinders
3 Chainsaws
Hand Tools
1993 Bandit Chipper

CEMETARY PROPERTIES

15 Cemeteries
Tool House
Artesian Well @ Oakwood Cemetary
Mowers
Misc. Tools

TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED IN 2009

TOWN CLERK

Anita Bean (1 year term) to March 2010

TOWN TREASURER

Joseph Daigneault (1 year term) to March 2010

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Anita Bean (1 year term) to March 2010

TOWN MODERATOR

David Liebow to March 2010

SELECT BOARD

Bruce Bills (1 year term) to March 2010

Hedy Harris (1 year term) to March 2010

Alene Evans (3 year term) to March 2010

(Resigned – David Dezendorf Appointed)

Michael Charles (2 year remaining
On a 3 year term) to March 2011

Steve Ovenden (3 year term) to March 2012

SCHOOL BOARD

Jessie Bishop (1 year term) to March 2010

Kristina Wright (1 year term) to March 2010

Kathleen Hege (3 year term) to March 2010

Craig Hunt (3 year term) to March 2011

David Dezendorf (3 year term) to March 2012

LELAND & GRAY

Michael Dolan (3 year term) to March 2012

Joseph Winrich (3 year term) to March 2011

Paul Jerz (3 year term) to March 2011

LISTERS

Andrea Royce (3 year term) to March 2011

Howard Lott (3 year term) to March 2010

Gaila Gulack (3 year term) to March 2012

(Resigned - Richard Lucier Appointed)

AUDITORS

Carol Chidley (2 year remaining
on a 3 year term) to March 2010

Ellie Lemire (3 year term) to March 2011

Elizabeth Harrison (3 year term) to March 2012

DEL TAX COLLECTOR Megan Richardson to March 2010

FIRST CONSTABLE Mitchell Putnam to March 2010

SECOND CONSTABLE Mark Morse to March 2010

TOWN GRAND JUROR Margaret Bills to March 2010

TOWN AGENT Henry Martin to March 2010

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Barbara Bedortha	(1 year remaining on a 5 year term)	to March 2010
Marilee Attley	(5 year term)	to March 2011
Marjorie Holt	(5 year term)	to March 2012
Margaret Bills	(5 year term)	to March 2013
Ann Allbee	(5 year term)	to March 2014

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Alene Evans	(5 year term)	to March 2010
Scott Nystrom	(5 year term)	to March 2011
Charles Marchant	(5 year term)	to March 2012
Howard Graff	(5 year term)	to March 2013
David Liebow	(5 year term)	to March 2014

Elected Justices of Peace 2009-2011

Kurt Bostom, Peter Carlson, Joseph Daigneault, Alene Evans, John Evans, Indra Tracy, and Clay Turnbull

2009 SELECT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

911 Coordinator	Michael Charles & Cynthia Davis
911 Liaison with Fire Dept.	Philip Trevorrow
Cell Tower	Howard Lott & Donald Fontaine
Civil Defense Coordinator	Mitchell Putnam
Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont	Janet Stowell
Emergency Management Coordinator	Timothy Bell / David Dezendorf
Energy Coordinator	Clay Turnbull
FEMA Administrator (Flood Hazard By-Laws)	
Fence Viewer	Douglas Ballantine, Amon DeWitt & Craig Hunt
Health Officer (5 Years)	Timothy Shafer, MD to 2012
Howard Legacy	Ernest Redfield, Ellen Fuller & Isabelle Westcott
Inspector of Shingles	David Fontaine
Inspector of Wood & Timber	R. Otto Tarbell
Planning Commission	Stanley Holt to 2014
	Robert DeSiervo to 2014
	Berenice Brooks to 2010
	Corydon Sleeper to 2011 (Resigned)
	John Evans to 2011
	Sue Lecours to 2012
	Arthur Monette to 2012
Poundkeeper	Mitchell Putnam
Recreation Committee	Sarah Tarbell & Donna Vondle
Resue Inc.	Frederick, Hege
Social Services Screening Committee	Margaret Bills, Ellie Lemire & Susanna Palmer
Town Revolving Business Loan Committee	William Eckhardt & Craig Hunt
Town Service Officer	Marcia DeWitt
Tree Warden	Carl Steiner
Valley Cares Board	Hedy Harris
Vermont State Police Liaison	Luke Evans
Weigher of Coal	Joseph Daigneault, Margaret Bills & Alene Evans
Windham Regional Commission	Clay Turnbull & Brad Horn
Windham Regional Commission/ Traffic Committee	John Evans
Windham Solid Waste Management District	Irvin Stowell & Alene Evans

