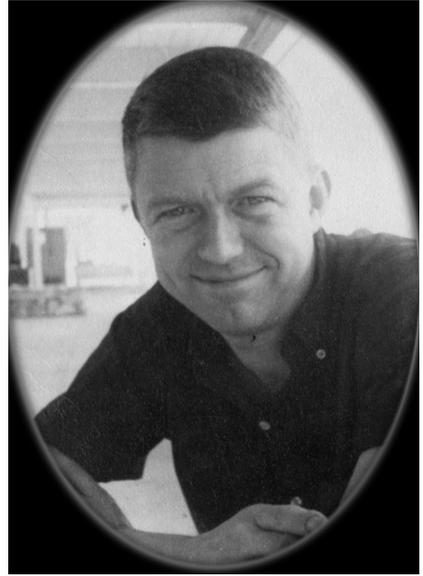


DEDICATION



Photos c. 1962, courtesy of the Flemer family.

LESLIE & STEVE FLEMER

The Town of Waitsfield dedicates the 2007 Town Report to Steve and Leslie Flemer, long-time residents of Waitsfield Village who demonstrated a great commitment to the community through the conservation of dozens of acres of prime agricultural lands and the conveyance of prime open land to the Town for community use and preservation. Their generosity, community spirit, and foresight will help protect Waitsfield's rural resources and its sense of place, and will benefit the citizens of Waitsfield for generations to come.

Waitsfield Selectboard

AN INVITATION TO ALL CITIZENRY AND OTHER INTERESTED PEOPLE

The Town of Waitsfield, Vermont extends to all an invitation to the Town Meeting to be held at the Waitsfield Elementary School Auditorium, Route 100, Waitsfield, on Tuesday, March 4, 2008.

The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will continue after lunch, reconvening at 1:00 p.m., with affairs of the Waitsfield Town School District.

While only legal residents on the Checklist are allowed to vote on issues, all are invited to come to our Town Meeting and to meet the town officials, citizenry, neighbors, landowners, and visitors to become more familiar with our Town of Waitsfield, Vermont and its constituents.

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Town of Waitsfield, it is deemed appropriate to hereby express appreciation for services given to the Town and its residents to the following:

Jamey Fidel, Planning Commission
Mark Haberle, Mad River Recreation District
David Jescavage, Zoning Administrator
William Parker, Planning Commission
Robert Schaffer, Development Review Board
Debra Wolfe, Dog Warden

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

We would like to offer special recognition to Elwin Neill, Jr., retiring member and longtime chairperson of the Waitsfield Selectboard for his 25+ years of service to the Town of Waitsfield. He has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the preservation of agricultural lands and open space, ridgeline zoning and the protection of our higher elevations, and ever vigilant oversight of our roads, bridges and overall municipal operations. His knowledge of Waitsfield's history, his enthusiasm for always looking forward to make Waitsfield a better and healthier community for future generations, and his leadership and humor will be sorely missed.

REPORT OF ELECTED AUDITORS

As required, we have examined the accounts, records, and statements of the Town and Town School District for the Fiscal Year (Town ended on December 31, 2007; School District ended June 30, 2007). In our opinion, based on the records and accounts examined, using generally accepted practices, the reports and statements herein reflect the general correctness and validity of the information presented.

Leo Laferriere

Laura Titus

Jim Leyton

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TOWN OF WAITSFIELD

WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 4, 2008

The legal voters of the Town of Waitsfield, County of Washington, State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Elementary School Auditorium on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. to transact the following business and to vote by Australian Ballot between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. for the Various Town Officers and the Articles so noted:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the Town.

ARTICLE 2: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 3: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift or purchase, land for a municipal forest to procure wood products, maintain wildlife habitat, protect water species, provide forest recreation, and for conservation education purposes?

ARTICLE 4: Will the Town vote to collect taxes on real estate by two (2) equal payments made to the Treasurer as follows: Half (50%) of taxes to be paid without discount not later than Tuesday, September 2, 2008, with the remaining half (50%) to be paid without discount not later than Monday, November 17, 2008?

ARTICLE 5: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to set the salaries of the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A. Sections 932 and 933?

ARTICLE 6: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes and State Aid Money?

ARTICLE 7: Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of \$92,000 to be added to the Town's Reserve Funds as follows:

Fund	Amount
Equipment – Road Dept. Truck Reserve	\$30,000
Equipment – Road Dept. Heavy Equipment Reserve	15,000
Equipment – Fire Dept. Truck Reserve	15,000
Route 100 Transportation Path Reserve	15,000
Joslin Memorial Library Repair Reserve	2,500

Restroom, Recreation & Conservation Reserve	2,500
Street Trees Reserve Fund	5,000
Fire Department Roof Repair Reserve Fund	7,000
Total	\$92,000

ARTICLE 8: Will the Town vote to create a reserve fund for repairs and improvements for the Historic Waitsfield Village Covered Bridge and to appropriate a sum of \$30,000 to start the fund in 2008?

ARTICLE 9: Will the Town Voters authorize expenditures for the non-profit organization Central Vermont Adult Basic Education in the amount of \$600?

ARTICLE 10: Will the Town Voters authorize expenditures for the non-profit organization Family Center of Washington County in the amount of \$500?

ARTICLE 11: Will the Town Voters authorize expenditures for the non-profit organization Good Beginnings of Central Vermont in the amount of \$300?

ARTICLE 12: Will the Town approve the amendments to the Town of Waitsfield Subdivision Regulations as approved by the Selectboard on January 21, 2008, the complete text of which is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and on-line at www.waitsfieldvt.us? The proposed amendments, which apply to all lands within the town of Waitsfield, would:

1. more effectively reflect the desired land use pattern specific to each zoning district within a more readable format;
2. incorporate feedback from the public particularly in regard to connectivity and prime agricultural land;
3. include mandated flood hazard language; and
4. make minor editorial changes.

(This Article to be voted by Australian Ballot.)

ARTICLE 13: Will the Town pass a non-binding resolution to support the implementation of full bike lanes on Route 100 from Bragg Hill Road in Waitsfield to Warren Village when it is repaved, currently scheduled for 2010. Safety, health and wellness, recreation and tourism are all benefits of the state fulfilling the requirements of Vermont Statutes Chapter 19 Section 2310 (a) and (b) that state “it is the policy of the state to provide paved shoulders on major state highways with the intent to develop an integrated bicycle route system.”

ARTICLE 14: Will the Town pass a non-binding resolution to reduce the aggregate energy usage and carbon emissions of the residences, businesses, and institutions within the Town of Waitsfield by 10% by the year 2010.

ARTICLE 15: Will the Town vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide for the voted Town and School District budgets?

ARTICLE 16: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Waitsfield, Vermont, this 28th day of January, 2008 by:

Waitsfield Selectboard:

Elwin A. Neill, Jr., Chairman
Charles Hosford
J. LeRoy Hadden, D.V.M.
Paul Hartshorn

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD
BOND ELECTION WARNING
FOR SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 4, 2008

WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Waitsfield, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Waitsfield Elementary School in the Town of Waitsfield on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 between the hours of seven o'clock in the forenoon (7:00 A.M.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock in the afternoon (7:00 P.M.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Articles of business:

ARTICLE I

Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Waitsfield in an amount not to exceed seven million, five hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$7,590,000), less any grants or other funding sources, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of making certain public improvements related to the construction of public drinking water supply source, fire protection, storage, treatment, transmission and distribution improvements, at an estimated cost of seven million, five hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$7,590,000)?

ARTICLE II

Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Waitsfield in an amount not to exceed five million, six hundred twenty thousand hundred dollars (\$5,620,000), less any grants or other funding sources, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of making certain public improvements related to the construction of Phase I of the public wastewater collection system, treatment, and discharge improvements with a system capacity at 18,342 gallons per day, at an estimated cost of five million, six hundred twenty thousand hundred dollars (\$5,620,000)?

ARTICLE III

In the event Article II is approved, shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Waitsfield in an amount not to exceed six million, four hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$6,490,000), less any grants or other funding sources, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of Phase 2 of the public wastewater collection system, treatment, and discharge improvements, including a tertiary waste water treatment facility, in order to increase system capacity from 18,342 gallons per day to 91,710 gallons per day at an estimated cost of six million, four hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$6,490,000)?

The legal voters of the Town of Waitsfield are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

The legal voters of the Town of Waitsfield are further notified that an informational meeting will be held on Monday, February 25, 2008 at seven o'clock in the afternoon (7:00 P.M.) at the Waitsfield Elementary School in the Town of Waitsfield, for the purpose of explaining the proposed improvements and the financing thereof.

Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Waitsfield duly called, noticed, and held on January 28, 2008. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Waitsfield on February 7, 2008.

Waitsfield Selectboard:

Elwin A. Neill, Jr., Chairman
Charles Hosford
J. LeRoy Hadden, D.V.M.
Paul Hartshorn

**TOWN OF WAITSFIELD
MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 6, 2007**

Moderator Peter Joslin called the Annual Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Those present (approximately 120 people) joined Mr. Joslin in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Joslin explained general information about the conduct of the meeting and use of Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the Town. Peter Joslin was elected by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 2: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers. Various reports were discussed and accepted.

ARTICLE 3: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift or purchase, land for a municipal forest to procure wood products, maintain wildlife habitat, protect water species, provide forest recreation, and for conservation education purposes? Article 3 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: Will the Town vote to collect taxes on real estate by two (2) equal payments made to the Treasurer as follows: Half (50%) of taxes to be paid without discount not later than Monday, September 3, 2007, with the remaining half (50%) to be paid without discount not later than Thursday, November 15, 2007? Noting that Monday, September 3, 2007 is Labor Day, a motion was made and seconded to change Article 4 to read as follows, "Will the Town vote to collect taxes on real estate by two (2) equal payments made to the Treasurer as follows: Half (50%) of taxes to be paid without discount not later than Tuesday, September 4, 2007, with the remaining half (50%) to be paid without discount not later than Thursday, November 15, 2007?" The Selectboard was asked to consider changing the tax payment schedule from two installments to four installments. Article 4 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to set the salaries of the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A. Sections 932 and 933? Article 5 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes and State Aid Money? Article 7 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of \$85,000 to be added to the Town's Reserve Funds as follows:

Fund	Amount
Equipment – Road Department Truck Reserve	\$30,000
Equipment – Road Department Heavy Equipment Reserve	\$15,000
Equipment – Fire Department Truck Reserve	\$15,000
Joslin Memorial Library Repair Reserve	\$2,500
Restroom, Recreation & Conservation Reserve	\$2,500
Route 100 Transportation Path Reserve	\$15,000
Street Trees Reserve Fund	\$5,000
Total	\$85,000

Article 7 was approved by a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: Will the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to establish a reserve fund for the purpose of repairing the roof of the Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Station and to appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to establish such fund in 2007? Following discussion, Article 8 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: Will the Town vote to increase the term of Town Treasurer from a one-year term to a three-year term, as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2646(3), commencing with the elections to be held in March of 2008? Following discussion, Article 9 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 10: Will the Town vote to increase the term of Town Clerk from a one-year term to a three-year term, as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2646(2), commencing with the elections to be held in March of 2008? Following discussion, Article 10 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 11: Will the Town vote to increase the number of members of the Conservation Commission from five (5) to nine (9)? Article 11 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: Will the Town vote to renew and extend for a maximum period of three years ending March 31, 2010, the Agricultural Tax Stabilization Agreement for farm lands, to the extent allowed by State law? (This program was adopted by the voters of the Town at the Annual Town Meeting of 1986 and renewed and extended by articles passed at Town Meetings in 1989, 1992, 1995, 1998, 2001, and 2004.) Article 12 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 13: Will the Town vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide for the voted Town and School District budgets?

Following discussion about the road department budget, longevity of the municipal project manager position, the emergency generator planned to be located at the elementary school, and management of legal expenses, Article 13 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 14: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. There was acknowledgement of the new Town staff and their contribution to the delivery of various services; mention of a change to a Development Review Board; a request to consider use of methane as a power source with the wastewater treatment plant, and revenue potential of a water pipeline.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. until the closing of the polls for Australian Ballots items at 7:00 p.m.

TOWN OFFICERS 2007

Elected by Australian Ballot

Selectboard:

Elwin Neill, Jr., Chair	Mar. 2008
Sal Spinosa	Mar. 2008
J. LeRoy Hadden	Mar. 2009
Paul Hartshorn	Mar. 2009
Charles Hosford	Mar. 2010

Town Clerk:

Jennifer Peterson	Mar. 2008
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Town Treasurer:

Jennifer Peterson	Mar. 2008
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Auditors:

Jim Leyton	Mar. 2008
Laura Titus	Mar. 2009
Leo Laferriere	Mar. 2010

Listers:

John Reilly, Chair	Mar. 2008
Blaine Laskowksi	Mar. 2009
John Simko	Mar. 2010

Collector of Delinquent Taxes:

Janet Smith	Mar. 2008
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Grand Juror:

Dana Haskin	Mar. 2008
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Library Trustees:

Peter B. Joslin	Mar. 2008
John Reilly	Mar. 2009
Jean Joslin	Mar. 2010
Joyce Travers	Mar. 2011
Art Conway, Chair	Mar. 2012

Waitsfield School Directors:

Melissa Siner-Shea, Chair	Mar. 2008
Wrenn Compere	Mar. 2008
Rob Williams	Mar. 2009
Troy Kingsbury	Mar. 2009
Sandy Tarburton	Mar. 2010

Harwood School Director:

Joann Duhl	Mar. 2010
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Waitsfield School Treasurer:

Wendy Gilbert	Mar. 2008
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Cemetery Commissioners:

Robert Danaher	Mar. 2008
Anne Wallis Bull	Mar. 2009
Marion Turner	Mar. 2010
Paul Hartshorn, Chair	Mar. 2011
Eric Haskin	Mar. 2012

Trustees of Cemetery Funds:

Andrew Baird, Jr	Mar. 2008
Gib Geiger, Jr.	Mar. 2009
John "Jack" Smith	Mar. 2010

Justices of the Peace:

Cecil "Zeke" Church	Nov. 2008
Charles Goodman III	Nov. 2008
Jon Jamieson	Nov. 2008
Liz Leferriere	Nov. 2008
Andreas Lehner	Nov. 2008
Jim Leyton	Nov. 2008
Thomas Mehuron	Nov. 2008

Law Agent:

Peter B. Joslin	Mar. 2008
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TOWN OFFICERS 2007*Appointed by the Selectboard***M.R.V. Planning District Reps:**

Sal Spinosa	Mar. 2008
Steve Shea	Mar. 2008

Constable:

Peter Laskowski	Mar. 2008
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Planning Commission:

Peter Laskowski	Mar. 2008
Brian Fleisher	Mar. 2009
Robin Morris	Mar. 2009
Hadley Gaylord, Jr.	Mar. 2010
Russ Bennett	Mar. 2010
Steve Shea	Mar. 2011
Karl Klein, Chair	Mar. 2011

C.V. Regional Planning**Commission:**

Harrison Snapp	Mar. 2008
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Development Review Board:

Gib Geiger, Jr.	Mar. 2008
Eleanor D'Aponte	Mar. 2008
Robert Schaffer	Mar. 2008
(Alt, resigned)	Mar. 2008
Jamey Fidel	Mar. 2009
Michael Kingsbury	Mar. 2009
VACANT (Alt.)	Mar. 2009
Brian Shupe, Chair	Mar. 2010
Mark Sinclair	Mar. 2010
Hallie Tamez	Mar. 2010

Tree Warden:

Leo Laferriere	Mar. 2008
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Tree Board:

Jean Sherman	Mar. 2007
Vince Gauthier	Mar. 2008
Charles Hosford	Mar. 2009

Zoning Administrator:

David Jescavage (resigned)	Sept. 2008
Blaine Laskowski	Nov. 2008

Fire Warden:

Delbert Palmer	June 2011
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Waitsfield/Fayston Fire Department:

Fire Chief:	
Delbert Palmer	Jan. 2008
Assistant Chiefs:	
Gordon Eurich	Jan. 2008
Paul Hartshorn	Jan. 2008
Captain:	
Arnold Burbank	Jan. 2008
Lieutenants:	
Travis Michaud	Jan. 2008
Jack Corliss	Jan. 2008
Moderator:	
Eric Haskin	Jan. 2008
Treasurer:	
Gordon Eurich	Jan. 2008
Secretary:	
Shannon Young	Jan. 2008

Service Officer:

Rev. Jonathan New	Apr. 2008
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Emergency Management**Coordinator:**

Frederick Messer	Mar. 2008
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Health Officer:

Dr. Francis Cook	Nov. 2008
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Dog Warden:

Deborah Wolfe (resigned)	Mar. 2008
Marie Leotta	Mar. 2008

Road Commissioner:

Charles Goodman III Mar. 2008

Conservation Commission:

Elizabeth Cadwell Mar. 2008

Ted Joslin Mar. 2008

Leo Laferriere Mar. 2008

Spencer Potter Mar. 2008

Mark Grosby, Chair Mar. 2009

Paul Hartshorn Mar. 2009

Phil Huffman Mar. 2009

Chris Loomis Mar. 2009

Kate Williams Mar. 2009

M.R.V. Recreation District Reps.:

Jonathan Hammond Mar. 2008

Mark Haberle (resigned)

Dean Hamel Mar. 2009

Inspector of Lumber:

Andrew Baird, Jr. Mar. 2008

Fence Viewers:

Allen Gaylord Mar. 2008

Douglas Kenyon Mar. 2008

Bryan Neill Mar. 2008

Weigher of Coal:

Charles Hosford Mar. 2008

Green Up Coordinators:

Valerie & Harrison Snapp Mar. 2008

Energy Coordinator:

Dennis Derryberry Mar. 2009

M.R. Solid Waste Alliance:

Sal Spinosa Mar. 2008

Valerie Capels (alt.) Mar. 2008

SELECTBOARD ANNUAL REPORT

The Selectboard typically meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Waitsfield Town Office, though some of the start times varied this year. Citizens are encouraged to contact Town Administrator Valerie Capels to confirm meeting dates or to have a matter placed on the agenda. Our meetings are open to the public and citizens are invited to attend. We are also pleased that most of our meetings are filmed for broadcast on Mad River TV on channel 60. Some of the Selectboard's major work is discussed below.

Municipal Water and Wastewater Projects Update. Significant progress was made through 2007 to advance both water and wastewater projects to the point where they are now on the ballot this year for bond funding. Phelps Engineering continued to refine design plans and project costs for both the water and wastewater systems and began preparing permit applications. The well was drilled in the Reed Road, tests were concluded, and a wellhead management plan was produced. The Town began efforts to acquire the necessary wellhead protection area and an easement across private property. A public meeting was held on June 14 to provide citizens with a wide range of information about both projects. The Town received a municipal planning grant to help fund public information efforts. Draft connection policies have been drafted that will need to be refined as the project moves forward. In an effort to get a more firm sense of the number of property owners interested in connecting to either system, the Selectboard offered an incentive of a reduced connection fee if people responded by a certain date. The project plans have been coordinated with the Irasville and Village sidewalk improvement project and the Route 100 paving project and construction is slated to begin in 2008.

Route 100 Transportation Path Project Update. Final designs for the Route 100 Transportation Path, a sidewalk and bike lanes project along Main Street from Bragg Hill Road to the Waitsfield Elementary School, are nearing completion and are now wending their way through the VTrans Right-of-Way Division for review and ultimately approval. Selectman Charlie Hosford continued to work closely with Municipal Project Manager Kevin Russell, engineering consultant Mark Bannon, and State officials to keep the project moving forward. Construction of the project is planned for 2009, followed by the Route 100 repaving in 2010. The Town is making a concerted effort to coordinate the sidewalk project with the water and wastewater projects and repaving of Main Street. It is our goal to do these projects in a logical sequence to be most cost effective and the least disruptive to citizens.

Village Center Designation Approved. Waitsfield's *Village Center Designation* application was approved in September by the Vermont Downtown

Board, which means that the following benefits will be available to owners of historic properties in Waitsfield Village for at least the next three years:

- 10% tax credit for substantial rehabilitation of a historic building;
- 25% tax credit for façade improvements; and/or
- 50% tax credit for code improvements.

Additional benefits to the Town include priority consideration for all future municipal planning and CDBG grants, consideration and priority by the State Building Department when leasing or constructing buildings, and special assessment benefits. For more info, visit

www.waitsfieldvt.us/about/villagecenter.cfm.

Growth Center Designation and TIF District Applications Moving

Forward. Village Center Designation is also an important step toward our Growth Center Designation and TIF district applications. The Town hired *PlaceSense* and the *Vermont Forum on Sprawl* (now *Smart Growth Vermont*) this year to work with the Planning Commission and other community leaders to develop 20-year projections, build-out analyses, financial projections, and the other elements required for the applications. If successful, a tax increment finance (TIF) district would allow the Town to redirect that proportion—or increment—of property tax revenue generated from new development in the designated area to help fund infrastructure improvements that support the growth center, such as the water and wastewater projects. The state legislature has limited the number of municipalities to ten statewide that may obtain approval to establish a TIF district, so time is of the essence to ensure our place in line. Waitsfield’s Town Plans have identified Irasville and Waitsfield Village as a “growth center” long before Vermont’s Growth Center program was established to reward communities with financial incentives, policy priorities, and regulatory tools that plan for compact *smart growth* in designated areas.

Gravel Pit. A request for proposals was released in the fall and as 2007 was drawing to a close, two consultant firms were being considered to work with the Town to develop a site design and assist with permitting of the gravel pit. Phelps Engineering was selected and site analysis work will begin in spring 2008. The Selectboard will be very interested to meet with neighbors about any issues or concerns that might arise.

Emergency Generator. In 2006, voters authorized the Selectboard to “... purchase a generator for emergency shelter use at the Waitsfield Elementary School at a cost not to exceed \$35,000; to appropriate \$5,000 for such purpose and to approve placement of said funds into a reserve account if not expended in 2006; and to authorize financing an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to fund the balance of said purchase to be repaid over a period not to exceed 5 years and on such other terms as the Selectboard shall negotiate.” After considerable discussion and consideration of alternatives, the Selectboard supported the

installation of a 100 KW Kohler generator located behind the General Wait House, where it serves not only the Elementary School, but also the Wait House and possibly Mad River Valley Community Health Center.

The Town received a \$15,000 grant from the Vermont Department of Emergency Management (VEM), which brought the total cost of the project to the Town to \$27,723. A proposal was submitted to VEM in November seeking an additional \$7,000 in 50/50 matching grant funds to connect the Health Center to the third switch of the generator. If awarded, the Health Center will pay the required 50% match.

Paving and Road Projects. It was a maintenance year with no major paving projects in 2007 and the Road crew continued to do an excellent job at general maintenance, including road rebuilding, grading, culvert replacement, wood bridge reconstruction, and brush cutting. The Department was kept especially busy this past winter, one of the top snowiest winters ever, particularly in the aftermath of the Valentine's Day storm that dumped 39 inches. Several freeze-thaws extended our mud season more than usual. Parsonage Lane was repaved and restriped and Joslin Hill Road was shimmed to help smooth out the ruts. The Road Department began its replacement of the wooden road name signs with E-911 compliant green reflective signs, focusing first on intersections along Route 100. Replacement of the remaining signs will continue in 2008, starting along the East Warren Road and then on to other intersections. Although Rodney Jones' mechanical skills have helped keep the equipment running and repair costs down, two vehicles did need to be replaced. The 16-year old backhoe was replaced with a more efficient machine that will provide better roadside ditch and culvert maintenance. And one of the dump trucks was replaced with not only the latest in green technology but a larger size that will enable the Department to move more material with fewer trips.