Townshend 2009 Billed Grand List
 Form 411 - (Town code: 651)
 Main District

(Taxable value includes only those values used when issuing tax bills.)

REAL ESTATE	Count	Taxable Municipal LV	Taxable Education LV Homestead	Taxable Education LV Non-Residential	Total Education LV	Taxable Education LV
Residential I	327	65,289,900	41,034,600	24,275,300		65,309,900
Residential II	289	79,889,800	40,559,200	39,350,600		79,909,800
Mobile Homes-U	5	53,900	19,300	34,600		53,900
Mobile Homes-L	21	2,047,300	1,145,700	901,600		2,047,300
Vacation I	6	1,157,000	201,400	955,600		1,157,000
Vacation II	3	443,900	304,100	139,800		443,900
Commercial	33	14,719,800	1,435,800	13,294,000		14,729,800
Commercial Apts	0	0	0	0		0
Industrial	1	233,300	0	233,300		233,300
Utilities-E	2	4,297,000	0	4,297,000		4,297,000
Utilities-O	0	0	0	0		0
Farm	2	1,374,500	1,374,500	0		1,374,500
Other	164	3,346,900	0	3,346,900		3,346,900
Woodland	95	7,712,234	1,947,200	5,765,034		7,712,234
Miscellaneous	67	3,641,900	611,700	3,030,200		3,641,900
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TOTALS	1015	184,207,434	88,633,500	95,623,934		184,257,434
Cable		0	0	152,321		152,321
Machinery and Equipment		0				0
Inventory		0				0
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TOTAL TAXABLE PROPERTY		184,207,434	88,633,500	95,776,255		184,409,755
TOTAL GRAND LIST		1,842,074.34	886,335.00	957,762.55		

NON-TAX 35 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411

SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS 0

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|   Status on Personal Property   |
| 1) Has inventory been exempted by vote of town/city? Yes_XX_ No____ |
| 2) Has machinery and equipment been exempted by |
|    vote of your town/city?                               Yes_XX_ No____ |
| 3) If yes for #2, what portion is now exempt? |
|    (include percentage)                                _____ 0.00_____ |
| 4) If no for #2, please indicate below how your town/city is |
|    assessing business personal property (Place "X" by option used) |
|    a) at fair market value _____ b) at depreciated value _____ |
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| Summary of Adjustments to Taxable Values (Local Agreements Etc.) |
| Approved (VEPC) Contracts/Exemptions                                0 |
| Grandfathered Contracts/Exemptions                                0 |
| Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions                          0 |
| Homestead Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions                0 |
| Non-Resi Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions                  0 |
| Municipal Contracts (Owner Pays Ed Tax)                             0 |
| Special Exemptions                                                  0 |
| Current Use (Use Value Appraisal Program)                           7,367,066 |
| Veteran Exemptions                                                  50,000 |
| Homestead Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K                            50,000 |
| Non-Resi Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K                              0 |
| Partial Statutory Exemptions                                        0 |
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LAND TRANSACTIONS – JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31 2009

Total Transfer Returns Filed	Sales Tax Paid to State	Primary Residents
2008 - 68	\$ 86,297.80	10
2009 - 60	\$ 48,802.00	16

WELCOME TO TOWNSHEND

John Pollard	Paul & Carrie Stone	Henry Pinckney
Teresa Sanders	Jack Krol & Marina Potter	Joshua & Jeanette Taylor
Patricia Jerez	James Kastelic & Leslie Geer	Roger Jasaitis & Nancy Lang
Alton Chase - Laura Richardson		