Tree Project. As part of our Scenic Road Management Plan, we undertook removal of numerous dead trees within the public right of way. In several instances, private land owners have made contributions to the Town to help defray the cost of tree removal and we greatly appreciate this cooperative effort. Special thanks to Charlie Hosford and Paul Hartshorn for their collaboration on this project.

The 1833 Covered Bridge. In response to the growing concern about the well-being of the Waitsfield 1833 Covered Bridge, the Town submitted an application to the VTrans Enhancement Grant program seeking almost \$273,000 in federal funds to address the cantilevered sidewalk on the north side of the Covered Bridge and repair the bridge's abutments. We learned in January 2008 that the application has been fully funded. The Town will need to provide approximately \$70,000 in matching funds, which has been reflected in the Capital Budget and Plan. The Covered Bridge Repairs Reserve Fund is

proposed to be resurrected in 2008 to begin setting aside monies for this work. Even if the grant had not been funded, the funds would be necessary to address the bridge's structural issues. The 1833 Village Covered Bridge is confirmed to be *the* oldest covered bridge in Vermont still in everyday use and the Town is committed to preserving this historic Vermont landmark.

Law Enforcement. The Town continues to have a great working relationship with the Washington County Sheriff's Department. We contract for 40 hours of coverage per week and our local constable, Peter Laskowski, provides 2/3 of this with 24 hours of patrolling per week. The patrols provide effective deterrent to traffic violations and a community law enforcement presence that works as a first responder in cooperation with the Vermont State Police. This allows quicker law enforcement response to serious complaints. Deputy Sheriff Laskowski works closely with the Neighborhood Watch Programs in the MRV towns, which provide a very valuable source of information and deterrent to local crime activities.

Garage Lighting Replacement. In spring 2007, the Town took the initiative to replace the outdated and ineffective lighting fixtures in the Town Garage with Super T8 energy efficient fixtures. Even with the rebate of \$1,400 from Efficiency Vermont, the \$4,700 project exceeded our \$2,500 budget for energy efficiency projects by \$800.

Environmental and Safety Audits. Also this spring, the Town invited Vermont League of Cities and Towns' Loss Control Consultant to conduct a safety audit of the Town buildings. Overall, the Town Garage, Town Office, Fire Station, and Wait House scored high marks and opportunities for improvement were quickly addressed. One improvement was the purchase of a flame-proof metal cabinet for storage of flammable materials. The only recommendation we are unable to comply with in the immediate future is the separation of the Town Garage staff's eating area from the work area. Their refrigerator and lounge/break area is located on a mezzanine floor above the shop. The way to address that would be to somehow build a separate room. John Daly, Compliance Specialist from the Agency of Natural Resources also conducted an environmental audit of the Town Garage. No infractions were found, and it was an opportunity for staff to be refreshed on proper procedures for handling hazardous materials.

Energy Coordinator and Committee. Waitsfield resident Dennis Derryberry was appointed to be Waitsfield's first Energy Coordinator in May, which was followed soon after by the formation of the new Waitsfield Energy Committee. Members so far include Selectmen Sal Spinosa, who was elected Chair, Charlie Hosford, and Paul Hartshorn. The focus of the committee has been to improve the energy efficiency of our town-owned facilities, specifically the Town Garage and the General Wait House. Future efforts are likely to include public outreach

about town-wide energy efficiency issues, updating the Energy section of the Town Plan, and exploring cost-effective ways Town facilities might even produce energy.

Better Back Roads Grants. With help from the Friends of the Mad River, Waitsfield was awarded a \$4,000 grant from the Better Back Roads program to inventory road-related erosion locations and develop a five year capital plan to prioritize and fund needed improvements. The final product will be a map identifying problem locations, a report, and a proposed five year capital plan to address improvements. The Town's 25% required match will be in the form of Town staff's time. The Town was also awarded \$6,946 through the BBR program to address drainage and erosion issues on Dana Hill that are causing sediment to cross Route 17 and go into the Mill Brook. Both of these projects will not get underway, however, until spring 2008, so these grant awards are shown in the 2008 budget as Road Department revenue. The Selectboard wishes to thank the Friends of the Mad River and Miranda Lescaze, former FOMR Director, for her initiative in tracking down these resources on behalf of the Town.

Town Office Space Improvements. Changes in Town Office personnel last year prompted the need to re-evaluate and reconfigure how some space is used. The Selectboard wishes to acknowledge and thank Selectman Charles Hosford for the considerable time and expertise he donated to the Town in building shelving and other accoutrements to improve office operations. Thanks are due also to the Road Department for their help in moving the permit files to where part of the front counter used to be, which greatly improved workflow and the public's access to records.

New Planning & Zoning Administrator. Zoning Administrator David Jescavage moved on to become the Town Administrator in Highgate in June 2007. Following an extensive recruitment process, the Selectboard was pleased to appoint Waitsfield's own Blaine Laskowski to serve as Waitsfield's new Planning and Zoning Administrator. The position was restructured to part-time and e-mail address changed to pza@madriver.com.

Move to a Development Review Board (DRB). The formation of the DRB was accomplished in March and all indications are that the transition was a success. The DRB replaced the Zoning Board of Adjustment and assumed the development review duties of the Planning Commission, which in Waitsfield was limited to subdivision review. With the exception of one remaining subdivision application in its pipeline, the PC will no longer be reviewing subdivisions, allowing it to focus attention on long-range planning, the development of regulatory amendments, and policy creation on a range of subjects. The Selectboard met jointly with members of the Planning Commission and the DRB in November and discussed such matters as the

proposed subdivision regulations, litigation, and the need to cultivate additional volunteers willing to serve on the boards.

Web Site. Waitsfield's official Web site www.waitsfieldvt.us was launched in April 2007, with new content added on a regular basis. Meeting agendas are posted, often with links to documents that will be discussed that citizens can conveniently access. Various ordinances, Town policies, and permit application forms can be found in the *Rules and Regs* section; the Town Plan, reports, archives, and other documents can be found in the *Document Library*; and soon the Town Report and budget information will be available there in electronic form. Though it is still a work in progress, our goal is for the Web site to become a reliable resource where citizens can find the information they need about the community, goings-on, Town operations, and opportunities to become involved.

Staff and Volunteers. The Selectboard wishes to acknowledge and thank the Town staff for their efforts to keep operations moving smoothly and special thanks to all the citizens who volunteer countless hours of time and other resources serving on boards, committees, commissions, and task forces.

Respectfully submitted,
Elwin Neill, Jr., Chair
Charles Hosford
J. Leroy Hadden, D.V.M.
Paul Hartshorn
Sal Spinosa

PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Planning Commission members: Karl Klein (Chair), Steve Shea (Vice Chair), Russ Bennett, Brian Fleischer, Hadley Gaylord, Jr., Peter Laskowski, Robin Morris

Bill Parker retired from the Commission in March and Jamey Fidel left the Commission to serve on the new Development Review Board.

This was a very productive and exciting year at the Planning Commission with significant proposals for changes in Town zoning and infrastructure reaching decision making time for the townspeople. The Selectboard spearheaded completion of plans for a Town wastewater and water system in parts of the Town Center while the Planning Commission completed plans for revised zoning in Irasville that would allow denser development of land once municipal water and wastewater systems were available to serve the area. In addition, new subdivision regulations were proposed to reflect the many changes in the Town Plan since the current regulations were adopted in 1990 and to provide more clarity to applicants and the Development Review Board. The subdivision regulations were defeated in an October vote and the Planning Commission subsequently made a number of revisions after hearing from the public. Revised subdivision regulations were adopted by the Selectboard in January 2008 and will be on the 2008 Town Meeting ballot. The Planning Commission also worked on an application for Growth Center designation for Irasville and Waitsfield Village for the purpose of enabling the denser development of this area and potential partial funding of the water and wastewater projects through the State of Vermont's TIF District financing program.

Creation of Development Review Board

During 2007, the Planning Commission, in conjunction with the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Selectboard, considered and ultimately adopted a Development Review Board (DRB) to replace the Zoning Board of Adjustment and assume jurisdiction for approval of subdivisions of land (formerly a responsibility of the Planning Commission). By consolidating responsibility for subdivisions with the same body responsible for zoning regulation and permitting, the regulation of land uses is handled by one public body, which eliminates a dual body approval process for some permits and uses and frees up the Planning Commission to concentrate on Town planning issues. At the same time the DRB was formed, the number of Planning Commissioners was reduced from nine to seven.

Natural Resource Inventory

With funding through a municipal planning grant, a detailed natural resource inventory of both Waitsfield and Fayston was completed and published in April 2007. This study provides the towns with an updated inventory of wildlife and other habitats and gives us current information about these resources which can assist in formulating future development plans in a manner that takes advantage of and preserves these resources. The report and maps are available at the Town Office as well as online at www.waitsfieldvt.us.

Subdivision Review

The Planning Commission reviewed four subdivision applications in 2007 as well as continued work on several submitted in 2006. Thirteen new lots were created by application approvals and one application for three lots was pending approval at year-end. Three applications were denied with two of these applicants later gaining approval for revised subdivision plans. The DRB approved three 2-lot subdivisions and an 8-unit condominium project approved by the Planning Commission was before the DRB at the year's end.

Meetings & Information

The Planning Commission holds regular meetings the first and third Tuesdays of each month, 7:00 P.M., at the Town Office. The public is welcome at all meetings and time is available to voice comments, concerns, or suggestions. Please contact the Waitsfield Zoning Administrator for more information in regard to meetings, records, or issues regarding the Planning Commission. Information on agendas, meeting minutes, and planning-related documents can be found at the Town's website at www.waitsfieldvt.us as well as at the Town Office on Bridge Street.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

The Waitsfield Development Review Board (DRB) is comprised of seven members appointed by the Selectboard. The Board's function is to administer the Town's zoning bylaws and subdivision regulations in conjunction with the Zoning Administrator. Specifically, the Board reviews applications for conditional use approval, requests for the subdivision of land, and hears appeals of Zoning Administrator decisions and requests for variances.

The DRB was formed in March of 2007 when the Waitsfield Board of Adjustment was disbanded and all of the regulatory responsibilities of that board and the Planning Commission were consolidated under the DRB. This change was intended to streamline the local regulatory review process and to give the Planning Commission more time to focus on the Town's long-range planning needs. I am pleased to report that the shift to a DRB has been a success.

Last year was relatively busy with respect to permit activity in Waitsfield. Eight subdivisions involving 19 lots were approved (most of which were reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission because the applications were submitted prior to the creation of the DRB), in addition to four boundary adjustments. An 8-unit housing complex in Irasville was also approved as a Planned Residential Development.

Complicating our work was the adoption, and subsequent rejection, of new subdivision regulations. The new regulations greatly improved the review process for landowners and the DRB and put in place needed environmental standards. The Planning Commission should be commended for reaching out to concerned landowners after the regulations were rejected at a special Town Meeting in October, making key changes to the document to address public concerns, and bringing revised regulations back to the Selectboard for adoption.

In addition to subdivision reviews, the DRB issued 14 conditional use approvals, mostly involving new structures, expansions and changes of use in Irasville and Waitsfield Village. The Board also denied two requests for variances. It should be noted that meeting the statutory variance standards is very difficult for landowners, and the DRB has discussed alternatives for allowing minor modifications to setback requirements with the Planning Commission. We are hopeful that a workable alternative will be put in place in the near future.

The Zoning Administrator issued a total of 93 zoning permits in 2007, including 11 permits for new single-family homes. A permit is required for most development activity in the town and landowners are encouraged to consult with the Zoning Administrator before commencing construction or site development.

Several noteworthy personnel changes occurred last year. David Jescavage resigned as Zoning Administrator in June to take another position in Highgate. Town Administrator Valerie Capels stepped in as interim Zoning Administrator until a replacement could be found, which was greatly appreciated. To the Town's good fortune, Blaine Laskowski accepted the position in late August. Blaine has served as interim Zoning Administrator on several occasions and brings tremendous experience, intelligence, and interpersonal skills to the job.

The DRB is presently comprised of Eleanor D'Aponte, Jamey Fidel, Gib Geiger, Mike Kingsbury, Mark Sinclair, Brian Shupe (Chair) and Hallie Tamez (Vice-Chair). Bob Shaffer stepped down from the Board of Adjustment when the DRB was formed and served as an Alternate to the DRB until he resigned late in the year. Bob's thoughtful contributions to the DRB's deliberations are missed. Presently, all Board seats are filled, although there are two vacancies for Alternate members to fill in when a permanent member is unable to serve.

The DRB meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office. Our agendas and notices of public hearings are published in the Valley Reporter and on-line at www.waitsfieldvt.us. Our meetings are also frequently televised on Mad River Television's Channel 60.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian Shupe, Chair

CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Welcome to the Fifth Annual Report of the Waitsfield Conservation Commission. The commission has kept busy with plenty of work this past year. The commission would like to thank the community for its vote to expand the board to nine members. The addition of Elizabeth Cadwell, Chris Loomis, Spencer Potter and Kate Williams has given us a boost and expanded the amount of work we can accomplish.

For the second time, the Town has received a grant from the State Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation's Trees for Local Communities Program to conduct a natural communities inventory. This year's grant provides \$2,000 to inventory the expanded Scrag Town Forest. In addition to this grant, an anonymous donor has given \$5,000 to the commission to support its work. Some of these funds have been used to hire Arrowwood Environmental to perform the inventory and to conduct research to confirm the boundaries. A public meeting to discuss the inventory is tentatively planned for late March or April.

Audubon Vermont provided free assistance to the Town by conducting a forest bird habitat assessment on the Scrag Town Forest and issued their report this past September. The commission intends to use this assessment and Arrowwood's natural communities inventory as key components in updating the management plan for the Scrag Forest lands.

The commission is currently reviewing the GPS mapping of Wu Ledges and intends to print and distribute trail maps this spring in conjunction with the Mad River Riders, who have agreed to maintain the trails on Wu Ledges. In other news about Wu Ledges, it was brought to the commission's attention that some people were misusing the Wu Ledges property last summer. As a result, through a public hearing in late November, we established the following rules for the property:

- 1) Open dawn to dusk.
- 2) No open fires.
- 3) Carry out all trash and personal items ("Pack in/Pack out").
- 4) Do not damage resources (vegetation, soils, wildlife, wet areas, etc).
- 5) No motorized vehicles.
- 6) Hunting is allowed (provided it is conducted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations).

PLEASE RESPECT THESE RULES, ESPECIALLY NO FIRES. Fire fighting equipment can not get to Wu Ledges, and a forest fire there could have a devastating effect on the property and be a great danger to neighbors.

In addition to the initiatives mentioned above, other priority projects for 2008 include the following:

- Secure access to the enlarged Scrag Town Forest,
- Revise management plans for Scrag and Wu Ledges,
- Develop and install signage for town properties, and
- Work with the Mad River Valley Planning District and Mad River Path Association to establish the path on Town lands along the river.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Grosby, Chairman
Elizabeth Cadwell
Ted Joslin
Paul Hartshorn
Phil Huffman, Secretary
Leo Laferriere
Chris Loomis
Spencer Potter
Kate Williams

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007

	2006	2007
Grand List		
Municipal Grand List	3,522,957	3,563,596
State Education Grand List	3,531,701	3,571,701
Tax Rates		
Homestead Municipal	0.2900	0.305
Homestead Education	1.1190	1.0789
Total Homestead Tax Rate	1.4090	1.3839
Non-Residential Municipal	0.2900	0.3050
Non-Residential Education	1.1662	1.1606
Total Non-Residential Tax Rate	1.4562	1.4656
Taxes Billed		
Municipal	1,021,652	1,086,894
Homestead Education	1,895,253	1,866,259
Non-Residential Education	2,137,796	2,132,815
Total Taxes Billed	5,054,701	5,085,969
Plus Late Filed Homestead Declaration Fees	1,052	793
Plus Changes due to BCA Decisions		621
Net Taxes Due	5,055,753	5,087,382
Less Current Collections -- 2007		-4,875,394
Less Errors & Omissions and Current Use Changes		-4,540
Delinquent Taxes Referred to Collector -- 2007		207,448

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES

Beginning Delinquent Taxes Receivable	105,251
Amount turned over to Collector of Delinquent Taxes	207,448
Total Delinquent Taxes to be accounted for	312,699
Delinquent Tax Collections	(220,811)
Abatements/Adjustments	(15)
Balance of Delinquent Taxes Receivable	91,873

DELINQUENT TAX LIST
December 31, 2007

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Abbott, Tracey	1,842.47	
Albanese, James	50.64 *	
Bein Friends LP	3,680.86	
Brickowski, Robert	3,565.52 *	
Bridgewater, John C.	1,817.34	
Burbank, Robert	650.38	
Clark, Caroline R.	155.62	
Cooke, Christine	319.50	228.88
Darrad Services, Inc.	2,296.60	
Digasper, Greg	58.52 *	
Eurich, Elaine	2,119.26	
Farnham, Todd & Sonja	197.90	
Foster, Robert	747.46	
Foster, Robert P.	4,903.49	
Four D & K Company	8,707.12	1865.44
Freeman, Albert	10.42	
Freeman, Albert	1,086.97	
Gannon, Marjorie B.	952.64	
Greenslit, Allen L.	1,185.02 *	
Jacobs, Ronald	633.82 *	
Jarecki, Eugene	5,372.89	
Johnson, Jason	247.68	
Jones, Rodney L.	1,052.00	
Kerr, Cathy	180.48	70.18
Lawton, Ritchie Crockett	893.28 *	
Lee, Virginia & Johnson	5,795.20	
Mack, Brian	1,221.06	
Miller, Lester R.	249.14 *	
Newton, Joyce J.	1,614.36 *	
Orr, Reginald	1,630.94	
Revolution Theater	210.74 *	
Rogers, Allen	432.36	
Scharges, Robert G.	5,411.16	
Sharpe, James A.	2,969.83	
Siner, Jeffery C.	1,190.74 *	
Storrs Ventures, Inc.	5,626.44	
Swain, Virginia	33.91 *	
Tardif, Jerry D.	105.02	
Taub, Michael F.	1,721.03	
Two Route Seventeen	7,826.30	
Vann, James S.	166.39 *	
Vann, James S.	55.37 *	
Williams, Lisa M.	1,238.44	
Wilson, Joan F.	4,974.24	
Wilson, Joan F.	4,508.18	
TOTALS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007	<u>89,708.73</u>	<u>2,164.50</u>

*PAID SINCE DECEMBER 31, 2007

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2008 PROPOSED BUDGET

	ACTUAL 2006	BUDGET 2007	ACTUAL 2007	BUDGET 2008
TOWN MEETING				
<i>Expenses</i>				
Board of Auditors	100	100	0	100
Town Meeting	49	100	37	120
Town Report	3,406	3,800	3,749	2,750
TOTAL TOWN MEETING EXPENSES	3,554	4,000	3,786	2,970
LEGAL & AUDITING				
Legal Services	79,182	50,000	55,102	50,000
Audit Services	2,950	3,500	2,950	3,500
TOTAL LEGAL & AUDITING	82,132	53,500	58,052	53,500
TOWN OFFICE OPERATIONS				
<i>Expenses</i>				
Insurance & Bonds	8,026	11,223	10,064	11,635
Office Rent	28,428	26,697	26,697	28,500
Office Repairs	410	0	538	500
Postage	4,172	4,300	4,058	4,000
Supplies	11,490	9,000	8,842	8,000
Computer Services	2,265	2,550	1,927	1,550
Training	1,573	1,500	1,404	2,000
Cleaning	2,261	2,100	1,884	2,100
Equipment Maint. & Contracts	3,864	2,980	3,632	5,150
Telephone	3,276	3,300	2,575	3,000
New Office Equipment	1,089	7,000	7,812	4,750
Public Notice Expense	3,808	4,000	3,231	4,000
TOTAL TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES	70,661	74,650	72,664	75,185
TOWN CLERK & TREASURER				
<i>Expenses</i>				
Town Clerk/Treasurer & Assistant	67,404	67,517	67,664	73,253
Tax Anticipation Interest	3,898	4,000	3,906	4,000
Ballot Clerks	694	275	353	900
<i>Subtotal Expenses</i>	<i>71,996</i>	<i>71,792</i>	<i>71,923</i>	<i>78,153</i>
<i>Revenues</i>				
Town Clerk Fees	27,246	33,000	29,637	36,000
Money Market Interest	12,472	12,500	19,332	19,000
Beverage Sale Permits	2,345	2,500	2,395	2,250
<i>Subtotal Revenues</i>	<i>42,063</i>	<i>48,000</i>	<i>51,364</i>	<i>57,250</i>
NET CLERK/TREASURER EXPENSES	29,933	23,792	20,559	20,903

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2008 PROPOSED BUDGET

	ACTUAL 2006	BUDGET 2007	ACTUAL 2007	BUDGET 2008
SELECTBOARD				
<i>Expenses</i>				
Selectboard Stipends	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250
Town Web site	809	1,000	350	1,000
Town Administrator	52,051	53,462	55,461	57,735
Training		475	385	75
Minutes Taker			252	
TOTAL SELECTBOARD EXPENSES	56,110	58,187	59,698	62,061

WATER & SEWER

Expenses

Municipal Project Manager		35,360	28,390	30,719
Benefits & Insurance		9,484	9,386	13,299
TOTAL WATER & SEWER EXPENSE		44,844	37,776	44,018

PLANNING & ZONING

Expenses

Minute Taker		6,000	3,486	6,000
Special Planning Projects	5,215	28,810	12,519	15,000
Town Plan	6,060	0	0	0
Zoning Administrator	36,362	38,833	31,935	34,720
Training (for staff and boards)		790	220	1,660
Mileage Reimbursement				300
Computer Equipment/Services		7,600	5,419	1,600
<i>Subtotal Expenses</i>	<i>47,637</i>	<i>82,033</i>	<i>53,579</i>	<i>59,280</i>

Revenues

Grants	0	17,100	8,470	11,730
Zoning Fees	11,589	19,500	9,699	10,000
<i>Subtotal Revenues</i>	<i>11,589</i>	<i>36,600</i>	<i>18,169</i>	<i>21,730</i>

NET PLANNING & ZONING EXPENSES	36,048	45,433	35,410	37,550
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BOARD OF LISTERS

Expenses

Assessor's Contract	10,800	9,800	9,800	10,800
Computer Equipment/Services	1,898	2,000	0	2,000
Property Map Maintenance	0	1,000	1,000	0
Training & Meetings		0	0	1,000
<i>Subtotal Expenses</i>	<i>12,698</i>	<i>12,800</i>	<i>10,800</i>	<i>13,800</i>

Revenues

Act 60 Annual Support	10,431	7,600	10,336	7,600
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NET LISTERS' EXPENSES	2,267	5,200	464	6,200
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**TOWN OF WAITSFIELD
2008 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	ACTUAL 2006	BUDGET 2007	ACTUAL 2007	BUDGET 2008
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES				
<i>Expenses</i>				
Collector's Fees	17,305	19,000	18,452	19,000
<i>Revenues</i>				
Penalty Fees	18,078	19,000	18,452	19,000
NET DELINQUENT TAXES EXPENSES	(773)	0	0	0