ORDINANCES

Health Ordinance
Human Bit by Animal
Solid Waste Disposal
No overnight parking
Wireless Telecommunication
Facilities (Cell Towers)

SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCES

Grafton Road (Revised)
Unpaved Town Roads
Local Enforcement on State
Highway Speed Limit
Riverdale Road (Revised)

LIQUOR/TOBACCO LICENSES

Harmonyville Store, Riverbend Farm Market, Townshend Pizza, Windham Hill Inn

SEPTIC APPLICATIONS

Septic Applications must be obtained by the property owner from the State of Vermont when installing or replacing a septic system and/or replacing a tank.

ANIMAL LICENSING

All dogs 6 months or older must be licensed on or before April 1st. An up-to-date Certificate of Vaccination for Rabies is required for licensing. If you are moving or your dog has died, please contact the Town Clerk's office.

Licensing Fees: \$8.00 spayed/neutered \$12.00 not spayed/neutered.

Late Fees: \$2.00 spayed/neutered - \$4.00 not spayed/neutered

The annual **PET VACCINATION CLINIC** will be held March 13, 2010 at the Newbrook Fire House from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

PERMIT TO KINDLE: BURN BRUSH ONLY

Fire Permits for burning must be obtained from the Town Clerk's office.

Individuals must notify Keene Mutual Aid prior to burning at 603-352-1291.

This Permit does not relieve you from any liability related to damage caused by the fire.

Permits can also be obtained from Roger Brown, Fire Warden.

REMINDER: Burning household trash, treated/painted wood and construction materials is against the law.

Townshend Residents - RESOURCE CENTER - TOWN OFFICE

Information: past & present for public review
Certified copies: birth, marriage, death - \$10.00
Meetings: times, minutes, posted and warned
Compactor: rules & regulations, tokens and sticker
Licenses: marriage, civil marriages, animal, VT Fish & Game
Auto: renewals and State forms
Permits: driveway access & outside burning
Property: location, taxes, appraisal, owners name, 911, etc.
Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
CLOSED – Thursdays and Saturdays

NOTE: IF YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS FOR ANY REASON, PLEASE BE SURE TO NOTIFY THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE SO THAT NOTICES/PUBLICATIONS/TAX BILLS CAN GET TO YOU IN A TIMELY MANNER

Town Clerk Fees processed as of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

	Fiscal 2007/2008	Fiscal 2008/2009
Recording/Filing	\$ 12,852.00	\$ 14,790.84
Title Searching w/copies	\$ 2,028.50	\$ 2,313.80
Certified Copies (vital records)	\$ 4,762.00	\$ 3,636.00
Burial Transits	\$ 175.00	\$ 160.00
DMV	\$ 363.00	\$ 385.00
Vermont Fish & Wildlife	Town \$ 282.00	Town \$ 399.00
	State \$ 3,956.00	State \$ 5,276.50
Posting Land	\$ 35.00	\$ 55.00
Marriage/Civil Unions	Town \$ 88.00	Town \$ 110.00
	State - \$ 165.00	State \$ 385.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 226.16	\$ 160.18
Green Mountain Passes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Town Hall Rental	\$ 100.00	\$ 190.00
Animal Licenses	Town \$ 1,272.00	Town \$ 1,336.00
	State \$ 714.00	State \$ 842.00
Septic Applications	\$ 70.00	\$.00
Liquor/Tobacco Licenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 360.00
Total:	\$ 27,588.66	\$ 30,389.32

2008-2009 Delinquent Tax Report (Tax Only)

<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>Previous Years</u>	
-	-	-	
1536.87	883.61		Ahern, Michelle
316.92			Bart Vallente
179.46			Beauchamp, Daniel
1,094.73	1,085.47	398.21	Bemis, David Robert
1,388.67			Bertram, Scott
1,760.39	1,745.50	2,659.80	Biercuk, Ian
6,194.81			Blue Sky Of Vermont
1,685.86			Butler, Colin
158.26			Cahoon, Robert
678.70			Canis, Peter
600.39		686.57	Chapman, Douglas & Kathryn
705.71			Cunningham, Lillian
369.53			DeMace, Frank
	33.97		Duprey, Alan
193.93			Eroh, Joe
4,091.80	4,067.97		Frisk, Steven
			Gambardella, Joseph & Joanne V
4,427.89	474.12		Germain, Alan R
1,928.44	1,912.12		Germain, Alan R
912.01	904.30		Gilchrist, Bruce
371.36			Goodrow, Clayton
119.09			Greco, Angelo & Bernice
179.46	27.72		Hall Farm Center
10,596.59			Hastings, Patricia
1,359.84	852.99		Janos Optical Corporation
		5,239.68	Johnson, Lisa M
821.10	939.13	8,146.68	Joyce, William C & Jennifer L
1,303.58	2,892.02		Kelly, James
2,691.22			LaFayette, Russell
969.12			LaShar, James
740.70			Lippe, Robert C & Judith A
1,474.88	1,462.40		Lott, Steven
1,201.42	521.18		Lynch, Morgan & Amy Visser
874.49	753.97		Magnoli, Michael A & Jennifer J
3,016.64			Mayer, Robert
232.93	8.05		McManus, Ann
37.52			Nielson, Gary
	67.95	160.36	Payson, Wendy
94.63			Peck, James
377.32			Renaud, Kenneth
445.39			Rhoads, Tony A
	15.48		

3,191.21			Richard Tine Irrevocable Trust
4,779.64			Robert Serricchio
94.63			Rogers, Norman
	261.17		Russ, Mark & Joyce
1,700.02			Ryan, William
1,129.00			Shinn, Miae
1,741.47			Solomon, Leora
17.01			Stein, Laurence
164.78			Sullivan, David
983.79	243.86		Swingen, John Jr.
		101.44	Trask, Andrew III
58.74			Traskos, Andrew III
70.83			Vodola, Michael Jr
203.94			Williams, Arnold
804.33	797.52		Woodward, Madelyn
4,724.82	2,396.89		Zeif, Robert A & Lorene B
\$45,158.94	\$29,319.51	\$22,968.80	<i>Collected in full before report printed</i>
<u>12,565.22</u>	<u>998.71</u>	<u>659.99</u>	<i>Abated after 6/30/09</i>
132,520.02	52,665.61	41,021.53	226,207.16

2008-2009 Delinquent Tax Statement

	<u>7/1/08</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>	<u>6/30/09</u>
2003	3,319.18	1,739.85		1,579.33
2004	5,751.53	275.32		5,476.21
2005	8,700.47	1,393.67		7,306.80
2006	1,410.56	361.47		1,049.09
2006-2007	40,793.97	14,977.36	206.51	25,610.10
2007-2008	98,627.14	44,833.30	1,128.23	52,665.61
2008-2009*	<u>151,020.95</u>	<u>18,500.93</u>		<u>132,520.02</u>

***Warrant: 6/1/2009 \$151,020.95**

Amounts from 2007-2008 Annual Report

**TOWN OF TOWNSHEND
2009 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2009**

The Annual Town and Town School District meeting was called to order by Moderator, David Liebow, at 9:05 AM.

David read the preamble.

Irvin Stowell questioned the omission of the preamble in this year's Warning. David explained that it was inadvertently omitted and that a Special Meeting can be warned or it can be ratified at next year's Town Meeting.

ARTICLE I. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Henry Martin moved to open nominations for moderator.

Berenice Brooks nominated David Liebow.

Carole Melis moved that the nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for David Liebow as Moderator for one year, which was seconded and so voted.

David Liebow was elected Moderator for a term of one year.

Mr. Liebow advised the assembly as to the rules and regulations that would be followed for participation in today's Town Meeting which was followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

A Motion was made to suspend the rules to allow Mr. Marek to address the assembly, which was passed without objection.

The Moderator recognized Richard Marek who spoke and took questions from the floor. Representative Richard Marek left at 9:30.

The Moderator asked the Select Board members to introduce themselves.