ROAD DEPARTMENT*Expenses*

Labor	124,197	126,000	111,185	120,000
Equipment Operations & Repairs				
Insurance	4,164	4,690	4,205	5,777
Gas, Oil, Grease	2,317	2,500	1,870	2,500
Diesel	18,420	20,000	25,410	35,000
Int'l Dump Truck 2005	2,096	1,500	3,893	2,500
Int'l Dump Truck 1994	1,346		0	0
Cat. Backhoe 2008			0	500
Int'l. Dump Truck 1997	3,978	4,000	4,854	1,000
Int'l Low Profile Truck 2002	2,073	3,000	5,843	4,000
Int'l. Dump Truck 2007	0	2,000	7,365	35,325
Cat. Loader 1994	8,909	2,500	1,060	3,000
Galion Grader 1998	0	2,500	6,361	2,500
Cat. Backhoe/Loader 1992	1,516	4,000	6,722	0
Steel pole / chain saw	587	0	125	250
Garage Trash Removal	1,045	1,290	1,453	2,374
Uniforms	2,159	2,000	2,148	2,500
Garage Heat	927	2,500	3,851	3,500
Garage Telephone	676	650	773	900
Garage Electricity	1,046	1,000	1,018	1,000
Garage Supplies & Hardware	3,044	3,000	3,253	3,000
Garage Misc. Other	920	1,000	3,721	1,000
Chipper & Rake	173	500	301	500
Garage Weather Computer	1,284	1,200	336	0
Garage Alarm System				2,500
Plow Blades/Shoes/Chains	7,293	6,500	4,665	6,000
<i>Subtotal Equipment Operations Expenses</i>	<i>63,973</i>	<i>66,330</i>	<i>89,227</i>	<i>115,627</i>
Hired Equipment & Labor				
Roadside Mowing	6,450	7,300	6,600	8,000
Sidewalk Mowing	4,858	3,500	3,105	3,500
Sidewalk Plowing	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
Trail Maintenance	0	1,500	1,500	1,500
Personnel Mileage	3,125	4,000	2,859	4,000
Other Equipment Rental	686	1,500	1,446	2,000
<i>Subtotal Hired Equip. & Labor Expenses</i>	<i>19,618</i>	<i>22,300</i>	<i>20,010</i>	<i>23,500</i>

**TOWN OF WAITSFIELD
2008 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	ACTUAL 2006	BUDGET 2007	ACTUAL 2007	BUDGET 2008
Materials				
Salt	18,578	15,000	16,661	15,000
Sand	55,061	50,000	60,440	50,000
Chloride	8,907	7,500	7,473	8,000
Bank Run Gravel	0	0	0	0
Crushed Gravel	42,100	50,000	17,762	50,000
Stone (Ditch)	3,191	4,000	616	2,500
Culverts	39,709	4,000	11,067	4,000
Tools	270	1,000	612	2,000
Signs	178	3,125	4,262	4,000
Fabric	0	0	0	0
Cold Patch, Hay & Seed	3,967	3,500	743	3,000
Subtotal Materials Expenses	171,961	138,125	119,636	138,500
Miscellaneous				
Fayston Winter Agreement	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Tree Cutting	107	0	451	1,000
Bridge Repairs	31,720	2,000	2,530	2,000
Paving Bond Payment (debt svc)		83,050	113,000	150,000
2007 Paving: Parsonage & Joslin		9,500	7,258	0
Pavement Crack Sealing	2,835	3,000	0	3,000
2006 Paving Project	105,245	0	0	0
Rolston Road Survey	4,927	0	0	0
Culvert & Road Inventory	0	0	0	4,000
Line Painting	0	1,500	400	700
Street lights	3,693	3,500	4,762	5,000
Bridge lights	1,006	1,000	396	500
Radios & Pagers	409	1,500	1,090	1,500
Training	140	500	834	500
Subtotal Miscellaneous Expenses	154,082	109,550	134,720	172,200
Subtotal Road Department Expenses	533,831	462,305	474,779	569,827
Revenues				
State Aid for Highways	67,802	67,800	67,609	67,800
Misc. Road Dept. Income	67,980	0	645	10,946
Paving Grant Proceeds			150,000	
Subtotal Revenues	135,782	67,800	218,254	78,746
NET ROAD DEPARTMENT EXPENSES	398,049	394,505	256,524	491,081

**TOWN OF WAITSFIELD
2008 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	ACTUAL 2006	BUDGET 2007	ACTUAL 2007	BUDGET 2008
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
<i>Expenses</i>				
FICA/Medicare	18,288	21,048	17,284	22,367
Medicare	4,277		3,932	
Retirement	13,916	13,633	14,334	14,474
Unemployment	550	1,062	1,555	1,522
Workers Compensation	9,707	9,182	10,588	9,960
Health Promotion Incentives				500
Health Insurance	43,837	39,972	36,212	41,929
Flexible Benefits Plan	847	1,004	7,796	4,504
Life & Disability Insurance	2,090	2,520	2,492	2,617
<i>Subtotal Expenses</i>	<i>93,511</i>	<i>88,421</i>	<i>94,193</i>	<i>97,873</i>
<i>Revenues</i>				
Insurance Audit Refunds	0	0	0	0
VLCT Health Leader Program				550
<i>Subtotal Revenues</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>550</i>
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXP.	93,511	88,421	94,193	97,323
FIRE DEPARTMENT				
<i>Expenses</i>				
Gas, Oil, Grease	1,362	1,500	1,277	2,000
Insurance	4,390	5,141	5,141	5,734
Telephone & Communications	15,123	15,000	15,570	16,000
Electricity	1,561	2,000	1,729	2,000
Heat	1,903	5,000	5,437	7,000
Water				1,000
Building Repairs/Supplies	5,184	2,000	1,561	2,500
Fire Alarm				5,000
Truck Repairs	8,162	5,000	1,817	5,000
Equipment Repairs	1,741	2,000	1,548	2,500
Photo & Supplies	5	100	11	100
Bottled Gas	421	500	636	1,000
Training	821	1,800	2,178	2,800
Hose & Equipment	1,912	3,500	6,918	3,500
Fire Prevention	163	400	114	400
Miscellaneous	408	500	801	500
Dues	168	350	325	350
Physical Exams	1,300	1,600	1,400	2,000
Fire Dept. Labor	9,644	10,000	9,819	11,000
FICA/Medicare	738	765	715	814
<i>Subtotal Expenses</i>	<i>55,006</i>	<i>57,156</i>	<i>56,997</i>	<i>71,198</i>
<i>Revenues</i>				
Fire Department Income (Fayston)	19,455	22,862	20,273	28,479
Sale of Equipment				
Miscellaneous			15	
<i>Subtotal Revenues</i>	<i>19,455</i>	<i>22,862</i>	<i>20,287</i>	<i>28,479</i>
NET FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENSES	35,551	34,294	36,710	42,719

**TOWN OF WAITSFIELD
2008 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	ACTUAL 2006	BUDGET 2007	ACTUAL 2007	BUDGET 2008
POLICE PROGRAM				
<i>Expenses</i>				
Sheriff's Department Billings	23,232	25,000	20,373	22,000
Police Cruiser Purchase	0	0	149	7,000
Gasoline	2,637	3,000	2,525	3,000
Repairs/Maintenance	803	3,000	3,230	3,000
Insurance	477	1,180	1,058	1,399
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0
Equipment	0	500	0	1,500
<i>Subtotal Expenses</i>	<i>27,148</i>	<i>32,680</i>	<i>27,335</i>	<i>37,899</i>
<i>Revenues</i>				
Traffic Control Income	24,023	30,000	25,354	25,000
Sale of Cruiser	0	0	0	5,000
Misc. Income	2,377	2,000	2,410	2,400
<i>Subtotal Revenues</i>	<i>26,400</i>	<i>32,000</i>	<i>27,764</i>	<i>32,400</i>
NET POLICE PROGRAM EXPENSES	749	680	(429)	5,499

DUES & ASSESSMENTS

Expenses

CV Regional Planning Commission	1,576	1,576	1,576	1,688
Joslin Memorial Library	8,597	11,928	11,928	12,100
Mad River Solid Waste Alliance	2,951	3,372	3,372	3,372
Mad River Valley Planning District	19,100	19,100	19,100	19,100
Mad River Valley Recreation District	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500
Vt League of Cities & Towns	1,854	1,875	1,950	1,919
Washington County Tax	25,725	24,161	24,161	36,339
TOTAL DUES & ASSESS. EXPENSES	72,303	74,512	74,587	87,018

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Expenses

Battered Women's Services & Shelter	350	350	350	350
CV Adult Basic Education				600
CV Community Action Council	300	300	300	300
Central Vermont Community Land Trust		1,000	1,000	1,000
CV Council on Aging	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Central Vermont Crime Stoppers		500	500	500
CV Economic Development Corp.	800	800	800	800
CV Home Health & Hospice	1,300	1,800	1,800	2,600
Family Center of Washington County				500
Good Beginnings of Central VT				300
Green Up Vermont	100	100	100	100
Green Mountain Transit Agency	923	923	923	923
Mad River Valley Health Center	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Mad River Valley Senior Citizens	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
People's Health & Wellness Clinic	100	100	100	100
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	300	300	300	300
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	250	250	250	250

**TOWN OF WAITSFIELD
2008 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	ACTUAL 2006	BUDGET 2007	ACTUAL 2007	BUDGET 2008
Vt Center for Independent Living	620	620	620	620
Vt Children's Aid Society	500	500	500	500
Washington County Youth Services	750	750	750	750
TOTAL SPECIAL APPROP. EXPENSES	18,293	20,368	20,368	22,493

MISCELLANEOUS*Expenses*

Dog Warden Salary & Fees	943	1,000	745	1,000
Dog Pound Fees	105	250	200	250
Maintenance of Parks	5,474	5,000	5,895	6,000
Generator Expense			22,961	400
Conservation Commission Expenses	815	700	250	700
Memberships & Dues				105
Community Share School Maint.	50,080	52,384	52,384	54,375
Sugarbush/Munn Site Note	21,754	0	0	0
Cemeteries - Veteran's Flags	260	100	31	100
MRVTV Hearing Coverage	1,700	3,000	2,000	3,000
Energy Efficiency Improvements		2,500	2,500	5,000
Tax Adjustments		15,000	12,567	15,000
Affordable Housing Initiative	0	500	0	500
Gravel Pit Purchase		71,850	71,809	57,480
Other	1,329	500	3,022	500
<i>Subtotal Expenses</i>	<i>82,460</i>	<i>152,784</i>	<i>174,365</i>	<i>144,410</i>

Revenues

Dog Fine & Impoundment Fees	174	200	190	200
State Forest Land Payment	3,819	3,500	3,973	3,500
Current Use Hold Harmless Payment	40,784	35,000	64,198	50,000
Interest	11,347	12,000	14,212	12,000
Other	2,020	0	12,988	0
<i>Subtotal Revenues</i>	<i>58,145</i>	<i>50,700</i>	<i>95,561</i>	<i>65,700</i>

NET MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	24,315	102,084	78,804	78,710
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**TOWN OF WAITSFIELD
2008 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	ACTUAL 2006	BUDGET 2007	ACTUAL 2007	BUDGET 2008
SPECIAL ARTICLES				
<i>Expenses</i>				
Equipment Reserve Fund - Truck	55,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Heavy Equipment Reserve Fund		15,000	15,000	15,000
Fire Dept. Reserve Fund - Truck	0	15,000	15,000	15,000
Fire Dept. Roof Reserve Fund		7,000	7,000	7,000
Restroom/Recreation/Conservation	1,000	2,500	2,500	2,500
Joslin Library Repair Reserve Fund	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Rt. 100 Transportation Path Reserve	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Reappraisal Reserve	22,000	0	0	0
Covered Bridge Repair Reserve	1,251		0	30,000
Street Tree Planting & Maintenance	7,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL SPEC. ARTICLES EXPENSES	103,751	92,000	92,000	122,000
TOTAL BUDGET				
Total Operating Budget Expenses	1,398,727	1,309,032	1,309,352	1,438,685
Total Special Article Expenses	103,751	92,000	92,000	122,000
Fund Balance			0	10,000
Total Non-tax Revenues	186,160	284,562	460,188	311,455
NET TOTAL EXPENSES	1,316,318	1,116,470	941,165	1,259,230
BEGINNING YEAR CASH/FUND BALANC	48,767	45,143	80,446 <small>modified accrual</small>	234,233
TAX REVENUES				
Current Taxes	1,022,615	1,071,327	1,094,952	1,024,996
Delinquent Taxes	NA	NA	NA	NA
TAX REVENUES	1,022,615	1,071,327	1,094,952	1,024,996
YEAR END SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	45,143	0	234,233	0

Notes:

The large end-of-year surplus is due in part to receipt of the \$150,000 paving grant in 2007 for work completed and borrowed for in 2006, staff turnover resulting in lower wage payouts, deferred spending in some areas, and increased miscellaneous revenues.

The beginning year cash/fund balance differs from the previous year surplus in part because it represents a change to a modified accrual accounting approach.

Wage figures reflect an additional pay period in 2008.

**Town of Waitsfield, Vermont
Capital Budget and Program
2008-2013**

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	TOTAL	
PROJECTS:								
Financed by Reserve Funds:								
Replace 97 Dump Truck							0	
Replace 02 Low Profile Truck			75,000				75,000	
Replace 92 Backhoe					110,000		110,000	
Replace 94 Bucket Loader		90,000					90,000	
Replace 04 Police Cruiser	32,000						32,000	
Rt. 100 Trans. Path (Town 10% only)	120,000						120,000	
Covered Bridge Rep. & Maint. (Town 20%)		171,860	171,860				343,720	
Joslin Hill						300,000	300,000	
Fire Department Roof Replacement			36,000				36,000	
Replace Fire Truck				120,000			120,000	
Gravel pit site design & permitting	25,000	25,000					50,000	
Financed by Borrowing:								
Municipal Water System		7,000,000					7,000,000	
Municipal Sewage System Phase 1		5,500,000					5,500,000	
Municipal Sewage System Phase 2		5,000,000					5,000,000	
New Police Cruiser	35,000						35,000	
New Municipal Building			500,000				500,000	
Financed by Operating Funds:*								
Replace Salt Shed		20,000	20,000				40,000	
Total Annual Project Costs:	212,000	17,806,860	802,860	120,000	110,000	300,000	19,351,720	
CONTRIBUTIONS TO RESERVES:*								
	12/31/2007 Balance	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	TOTAL
Fire Truck Reserve	62,678	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	152,678
Fire Dept. Roof Repair	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000				28,000
Road Department:								
Trucks	30,063	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	210,063
Heavy Equipment	36,325	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	126,325
Police Cruiser Reserve							5,000	5,000
Restroom/Recreation/Conservation	56,692	2,500	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	109,192
Street Trees Reserve	4,189	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	34,189
Rt. 100 Transportation Path	131,818	15,000						146,818
Covered Bridge Maintenance		30,000	20,000	20,000				70,000
Joslin Library Repair Reserve	10,299	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500		25,299
Gravel Pit	45,488							45,488
TIF District Application	16,022							0
Paving Projects					40,000	40,000	40,000	120,000
Total Annual Reserve Costs:		122,000	104,500	104,500	117,500	117,500	122,500	1,073,052
DEBT SERVICE REPAYMENTS:*								
Road Paving Projects Debt		109,440	105,830	102,220	98,610		30,000	446,100
Gravel Pit Purchase		57,480	55,584	53,688	51,772	49,896		268,420
2007 Dump Truck		33,825	32,550	31,275				97,650
General Fund Portion of Sewer (est'd)			50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	250,000
Municipal Building Bond				40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	160,000
Police Cruiser		7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000		35,000
Wastewater Loan RF1-058, 15-yr no interest						51,233	51,233	102,467
Water Loan WPL-003, 5-yr no interest						42,149	42,149	84,299
Water Loan WPL-093, 5-yr no interest						20,000	20,000	40,000
Total Annual Debt Service:		207,745	250,964	284,183	247,382	260,279	233,383	1,483,936
TOTAL ANNUAL C.J.P. COSTS:*		349,745	355,464	388,683	364,882	377,779	355,883	2,192,436

*NOTE: Total Annual Capital Improvement Program Costs include funds from operating year budget, contributions to reserve funds and debt service repayments.

LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Capital Improvement - Paving East Warren Road, North Fayston Road, Parsonage Lane and Waitsfield Elementary School parking lot

Original Date of Borrowing - December 20, 2006

Loan Balance December 31, 2006	\$475,000
Principle Repayment December 18, 2007	<u>(\$113,000)</u>
Note Balance December 31, 2007 - Chittenden Bank (Due 12/18/08 Interest Rate 3.8%)	<u>\$362,000</u>

Capital Equipment - Dump Truck

Original Date of Borrowing - July 23, 2007

Loan Balance December 31, 2006	\$0
Loan Proceeds July 23, 2007	<u>\$90,000</u>
Note Balance December 31, 2007 - Chittenden Bank (Due 7/25/10 Interest Rate 4.25%)	<u>\$90,000</u>

Capital Improvement - Municipal Gravel Pit

Original Date of Borrowing - June 20, 2006 (Chittenden Bank)

Original Date of Borrowing - June 28, 2006 (R. Howard)

Loan Balances December 31, 2006	\$300,000
<i>Refinance June 19, 2007 (Chittenden Bank to payoff R. Howard \$175,000)</i>	
Principal Repayment June 19, 2007	<u>(\$60,000)</u>
Note Balance December 31, 2007 - Chittenden Bank (Due 6/18/08 Interest Rate 3.95%)	<u>\$240,000</u>

Municipal Water and Sewer Planning

VT-EPA State Revolving Loan Fund - loaned to the Town without interest.
Water planning repayable over five years beginning April 1, 2012. Water
study repayable over five years beginning January 1, 2012. Sewer
repayable over 15 years beginning December 1, 2012.

Water - Engineering

Loan Balance December 31, 2006 - Water	\$195,783
Amount drawn from \$210,747 Loan for Municipal Water	<u>\$14,964</u>
Loan Balance December 31, 2007	<u>\$210,747</u>

Water - Source Exploration

Loan Balance December 31, 2006 - Water	\$0
Amount drawn from \$100,000 Loan for Municipal Water	<u>\$93,215</u>
Loan Balance December 31, 2007	<u>\$93,215</u>

Sewer

Loan Balance December 31, 2006 - Sewer	\$327,500
Amount drawn from \$327,500 Loan for Municipal Sewer	<u>\$0</u>
Loan Balance December 31, 2007	<u>\$327,500</u>

TOWN RESERVE FUNDS**EQUIPMENT RESERVES****Road Department--Trucks**

Balance December 31, 2006	\$61,812
Deposits	\$30,000
Withdrawals	(\$62,643)
Interest Earned	\$894
Balance December 31, 2007	<u>\$30,063</u>

Road Department--Heavy Equipment

Balance December 31, 2006	\$96,633
Deposits	\$15,000
Withdrawals	(\$76,760)
Interest Earned	\$1,452
Balance December 31, 2007	<u>\$36,325</u>

Fire Department--Trucks

Balance December 31, 2006	\$46,810
Deposits	\$15,000
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$868
Balance December 31, 2007	<u>\$62,678</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT ROOF RESERVE FUND

Balance December 31, 2006	\$0
Deposits	\$7,000
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$0
Balance December 31, 2007	<u>\$7,000</u>

GRAVEL RESERVE FUND

Balance December 31, 2006	\$44,652
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$836
Balance December 31, 2007	<u>\$45,488</u>

RESTROOM, RECREATION & CONSERVATION RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2006	\$48,213
Deposits (2007 funding + \$5,100 in donations)	\$7,600
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$879
Balance December 31, 2007	<u>\$56,692</u>

TOWN RESERVE FUNDS**ROUTE 100 TRANSPORTATION PATH RESERVE**

Balance December 31, 2006	\$105,981
Deposits	\$15,000
2007 State Reimbursements	\$7,736
Withdrawals	(\$860)
Interest Earned	\$3,961
Balance December 31, 2007	<u>\$131,818</u>

LAREAU PARK IMPROVEMENT RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2006	\$7,677
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$152
Balance December 31, 2007	<u>\$7,829</u>

STREET TREES RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2006	\$5,342
Deposits (2007 funding + \$200 in donations)	\$5,200
Withdrawals	(\$6,478)
Interest Earned	\$125
Balance December 31, 2007	<u>\$4,189</u>

APPRAISAL RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2006	\$6,493
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$147
Balance December 31, 2007	<u>\$6,640</u>

TIF DISTRICT APPLICATION RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2006	\$15,714
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$308
Balance December 31, 2007	<u>\$16,022</u>

WAIT HOUSE SHED RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2006	\$8
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$0
Balance December 31, 2007	<u>\$8</u>

TOWN RESERVE FUNDS**EMERGENCY GENERATOR RESERVE**

Balance December 31, 2006	\$5,002
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	(\$5,100)
Interest Earned	\$98
Balance December 31, 2007	<u>(\$0)</u>

JOSLIN LIBRARY REPAIR RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2006	\$7,649
Deposits	\$2,500
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$150
Balance December 31, 2007	<u>\$10,299</u>

OTHER TOWN FUNDS**GENERAL WAIT HOUSE
MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT**

Balance December 31, 2006	\$4,256
Rental Income	\$17,900
Operating Expense	<u>(\$15,403)</u>
Balance December 31, 2007	\$6,753

RECORDS RESTORATION

Balance December 31, 2006	\$15,973
Receipts (\$1/page of Recording Fees: Jan - Jun)	\$1,350
Receipts (\$2/page of Recording Fees: Jul - Dec)	\$2,741
Restoration Expense	<u>(\$4,300)</u>
Balance December 31, 2007	\$15,764

BELDEN FUND**(for the Town Clock at the Waitsfield United Church of Christ)**

Balance December 31, 2006	\$1,724
Interest Earned	\$63
Balance December 31, 2007	<u>\$1,787</u>

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD CAPITAL PROJECTS

Irasville and Waitsfield Village Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

For the past 20 years, the Town of Waitsfield had been exploring the feasibility of providing municipal water and wastewater infrastructure to support economic growth in Irasville and Waitsfield Village, avoid unnecessary sprawl into the rural landscape, protect water quality of the Mad River, and address a number of public health concerns regarding conflicts with private on-site water supply and septic disposal systems.

A water source in the southeast quadrant of town for a municipal wastewater system was identified and, after further study, a well was drilled at the end of the Class 4 Reed Road in 2006. Final engineering and permitting are underway for a municipal water system that would begin at the Reed Road wellhead and follow the Town's rights-of-way along Long Road, down Bushnell Road, and to a new storage tank to be constructed on the Town-owned former LeClair gravel pit site. From the tank, the transmission mains would follow a right-of-way to Tremblay Road, where it would meet Route 100 and continue on to the Village and Irasville. Hydrants will provide fire protection along the route. Although not part of the original alignment, an alternative route following Old County Road is currently being explored, primarily for fire protection for the residential neighborhood. Although the project would be paid for entirely by grants and water users through hook-up and annual fees, a bond vote for this \$7.59 million project is scheduled for March 4, with construction slated for 2008 and 2009. Details of the water project were published in Bulletin #1 in November, mailed to property owners and voters, and posted on-line at www.waitsfieldvt.us/water.