ARTICLE II. To act upon the June 30, 2007 - July 1, 2008 Auditors' Report:

So moved by Carole Melis and seconded.

Motion to amend the Article to read "To approve the July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 Auditors' Report; to include the General Fund Comparative Balance Sheet and replace page 10 with corrections" was made by Kim Liebow and seconded by Eleanor Lemire.

There was discussion concerning the omission of the Library Budget, page 10 correction sheet and the possibility of the Select Board receiving 6 month budget figures.

There being no further discussion, Article II, as amended, passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE II, as amended, was approved by Voice Vote

Motion to suspend the rules and move to Article XVII was made by Elizabeth Garfield; seconded and passed by 2/3 Voice Vote.

ARTICLE XVII. "Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to remove the appointed position of Bookkeeper and reallocate the funding for the financial office to properly compensate the Town Treasurer as a full-time position, including insurance and benefits?"

So moved by Elizabeth Garfield and seconded.

Joseph Juhasz explained the circumstances of the aforementioned article and briefly explained why there was a bookkeeper/treasurer.

Concerns were raised that with the Bookkeeper doing the duties of a Treasurer but reporting directly to the Board of Selectmen, effectively there is no one responsible directly to the Town.

Henry Martin spoke to the finances and how the Board had been unable to get financial reports. Therefore the Board decided to hire a bookkeeper and elect a treasurer, and to keep the positions separate.

There were questions as to when the positions would start, if the work that has been done would be undone. Joseph Juhasz said the work, including completion of an outside audit, has not been done and in another year he would support the motion to have just an elected treasurer and forego the bookkeeping position.

Further discussion regarding the bookkeeping position not being permanent, time invested, and money involved.

Motion to Call the Question was made by Arthur Monette and seconded by Alejandro Jimenez.

Voice Vote – ayes had it by 2/3 majority. Motion to end debate carried.

Request for paper ballot

Total Ballots Cast: 106 Yes - 27 No - 79

ARTICLE XVII Fails

ARTICLE III. To see what salaries the Town will vote to pay its various Town and School District Officers for the ensuing year?

Town Clerk:	\$ 30,103.00 / yr
Town Treasurer:	\$ 1,890.00 / yr
Select Board: (1) Chair:	\$ 675.00 / yr
(4) Members:	\$ 600.00 / yr

Listers, Auditors, assistants and casual labor: \$ 12.12 / hr

So Moved by Craig Hunt and seconded.

There being no discussion, Article III passed by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE III was approved by Voice Vote

ARTICLE IV. To elect all Town Officials for the ensuing year(s):

TOWN CLERK

1 - one year term: Nominated: Anita Bean.
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

Elizabeth Garfield moved that nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Anita Bean for a one year term as Town Clerk; seconded and carried by Voice Vote.

Anita Bean, 1 year term as Town Clerk

TOWN TREASURER

1 - one year term: Nominated: Joseph Daigneault
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

Elizabeth Garfield moved that nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Joseph Daigneault for a one year term as Town Treasurer; seconded and carried by Voice Vote.

Joseph Daigneault, 1 year term as Town Treasurer

SELECT BOARD

1 - three year term: Nominated: Steve Ovenden
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

Carole Melis moved that nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Steve Ovenden for a three year term on Select Board; seconded and carried by Voice Vote.

Steve Ovenden, 3 year term as Selectperson

(1) 2 years remaining on a 3 year term Nominated: Michalel Charles
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

Carole Melis moved that nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Michael Charles for a two year term on Select Board; seconded and carried by Voice Vote.

Michael Charles, 2 year term as Selectperson

1 – one year term Nominated: Charles Murray (respectfully declined)
Hedy Harris
Henry Martin (respectfully declined)
Bruce Bills
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

Total Ballots Cast: 104 Bills - 64 Harris – 39 Spoiled - 1

Bruce Bills, 1 year term as Selectperson

1 – one year term Nominated: Robert DeSiervo (respectfully declined)
Hedy Harris
Walter (Bo) Royce
Irvin Stowell (respectfully declined)
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

Total Ballots Cast: 108 Harris – 82 Royce - 25 Blank - 1

Hedy Harris, 1 year term as Selectperson

A call was made to ask for a standing ovation for Henry Martin for his many years of service on the Select Board. Also thanked other outgoing officers.

LISTERS

1 – three year term: Nominated: Gaila Gulack
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

Carole Melis moved that nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Gaila Gulack for a three year term as Lister; seconded and carried by Voice Vote.

Gaila Gulack, 3 year term as Lister

AUDITORS

1 – three year term: Nominated: Elizabeth (Jones) Harrison
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

Michael Charles moved that nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Elizabeth (Jones) Harrison for a three year term as Lister; seconded and carried by Voice Vote.

Elizabeth (Jones) Harrison, 3 year term as Auditor

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

1 - one year term: Nominated: Megan Richardson

There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

David Liebow moved that nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Megan Richardson for a one year term as Delinquent Tax Collector; seconded and carried by Voice Vote.

Megan Richardson, 1 year term as Delinquent Tax Collector

FIRST CONSTABLE

1 - one year term: Nominated: Mitchell Putnam
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

Elizabeth Garfield moved that nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Mitchell Putnam for a one year term as First Constable; seconded and carried by Voice Vote.

Mitchell Putnam, 1 year term as First Constable

SECOND CONSTABLE

1 - one year term: Nominated: Mark Morse
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

Andrea Royce moved that nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Mark Morse for a one year term as Second Constable; seconded and carried by Voice Vote.

Mark Morse, 1 year term as Second Constable

TOWN GRAND JUROR

1 - one year term: Nominated: Margaret Bills
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

Carole Melis moved that nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Margaret Bills for a one year term as Town Grand Juror; seconded and carried by Voice Vote.

Margaret Bills, 1 year term as Town Grand Juror

TOWN AGENT

1 - one year term: Nominated: Judy Tietz (respectfully declined) Henry Martin
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

Carole Melis moved that nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Henry Martin for a one year term as Town Agent; seconded and carried by Voice Vote.

Henry Martin, 1 year term as Town Agent

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

1 - five year term: Nominated: Ann Allbee
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

David Liebow moved that nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Ann Allbee for a five year term as Library Trustee; seconded and carried by Voice Vote.

Ann Allbee, 5 year term as Library Trustee

(1) 1 year remaining on a 5 year term Nominated: Barbara Bedortha
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

David Liebow moved that nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Barbara Bedortha for a one year term as Library Trustee; seconded and carried by Voice Vote.

Barbara Bedortha, 1 year term as Library Trustee

CEMETERY COMMISSION

1 – five year term: Nominated – David Liebow
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

Carole Melis moved that nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for David Liebow for a five year term as Cemetery Commissioner; seconded and carried by Voice Vote.

David Liebow, 5 year term as Cemetery Commissioner

ARTICLE V. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of the Town, and if so, how much?
Motion made by Henry Martin and seconded by Elizabeth Garfield to appropriate \$348,226.00 of which \$191,272.00 will be raised by taxation for the running expenses and liabilities of the town.

After brief discussion Article V passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE V was approved

ARTICLE VI. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, for the running expenses and liabilities of summer and winter roads, and if so, how much?

Motion made by Henry Martin and seconded by Stanley Holt to appropriate \$627,491.00 of which \$525,174.00 will be raised by taxation for the running expenses and liabilities of summer and winter roads.

Discussion followed

Motion to Call the Question was made by Jeffrey Russ and seconded.

Voice Vote – ayes had it by 2/3 majority. Motion to end debate carried.

Article VI passed by hand vote.

ARTICLE VI was approved

ARTICLE VII. -- ARTICLE DELETED --

ARTICLE VIII. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, for the Library, and if so, how much?

Motion was made by Margaret Bills and seconded to raise \$40,924.00, by taxation for the running expenses and liabilities of the Library.

There being no discussion Article VIII passed by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE VIII was approved

ARTICLE IX. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, to pay for law enforcement services, and if so, how much?