In 2000, voters overwhelmingly supported the Town's purchase of the so-called "Munn site" at the intersection of Route 100 and Kingsbury Road for use as a sewage disposal field. Several years of feasibility planning and engineering were completed in 2004 and final designs and permitting are under way to construct a phased wastewater system. Phase 1 would provide in-ground treatment for up to 18,000 gallons per day serving Irasville at an estimated cost of \$5.62 million. Phase 2 would include construction of a tertiary treatment system that would increase disposal capacity to more than 90,000 gallons per day at a cost of approximately \$6.5 million. In an effort to reduce costs, the wastewater system is proposed to serve only Irasville. A potentially more cost-effective alternative is proposed to be explored to the north to serve Waitsfield Village. A two-part bond vote is scheduled for March 4 that will ask voters whether to approve Phase 1 (\$5.62 million) and Phase 2 (\$6.5 million) of the wastewater project. Details of the wastewater project were published in Bulletin #2 in January 2008, mailed to property owners and voters, and posted on-line at www.waitsfieldvt.us/sewer. Bulletin #3 will provide a detailed explanation of

costs and will be mailed to property owners and voters and posted on-line at www.waitsfieldvt.us/water-sewer.

The feasibility studies have been funded through the State Revolving Fund of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. Repayment of the \$768,500, 15-year, no-interest loan is delayed until December 1, 2012. Payments on two separate 5-year, no-interest water loans totaling \$310,747 are also slated to begin in 2012. Three federal earmarks totaling \$2.9 million have been secured and funds are in the process of being sought through U.S.D.A. Rural Development. Other sources of funding will also be sought, including the establishment of a tax increment finance (TIF) district to provide increased revenues for these projects. It is anticipated that user fees will support most of the local share of project costs. General fund support for a portion of the debt service may range from 1.5 to 4.5 cents on the tax rate.

**Municipal Water & Wastewater Feasibility Study
Vermont State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF)**

In 1998, the Town of Waitsfield applied to the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (VANR) for State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans to undertake planning and engineering for municipal water and wastewater systems to serve some or all of Irasville and Waitsfield Village. The State Revolving Fund is funded primarily by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). These loans are at zero percent interest, and repayment of the loan principal is almost always made as a part of the overall construction financing package for such projects. If the March 4 bond vote fails and no future planning is anticipated, the loans are repayable over five years following completion of the water study and over fifteen years following completion of the wastewater study. Please refer to Long Term Indebtedness in this Town Report for more information about the status of these loans.

Route 100 Transportation Path Project

In 2001, the Route 100 Transportation Path Project began the final design phase with the hiring of a municipal project manager to oversee the project. In 2002, the final design engineering team was hired and final design work began. Conceptual planning for the project was completed between 1996 and 1999. This project is being funded with 90% assistance through the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans). Beginning in 1997, the Town has set aside a total of \$131,818 in reserve funds for this project. Please see the project reserve fund report for further information about the fund's status. Additional contributions are included in the Capital Budget for the year 2008 to go toward the Town's projected share of the project. This project is nearing the final stages of VTrans review and is expected to begin construction in 2009 or 2010.

Community Development Fund

The Town has two long-term loans receivable as a result of a 1999 Vermont Community Development Program Grant, which funded two affordable housing projects at the VerdMont Mobile Home Park and the Evergreen Place Senior Citizens Center. Repayments of the loans from these projects to the Town will be re-usable for community development eligible activities subject to the negotiation of a close-out agreement with the Vermont Community Development Program. In addition, the Town renegotiated the terms of the original Evergreen Place note in 2005 and obtained an additional VCDP grant for the Evergreen Place Project, which were then loaned to the Central Vermont Community Land Trust to refurbish and build an addition to the facility. These notes are due as follows:

Evergreen Place Senior Citizens Center:

Mortgagee: Evergreen Place, Inc. (this note was originally issued to the Mad River Valley Senior Citizens, Inc., and was transferred to EPI in 2002 and transferred to CVCLT/EPHLP in 2005)

Principal Amount of First Note (1999): \$150,000

Interest Rate: 0%

Payment Schedule: 30 annual payments of \$5,000 beginning July 2021.

Principal Amount of Second Note (2005): \$247,000

Interest Rate: 0%

Payment Schedule: deferred, payment in full due May 31, 2035.

VerdMont Mobile Home Park:

Mortgagee: Central Vermont Community Land Trust

Principal Amount of Note: \$115,000

Interest Rate: 0%

Payment Schedule: \$20,000 due January 2019, with 14 annual payments of \$6,786 beginning January 2020.

Howard/Tucker Gravel Pit

In 2006 Waitsfield voters authorized the Selectboard to purchase property belonging to Robert L. Howard and the Estate of Phyllis Tucker for \$350,000 for development of a municipal gravel supply and for future redevelopment. The parcel (Tax Map #99037.000) is approximately 77 acres located off of Route 100. It was purchased with \$125,000 from Chittenden Bank, \$175,000 borrowed from Mr. Howard, \$25,000 from the gravel reserve fund, and \$25,000 from the gravel line item in the general fund. The loans will be paid back over a five year period. Work will begin in 2008 to obtain the necessary approvals to bring the gravel pit on-line.

Police Cruiser

The police cruiser used in the Valley’s police patrol program under contract with the Washington County Sheriff’s Department was purchased by the Town of Waitsfield in 2003. In the past, these vehicles have been purchased via lease or note. The current vehicle was purchased in 2003 and, although the Selectboard proposed establishing a reserve fund toward its future replacement, funds had not been allocated. The cruiser is proposed to be replaced in 2008 with a 4-wheel drive vehicle. If replaced in 2008, it will be through a 5-year note.

Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department Fire Truck

The 1987 pumper truck is proposed to be replaced in 2011. Depending on the features included, it could cost in the area of \$200,000 to \$300,000. Waitsfield’s 60% share (\$120,000 to \$180,000) would be paid from the Fire Truck Reserve Fund. Grants may also be available to cover all or some of the cost.

**TOWN CLERK
2007 STATEMENT OF FEES COLLECTED**

Recording Fees	\$20,415
Search Fees	\$710
Copies	\$5,453
Permit Fees	\$368
Marriage/Civil Union Licenses (less state	\$504
Miscellaneous Fees	\$28
Dog Licenses (less state fees)	\$1,505
Passport Fees	<u>\$4,800</u>
Total Fees Collected	\$33,783

Vital Statistics:

Births	10
Deaths	17
Marriages	62
Civil Unions	<u>1</u>
	90

Dog Licenses Issued: 306

Traditionally, individual Vital Statistics (births, deaths, marriages, and civil unions) were printed in the Town Report. However, with fraud and identity theft on the increase and for the protection of the public, the Selectboard decided to change the traditional report and print the statistical information only. Citizens may still obtain detailed information associated with vital records at the Town Office.

WAITSFIELD-FAYSTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department continues to operate under agreement of the Towns of Waitsfield and Fayston, with a 60% - 40% cost sharing arrangement. The Department responded to 88 calls in 2007, the highest number of calls in the department's history.

Calls by type:

Structure fire, mutual aid given	1	Utility assistance	3
Structure fire, mutual aid rec'd	1	Furnace/electrical malfunction	3
Chimney fire	9	Gas or Propane leak	3
Vehicle fire	2	Fire alarm/smoke	15
Barn Collapse	1	CO detector	4
Woodland fire	1	Sprinkler malfunction	1
Good intent call, no fire	14	Mountain rescue	2
Motor vehicle accident	28		

The Fire Department continues to operate under agreement of the Towns of Waitsfield and Fayston with a 60% - 40% cost sharing arrangement. The Department responded to 88 calls in 2007, almost 14% more than in 2006, and a record number in the Department's history.

Calls by town:	
Waitsfield calls	55.7%
Fayston call	43.2%
Warren calls	1.1%
<u>Moretown calls</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
TOTAL	100.0%

Firefighters participated in a number of training sessions with Warren and Moretown. We also trained with Sexual Harassment, driver training with trucks, and use of red light safety driving. We are up to date on National Incident Management System (NIMS) training. We had training in reading smoke and advance fire behavior. We also trained with Moretown with hose relay, Green Mountain Power with line safety, propane leak with a gas company, air pack training, and pump training and water relay for brush fires.

The Department met all the criteria to pass a safety audit. The Department also applied for a grant for a tanker pumper through FEMA, but did not get it this time.

Officers for 2007 were:

Chief	Delbert Palmer (Waits.)
1 st Asst. Chief	Gordon Eurich (Waits.)
2 nd Asst. Chief	Paul Hartshorn (Waits.)
Captain	Arnold Burbank (Waits.)
Lieutenant	Jack Corliss (Fays.)

Active Firefighters:

Robert Aldred (Waits.)
George Gabaree (Waits.)
Andrew Johnson (Waits.)
Trip Johnson (Waits.)
Alison Kernan (Waits.)

Officers for 2007 (cont'd):

Lieutenant Travis Michaud (Waits.)
Secretary Shannon Young (Waits.)
Treasurer Gordon Eurich (Waits.)
Moderator Eric Haskin (Waits.)

Respectfully Submitted,
Delbert Palmer, Chief

Active Firefighters: (cont'd)

Bob Lockett (Fays.)
Lester Miller, Jr. (Waits.)
Michael Munn (Fays.)
Ramsey Orr (Waits.)
Jared Rouleau (Fays.)
Theodore Tremper (Waits.)
Owen Wimble (Waits.)
Shannon Young (Waits.)
Mason Zegler (Waits.)

WAITSFIELD CEMETERY COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Funds available – January 1, 2007	15,452.52
Checkbook balance – Bank North	6,014.83
Equipment reserve fund (CD) – Northfield Savings Bank	9,437.69

Income – 2007

New perpetual care funds	600.00
Sale of lots	
210.00	
Care of lots	0.00
Sale of corner markers	150.00
Burials	2,900.00
From Trustees	29,700.00
Interest from Checking	82.22
Interest from CD	330.29
Installment payments of lots	0.00
Total Income	33,972.51

Funds available – 2007	49,425.03
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Disbursements – 2007

Tardy Contract	20,000.00
Purchase of corner markers	100.00
To trustees – Perpetual care fund	600.00
To trustees – Lot Fund	210.00
Treasurer of Trustees	225.00
Treasurer & Secretary of Commission Expense	2,500.00
Tree Service	2,800.00
Fence Repairs	117.71
Misc. – Flags, Flowers, soil, etc.	113.91
Stone Cleaning	5,249.50
VT Cemetery Association	130.00
Burials	1,350.00
Total Expenditures	33,396.12

Funds Available Less Expenses	16,028.91
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Funds Available – January 1, 2008	
Checkbook balance – Bank North	6,260.93
Equipment Reserve Fund CD – Northfield Savings Bank	9,767.98

Total Funds Available January 1, 2008	16,028.91
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CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

2007 Earnings & Expense Statement

EARNINGS:

Stock Dividends	\$12,229.49	
Mutual Fund Dividends	8546.90	
Corporate Bond Interest	3,060.96	
Money Market Interest	1,012.59	
Stock Litigations	173.24	
Total Earnings		25,023.18

EXPENSES:

Grant To Commissioners	\$27,200.00	
Total Expenses		(27,200.00)
LOSS		(2,176.82)
NEW FUNDS		600.00
NET LOSS		(1,576.82)

ANALYSIS OF CHANGE IN FUNDS:

Individual Funds 1-1-2007		\$505,635.00
Income	\$25,023.18	530,658.18
Less Expense	27,200.00	503,458.18
New Funds	600.00	504,058.18
Gain From Transactions	3,254.52	
Individual Funds 12-31-06		\$507,312.70

	2006	2007
INDIVIDUAL FUNDS:	\$505,635.00	\$507,312.70

CEMETERY LOT FUND:

AG Edwards & Son 1-1-07		9,882.90
New Funds	210.00	
Savings Interest	427.41	
Paid to Commissioners	(2,500.00)	
Linsco/Private Ledger 12-31-07		8,020.31

WAITSFIELD CEMETERY TRUST:
Investments December 31, 2007

MONEY MARKET FUNDS	\$18,003.17
MUTUAL FUNDS (At Cost)	63,761.22
COMMON STOCKS (At Cost)	384,155.31
CORPORATE BONDS (At Cost)	41,393.00

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Common Stock (At Cost)	\$365,721.00	\$384,155.31
Mutual Funds (At Cost)	63,761.22	63,761.22
Money Market Funds	34,759.78	18,003.17
Corporate Bonds (At Cost)	41,393.00	41,393.00
Total Assets	505,635.00	507,312.70

Joslin Memorial Library Receipts/Disbursements Report 2007

Cash in Checking		\$10,037.74
INCOME		
Town of Waitsfield	\$38,625.00	
Town of Fayston	\$7,250.00	
Patron Contribution	\$814.45	
Interest Howard	\$630.87	
Interest Howard	\$53.01	
Interest Northfield	\$547.19	
Interest Northfield	\$1,405.13	
Friends of Library	\$2,419.21	
Misc. Income	\$1,152.17	
TOTAL INCOME	\$52,897.03	\$52,897.03
TOTAL CASH		\$62,934.77
EXPENSES		
Adult Fiction	\$2,910.11	
Adult Non-Fiction	\$1,557.18	
Juvenile Fiction	\$615.50	
Juvenile Non-Fiction	\$500.97	
Easy	\$343.28	
Books on Cassette Adlt.	\$1,197.95	
Books on Cassette Juv.	\$685.28	
CD Romls	\$114.07	
Development Other	\$0.00	
Library Supplies	\$1,279.81	
Office Supplies	\$680.97	
Postage	\$701.40	
Mileage	\$0.00	
Periodicals	\$375.30	
Maintenance & Repairs	\$3,204.66	
Electricity	\$2,054.40	
Fuel	\$3,609.64	
Telephone	\$1,282.81	
Copier	\$911.79	
Tape Repairs	\$18.00	
Summer Program	\$548.97	
Staff Salaries	\$24,106.05	
Payroll Taxes	\$5,484.00	
Mbrships & Conf. Fees	\$220.00	
Friends of Library Exp.	\$419.21	
Computer & Supplies	\$1,285.39	
Bank Charges	\$0.00	
Programs	\$505.40	
Misc Expense	\$2,115.95	

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$56,728.09	(\$56,728.09)
OTHER INCOME/EXPENSES		
OTHER INCOME		
State of VT Grant	\$252.00	
Larsen Grant	\$1,000.00	
Ruth Joslin Memorial Gift	\$1,685.00	
Fletcher Joslin Memorial Gift	\$2,769.00	
Betty Howlett Gift	\$1,955.00	
Patron Gifts	\$200.00	
TOTAL OTHER INCOME		\$7,861.00
OTHER EXPENSES		
Celebration Expenses	\$608.31	
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES		(\$608.31)
CASH IN CHECKING DECEMBER 31, 2007		\$13,459.37

Joslin Memorial Library Trust Fund Report 2007

HOWARD BANK			
Cash in Checking			\$13,459.37
Certificate of Deposit			\$20,000.00
McGrath Fund CD			\$1,755.80
	1/1/2007	\$1,033.35	
Interest on CD Savings		\$40.03	
Balance 12/31/2007			\$1,073.38
	1/1/2006	\$1,583.30	
Joslin Repair Fund Escrow		\$3.96	
Interest to 10/31/07			
Balance 12/31/07			\$1,587.26
	1/1/2007	\$744.02	
Freeman Grant			
Balance 12/31/07			\$744.02
 NORTHFIELD SAVINGS BANK			
Geo A Joslin Book Fund CD	1/1/2007	\$12,176.30	
Interest		\$541.68	
Transfer to Checking		(\$541.68)	
Balance 12/31/07			\$12,176.30
	1/1/2007	\$25,000.00	
Wallis Book Fund CD		\$1,063.33	
Interest		(\$1,063.33)	
Transfer to Checking			
Balance 12/31/2007			\$25,000.00
	1/1/2007	\$3,699.14	
Geo A Joslin Repair Fund		\$15.65	
Interest		\$1,625.00	
Deposits			
Balance 12/31/07			\$5,339.79
	1/1/2007	\$5,386.42	
Building Fund		\$245.82	
Interest			
Balance 12/31/07			\$5,632.24
TOTAL INVESTMENTS 12/31/2007			\$86,768.16

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Selectmen
Town of Waitsfield, Vermont
Waitsfield, Vermont 05673

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Waitsfield, Vermont, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, which collectively comprise the Town of Waitsfield, Vermont basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Waitsfield, Vermont management. My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit.

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

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Waitsfield, Vermont, as of December 31, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Board of Selectmen
Town of Waitsfield, Vermont

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued my report dated January 24, 2008, on my consideration of the Town of Waitsfield, Vermont internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.



William Yacavoni
Certified Public Accountant
License # 92-0000153
January 24, 2008

Exhibit A

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
DECEMBER 31, 2007

Governmental
Activities

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash	\$ 743,805
Accounts Receivable	7,736
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	<u>82,026</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>833,567</u>

Non-Current Assets:

Land, Buildings, and Equipment - Net of Accumulated Depreciation of \$725,519	2,071,615
Loans Receivable	<u>265,000</u>
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>2,336,615</u>

TOTAL ASSETS

\$3,170,182

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$ <u>608,682</u>
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Non-Current Liabilities:

Notes and Bonds Payable	<u>1,341,462</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$1,950,144

NET ASSETS

Invested in Capital Assets - Net of Related Debt	\$1,741,615
Restricted for:	
Special Projects	(734,738)
Loans to Community	265,000
Unrestricted	<u>(51,839)</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$1,220,038</u>

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Exhibit B

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Program Revenue		Net (Expense)
	Charges for	Operating	Revenue and
	Services	Grant and	Change in
		Contributions	Net Assets
	Expenses		
Governmental Activities:			
General Government	\$ 566,060	\$ 8,470	\$ (557,590)
Highways	411,167	0	(411,167)
Public Safety	103,434	0	(83,161)
Employee Benefits	94,191	0	(94,191)
Debt Service	33,715	0	(33,715)
Other	424,387	7,736	(416,651)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$1,632,954</u>	<u>\$ 16,206</u>	<u>(1,596,475)</u>
General Revenue:			
Property Taxes			1,087,506
Intergovernmental			163,116
Interest on Investments			29,581
Licenses, Permits and Fees			45,821
Other			<u>126,017</u>
Total General Revenue			<u>1,452,041</u>
Change in Net Assets			(144,434)
Net Assets - Beginning			<u>1,364,472</u>
Net Assets - Ending			<u>\$ 1,220,038</u>

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Exhibit C

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2007

	General Fund	CDBG Fund	Gravel Pit Fund	Equipment Reserve Fund	Water and Sewer Projects Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS							
Cash	\$317,897	\$ 0	\$ 41,589	\$129,107	\$ 0	\$255,212	\$ 743,805
Accounts Receivable	7,736	0	0	0	0	0	7,736
Due from Other Funds	480,694	0	0	0	0	0	480,694
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	82,026	0	0	0	0	0	82,026
Loans Receivable	0	265,000	0	0	0	0	265,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$888,353	\$265,000	\$ 41,589	\$129,107	\$ 0	\$255,212	\$1,579,261
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES							
Liabilities:							
Accounts Payable	\$608,682	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 608,682
Due to Other Funds	0	0	0	0	480,694	0	480,694
Deferred Revenue	45,443	265,000	0	0	0	0	310,443
Total Liabilities	654,125	265,000	0	0	480,694	0	1,399,819

Fund Balances:								
Reserved	0	0	0	129,107	(480,694)	248,311	(103,276)	
Unreserved - Designated	0	0	41,589	0	0	6,901	48,490	
Unreserved - Undesignated	<u>234,228</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>234,228</u>	
Total Fund Balances	<u>234,228</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>41,589</u>	<u>129,107</u>	<u>(480,694)</u>	<u>255,212</u>	<u>179,442</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES								
AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$888,353</u>	<u>\$265,000</u>	<u>\$ 41,589</u>	<u>\$129,107</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$255,212</u>	<u>\$1,579,261</u>	

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Exhibit D

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD, VERMONT
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
DECEMBER 31, 2007

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 179,442
1. Capital assets used in Governmental Funds are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the Governmental Funds financial statements net of accumulated depreciation.	2,071,615
2. Notes and Bonds payable not requiring current financial resources have not been included in the Governmental Funds financial statements.	(1,341,462)
3. Deferred Revenue:	
a. Property taxes not collected within 60 days of balance sheet date, therefore, not recorded as current financial resources in the Governmental Funds financial statements.	45,443
b. Loans receivable from community not recorded as current financial resources in the Governmental Funds financial statements.	<u>265,000</u>
Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$ <u>1,220,038</u>

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	General Fund	CDBG Fund	Gravel Pit Fund	Equipment Reserve Fund	Water and Sewer Projects Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenue:							
Property Taxes	\$1,094,952	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$1,094,952
Intergovernmental	154,586	0	0	0	0	24,736	179,322
Licenses, Permits and Fees	41,730	0	0	0	0	4,091	45,821
Interest on Investments	19,332	0	837	3,215	0	6,197	29,581
Charges for Services	20,273	0	0	0	0	0	20,273
Other	74,274	0	0	0	0	51,743	126,017
	1,405,147	0	837	3,215	0	86,767	1,495,966
Total Revenue							
Expenditures:							
General Government	556,433	0	0	0	0	4,300	560,733
Highways	361,780	0	0	229,403	0	0	591,183
Public Safety	108,238	0	0	0	0	20,100	128,338
Debt Service	188,715	0	0	0	0	0	188,715
Employee Benefits	94,191	0	0	0	0	0	94,191
Other	0	0	0	0	361,734	62,653	424,387
	1,309,357	0	0	229,403	361,734	87,053	1,987,547
Total Expenditures							
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenue Over/(Under) Expenditures	95,790	0	837	(226,188)	(361,734)	(286)	(491,581)

Other Financing Sources/(Uses) :							
Transfers In	0	0	60,000	0	32,000	92,000	
Transfers Out	(92,000)	0	0	0	0	(92,000)	
Proceeds of Long-Term Debt	0	0	90,000	108,178	0	198,178	
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(92,000)	0	150,000	108,178	32,000	198,178	
Net Changes in Fund Balances	3,790	0	(76,188)	(253,556)	31,714	(293,403)	
Fund Balances - Beginning	80,438	0	205,295	(227,138)	373,498	472,845	
Residual Equity Transfer	150,000	0	0	0	(150,000)	0	
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 234,228</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 129,107</u>	<u>\$ (480,694)</u>	<u>\$ 255,212</u>	<u>\$ 179,442</u>	

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Exhibit F

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD, VERMONT
 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

Total Net Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$(293,403)
1. Current year long-term debt principal payments reported as expenditures in the Governmental Funds financial statements are shown as a reduction in long-term debt in the government-wide financial statements.	155,000
2. Depreciation is not recognized as an expense in the Governmental Funds since it does not require the use of current financial resources. The effect of the current year's depreciation is to decrease net assets.	(83,734)
3. Current year capital outlays are expenditures in the Governmental Funds financial statements, but they are shown as increases in capital assets in the government-wide financial statements.	283,327
4. The change in deferred revenue, excluding deferred revenue relating to grants, is eliminated within the government-wide financial statements.	(7,446)
5. Proceeds of long-term debt recorded as revenue in the Governmental Funds financial statements are shown as an increase in long-term liabilities in the government-wide financial statements.	<u>(198,178)</u>
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	<u>\$(144,434)</u>