Motion to pass over Article IX was made by Janet Stowell and seconded.

Discussion followed.

Motion to pass over Article IX failed by Voice Vote.

Motion made by Henry Martin and seconded to appropriate \$34,500.00 of which \$20,000.00 will be raised by taxation for law enforcement services.

After brief discussion, Article IX passed by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE IX was approved

ARTICLE X. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$10,000.00, by taxation, to be placed in the "Act 60: Reappraisal Planning Fund" for payment in preparation of the next, State required, Town-wide reappraisal?

Motion made by Craig Hunt and seconded to raise to raise \$10,000.00, by taxation, to be placed in the "Act 60: Reappraisal Planning Fund" for payment in preparation of the next, State required, Town-wide reappraisal.

After minimal discussion Article X passed by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE X was approved

ARTICLE XI. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 10,000.00, by taxation, to be placed in the Capital Expenditure Fund Fire Department Reserve for payment toward a future pumper?

So moved by Christine Dyke and seconded.

Brief discussion regarding how much a new pumper will cost and when the town will need to purchase one.

There being no further discussion, Article XI, passed by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE XI was approved

ARTICLE XII. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 1,000.00, by taxation, for the Old Cemetery Fund?

So moved by Charles Marchant and seconded.

There being no discussion Article XII passed by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE XII was approved

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon, to reconvene at 1:00 p.m. for the Townshend School District Meeting at which time the Town Clerk will swear in all new elected individuals.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to Grace Cottage Hospital for providing such a delicious lunch. It is greatly appreciated.

Rick Hege spoke about the Town's website and took questions.

The Town Clerk took the oaths of all newly elected officers who were present.

The Moderator reconvened the Town Meeting at 2:06 p.m.

ARTICLE XIII. To see if the Town will raise any money, by taxation, for the repair and/or replacement of the Town's sidewalks, and if so, how much?

Motion made by Henry Martin and seconded to appropriate \$64,585.00 of which \$55,585.00 will be raised by taxation for the repair and/or replacement of the Town's sidewalks.

Discussion followed regarding repairing the sidewalk and putting in 8 parallel parking spaces. There is currently \$8,000.00.00 in a sidewalk reserve fund. The town may qualify for financial aide/stimulus money.

Motion to amend the Article was made by Peter Galbraith and seconded to read "to appropriate \$64,585.00 for the repair and/or replacement of the Town's sidewalks provided not less than \$23,000.00 comes from non-tax revenue."

There was brief discussion.

Motion to move the Motion to Amend was made by Arthur Monette and seconded.

Voice Vote – ayes had it by 2/3 majority. Motion to end debate carried.

Request for paper ballot

Total Ballots Cast: 85 Yes - 25 No – 60 Blank 2

Motion to Amend Article XIII fails.

Motion made by Gene Kuch and seconded to amend the article to read \$56,585.00 in taxes

Motion to Amend passed by Voice Vote.

Further discussion followed.

Motion to call the question was made by Jeffrey Russ and seconded.

Voice Vote – Ayes had it by 2/3 majority. Motion to end debate carried.

Vote on Main Motion – Request for Paper Ballot.

Total Ballots Cast: 80 Yes - 61 No – 29

Article XIII, as amended, passes.

ARTICLE XIII, as amended, was approved

ARTICLE XIV. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, for the support of Social Services as recommended by the Screening Committee?

Motion to raise \$13,910.00 by taxation for the support of Social Services as recommended by the Screening Committee was made by Henry Martin and seconded.

There being no discussion, Article XIV passed by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE XIV was approved

ARTICLE XV. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to set a tax rate sufficient to cover all monies raised for municipal entities for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, and to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?

So moved by Henry Martin and seconded .

There being no discussion, Article XV passed by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE XV was approved

ARTICLE XVI. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Tax Collector to receive its Real Property Taxes quarterly, August 21, 2009; November 13, 2009; February 12, 2010; and May 14, 2010? Monthly interest will be charged at the rate of one percent (1%) or fraction thereof; interest of one-and-a-half percent (1 1/2%) or fraction thereof plus penalties will commence on May 15, 2010.