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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TOWN OF WAITSFIELD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
Property Taxes	\$1,071,326	\$1,094,952	\$ 23,626
Interest and Penalty - Delinquent Taxes	31,000	32,664	1,664
Fire Department - Fayston	22,863	20,273	(2,590)
State Aid - Highways	67,800	67,609	(191)
Ordinance Fines	30,000	25,354	(4,646)
Licenses, Permits and Fees	55,000	41,730	(13,270)
Interest on Investments	12,500	19,332	6,832
Intergovernmental	63,200	86,977	23,777
Other	<u>2,200</u>	<u>16,256</u>	<u>14,056</u>
Total Revenue	<u>1,355,889</u>	<u>1,405,147</u>	<u>49,258</u>
Expenditures:			
General Government:			
Town Meeting	4,000	3,786	214
Legal and Auditing	53,500	58,053	(4,553)
Town Office Operations	74,650	72,665	1,985
Clerk/Treasurer	67,792	68,017	(225)
Selectboard	58,187	59,698	(1,511)
Planning and Zoning	82,033	53,580	28,453
Board of Listers	12,800	10,800	2,000
Delinquent Tax Collector	19,000	18,452	548
Voted Appropriations	20,368	20,368	0
Dues and Assessments	74,512	74,587	(75)
Other	<u>79,684</u>	<u>78,651</u>	<u>1,033</u>
Total General Government	<u>546,526</u>	<u>518,657</u>	<u>27,869</u>
Roads:			
Labor	126,000	111,185	14,815
Equipment Operations and Repairs	48,500	68,168	(19,668)
Hired Equipment and Labor	22,300	20,010	2,290
Materials	138,125	119,635	18,490
Garage Expenditures	13,140	16,855	(3,715)
Paving	9,500	7,258	2,242
Insurance	4,690	4,205	485
Other	<u>17,000</u>	<u>14,464</u>	<u>2,536</u>
Total Roads	<u>379,255</u>	<u>361,780</u>	<u>17,475</u>

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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TOWN OF WAITSFIELD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Water/Sewer Municipal Planning Manager	\$ 44,844	\$ 37,776	\$ 7,068
Debt Service:			
Paving Note	83,050	113,000	(29,950)
Tax Anticipation Note Interest	4,000	3,906	94
Gravel Pit Note	<u>71,850</u>	<u>71,809</u>	<u>41</u>
Total Debt Service	<u>158,900</u>	<u>188,715</u>	<u>(29,815)</u>
Employee Benefits	<u>88,421</u>	<u>94,191</u>	<u>(5,770)</u>
Public Safety:			
Fire Department	57,156	56,997	159
Police Program	32,680	27,335	5,345
Dog Warden and Fees	1,250	945	305
Emergency Generator	<u>0</u>	<u>22,961</u>	<u>(22,961)</u>
Total Public Safety	<u>91,086</u>	<u>108,238</u>	<u>(17,152)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>1,309,032</u>	<u>1,309,357</u>	<u>(325)</u>
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures	46,857	95,790	48,933
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):			
Transfers Out	<u>(92,000)</u>	<u>(92,000)</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenue Over/(Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ <u>(45,143)</u>	3,790	\$ <u>48,933</u>
Fund Balance - Beginning		80,438	
Residual Equity Transfer		<u>150,000</u>	
Fund Balance - Ending		<u>\$ 234,228</u>	

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**Warning of Annual Meeting
Waitsfield Town School District 2008**

The inhabitants of the Town School District of Waitsfield who are legal voters in the Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Waitsfield Elementary School in the Town of Waitsfield on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. to act on the following matters:

ARTICLE I: To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE II: To hear and act upon reports of the Town School District.

ARTICLE III: To set salaries, if any, that shall be paid to the officers of the district.

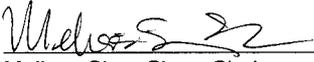
ARTICLE IV: To authorize the Board of School Directors of Waitsfield Town School District to borrow money by issuance of notes in anticipation of revenue to pay the expenses of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

ARTICLE V: To authorize expenditure for the Town School District of such a sum of money as is deemed necessary for the support of schools in specific amounts for deficits, if any, for current expenses, capital improvements, or other lawful purposes for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2009.

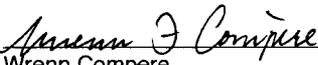
ARTICLE VI: To authorize the Board of School Directors of the Waitsfield School District to appropriate 50% of the FY07 surplus in the amount of \$33,220 to the capital improvement and facilities maintenance reserve fund.

ARTICLE VII: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

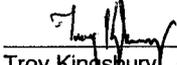
Board of School Directors:



Melissa Siner Shea, Chairman



Wrenn Compere



Troy Kingsbury



Sandra Tarburton



Rob Williams

**WAITSFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 6, 2007**

ARTICLE I: To elect a moderator for the ensuing year. Peter Joslin was elected by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE II: To hear and act upon reports of the Town School District. Various reports were reviewed and discussed, including how spelling is taught, the transportation budget, student projects, staff changes, overall school budget, and test scores.

ARTICLE III: To set salaries, if any, that shall be paid to the officers of the district. Salaries were set as follows by unanimous voice vote: \$300 per School Director, for reimbursement and \$1,200 to the School Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV: To authorize the Board of School Directors of Waitsfield Town School District to borrow money by issuance of notes in anticipation of revenue to pay the expenses of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. Article IV was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE V: To authorize expenditure for the Town School District of such a sum of money as is deemed necessary for the support of schools in specific amounts for deficits, if any, for current expenses, capital improvements, or other lawful purposes for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2008. Article V to authorize the Waitsfield School District to expend a gross budget of \$1,937,503 for those purposes for the year ending June 30, 2008 was approved by a unanimous voice vote without discussion.

ARTICLE VI: To authorize the Board of School Directors of the Waitsfield School District to authorize the establishment of a capital improvement and facilities maintenance reserve fund, pursuant to the provisions of 24 V.S.A. ss2804, for the purpose of capital improvement and facilities maintenance projects and to appropriate the FY06 surplus in the amount of \$32,160 to said reserve fund? Article VI was approved by a unanimous voice vote with no discussion.

ARTICLE VII: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Kay Marcelle and Chris Brynga were recognized for their service. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

**WAITSFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD AND
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**
March 2008

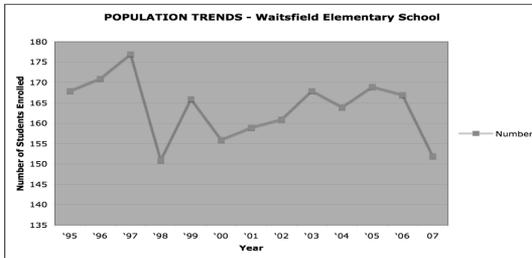
Elementary Enrollment as of October 2007

Grade	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Enrollment	20	19	15	25	13	20	18	22	152

Grade	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Enrollment	23	18	22	18	20	22	123

Enrollment Trends (1995-2006)

Year	'95	'96	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	'02	'03	'04	'05	'06
Number	168	171	177	151	166	156	159	161	168	164	169	167



Professional Staff List 2007-2008

Teacher	Position	Certification
Georgeanne Baker	Teacher – Grade 2	Level II Prof. Ed. Lic
Pamela Barnard	Contracted Physical Therapist	
Ann Beattie	Teacher – Grade 4/5	Level II Prof. Ed. Lic
Elizabeth Belknap	Teacher – Grade 4	Level II Prof. Ed. Lic
Nina Brennan	Teacher - French	Level II Prof. Ed. Lic
Lauren Briere	Contracted OT	OTR
Emily Church	Paraprofessional	
Sue Dillon	Nurse	Level II Prof. Ed. Lic
Raymond Drake	Teacher - PE	Level II Prof. Ed. Lic
Ellen Drysdale	Librarian	Level II Prof. Ed. Lic
Betsy Eckfeldt	Teacher - Preschool	Level II Prof. Ed. Lic
Catherine Fair	Counselor	Level I Prof. Ed. Lic
Daniel Greenleaf	Teacher – Grade 5/6	Level II Prof. Ed. Lic
Connie Hartshorn	Administrative Assistant	
Patti Haynes	Paraprofessional	
Jeremy Hill	Teacher – Music	Level II Prof. Ed. Lic

Lisa Chase	Contracted Individual Support	
Taylor Hubbard	Teacher – Grade 1	Level II Prof. Ed. Lic
Sarah Hughes	Paraprofessional	
Lynne Kingsbury	Teacher – Grade 3	Level II Prof. Ed. Lic
Susan Koeplinger	Teacher - Support services	Level II Prof. Ed. Lic
Nora McDonough	Teacher – Art	Level I Prof. Ed. Lic
Beth McGeorge	Instructional assistant/tutor	Level I Prof. Ed. Lic
Kay Marcelle	Teacher – Technology	Level II Prof. Ed. Lic
Barbara Morrison	Paraprofessional	
Heidi Nishi	Paraprofessional	
Krietta Phillips	Teacher – Kindergarten	Level II Prof. Ed. Lic
Joe Robinson	Head Custodian	
Richard Schattman	Principal	Level II Prof. Ed. Lic
Leigh Stockton	Speech Language Pathologist	Level II Prof. Ed. Lic
Sally Utter	Interventionist	
Lee Van Dine	Teacher – 5/6	Level II Prof. Ed. Lic
Arthur Washington	Contracted lunch program	
Katie Westhelle	Paraprofessional / After School & Winter Sports Coordinator	
Terry Wilcox	Teacher – Primary Unit	
Roy Yoder	Custodian	
Tom Young	Teacher – Grade 2	Level II Prof. Ed. Lic

The Waitsfield Elementary School Mission

It is the mission of the Waitsfield Elementary School to support students in the achievement of high academic standards; we believe that all students can master challenging academic material, and we expect them to do so. It is our mission to foster a safe, comfortable, and challenging learning environment. It is our mission to help teach children respect for themselves and others, and teach them to accept responsibility for their actions. It is our mission to enhance global awareness and acceptance of cultural diversity. Finally, it is our mission to make a positive difference in the lives of each of our students.

Staff Changes

The Waitsfield Elementary School continues to have great stability and consistency with staff. Sally Utter was hired on a part time basis as an “interventionist” to work in the support services area. Lisa Chase joins our staff as a contracted employee from Washington County Mental Health Agency and also fulfills the role of interventionist within the special education area. In addition, Susan Koeplinger has joined the staff as our new special education teacher. Beth McGeorge is now a part time special educator supporting children in the lower unit. All new personnel are filling existing positions. We are pleased to have each as part of the faculty and know they will contribute significantly to the children they teach.

New and Revised Policy

Policy development, review, and revision are the responsibility of the WES Board. Policy guides our school operations in a variety of areas, all of which ultimately move our school

toward best practice. In the past year, policies have been reviewed, revised or developed in the areas of discipline, harassment, and animals in the school. If you are interested in reviewing any of the school's policies, please make an appointment to come in or we can mail a copy upon request. Some policies are also available on the school's web site.

The Waitsfield School Web Page

The Waitsfield Elementary School web site was launched last year. With the support of Aaron Carlino, web designer, we were able to design a web site that provides parents, teachers, and other members of the community with a wealth of information about the school and school events. If you haven't visited the regularly updated site, please do so soon at: <http://www.waitsfieldelementary.org>. The site is a great way to stay in touch with student events, posts of student work, calendars, board and PTA minutes, articles of special interest, and much more.

Action Planning

This year, we are the second year of our three-year Action Plan. Goals have been established in the areas of reading, mathematics, writing, health and wellness. The Action Plan defines the school's goals and priorities for three years. This plan is then used to guide budget and staff development. In June, teachers and the administration reviewed all year one goals and summarized progress toward our goals. Copies of the action plan are available on the web site (go to staff/PDF).

Accountability

The Waitsfield Elementary School is committed to presenting town residents with comprehensive assessment data. This data can help community members understand the overall performance of the school. In a recent accountability report, the State Department of Education indicated that the performance of the Waitsfield School far exceeds State of Vermont expectations with regard to what it calls "adequate yearly progress." In fact, in 2006 the Waitsfield School met its adequate yearly progress targets for the year 2013. This is a reflection of the quality of our teachers and the talents of our students. Without family support and partnership, these targets could not be met.

Another important area of accountability is that of *teacher appraisal*. All schools in the Washington West Supervisory Union, including Waitsfield, are implementing a system for comprehensive appraisal of teacher performance. Each teacher is evaluated on an annual basis (goal setting and goal review) with a comprehensive summative appraisal once every three years. This process is designed to provide teachers with essential feedback for continuous growth and professional development.

Transportation

The Washington West Supervisory Union contracts with the *First Student* bus company for transportation services in Waitsfield, Fayston, Moretown, Duxbury, and Waterbury. At the WES we run two busses in the morning, one mid-day bus for the kindergartners, and two busses at the end of the day. This year we conducted a bus survey to better understand how the system is working for students and their families. Results of this survey appeared in the Valley Reporter and on our web site. In an effort to address environmental and parking lot safety issues, parents

are encouraged to use the school transportation bus system whenever they can. The following data reflects the levels of ridership this year:

- Each morning, bus 1 transports 35 elementary and 48 Harwood students
- Each afternoon, bus 1 transports 29 elementary and 40 Harwood students
- Each morning, bus 2 transports 16 elementary and 55 Harwood students
- Each afternoon, bus 2 transports 12 elementary and 58 Harwood students

While elementary participation is approximately 40% of capacity, when combined with Harwood, capacity is close to 100%. In addition to the AM and PM bus runs, we do provide a mid-day run to accommodate preschoolers and kindergartners. This run averages 24 students.

Staff Development

The Washington West Supervisory Union has developed a comprehensive staff development program for all schools in the Union. On eight Wednesday afternoons throughout the year, teachers meet at Harwood Union to participate in a range of workshops and courses. Each is designed to improve instruction. These half days have been very worthwhile according to teacher and administrative feedback. We recognize that early release days place a burden on each family and we appreciate your support.

The Arts

This year, students performed a number of wonderful plays. They included “Once upon a Lily Pad”, It’s a “Jungle Out There”, and “The Wizard of Oz.” All are invited to join us at the Valley Players for our production of the Wizard on March 28th and March 29th. Murray may make a guest appearance as Toto.

At the Waitsfield Elementary School’s holiday program, students performed a variety of songs, and readings. These songs and readings drew upon the traditions of Christians, Jews, and Muslims. It was heavily attended by parents and others within the community and was just one more example of how Waitsfield values its youngest members.

Health and Nutrition

Our breakfast/lunch program is contracted with the Fayston School. This is the 4th year for our partnership; Arthur Washington and Cheryl Joslin staff and coordinate the program and are to be commended for a job well done. The program has made a commitment to working with local farmers to use locally grown products to the greatest extent possible.

Sue Dillon, our school nurse, coordinates all health services and provides direct instruction to all classes on a rotating basis. Topics covered included nutrition, safety, physical activity, making healthy choices, dental health, infection prevention, media literacy, and human growth and development. Last year nursing services were increased by one half day per week. This has offered WES students with additional support and instruction.

Health screenings for vision, hearing, height, weight, and blood pressure have been completed; referrals were sent home, as appropriate. Sue also coordinates our weekly fluoride treatments for those students whose parents want them to participate. Again, parent volunteers make the

program possible. This year, WES has participated in the Washington West Supervisory Union dental hygiene program and welcomes Marion Moore as our contracted dental hygienist.

PTA

This year, the annual ski and skate sale was a great success under the leadership of Krissa Hammond. This was Krissa's second year as the sale coordinator. Sales exceeded last year, giving the PTA a good funding base to support a wide range of enrichment activities. This year, the PTA is sponsoring a two week long dance residency with Karen Amirault. The focus of Karen's work will be South American cultures. Teachers are linking classroom instruction with the residency to provide students with a rich and meaningful learning experience.

In addition to our residency programs, the PTA funds field trips to the Flynn Theater and other venues. They purchased books for the library, sponsored the winter sports program, responded to staff requests for materials and special events, and hosted a staff appreciation breakfast. The Waitsfield PTA is a critically important part of our school's richness and depth. Thank you to all who support the PTA. We couldn't do it without you.

Non-commercial Book Fair

Instead of continuing our commercial affiliation with Scholastic Books Inc., we developed a relationship with a locally owned Montpelier bookstore and provided students with only high quality books. Thanks to the effort of our school librarian, Ellen Drysdale, and Sandy Tarburton, we were able to continue our work with Bear Pond Books to provide a book fair that gives children great literature. With this being the third year for this fair, we are receiving lots of inquiries from other schools interested in moving in this direction.

Media Literacy

Media literacy continues to be an important focus for the school. The school strives to be a "commercial free zone" and is vigilant in its commitment to safeguard all students from the influence of advertising within the school building. Part of this commitment includes providing students with the tools of media literacy, so that they may understand how they are influenced by our media saturated society. All students participate in a course of study in this area prior to their graduation from grade 6. Again, visit our web site for more information on this important aspect of the school program.

The Waitsfield Ways

This is the fourth year of implementing The Waitsfield Ways. It is a statement of those behaviors that each student and staff member agrees to follow as a member of the school community. We are using the Waitsfield Ways to discuss issues and problem solve when necessary. The Waitsfield Ways frame many of our assemblies as children develop role-plays and demonstrations for all to see and discuss. The Waitsfield Ways now appear in the school's handbook and include:

- Set a good example for yourself and others by helping those in need
- Respect each other's body, property, feelings, and differences
- Do your best
- Keep our school safe, neat, and healthy

Technology

The Waitsfield School is a leader in the area of integrating technology across the curriculum. It is truly impressive to see how the use of mobile computing stations have allowed students to create digital projects, media production, and applications for Internet for research. New to the repertoire of students this year is the use of podcasts, blogs, and wikis. We are now streaming content-based video from the Internet and enable students to actively engage through the use of a "Smart Board."

This year, staff presented at the Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference and the Dynamic Landscapes conference. Topics for these presentations have included: medial literacy, integrating technology in the classroom, applying technology to the teaching of science and writing, and more.

A technology task force was re-established to guide the school's implementation of its board adopted technology plan. This task force consists of teachers, the school technology coordinator, a board member, and the school administrator.

At the Waitsfield School, we believe technology is a tool for enhancing learning across all areas of the curriculum. Application of technology is evident in PK-6 grade, art, and music. We have both a computer lab and a mobile lab that can be placed in any classroom to support class-based research. Students are developing many skills through the use of technology including Internet research, manipulating digital images, keyboarding, development of spreadsheets, ability to evaluate web sites, drawing and painting, and creating digital multimedia projects. Our school is constantly upgrading the technology infrastructure of the school so our students will have access to information in a manner consistent with current standards. This year we set up a wireless network throughout the school, upgraded our library automation system, replaced one computer lab with current generation computers, purchased video and still digital cameras, replaced outdated printers, purchased on "Smart Board," and replaced an LCD projector. Our use of software is in full compliance with copy-write and site licensing regulations and requirements, and ethical use of technology is emphasized with students.

Student projects that are technology based include: claymation, cut paper animation, video documentaries on water issues, production of a student yearbook, use of computer based magnification for soil science studies, incorporating scanned images into text documents, and much more.

As a result of our integrated approach to applied technology, our students are developing proficiencies that will enable them to access a broad range of essential knowledge and skills. These skills include communication and collaboration, innovation, creativity, productivity, media literacy, and research methods. Thanks to our strategy for integrating technology across the curriculum, students are more engaged and excited about learning.

Performance Space Upgrades: The gym is also our cafeteria, performance space, and meeting hall. It is a part of the school that is used by many school and community groups. As such, it was decided a number of years ago to upgrade the facility. A three-stage plan was developed. First would be an upgrade of the sound system. Second would be improvement of lighting, and

finally would be the upgrading of the stage itself. This year, phase one was completed and a new sound system was installed. Half of this system was supported with PTA funds and half was from the school's supplemental building maintenance and upgrade fund.

School Board Committee Reports: This year, the WES school board established two committees. They include a communications committee and a building and facilities committee.

Building and facilities committee: Given the emerging 21st century realities of global *peak oil* and *climate change*, the facilities sub-committee of the Board is exploring a number of projects designed to make our school more sustainable over the long term. These include expanding the community garden plot and developing educational programs to connect the garden to the school's learning environment and the larger community; researching biomass heating options - wood pellet and wood chip fired burners, for example - for increased energy efficiency and reduced reliance on fossil fuels; and reducing our physical plant's energy "outputs" through various means. We have conducted an energy "audit" with Efficiency Vermont, and are currently exploring ways to fund and implement various energy reducing and money saving projects. We're also looking at other facilities-enhancing projects, like re-grading the school's athletic field, just south of the main building.

Communication committee:

The Waitsfield School Board has created a Community Relations Committee. The purpose of the group is to discuss issues and ideas that support the school and its relationship with the community, and to explore new areas of opportunity on which to focus. For the 2007-2008 academic year, the committee's goals are to (1) identify and research issues of significance, and (2) develop recommendations on how the school could best move forward with public relations endeavors. Committee members include parents, teachers, and school board members.

Building Reserve Fund: Last year, the town approved a plan for establishing a fund for maintenance and upgrades to the school. Approximately 65% of funds were expended, leaving another 35% for future efforts. This year funds were used to upgrade gutters, carpet three classrooms, partially support the installation of the new sound system, and replace single pane windows and window units. In addition, funds supported the enclosure of a new space in the library, now referred to as the fish bowl. The town will once again be asked to contribute to this fund so that it may remain viable for years to come.

Building Use and Maintenance: The Waitsfield School is arguably the town's most valued asset. The condition of the building continues to be excellent due to the hard work and dedication of Joe Robinson and Roy Yoder. The parking lot that was reconstructed last year continues to serve us well. This year, Waitsfield residents will again be asked to contribute to its building maintenance and improvement fund. This reserve fund is used to support building maintenance and improvement projects. These projects may include items such as addressing water purification, drainage, roofing repair, etc. This year, the school building was not only used for education of children but also as a community center. Over 40 groups used the building for meetings, classes, or activities.

We are planning on participating in the new water system and have actively sought State of Vermont water resource grants to assist with the associated hook-up fees. The new water system will help assure that our children have access to quality water.

It truly takes a community to have a great school. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful school community. It would not be possible without a strong staff, supportive parents, and an involved and committed community. The staff, board, and administration would like to offer our thanks to the many volunteers, the road crew, town officers, and each and every one of you for your continued support. Without that support, we couldn't provide our students the quality of education that we do. The work and success of the Waitsfield School is truly a community effort. Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted By:

The Waitsfield Board of School Directors

Melissa Siner Shea, Chairperson
Wrenn Compère, Board Member
Sandy Tarburton, Board Member
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Independent Auditors' Report

To The School Board
Waitsfield School District

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of Waitsfield School District, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We have also audited the financial statements of each of the School District's nonmajor governmental and fiduciary funds presented as supplementary information in the accompanying combining and individual fund financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Waitsfield School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of Waitsfield School District, Vermont, as of June 30, 2007, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each nonmajor governmental and fiduciary fund of Waitsfield School District, as of June 30, 2007, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 20, 2007 on our consideration of Waitsfield School District's internal

control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 5 and 29 through 37 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise Waitsfield School District's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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November 20, 2007

Waitsfield School District
 Combined Balance Sheet
 All Fund Types - Fund Base
 June 30, 2007

EXHIBIT III

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Agency Funds	
ASSETS:					
Current Assets:					
Cash	\$ 148,750			\$ 10,646	\$ 159,396
Accounts Receivable - State		\$ 5,314			5,314
Accounts Receivable - Other	17,291				17,291
Due From Other Funds		18,891	\$ 26,782		45,673
Prepaid Expenses	5,238	-	-	-	5,238
Total Current Assets	<u>171,279</u>	<u>24,205</u>	<u>26,782</u>	<u>10,646</u>	<u>232,912</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 171,279	\$ 24,205	\$ 26,782	\$ 10,646	\$ 232,912
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES:					
Liabilities:					
Cash Overdraft	\$ 17,756				\$ 17,756
Accounts Payable - Other	13,477				13,477
Due To Other Funds	41,446	\$ 4,226			45,672
Amount Held for Agency Funds	-	-	-	\$ 10,646	10,646
Total Liabilities	<u>72,679</u>	<u>4,226</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>10,646</u>	<u>87,551</u>
Fund Equity:					
Fund Balances:					
Unreserved	66,440				66,440
Reserved	32,160	19,979	26,782	-	78,921
Total Fund Equities	<u>98,600</u>	<u>19,979</u>	<u>26,782</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>145,361</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES	\$ 171,279	\$ 24,205	\$ 26,782	\$ 10,646	\$ 232,912

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Waitsfield School District
 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
 Changes in Fund Balances
 All Governmental Fund Types - Fund Base
 For The Year Ended June 30, 2007

EXHIBIT IV

	Governmental Fund Types				Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Debt Service Fund	
REVENUES:					
Interest on Investments	\$ 53,494				\$ 53,494
Refunds and Reimbursements	50,080				50,080
Private/Local/Other		\$ 13,772			13,772
State	3,057,984				3,057,984
Federal	<u>33,078</u>	<u>4,226</u>	-	-	<u>37,304</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>3,194,636</u>	<u>17,998</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>3,212,634</u>
EXPENDITURES:					
Direct Services	2,535,821	16,584			2,552,405
Support Services:					
Students	124,941				124,941
Instructional Staff	39,835				39,835
General Administration	47,047				47,047
Area Administration	137,324				137,324
Fiscal Services	25,192				25,192
Operation & Maintenance of Building	154,148				154,148
Transportation	38,166				38,166
Food Services	3,952				3,952
Debt Service:					
Interest Charges				20,121	20,121
Principal Retirement	-	-	-	45,080	45,080
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>3,106,426</u>	<u>16,584</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,201</u>	<u>3,188,211</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	88,210	1,414	-	(65,201)	24,423
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Transfers In				65,201	65,201
Transfers Out	<u>(65,201)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(65,201)</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	23,009	1,414	-	-	24,423
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2006	<u>75,591</u>	<u>18,565</u>	<u>26,782</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>120,938</u>
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2007	<u>\$ 98,600</u>	<u>\$ 19,979</u>	<u>\$ 26,782</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 145,361</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**WAITSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY2008-2009 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	2005-2006		2006-2007		2007-2008	2008-2009	PERCENT
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED	CHANGE
<u>REGULAR EDUCATION</u>							
Salaries	618,773	636,039	645,251	655,818	684,750	726,573	
Benefits & Staff Development	180,716	181,594	183,830	198,686	213,730	221,624	
Materials and Equipment	83,871	69,604	89,926	81,804	118,405	115,305	
TOTAL REGULAR EDUCATION	883,360	887,237	919,007	936,308	1,016,885	1,063,502	4.6%
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION & ESSENTIAL EARLY EDUCATION</u>							
Salaries	87,339	84,484	103,767	84,437	87,635	140,792	
Benefits & Staff Development	22,593	27,282	27,751	24,283	37,465	35,906	
Spec. Ed. Contracted Services	48,530	77,911	81,530	94,838	89,900	79,800	
Transportation	320	-	500	-	500	-	
Materials and Equipment	4,900	3,555	3,750	2,551	2,625	2,850	
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	163,682	193,232	217,298	206,109	218,126	259,347	18.9%
<u>COMPENSATORY EDUCATION</u>							
Salaries	31,288	31,842	32,481	22,658	18,076	20,708	
Benefits & Staff Development	9,976	9,515	10,611	10,071	8,894	5,866	
TOTAL COMPENSATORY EDUCATION	41,264	41,357	43,092	32,729	26,970	26,574	-1.5%
<u>GUIDANCE SERVICES</u>							
Salaries	14,378	14,448	14,920	14,920	22,939	24,514	
Benefits & Staff Development	1,488	1,686	1,739	1,703	2,544	2,725	
Contracted Services & Supplies	500	362	250	158	250	295	
Psychological Services	2,700	225	2,700	-	1,700	1,000	
TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES	19,066	16,721	19,609	16,781	27,433	28,534	4.0%
<u>HEALTH SERVICES</u>							
Salaries	22,916	23,377	24,479	24,556	29,247	30,298	
Benefits & Staff Development	2,335	2,594	2,727	2,671	3,173	3,320	
Contracted Services & Supplies	1,880	886	705	425	705	700	
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	27,131	26,857	27,911	27,652	33,125	34,318	3.6%
<u>SPEECH SERVICES</u>							
Salaries	58,396	56,949	63,636	59,531	64,126	67,160	
Benefits & Staff Development	19,896	18,253	20,947	19,502	22,294	19,258	
Contracted Services & Supplies	2,100	937	2,850	1,475	3,300	3,150	
TOTAL SPEECH SERVICES	80,392	76,139	87,433	80,508	89,719	89,568	-0.2%
<u>IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</u>							
	6,400	3,022	5,050	4,496	6,300	6,300	0.0%
<u>EDUCATIONAL MEDIA</u>							
Salaries	25,061	25,137	25,974	26,159	26,680	27,779	
Benefits & Salary Development	3,816	4,455	4,744	4,454	4,883	4,908	
Materials & Equipment	5,740	4,049	5,600	4,831	7,845	8,045	
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MEDIA	34,617	33,641	36,317	35,444	39,408	40,732	3.4%
<u>BOARD EXPENSE</u>							
	7,203	6,814	7,471	11,439	7,371	7,371	0.0%
<u>WASHINGTON WEST GENERAL ASSESSMENT</u>							
	34,046	34,046	35,648	35,608	39,963	42,752	7.0%
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>							
Principal & Secretary Salaries	105,887	107,299	110,665	110,648	116,139	121,588	
Benefits & Staff Development	26,913	26,086	28,195	24,778	29,777	30,830	
Postage, Supplies & Equipment	3,650	2,511	3,643	1,898	4,176	4,900	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	136,450	135,896	142,503	137,324	150,092	157,318	4.8%
<u>FISCAL SERVICES</u>							
Business Management	6,822	6,822	7,131	7,124	8,474	8,670	
Payroll & Accounting Services	16,316	16,316	15,389	15,368	16,374	17,865	
Audit	2,750	2,500	2,750	2,700	2,800	2,950	
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	25,888	25,638	25,270	25,192	27,648	29,485	6.6%

**WAITSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY2008-2009 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	2005-2006		2006-2007		2007-2008	2008-2009	PERCENT
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED	CHANGE
MAINTENANCE							
Salaries	53,154	56,077	60,142	61,749	63,773	69,493	
Benefits & Staff Development	22,694	25,724	27,099	26,712	30,112	31,855	
Building Supplies & Operations	82,083	69,569	67,550	65,667	72,390	75,065	
TOTAL MAINTENANCE	157,931	151,370	154,791	154,148	166,275	176,412	6.1%
DAILY TRANSPORTATION							
	36,452	36,227	38,651	37,538	39,364	56,853	44.4%
FIELD TRIPS TRANSPORTATION							
	3,300	2,330	3,300	628	3,300	2,500	-24.2%
DEBT SERVICE							
Principal	48,850	45,080	48,850	45,080	30,000	30,000	
Interest	14,887	12,590	10,570	10,442	8,024	7,350	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	63,737	57,670	59,420	55,522	38,024	37,350	-1.8%
FOOD SERVICE							
	6,637	4,954	7,000	3,952	7,500	7,500	0.0%
TOTAL WAITSFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CO:	1,727,556	1,733,151	1,829,771	1,801,378	1,937,503	2,066,417	6.7%
SPECIAL ARTICLE	-	-	-	-	32,160	33,220	3.3%
VOCATIONAL TUITION	7,708	7,386	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL WAITSFIELD ELEMENTARY REQUEST	\$ 1,735,264	\$ 1,740,537	\$ 1,829,771	\$ 1,801,378	\$ 1,969,663	\$ 2,099,637	6.6%
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL COSTS							
Harwood Assessment (including HU Special Articles)	1,321,068	1,321,067	1,360,570	1,360,570	1,460,658	-	-100.0%
Grass Act 68 Budget	\$ 3,056,332	\$ 3,061,604	\$ 3,190,341	\$ 3,161,948	\$ 3,430,321	\$ 2,099,637	-38.8%
LESS REVENUES:							
Local Revenue	53,610	89,889	58,622	93,895	71,582	79,375	
Prior Year Fund Balance	65,853	65,854	43,428	43,430	32,160	66,440	
State Categorical & Special Ed Grants	288,387	306,832	159,295	178,494	162,850	188,130	
Federal Revenue	62,686	45,397	49,506	33,078	45,677	52,191	
Total Revenues	\$ 470,536	\$ 507,972	\$ 310,851	\$ 348,897	\$ 312,269	\$ 386,136	23.7%
Local Education Spending	\$ 2,585,796	\$ 2,553,632	\$ 2,879,490	\$ 2,813,051	\$ 3,118,052	\$ 1,713,500	-45.0%

**WAITSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY2008-2009 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	2005-2006		2006-2007		2007-2008	2008-2009	PERCENT
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED	CHANGE
<u>Waitsfield Elementary School:</u>							
Equalized Pupils						143.22	
Education Spending per Pupil (PK-6)						\$ 11,964	
Base Education Spending per Pupil						\$ 8,210	
District Spending Adjustment						145.726%	
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate						\$ 0.85	
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (PK-6)						\$ 1.239	
% of Waitsfield students at Waitsfield Elementary School						52.18%	
Portion of District Equalized Homestead Rate to be assessed by town						\$ 0.646	
<u>Harwood Union School District:</u>							
Equalized Pupils (Waitsfield 7-12)						131.27	
Education Spending per Pupil (7-12)						\$ 11,835	
Base Education Spending per Pupil						\$ 8,210	
District Spending Adjustment						144.153%	
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate						\$ 0.85	
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (7-12)						\$ 1.225	
% of Waitsfield students at Harwood Union						47.82%	
Portion of District Equalized Homestead Rate to be assessed by town						\$ 0.586	
<u>Combined (PK-12):</u>							
	Pre Act 130 Implementation						
Equalized Pupils (PK-12)	262.80		270.07		277.38	274.49	-1.0%
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$ 9,839		\$ 10,662		\$ 11,241		
Base Education Spending per Pupil	\$ 6,975		7,330		\$ 7,736		
District Spending Adjustment	141.067%		145.457%		145.309%		
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate	\$ 1.02		\$ 0.95		\$ 0.87		
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (Combined)	\$ 1.439		\$ 1.382		\$ 1.264	\$ 1.232	# -2.5%
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	70.16%		123.48%		117.18%	106.58%	
Homestead Property Tax Rate	\$ 2.051		\$ 1.119		\$ 1.079	\$ 1.156	7.2%
Base Homestead Income Rate	1.85%		1.80%		1.80%	1.80%	
Actual Homestead Income Rate	2.61%		2.62%		2.62%	2.61%	# -0.2%
Base Non-Residential Education Tax Rate	\$ 1.510		\$ 1.440		\$ 1.360	\$ 1.340	
Non-Residential Education Tax Rate	\$ 2.152		\$ 1.166		\$ 1.161	\$ 1.257	8.3%

- Combined Equalized Tax Rate for FY2008-09 is calculated by adding the proportionate share (based on equalized pupils) of the equalized homestead tax rate for each school district

Annual Report of Student Performance 2007-2008 School Year (Reported March 2008)

In 1996, the Vermont Department of Education developed the “*Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities*.” In 2004, the standards were refined and are now called *grade expectations (GE’s)*. The GE’s are more specific than were the standards. We are using the GE’s to guide our decisions regarding what needs to be taught at each grade level. If you are interested in seeing the *GE’s*, you can find a copy on the Vermont Department of Education’s web page or call the school.

Each Vermont school is required to assess student progress and to report to the community. In 2004 all schools in Vermont began using a new assessment program called the New England Common Assessment (NECAP). In 2004 the NECAP was piloted in the areas of reading, math, and writing. This year we administered the assessment in October. In addition to the NECAP, we are continuing to administer the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) at grade 2. This assessment was administered in the Spring of 2007. The following chart indicates which assessments are administered by grade level.

Grade □	Area □	Reading	Writing	Math	Science
2 nd	DRA	✓			
3 rd	NECAP	✓		✓	
4 th	NECAP	✓		✓	✓
5 th	NECAP	✓	✓	✓	
6 th	NECAP	✓		✓	

Why is it important to assess student progress? Assessing student progress is important for a number of reasons. First, it informs us with regard to our instructional effectiveness. Second, it provides us with specific information to better support the educational needs of individual students. Finally, it is a way for the community to assess its investment in education. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the information in this report, please contact the school and ask for Richard Schattman.

2005-2008 Demographic Data

Average Class Size			
	2005 -2006	2006 – 2007	2007-2008
Kindergarten to 6 th Grade	15	16	14
Range	12 to 17	7* to 19	7* to 18

* represents less than one half of the kindergarten program (two half day sessions)

Total Enrollment at Waitsfield Elementary School						
	2002-3	2003-4	2004-5	2005-6	2006-7	2007-8
Preschool to 6 th Grade	160	171	180	169	166	152

Please refer to the *WAITSFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION* for complete data regarding population trends for the past 11 years.

Support Services			
	2005 -2006	2006 – 2007 Waitsfield	2006-2007 Vermont
Students with Disabilities	11.7%	10.9%	14.3%
Students with 504 Plans	2% (3 students)	3% (5 students)	Data not available from Vermont Department of Education at time of printing
Students receiving Title I Remedial Reading/Math support	10%	10%	
Home Schoolers	1%	1%	

Staff			
	2005 -2006	2006 – 2007	2007-2008
Professional Staff (instructional)	16.9 (Full-time equivalent (FTE))	16.9 FTE	17.4 FTE
Administrators	1.0 FTE	1.0 FTE	1.0 FTE
Secretary/Administrative Assistants	1.4 FTE	1.4 FTE	1.4 FTE

Length of the School Year/Day			
	2005 -2006	2006 – 2007	2007-2008
Student Days	175	175	180
Teacher Days	184	184	190
Length of School Day – kindergarten	3.3 hours	3.3 hours	3.3 hours
Length of School Day – grades 1-6	6.75 hours	6.75 hours	6.75

Distribution of Budget			
	2005 -2006	2006 – 2007	2007-2008
Direct Instruction	70.6% (VT = 61.7%)	70.1% (VT = 61.4%)	69.4% (VT = 61.6%)
Student Services	6.0% (VT = 7.7%)	6.2% (VT = 7.7%)	7.4% (VT = 7.8%)
Administration	8.6% (VT = 9.8%)	9.0% (VT = 9.8%)	8.8% (VT = 9.5%)
Buildings and Maintenance	12.3% (VT = 17%)	11.8% (VT = 17.1%)	12.3% (VT 17.3%)

Health and Wellness of Children in Waitsfield			
	2004 -2005	2006 – 2007	2007-08
Students Eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch	18% (VT = 27%)	16% (VT = 29%)	18% (VT = 29%)
Families Eligible for Food Stamps	4.1% (VT = 10.2%)	3.2% (VT = 10.8%)	Data Not Available from SDE at time of Printing
Adjusted Gross Income Per Exemption	\$23,646 (VT = \$20,680)	\$24,830 (VT = \$21,676)	Data Not Available from SDE at time of Printing
Median Family Income	\$54,388 (VT = \$48,162)	\$59,211 (VT = 50,398)	\$63,198 (VT = 52,682)

Action Plan

During the 2006-2007 school year, staff, parents, board members and others participated in the development of a new Waitsfield Elementary School Action Plan. This plan maps out a three-year set of goals and objectives in the areas of math problem solving, math computation, reading, writing, hand-writing, and health/wellness. A complete copy of the Action Plan is on the school web site at <http://www.waitsfieldelementary.org/pdf.php>. The plan includes a complete listing of the needs as identified by data review, assessment targets, action steps, timelines, resources needed, and strategies. Targets (goals) identified in the Waitsfield Elementary Action Plan include:

Reading	Mathematics	Writing
Grade 2 (DRA) 95% meet standard	NECAP performance in the area of Math Problem Solving will improve, reflecting 83% at or above the standard by June 07, 85% by June 08, and 87% by June 09.	To meet or exceed district performance levels in the area of writing as measured by portfolio and NECAP assessments at the fifth grade level.
Grade 3 (NECAP) 80% (yr 1), 85% (yr 2) 87% (yr 3) meet standard	NECAP performance in the area of Math Skills and Computation will meet or exceed WWSU performance levels by June 07.	All students will be able to write in cursive by the end of grade 4.
Grade 4 (NECAP) 85% (yr 1), 87% (yr 2), 89% (yr 3) meet standard	Grade 5 (NECAP) 85% (yr 1), 87% (yr 2), 89% (yr 3) meet standard	
Grade 5 (NECAP) 85% (yr 1), 87% (yr 2), 89% (yr 3) meet standard	Grade 6 (NECAP) 81% (yr 1), 83% (yr 2), 87% (yr 3) meet standard	
Grade 6 (NECAP) 81% (yr 1), 83% (yr 2), 87% (yr 3) meet standard		

Goals identified in the area of Health and Wellness include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase number of students accessing school food program • Track and assess trends of student health in terms of recommended weight ranges • Expand health education to include nutrition education • Increase amount of physical activity during the school day |
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At the beginning of this school year, staff met to review progress toward our goals. Progress toward our goals is on track. Staff development is a key ingredient for continuous school improvement. This year’s comprehensive staff development plan directly aligns with our goals and supports our teachers as they acquire new skills, confer with teachers in neighboring schools and develop class based implementation plans. Another key component of meeting our action planning goals is continued professional staff appraisal. This is a responsibility of the administration and occurs each year with each staff member.

Assessment of Student Performance

In 1996 the State of Vermont Department of Education completely redesigned the assessment framework. Instead of assessments such as the New Standards Reference Exam (NSRE) or the SAT-9, all schools in Vermont now administer the New England Common Assessment Program, commonly referred to as the NECAP. In addition to the NECAP, Waitsfield will continue to administer the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) in grade two. Both the NECAP and the DRA are described below.

The Vermont Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA)

The DRA is an individually administered standards-based reading assessment given at the end of grade 2. It involves students reading and retelling selected short books. Teachers administer the assessment using uniform

procedures, scoring the accuracy of students’ oral reading, as well as their comprehension. Teachers determine the highest range of text difficulty at which students read with both acceptable accuracy and comprehension. The tables show the percent of students who met or exceeded the performance standard.

Developmental Reading Assessment	% of students who met or exceeded standards			
	2005	2006	2007 WES	2007 VT
Vermont Standard 1.2 Reading Accuracy (GE R2:9) • Read grade-appropriate material, with at least 90-94% accuracy, in a way that makes meaning clear.				
Vermont Standard 1.3 Reading Comprehension (GE R2:10) • Demonstrates initial understanding of elements of literacy text by retelling the key elements of a story				
<i>% of Students meeting or exceeding the Vermont Standards for Reading</i>	81%	100% (VT = 85%)	88%	85%
<i>Number of students assessed</i>	16	21	16	6,342

This year’s assessment demonstrates a decrease with the performance of Waitsfield’s second graders. It is important to note, that the change from 100% to 88% of students meeting or exceeding the standards does not represent a significant change statistically. With only 16 students taking the assessment, this change in performance numbers represents one student not meeting the standard. The data continues to indicate that our instructional program in reading is strong and effective. The DRA is a powerful tool for looking at the performance of individual students and for developing remedial plans for those students who did not meet the standard. These performance scores are one piece of data considered when we consider the provision of supplemental instruction.

The New England Common Assessment Program

The New England Common Assessment Program is a result of collaboration among New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont to build a set of assessments for grades 3-8 to meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). The NECAP is a comprehensive test that covers a broad range of objectives in reading and mathematics in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 and in writing at grades 5 and 8. In addition, the NECAP assesses student performance in science at grade 4. The NECAP uses a variety of types of questions including multiple choice items, short answer items, constructed response items, and writing prompts. Each of these different types of questions challenge our students in different ways. The NECAP is one important tool for parents and educators to use when determining if our school is helping students meet the new grade level expectations. This assessment was administered to each student in grades 3-6 at the Waitsfield School in October. As you can see from the data below, Waitsfield students perform significantly above the state average in all assessed areas. We are proud of our students’ performance and also recognize the need for continued growth.

Student performance (Fall 2006) was as follows:

	Waitsfield Elementary School			State of Vermont		
	Reading (Grade 3-6)	Math (Grade 3-6)	Writing (Grade 5)	Reading (Grade 3-6)	Math (Grade 3-6)	Writing (Grade 5)
Number Assessed	104	104	24	39,884	40,133	13,806
Proficient with Distinction	24% 77%	40% 79%	21% 59%	14% 67%	18% 63%	9% 53%
Proficient	53%	39%	38%	53%	45%	44%
Partially Proficient	13% 24%	14% 20%	38% 42%	23% 33%	20% 37%	33% 47%
Below Proficient	11%	6%	4%	10%	17%	14%

Student performance (Fall 2007) was as follows:

	Waitsfield Elementary School			State of Vermont		
	Reading (Grade 3-6)	Math (Grade 3-6)	Writing (Grade 5)	Reading (Grade 3-6)	Math (Grade 3-6)	Writing (Grade 5)
Number Assessed	95	95	16			
Proficient with Distinction	39%	35%	25%	17%	19%	13%
Proficient	46% 85%	47% 82%	31% 56%	53% 70%	44% 63%	35% 48%
Partially Proficient	10% 15%	10% 17%	25% 44%	19% 30%	19% 37%	32% 52%
Below Proficient	5%	7%	19%	11%	18%	20%

Report of Waitsfield’s “Adequate Yearly Progress”

What is adequate yearly progress (AYP)? No Child Left Behind requires that every school make AYP based on its performance on state assessments. A complex formula has been developed in Vermont to chart a school’s progress. Based on this formula, a school is given targets to meet. If they do not meet their targets for two years in a row, they are considered to be a failing school and are provided technical assistance from the State Department of Education. Based on the state of Vermont calculations of AYP, the Waitsfield School has met its goals for progress this year and in fact is performing at levels expected of the school in 2013. We should be very proud of our school’s performance as measured by AYP.

What if I have questions regarding the school’s assessment program?

Please call the school and ask to speak with the principal. Richard Schattman would be happy to meet with you and explain the program and how our school is performing.