So moved by Charles Marchant and seconded.

Motion to amend Article 16 to read “To see if the Town will elect a Tax Collector to receive its Real Property Taxes quarterly, August 21, 2009; November 13, 2009; February 12, 2010; and May 14, 2010? Monthly interest will be charged at the rate of one percent (1%) or fraction thereof; interest of one-and-a-half percent (1 1/2%) or fraction thereof plus penalties will commence on May 15, 2010” was made by Henry Martin and seconded.

There being no discussion Motion to amend Article XVI passed by Voice Vote.
Discussion followed.

Motion to Amend Article 16 to read “To see if the Town will elect a Tax Collector to receive its Real Property Taxes quarterly, August 21, 2009; November 13, 2009; February 12, 2010; and May 14, 2010? Monthly interest will be charged at the rate of one half percent (1/2%) or fraction thereof; interest of one percent (1%) or fraction thereof plus penalties will commence on May 15, 2010” was made by Peter Galbraith and seconded.

After brief discussion, second Motion to Amend Article XVI passed by Voice Vote.

There being no further discussion, Article XVI, as amended, passed Voice Vote.

ARTICLE XVI, as amended, was approved

The meeting proceeded to the election of a Tax Collector.

1 - one year term: Nominated: Joseph Daigneault
There being no others, Moderator declared nominations closed.

David Liebow moved that nominations be closed and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Joseph Daigneault for a one year term as Tax Collector; seconded and carried by Voice Vote.

Joseph Daigneault, 1 year term as Tax Collector

ARTICLE XVIII. "Shall the voters of the town of Townshend request the Vermont legislature to:

1. Recognize that the 2% of our New England region's power grid supply that is provided by Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant can be replaced with a combination of local, renewable electricity and efficiency measures, along with the purchase of hydro generated electricity, and excess power already in the New England electricity market;

2. Given that viable alternatives and the risks posed by continued operation, ensure that Vermont Yankee will cease operation in March 2012, after having completed its 40 year design life by not granting approval for operation of the plant after that date and by not determining that further operation will promote the general welfare;
3. Hold the Entergy Corporation, which purchased Vermont Yankee in 2002, responsible to fully fund the plant's clean-up and decommissioning when the reactor closes, as the corporation pledged to do when it purchased Vermont Yankee."

So moved by Sally Newton and seconded.

Discussion followed.

Motion to call the question was made by Irvin Stowell and seconded.

Voice Vote – Ayes had it by 2/3 majority. Motion to end debate carried.

Request for Paper Ballot

Total Ballots Cast: 70 Yes - 49 No – 21 Blank - 1

ARTICLE XVIII was approved

Motion to Suspend the Rules to allow Peter Shumlin to speak was made by David Liebow and seconded.

Motion passed without objection.

Mr. Shumlin spoke to the assembly and took questions for ten minutes.

ARTICLE XIX. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or convey properties acquired by the Town through tax sales and to execute, acknowledge and deliver deed and other transfer documents upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may deem to be in the interest of the Town?

So moved by Henry Martin and seconded.

There being no discussion Article XIX passed by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE XIX was approved

ARTICLE XX. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift or purchase, land for municipal forest, to promote reforestation, water conservation and good forestry practices?

So moved by Irvin Stowell and seconded.

There being no discussion Article XX passed by Voice Vote.

ARTICLE XX was approved

ARTICLE XXI. To transact any other non-binding business to properly come before said Meeting?

Issues/topics discussed:

1. Thanks to Taffy Morgan for her years of service as a Justice of the Peace.
2. Auditors to have numbers to the Select Board by the beginning of October in order to prepare for budget.
3. Increase Veterans tax exemption.
4. Report on Town Garage process.
5. Volunteer committee to review Town Warning.

There being no further discussion, motion to adjourn at 4:02 P.M., to the next annual meeting on the first Tuesday in March 2010, was made by David Liebow; seconded and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Bean, Town Clerk

David Liebow, Moderator

Joseph Daigneault, Justice of the Peace

NOTES