Summary

In Waitsfield, we are fortunate to have a school that performs well. We pride ourselves on defining our success in terms of ALL CHILDREN. We have truly great classroom teachers, highly skilled special educators, talented and dedicated co-curricula teachers, and wonderful children. Our school is constantly challenging itself to grow and improve. With the continued support of parents and the community, there is no doubt that our school will continue evolving to meet the ever-changing expectations for public education. Please contact Richard if you have any questions regarding this report or any other aspect of your school.

Respectfully submitted:

Richard Schattman, Ed.D.
Principal

2007-08 REPORT FROM THE WASHINGTON WEST CENTRAL OFFICE

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Change in Leadership at Washington West Supervisory Union (WWSU)

Superintendent of Schools Bob McNamara announced that he will retire at the end of this school year. The Washington West Board has established a committee representing board members, educators, parents, students, and community members to guide the selection process. The goal is to identify the new superintendent by late winter/early spring.

Focusing and Coordinating Improvement Efforts

Significant strides have been made across WWSU to establish goals that guide improvement efforts in our local schools. In support of this community-by-community work, school board members and administrators in Washington West have established a common vision and mission to guide the work we do across our schools and communities, and to support the 2200 students who attend WWSU schools:

Central office administrators, school administrators, and school board members work together to ensure that every school and community in WWSU provides the learning opportunities each student needs to develop his/her potential and to gain the knowledge, skills, and attributes necessary to be productive citizens.

Three multi-year goals focus the improvement efforts. As a result of their PreK-12 education, our high school graduates will:

- Develop a foundation in mathematical content and understanding that they can use throughout life.
- Be prepared to meet the writing demands of citizenship, higher education and the workplace.
- Have the skills they need to observe, think and make judgments about the many complex and demanding issues that come before the citizenry in a democracy.

Data-Driven Decision Making

To guide our schools in the proper direction, school board, school administrators, and teachers need accurate information about our current and future needs as well as about the effectiveness of our current educational programs. To support this need, Washington West continues to phase in a data management system that informs curriculum and instruction decisions and provides administrators and school board members with the information they need to fulfill their responsibilities:

- In 2008-09, all schools will have a common web-based student information system. This system will streamline the transfer of information between schools and improve the capacity to respond accurately to the numerous data reports required by the state.
- Washington West continues to be an active participant in the Vermont Data Consortium (VDC), a statewide collaborative delivering district-wide student information warehousing, data analysis tools, and training for data-driven decision making. The purpose of VDC is to ensure that Vermont school districts have cost-effective, timely, and accurate student information available to address school improvement, and state and federal reporting requirements. Numerous data reports have been prepared using the data warehouse to support local improvement efforts.
- A WWSU Data Council, with representation from school boards, teachers, administrators, and central office staff, has been established to advise and monitor the design and implementation of the WWSU data management system.

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, and Professional Development

Two hundred and fifty PreK-12 educators jointly participate in professional development work eight times throughout this year. Much of the work focuses on mathematics, writing, and civic engagement; some addresses instructional improvement strategies that connect all three goal areas. This work builds upon and enhances ongoing professional and student learning embedded in classroom practice. More than 92% of all participants report that the quality of these offerings meets or exceeds their expectations. This professional development program is being carefully designed and implemented with a focus on increasing student success.

Work continues to strengthen the WWSU Curriculum including the use of local, classroom, and more formative assessments to improve student learning. This year, “common” assessments in mathematics will be administered to students across WWSU schools.

In September 2007, the Vermont Mathematics Partnership completed a Mathematics Program Review that analyzed mathematics offerings in WWSU schools. The entire report and an executive summary can be found on our webpage at www.wwsu.org. A group of local teachers and administrators, along with external specialists, is finalizing a detailed plan for action to address the report's recommendations. The plan will build on last year's work, which focused on grades 5-12, and will include all grade levels, PreK-12.

The first "*Superintendent Seminar*" this year focused on service learning. WWSU is participating in a three-year partnership with the KIDS Consortium in Lewiston, Maine. KIDS provides funding, professional development, networking, and other resources to support service learning work with students and our community. The second *Seminar* will focus on the results of the Mathematics Program Review, the plan to address commendations and recommendations from the report, and how parents and community members can help.

An Americorps VISTA volunteer, Becky Groberg, a recent graduate of Champlain College, is giving the WWSU community a year of service to address issues of poverty and equity.

Special Education

Students with disabilities from birth through age 21 receive accommodations, remedial and related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Improvement Act (IDEIA-B) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Under both the federal and state regulations, public schools are required to locate, evaluate, identify, and serve students with disabilities and provide them with a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE).

Students who are found eligible for special education under one of the ten handicapping conditions (disabilities) require specialized instruction. The instruction may be provided by classroom teachers with consultation from special educators or directly from special educators and their paraprofessional staff. Instruction may be provided within the regular education environments or in more restrictive environments, in large or small groups, or in rare instances, in a 1:1 setting. Occasionally, students with severe emotional disabilities may receive services in an alternative day-school setting.

Currently, WWSU serves 301 students in special education from age 3 through age 21. This represents 14% of our total student population pre-school through age 21, which is consistent with the statewide average. Annually, our count of students served in special education has remained between 301-320 students.

Special education is funded by IDEIA-B and State block grants and through a state reimbursement formula. All other support services, including 504, Act 117, English Language Learners, and Title I services, are provided through local budgets, Title I and III grants, and Medicaid Reimbursement revenue.

Business and Finance

FY2009 represents the fifth year of Act 68. Legislative priority is being given to looking at the education funding under Act 68. Property tax rates continue to be primarily driven by changes in CLA's, which vary dramatically within Washington West (reflecting average market value increases between a low of 4.9% in Duxbury and a high of 15.5% in Fayston). The full implementation of Act 130, which relates to Union School Districts, will take place in FY2009. This results in Harwood Union and Waterbury-Duxbury Union having their own per pupil spending figure and resulting equalized education tax rates.

The Washington West Budget for FY2009 includes budget increases associated with the partial funding of the data analyst position and with the increased costs of maintenance of a student information system. The WWSU Budget reflects an overall increase of 5.3%

Washington West Supervisory Union Summary Budget

	FY05-06 Actual	FY06-07 Actual	FY07-08 Budget	FY08-09 Budget	
<u>Expenditures</u>					
<u>General</u>					
Salaries	219,412	237,121	244,144	253,505	3.8%
Benefits	59,921	65,367	69,462	79,166	14.0%
Contracted Services and Operating Costs	88,973	81,703	105,319	106,739	1.3%
<i>Total General</i>	<i>\$ 368,306</i>	<i>\$ 384,191</i>	<i>\$ 418,926</i>	<i>\$ 439,410</i>	<i>4.9%</i>
<u>Special Education</u>					
Salaries	83,290	90,351	90,023	95,312	5.9%
Benefits	21,219	23,431	25,895	27,310	5.5%
Contracted Services and Operating Costs	2,972	5,190	3,960	3,960	0.0%
<i>Total Special Education</i>	<i>\$ 107,481</i>	<i>\$ 118,972</i>	<i>\$ 119,878</i>	<i>\$ 126,582</i>	<i>5.6%</i>
<u>Business Office</u>					
Salaries	69,000	75,280	78,188	81,393	4.1%
Benefits	19,359	20,598	26,326	24,077	-8.5%
Contracted Services and Operating Costs	4,705	5,806	5,600	6,200	10.7%
<i>Total Business Office</i>	<i>\$ 93,064</i>	<i>\$ 101,684</i>	<i>\$ 110,114</i>	<i>\$ 111,670</i>	<i>1.4%</i>
<u>Fiscal Services</u>					
Salaries	133,570	144,403	149,023	157,477	5.7%
Benefits	44,630	51,479	55,172	63,795	15.6%
Contracted Services and Operating Costs	10,448	6,538	8,500	8,500	0.0%
<i>Total Fiscal Services</i>	<i>\$ 188,648</i>	<i>\$ 202,420</i>	<i>\$ 212,695</i>	<i>\$ 229,773</i>	<i>8.0%</i>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>\$ 757,499</i>	<i>\$ 807,267</i>	<i>\$ 861,613</i>	<i>\$ 907,434</i>	<i>5.3%</i>
<u>Revenue</u>					
Interest	8,250	26,256	3,000	3,000	0.0%
Other Revenue	18,947	18,875	18,000	18,000	0.0%
Fund Balance	6,967	25,569	18,390	32,551	77.0%
Assessments	741,725	771,261	822,223	853,883	3.9%
<i>Total Revenue</i>	<i>\$ 775,889</i>	<i>\$ 841,961</i>	<i>\$ 861,613</i>	<i>\$ 907,434</i>	<i>5.3%</i>
<i>Surplus (Deficit)</i>	<i>\$ 18,390</i>	<i>\$ 34,694</i>			
<u>Assessments By School District (based on prior years ADM):</u>					
Fayston	37,124	39,283	40,272	46,136	14.6%
Moretown	48,757	55,384	61,107	61,241	0.2%
Waitsfield	57,184	58,100	64,811	68,829	6.2%
Warren	53,165	51,466	53,024	50,412	-4.9%
Waterbury-Duxbury Union	282,892	310,314	329,892	335,848	1.8%
Harwood Union	262,603	256,714	273,117	291,418	6.7%
<i>Total Assessments</i>	<i>\$ 741,725</i>	<i>\$ 771,261</i>	<i>\$ 822,223</i>	<i>\$ 853,884</i>	<i>3.9%</i>

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness
16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

School: Waitsfield Elementary School
S.U.: Washington West S.U.

A list of schools and school districts in each cohort may be found on the DOE website under "School Data and Reports".
<http://www.state.vt.us/edcol/>

FY2007 School Level Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school, enrollment ≥ 100 but <200
(50 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
6 out of 50

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchrr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller →	Woodstock Elementary School	K - 6	185	19.10	1.00	9.69	185.00	19.10
	Enosburg Falls Elementary School	K - 5	186	18.50	1.00	10.05	186.00	18.50
	Monkton Central School	K - 6	186	14.70	1.00	12.65	186.00	14.70
	Waitsfield Elementary School	PK - 6	188	13.99	1.00	13.44	188.00	13.99
	Proctor Elementary School	PK - 6	192	15.80	1.00	12.15	192.00	15.80
	Ferrisburgh Central School	K - 6	193	19.50	1.00	9.90	193.00	19.50
← Larger	Ottauquechee School	PK - 5	194	17.84	1.00	10.87	194.00	17.84
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			143.64	13.08	1.03	10.98	139.48	12.70

School District: Waitsfield
LEA ID: T217

Special education expenditures vary substantially from district to district and year to year. Therefore, they have been excluded from these figures.

FY2006 School District Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school district, FY2004 FTE ≥ 100 but < 200
(34 school districts in cohort)

Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest)
6 out of 34

School district data (local, union, or joint district)		Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs
Smaller →	Wallingford	K-6	156.32	\$11,283
	Moretown	PK-6	156.34	\$8,958
	Newbury	PK-6	157.60	\$8,751
	Waitsfield	PK-6	158.18	\$9,190
	Monkton	K-6	166.90	\$10,294
	Wilmington	PK-5	167.69	\$10,484
← Larger	Mettawee Comm. UESD #47	K-6	187.30	\$9,560
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data			136.62	\$9,953

Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.

FY2008 Municipal School District Data

Town School District data (resident PK - 12 students, publicly funded)

LEA ID	School District	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
T217	Waitsfield	\$11,241	\$1,264	117.18%	\$1,079

Use these tax rates to compare town rates.

These tax rates are not comparable due to CLAs.

The Legislature has required the Department of Education to provide this information per the following statute:

16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2) The school, at least annually, reports student performance results to community members in a format selected by the school board. . . . The school report shall include:

(K) data provided by the commissioner which enable a comparison with other schools, or school districts if school level data are not available, for cost-effectiveness. The commissioner shall establish which data are to be included pursuant to this subdivision and, notwithstanding that the other elements of the report are to be presented in a format selected by the school board, shall develop a common format to be used by each school in presenting the data to community members. The commissioner shall provide the most recent data available to each school no later than October 1 of each year. Data to be presented may include student-to-teacher ratio, administrator-to-student ratio, administrator-to-teacher ratio, and cost per pupil.

WAITSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It was with great pride that the Waitsfield Historical Society celebrated the ten year anniversary of the restoration of the General Wait House. It still serves as a meeting place for town business, non-profit groups and a home for the Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The Society plans to begin the improvements on the carriage barn floors in Spring of 2008 and when completed will offer more space for educational and social events.

Our erstwhile President Ruth Pestle resigned during 2007 and the board of directors is grateful to her for her time spent. She will remain on the Board.

The Society was chosen by Flatbread to be honored with a fundraiser last summer; it was a great party and a check for \$568 was presented.

Another award was given by Sugarbush for second prize in participating in the Festival of Lights at the Holidays.

The Annual Meeting and Dinner was again a most successful event at the Round Barn. Mike Kingsbury was welcomed as a new director.

The Society will continue its work to improve the General Wait House in hopes of maintaining the historic content of the Town of Waitsfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Sherman, President
Peter Laskowski, Vice President
Jack Smith, Treasurer
Sandra Reilly, Secretary
Judy Dodds, Curator
Shirley Viens, Archives
Bob Burley, Historic Consultant
Ruth Pestle, Director
Chuck Allen, Director

MAD RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

The Mad River Valley Planning District was created to carry out a program of planning directed toward the physical, social, economic, fiscal, environmental, cultural and aesthetic well being of the Towns of Fayston, Waitsfield and Warren.

Following is a summary of the Mad River Valley Planning District projects and initiatives during 2007.

Select Board Funding Forum

The Planning District organized a Three Town Select Board Meeting in November to provide an opportunity for groups and organizations to present their annual funding requests. Groups that participated included – the Mad River Solid Waste Alliance, The Mad River Health Center, the Mad River Seniors, GMTA, the Mad River Recreation District, and the Mad River Valley Planning District. In addition, Peter Laskowski presented a proposal for a Valley-wide Constable's Association. This meeting was an effective way for Valley groups to present their funding requests and for the three Select Boards to talk together about Valley issues.

Continuing Work from 2006

Route 100 Byway Designation – During 2007 we had three public hearings on the Route 100 Byway Extension, one sponsored by the Planning District and one for the Scenery Preservation Council, who voted to approve and send our designation request on to the Transportation Board. The final step was a Transportation Board public hearing. In late December, the Route 100 and 17 Byway Extension did receive approval as a Vermont Byways and is now eligible for federal grant dollars for signage, kiosks, trail enhancements and possible easements to assist the Mad River Path in being completed from Warren to Moretown. The Byways Management Plan was completed through a grant from the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission.

The Wildlife Habitat and Natural Resources grant for the study in Waitsfield and Fayston was closed out in early 2007, with Warren starting their study at about the same time. The Planning District assisted all three Towns in making landowner permission contacts. By May of 2008, we will have quality mapping of all three towns available as a resource for the Valley.

Mad River Path

The Mad River Path completion continues to be a high priority of the Planning District. The Steering Committee and Executive Director continue to work with the Path Association in the areas of grants, landowner contacts and public

awareness of the benefits of the Mad River Path. In May, the PD hosted a very beneficial Mad Path Summit with representatives from the Select Boards, Planning Commissions, Conservation Commissions, Chamber and Planning District Steering Committee.

Municipal Education

In January, the Planning District sponsored a workshop on Communication and Consensus, through a Municipal Education Grant. Additional workshops are being planned for the spring of 2008.

Regional Activities

The Planning District ED is involved with the regional Brownfields Committee (Warren has received two grants for the Town Garage area and the old Town Dump), and the Central Vermont Collaborative and Housing Partnership, which works to bring affordable housing to the area and assists with legislation to benefit housing. In addition, the ED serves as an active member of the Central Vermont Community Land Trust’s Projects Committee, and in December was elected to the CVCLT Board of Trustees.

Kingsbury Community Farm

The Planning District worked on a Committee with representatives from the Vermont Land Trust, the Friends of the Mad River, the Warren Conservation Commission, the Mad River Path Association, Yestermorrow, the Mad River Valley Housing Coalition and the Localvores to complete the community purchase of the Kingsbury Farm. The Vermont Land Trust is the interim owner while the community groups, with extensive Valley community input, work on their ownership plan for 2008. The Farm will combine agricultural production with Community and educational uses. Sustainable Agriculture is a Planning District priority.

Mad River Valley Housing Coalition

The Housing Coalition met regularly during this year to implement strategies in the Mad River Valley Housing Study completed in 2006. We are working closely with the Towns and private developers to provide more affordable/work force housing in the Valley with the goal of keeping our young folks here, allowing businesses to come to and stay in the Mad River Valley and keeping this Valley diverse. One current project is an Accessory Apartment program – Home +.

Energy Self-sufficiency

The Planning District continues to work with Efficiency Vermont, the Mad River Sustainability Group, Yestermorrow, Town Energy groups and others to coordinate conservation and energy related activities. Our current project is scheduling a Valley Weatherization workshop.

Crime and Police Protection

The Planning District continues to follow the Neighborhood Watch program, meet with police representatives, and research what other Towns are doing for police protection. We have met with Peter Laskowski regarding a Constables' Association which could provide us with quicker response and a community presence to assist with being a crime deterrent and educational resource.

Valley Futures Network

In August the Planning District convened a meeting of 25 Valley representatives to discuss growing leadership in the Valley Towns. The diverse group included people from all 4 Valley towns, landowners, renters, part-time residents, business people, professionals, non-profit folks, contractors etc and met over a full day at Knoll Farm. Since then various project oriented committees have met and early in 2008 we will move forward with a mission statement and engage the entire Valley community in growing individual leadership around the key issues affecting the landscape of our Community: housing, energy, recreation, food security and local commerce

2008 Activities

The Planning District will continue activities in the areas of Work Force Housing, Energy Initiatives, Sustainable Agriculture, public transit, inter-town collaboration and education, update and review of data trends, and planning. The Director is also involved with the Waitsfield Sewer and Water Task Force, VEDA (The Valley Economic Development Association), the Rural Resource Commission and the Mad River Watershed Conservation Partnership.

Budget

The Planning District is funded through contributions from each Town and Sugarbush Resort. This year's funding request is \$19,100 from each funder, an amount which has remained unchanged for seven years. MRVPD activities are overseen by a seven member Steering Committee, consisting of a Select Board member and Planning Commissioner from each Town, and representatives from Sugarbush, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC). Meetings are open to the public and usually held the third Thursday of each month at the General Wait house in Waitsfield at 7pm. The Executive Director, Linda Lloyd, can be reached at 496-7173 or mrvpd@madriver.com.

Mad River Valley Recreation District Annual Report

Since its inception in 1993 the Mad River Valley Recreation District (MRVRD) has evolved into an organization that provides financing and additional support to assist new and existing recreation programs within the membership towns of Fayston, Warren and Waitsfield. MRVRD distributes funds upon review and approval of a submitted proposal and budget.

MRVRD funded a number of exciting projects this year, which included the yearly support of the Skatium and Mad River Path Association. MRVRD provided funding to Mad River Park to help maintain the soccer and lacrosse fields and to lease the field for public use. MRVRD contributed to Open Hearth for the creation of their playground, to the Couples Club for their on-going maintenance on their fields, and to Children First for work on their skateboard park in Warren.

MRVRD is requesting funds for the fiscal year 2008 in the amount of \$12,500 from each contributing town, which is the same amount as last year. We received requests in excess of \$55,000 for the year and expect more requests to come during the summer months.

The MRVRD Board encourages groups and individuals who are interested in creating recreational opportunities in the Mad River Valley to contact any member of the Board to discuss funding guidelines for their proposals or programs. The board meets monthly to discuss requests and encourages involvement and input from community members. Our meetings are always open to the public. Please visit MRVRD's website to view the proposal guidelines at www.madriverrec.com. You can also leave us a phone message at 583-1600 or send mail to PO Box 721 in Waitsfield.

The volunteer MRVRD board members have been appointed by the Select Boards of their respective towns and serve 2-3 year terms.

Ken Felderman, Warren – President
Dayna Lisaius, Warren
Doug Bergstein, Warren – Treasurer
John Stokes, Fayston

Jon Hammond, Waitsfield
Lisa Koitzsch, Fayston
Dean Hammel, Waitsfield
Kelley Lewis, Fayston – Secretary

Mad River Valley Recreation District Budget Report

Beginning Balance (Jan. 1, 2007)	\$49,029.73
Income:	
Funding from towns	\$37,500.00
Interest	<u>\$54.67</u>
Total Income	\$37,554.67
Expenditures:	
Children First	\$7,000.00
Fertilizer for Mad River Park	\$1,460.50
Mad River Park	\$2,000.00
Mad River Path	\$5,750.00
Open Hearth	\$5,362.00
Skatium	\$8,000.00
Waitsfield Couples Club	\$10,000.00
Phone	\$100.02
PO Box	\$40.00
Advertising	\$217.00
Website Work	<u>\$55.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$39,984.52
Ending Balance (Dec. 31, 2007)	\$46,599.88
Projected Grants for 2008	\$65,000.00

MAD RIVER SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE

P.O. Box 210, Waterbury Center VT 05677

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January 7, 2008

The Mad River Solid Waste Alliance includes the Towns of Duxbury, Fayston, Moretown, Waitsfield, Warren and Waterbury. The Alliance was formed through an Interlocal Agreement that began in 1994.

During 2007, the Alliance held two Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day events at the Harwood Union High School in Duxbury on May 12, 2007 and on October 6, 2007. A total of 338 households participated in the events this year which represents 6.5% of our population. We collected over 1,106 gallons, 977.4 pounds, 3,472 feet of fluorescent bulbs at the two events. Residents within the Alliance communities are able to bring all their waste pesticides **and** up to 10 additional gallons of hazardous waste to each event for disposal at no charge. **If you have waste mercury containing products such as: thermometers or thermostats; medical or scientific instruments; switches; lamps; batteries or other mercury containing waste you can dispose of these products at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Events.** The Alliance will swap your mercury fever thermometer for a digital thermometer at no charge at these events. Remember that latex paint is not a hazardous waste and will not be accepted. You can mix latex paint with kitty litter to solidify it and dispose of the mixture in your garbage. We are again planning two collection day events in 2008 at Harwood Union High School. They are scheduled for May 10 and October 4, 2008.

Over 1,235 gallons of used crankcase oil was collected within the Alliance at our Used Oil Collection Tanks during 2007. The tanks are located in Waitsfield at the Earthwise Transfer Station and at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. As an Alliance resident, you can bring up to 5 gallons of used crankcase oil to either of these sites at a cost of fifteen cents per gallon at the Earthwise Transfer Station and fifty cents per gallon at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. for proper disposal. A car and truck oil filter crusher is also available for Alliance residents at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. at a cost of seventy five cents per filter.

The Alliance continues to work with the Association of Vermont Recyclers to provide educational programs, workshops and theater productions promoting reduction, reuse, recycling, environmentally preferable products and healthy homes. This year the Alliance continued a book recycling program with Got Books, Inc. and collected over 1.87 tons. A storage trailer is available at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. throughout the year. You can bring books, tapes, CDs, DVDs, records, computer software and video tape to the trailer during hours of operation. This is open to all Alliance residents at no charge.

Visit our new web site at www.madriver.swa.org. You will find information on solid waste issues on this web site.

The eleventh truckload sale of compost bins was successful with the distribution of 72

compost bins and 36 kitchen collectors. It is estimated that each compost bin can compost 500 pounds of garden and kitchen waste annually. This means rich soil to add to your garden and less waste to go to the landfill. We will hold our Twelfth Compost Bin Sale this spring. The Alliance held two car and pickup truck tire and metal collection events at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. and at the Earthwise Transfer Station during 2007. A total of ~ 1929 tires and ~14 tons of metal were collected during these events. We are planning to hold two tire and metal collection events during 2008.

The Moretown Landfill, Inc. provides Alliance residents with the opportunity to bring their recyclables to the facility at no charge. This is done as part of the arrangement between the Alliance and the Moretown Landfill, Inc. for being the “host district” for the facility. Single stream recycling is a reality in the Alliance. You can bring your mixed paper, glass bottles and jars, metal cans and **plastics #1 through #7**, except for plastic film wrap and bags and beaded styrofoam for recycling. The recyclables are taken to the Chittenden County Materials Recovery Facility for processing. The Casella Earthwise Transfer Station and Moretown Landfill, Inc. also participated in the free disposal of roadside litter during the Green Up Day celebrations. The Alliance continues an electronic waste collection and recycling program and this year approximately 14.213 tons of computer systems, printers, televisions and VCRS were collected. This is an on going program at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. The Alliance is a member of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association which helps us market some recyclable commodities such as tires, propane cylinders and other materials. The Alliance is also a member of the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI). As a stakeholder in the PSI we work with other entities to reduce the environmental and health impacts of a variety of consumer products. This is accomplished by looking at the life cycle impacts of products and their packaging. Things like energy and materials consumption, emissions during manufacturing, toxicity, worker safety and waste disposal are among the issues reviewed. The objective of product stewardship is to rethink the way things are created in order to have more sustainable products in the future.

Backyard burning of trash is illegal and causes air pollution problems. Be a good neighbor and don't burn trash. If you know of any illegal dumping sites within your town that would benefit from an Adopt a Site Program give John Malter, Alliance Administrator a call at 244-7373 and let's see what we can do to help eliminate these types of problems together.

The FY 08 assessment for the administrative and program costs remains at \$2.00 per capita. The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission provides accounting support to the Alliance. We thank them for this assistance.

The representatives of the Alliance include: Duxbury; Diane Lynch; Fayston, Bob Vasseur; Moretown, Jonathan Siegel; Waitsfield, Sal Spinosa; Warren, Ken Blair; Waterbury, Ed Steele and John Malter from Waterbury is the Administrator for the Alliance.

MAD RIVER SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE BUDGET REPORT

INCOME	Budget 2007	Actual 2007	Acct Rec	Budget 2008
Town Assessments Per Capita (\$2.00) Based on 2003 Population Estimate				
Duxbury (1,341)	2,682	2,682		2,682
Fayston (1,183)	2,366	2,366		2,366
Moretown (1,695)	3,390	3,390		3,390
Waitsfield (1,686)	3,372	3,372		3,372
Warren (1,697)	3,394	3,394		3,394
Waterbury (5,138)	10,276	10,276		10,276
Subtotal Assessments:	25,480	25,480		25,480
MLF Education	21,820	13,884	3,477	22,930
Subtotal Education Income	21,820	13,884	3,477	22,930
Household Hazardous Waste:				
MLF HHW	13,680	12,980	700	13,680
Ag. Pest. Grant	3,000		3,428	3,384
Small Quantity Generators	1,000	3,057		1,500
DEC SWIP HHW Grant	8,270	8,757		8,796
Subtotal HHW Income:	25,950	24,794	4,128	27,360
Miscellaneous Income:				
Compost Bins	2,568	3,431		3,276
Tires	5,000	5,398		5,000
Electronic Waste	1,950	3,627		1,950
Web Site Development Grants	500		500	500
Subtotal Misc. Income	10,018	12,456	500	10,726
Total Income:	83,268	76,614	8,105	86,496
EXPENSES				
Administration:				
Administration:616 Hours	21,560	17,780		21,560
Travel/Office	1,160	3,267		3,286
Insurance	1,200	1,095		1,200
Solid Waste Manager Association	200	200		200
Subtotal Administration:	24,120	22,342		26,246
Education:				
Administration:341 Hours	11,935	9,258		11,935
Travel/Office	2,105	2,240		3,215
Newsletter/Printing/Mailing	2,000	1,125		2,000
School Programs	3,500	3,250		3,500
GreenUp/Homeshow/Special Events	1,000	375		1,000
N.R.R.A. Membership	180	180		180
Conference	600	280		600
Web Site	500	653		500
Subtotal Education	21,820	17,361		22,930.00
Household Hazardous Waste:				
Administration:243 Hours	8,505	8,479		8,505
Travel/Office	3,155	3,634		3,155
HHW Contractor	15,700	14,546		15,700
Subtotal HHW:	27,360	26,659		27,360
Misc. Expenses:				
Equipment Maintenance	100			100
Tire Collection	5,000	4,113		5,000
Electronic Waste	2,160	3504		2,160
Compost Bins	2,700	3,371		2,700
Subtotal Miscellaneous:	9,960	10,988		9,960
TOTAL EXPENSES:	83,260	77,350		86,496

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 2007 ANNUAL REPORT, TOWN OF WAITSFIELD

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) is a consortium of 23 towns and cities in Washington County and western Orange County. CVRPC provides a forum in which municipalities work together to address regional issues and opportunities. It also offers its member communities professional assistance with local planning efforts through its experienced and knowledgeable staff, including guidance about the requirements of Chapter 117, Vermont's Planning and Development law. During this year, significant time was spent by staff working with member municipalities on mapping, analyses, and policy review in order to understand how current bylaws are likely to influence future development patterns.

The Commission also focused on implementing goals contained in the Regional Plan and the Regional Transportation Plan. CVRPC also began work on updating the Plan and has approved the Housing element which includes the regional housing distribution plan. The Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee continued to evaluate the regional inter-modal transportation needs and problems and make recommendations to the State Transportation Agency on projects that should be included in the Agency's five year capital program. Both the Regional and Transportation Plans are being updated for adoption in 2008. The Commission was also involved in the review of regionally significant Act 250 development projects. CVRPC continues to work on the development of regional and local pre-disaster mitigation plans, population and housing growth projections, and review and approval of town plans as required by statute. CVRPC also completed assessments on three brownfield sites in the Region and is looking for additional commercial/industrial sites that may be contaminated and would qualify for a brownfields assessment. As an outgrowth of the Central Vermont Economic Collaborative and the affected municipality, CVRPC completed the analysis of undeveloped parcels in proximity to existing sewer infrastructure to see if a greater housing density would be appropriate.

CVRPC assisted the Town with review of the flood hazard bylaws, assisted with pre-disaster mitigation planning and mapping, developed a culvert inventory and map, performed traffic counts, managed the Route 100 Byway Corridor study, reviewed Act 250 projects, assisted with Town Plan and zoning issues, and continued to provide administrative assistance to the Mad River Valley Planning District and the Mad River Solid Waste Alliance.

CVRPC continues to work with local officials to provide GIS mapping, including planning maps for a variety of projects and municipal plans, bicycle and pedestrian path suitability maps, and maps of the Region's natural resources. The

Commission also provides model bylaws and assists municipalities in the administration of grants, particularly for the Vermont Community Development Program. Additional information on the Commission can be found at www.centralvtplanning.org.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another year of serving our member communities and the Central Vermont Region.

Susan M. Sinclair, Executive Director
Harrison Snapp, Commissioner

MAD RIVER VALLEY SENIOR CITIZENS, INC. AND MEALS ON WHEELS AT EVERGREEN PLACE

The Mad River Valley Senior Citizens (MRVSC) continue to achieve their mission of providing social, educational, charitable and nutritional services to elders at the Senior Center located at Evergreen Place and through the Meals on Wheels program. All of this is possible in a large measure through the generous financial support from the four Valley towns. Our annual fundraising efforts also help to cover any shortfall in funding that is a part of all senior citizen centers.

We also could not survive without our very dedicated corps of community volunteers who so generously give of their time to deliver Meals on Wheels or serve lunch every Tuesday and Thursday at our congregate meals site at Evergreen Place. In the year of 2007, we served a total of 5,347 meals to seniors either at Evergreen Place or to Meals on Wheels recipients in the community. This was 762 more meals than contracted for in our contract with the Central Vermont Council on Aging.

In addition to congregate meals and Meals on Wheels, the Senior Center space also provides a venue for a variety of activities for community members to participate in on a weekly basis. Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice holds various clinics at the Senior Center too, the most recent being a flu shot clinic this past fall. An especially well appreciated clinic is the foot clinic held every six weeks at the Center.

MRVSC appreciates that the Valley community continues to recognize the importance of providing meals to seniors either in the congregate setting or in their residences when needed. Adequate nutrition is essential for healthy aging. Attendance at a congregate meal improves the participant's health and sense of well being as it provides an opportunity to socialize with others while sharing a nutritious meal. Home delivered meals enable frail seniors to stay in their homes in their own communities rather than being institutionalized at a much greater cost to society. These services are invaluable to our Valley. Thank you to all Valley residents for supporting us.

Liz Laferriere, President MRVSC
Vince Gauthier, Vice President
Valerie Hale, Treasurer
Debi Spinoso, Secretary
Helmut Hietzker
Kathie Friedman
Suzy Thompson Markowitt, MOW Coordinator



Annual Report to Mad River Watershed Towns

Friends of the Mad River (FMR) is a private non-profit organization committed to protecting, improving and enhancing the ecological, recreational, and community values of the Mad River and its watershed. FMR has been working on issues relating to the Mad River and its watershed since 1990 and we thank Mad River Valley residents for sixteen years of membership support.

2007 Achievements include:

Mad River Watch

In 2007 Mad River Watch had its 22nd successful summer of river watching and testing. Every summer, volunteers collect water samples from 36 sites on the Mad River and its tributaries. In 2007 data was collected on water temperature and pH, and samples were tested for *E. coli* bacteria. Several sites were sampled for phosphorus and turbidity. MRW results are published in the Valley Reporter and FMR website and also displayed on FMR signs at swim holes.

River Corridor Planning Study

In 2007 FMR secured a grant from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to complete a River Corridor Planning study. This study builds on previous geomorphic assessment, applying assessment information to practical recommendations. A River Corridor Management plan will result that includes information about watershed, floodplain and channel stressors, analysis of channel adjustment, discussion of bridges and culverts that may be impacting the stream, and recommendations for protection and restoration. An included Fluvial Erosion Hazard analysis will inform potential Fluvial Erosion Hazard Zoning. If adopted, this zoning would provide additional protection beyond current regulations. Many thanks to DEC for the generous support.

Farmer's Market Day

As in past years, in 2007 FMR had an educational display at the Waitsfield Farmer's Market. This year's booth featured a fantastic water table model, loaned to FMR by the DEC. It demonstrates how rivers move and react to changes, showing how the Mad River works. The booth also included information about Didymo, an invasive species found in nearby watersheds which could seriously impact the Mad River.

Groundwater Assessment Project

FMR partnered with the Vermont Rural Water Association on a project on the overall condition of groundwater in the watershed. The project considered which contaminants are likely to be present, pinpointed known and potential areas of contamination, and provided education on private wells and drinking water quality. FMR offered drinking water testing. The tests informed homeowners about the quality of and potential threats in their drinking water. The sampling data can be used in future groundwater mapping and contaminant databases. FMR will offer testing again in 2008.

17th Annual Clean Water Week Poster Contest

Every spring, local elementary school students draw posters on watershed-related topics and enter them in FMR's annual Vermont Clean Water Week Contest. The contest gives students an opportunity to think about a specific aspect of the watershed and win great prizes from local sponsors. This year's theme was "Nutrients & Sediments – Clean Water Starts With You". Students reflected on what happens when it rains and how run-off affects streams, rivers, lakes and ponds. Caleb Kessler, a 5th grader from Fayston Elementary School won first prize.

Community Partnerships

FMR continued its work with watershed towns and partner organizations including work on the Kingsbury Community Farm, with the road crews from Moretown, Fayston, Duxbury, Waitsfield and Warren, and with the Mad River Watershed Conservation Partnership.

Dana Hill Better Backroads Project

Dana Hill is a steep gravel road in Waitsfield. Due to the road grade and other factors, a significant amount of roadbed material erodes each year, especially during spring snowmelt. The small tributary to Mill Brook adjacent to the road receives this polluted run off. Not only does this result in water quality degradation, the erosion is costly to repair each year. FMR partnered with the DEC's Watershed Initiative Program and the Town of Waitsfield to address the problems. FMR helped coordinate a Better Backroads workshop attended by the town road crew. The workshop suggested road management skills that should help protect water quality and save money. Dana Hill roadwork will be completed in 2008, with generous funding from the State of Vermont Better Backroads Program and the National Wildlife Federation.

Fundraising to Protect the Mad River

Thanks to our membership support and excellent staff, FMR was very successful in 2007 in securing funds from the DEC to support the river assessment. With your help we also matched two grants bringing in \$13,000 for educational outreach. We were also awarded a laboratory services grant from the DEC to strengthen and expand our Mad River Watch program. Thank you for your generous and continued support!

New Watershed Coordinator

This fall, FMR hired a new Watershed Coordinator. Caitrin Noel, of Warren, joins us with new energy and fresh ideas. She has a background in environmental science, water resources, and education and is looking forward to working with her neighbors to protect her favorite river. Many thanks to Miranda Lescaze, our previous coordinator, for her hard work and dedication to FMR. Best of luck to her in her new career as a teacher.

Please contact us if you would like to get involved with Friends of the Mad River. We welcome your comments and ideas. The Friends' office is in the General Wait House in Waitsfield.

Website: www.FriendsoftheMadRiver.org.

Phone: 496-9127.

Email: friends@madriver.com

Friends of the Mad River is a membership organization. Donations and membership support can be sent to our mailing address: PO Box 255, Waitsfield, VT 05673.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Directors:

Kinny Perot, Warren

Jack Byrne, Moretown

Elizabeth Walker, Duxbury

Mary Gow, Warren

John "Sucosh" Norton, Warren

Brian Shupe, Waitsfield

Kari Dolan, Waitsfield

Jay Meadows, Waitsfield

Nancy Spencer, Fayston

Shayne Jaquith, Fayston

Lisa Koitzsch, Fayston

MAD RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE (MRVAS) ANNUAL REPORT TO THE TOWNS

MRVAS wishes to thank all Valley residents and visitors who continue to support this vital community service with generous donations as well as participation in our Annual Subscription Drive. This patronage, together with the filing of medical insurance claims and private payments, allows us to remain an independent, private, non-profit corporation serving the entire Mad River Valley with volunteer crews, unsupported by your tax dollars.

In 2007 MRVAS answered 418 calls resulting in 434 patient contacts; this included 98 calls in Fayston, 46 in Moretown, 157 in Waitsfield, 110 in Warren and 7 outside the Valley. MRVAS was responsible for two Long Trail rescues within 2 weeks last summer. These are very time consuming events that require large amounts of personnel and specialized technical support. We had assistance from the local fire departments, Waterbury Back Country Rescue, Stowe Rescue and Colchester Technical Rescue.

We currently maintain three ambulances, a rescue rig equipped for vehicle extrication and off road rescue, a snowmobile with a patient tow sled and trailer, and an MCI (Mass Casualty Incident) trailer equipped to handle incidents involving as many as 50 patients. Our 4-wheel drive ambulance, a vital member of our fleet, was replaced last July with a new state-of-the art 4WD vehicle at a cost of \$141,480.00.

We receive much needed assistance from many other agencies who help us on all types of calls. To foster these cooperative relationships, MRVAS participates in quarterly Joint Agency Meetings with the local fire departments, law enforcement and occasionally area ski patrol agencies.

As of December 2007 the MRVAS roster included a total of 60 members. Each crew generally consists of a crew chief, one or two attendants and a driver. We are currently experiencing a serious shortage of medical attendants and are having a difficult time filling our duty schedule as well as additional crews for 2nd and 3rd calls. A critical component for all members of MRVAS is continual training and upgrading of procedures in order to better serve our patients. We provide all required education and training for our members and have a new First Responder course beginning in February.

As a volunteer-based organization, the service is always looking for more complete coverage with our ever-increasing response need. If you are willing to train and respond to calls, consider becoming part of the MRVAS family! We are also working to develop an auxiliary membership; so if working in the field with patients is not for you, there are plenty of other ways to help.

You can also help by becoming a subscriber. For \$40 per year, everyone you list as a resident of your household receives unlimited emergency care as well as up to two non-emergency, doctor ordered medical transports to area hospitals or nursing homes. Although any insurance coverage you have will be billed, no charges for deductibles or co-pays will be sent to you.

Please visit us on the web: www.mrvas.org, call us at 496-8888 or e-mail us at mrvas@madriver.com to:

- Become a subscriber
- Find out how you can contribute
- Find out how you can join us
- Arrange to take a CPR course or refresher
- Learn how to post your E-911 address so that we can find you

Sincerely,

Nancy Mongeur, President
Mad River Valley Ambulance Service
MRVAS

MAD RIVER VALLEY HEALTH CENTER, INC.

The Mad River Valley Health Center, Inc. (MRVHC, Inc.) is a 501 (c) (3) non profit corporation governed by a community Board of Directors composed of individuals representing the towns of Warren, Waitsfield, Fayston and Moretown. Incorporated in 1980, the mission of the MRVHC, Inc. is to provide a quality facility to insure the availability of local health care to residents of the Mad River Valley, neighboring town and visitors.

During 2004, MRVHC, Inc. conducted a capital campaign to fund a new, expanded health center. The building was completed on time and within budget and occupied by January 2006. MRVHC, Inc. owns the building and leases space to a variety of healthcare providers, including:

- Mad River Family Practice
- SugarMountain Massage
- Health in Motion (a movement studio including a variety of wellness classes and workshops such as yoga, dance, martial arts, etc.)
- Maximum Physical Therapy
- Healing Hands Physical Therapy
- Richard W. Davis, PhD (psychologist)
- Barbara A. Clarke, PsyD (psychologist)
- Lee Ensalada, MD, MPH (medical examiner)

All providers in the new health centers offer a sliding scale or financial arrangements so that patients can receive services regardless of their financial status or insurance coverage.

With the construction complete, the board has shifted the focus to coordinating health education programs and outreach on topics of interest to the community. Offerings in the first year have included Weight Watchers, parenting classes and healthy aging seminars. Efforts are underway to expand health education programs aligned with community needs and requests.

Visit www.mrvhc.com for additional information. Review the Valley's new health and wellness directory, learn the history of the Health Center and further your understanding of the plans for the new Health Center and its contribution to the Mad River Valley community.

The Mad River Valley Health Center, Inc. is committed to promoting and improving health services to meet the needs of the community. We wish to thank the community towns for their financial support to the MRVHC, Inc. in the past and look forward to continued support. The Health Center benefits all area residents.

Sue Frechette, Warren, President
Chuck Martel, Fayston, Vice President
Adam Greshin, Warren, Treasurer
Dara Torre, Moretown, Secretary

Barbara Christie-Garvin, Waitsfield
Connie Colman, Warren
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MAD RIVER VALLEY PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION CHANNELS 44 & 60 ANNUAL REPORT

Mad River Valley Television is a community-based television station dedicated to giving the Valley access to the airwaves. MRVTV's Channels 44 and the recent addition of Channel 60 are part of Waitsfield Cable's basic tier of service. MRVTV broadcasts locally generated programs with a focus on public, educational and governmental (PEG) programming.

MRVTV was incorporated in March 1998 by a small group of Valley residents who wanted to bring public access television to the community. Since incorporation the board of directors surveyed community organizations, sought support from municipal boards and negotiated a contract with Waitsfield Cable. We are incorporated as a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization.

MRVTV first went on the air in February 2000 with the Lareau Swim Hole public hearings and has grown substantially since then. We now program two channels with over 12 to 16 hours of community events and meetings daily, with a bulletin board of community messages filling the remaining time. Anyone with appropriate training on the equipment, which MRVTV will provide, can use the station and equipment in accordance with MRVTV standards. MRVTV also has space available for studio taping and accepts prepared programs for broadcast.

MRVTV broadcasts local town, district and school board meetings, and events such as the Warren Fourth of July celebration, the VT festival of the Arts, Harwood Union concerts, and many other school and community events. MRVTV encourages community members to learn to tape events and is working with Harwood Union to train students to cover local happenings. Additionally, MRVTV airs locally produced talk shows, political debates, specialty shows and other programs generated or requested by members of the community. In October of 2007 MRVTV premiered a historic first live call-in show with a panel discussing and taking viewer questions on the proposed Waitsfield subdivision regulations.



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Waitsfield Cable funds MRVTV as required by state and federal regulations. Cable subscribers see a 5% PEG access surcharge on their cable bills. Waitsfield Cable also provided start up funds for equipment and organizational fees. The towns of Fayston, Waitsfield and Warren have granted MRVTV sponsorships funds and the Board launched a local membership organization, "Friends of 44" to raise revenues to support increased community programming.

To learn more about MRVTV please contact Alex Maclay, our Station Manager, or Tony Italiano, our Technical Director/Media Manager, at 583-4488 (44TV) or by email- tv@mrvtv.com, or stop by our offices and studio in the Red building in Bridge Street Marketplace right down from the Spotted Cow, address 4429 Main Street. You can also check us out on the web at www.mrvtv.com, or call our 24-hour hotline 583-4747 for program information and schedules.

Members of the board are: Chuck Allen, Dan Eckstein, Michael Hock, Lisa Italiano, Lisa Loomis, Adele Nicols, Brian Shupe, and Rob Williams. We meet at least twice a year and welcome public input to the meetings or to any board member. Hope to see you down at our studio soon!

THE MAD RIVER WATERSHED CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP

The Mad River Watershed Conservation Partnership was formed in 2001 to formalize nearly 25 years of collaboration between the Vermont Land Trust, the Mad River Valley Planning District, and the Friends of the Mad River. As a result of this long-standing partnership and the vision of many landowners, town leaders and community members, over 9,000 acres of farmland, forestland, recreational trails, wildlife habitat and riparian land in the Mad River Valley have been permanently protected from future development.

Kingsbury Community Farm Initiative. The Kingsbury Community Farm Initiative has been an important focus of the Conservation Partnership's land conservation work in 2007. In November, on behalf of the Conservation Partnership, the Town of Warren and the other community organizations such as Yestermorrow and the Mad River Valley Localvore Project, the Vermont Land Trust purchased the 20.2 acre Kingsbury farm to alleviate the risk of its development or conversion to non-agricultural use. The Vermont Land Trust intends to hold the property for one year while working with the community to resell the conserved land to a future farm owner or community organization for the purposes of agriculture, recreation, and other community uses.

The Conservation Partnership is participating on a community advisory group which is soliciting public input to determine how the Kingsbury Farm will benefit the Mad River Valley for years to come. More information about the Kingsbury Community Farm Initiative is available at www.Kingsburycommunityfarm.org, or by calling the Conservation Partnership at 496-3690.

Town Forestland Conservation. The Conservation Partnership has continued its work with the towns of Waitsfield and Moretown to permanently conserve municipal forestland for public recreation, education, sustainable forestry and to protect headwater streams, riparian areas and forestland providing wildlife habitat and maintaining water quality within the watershed.

Family Land Conservation. The Conservation Partnership continues to help private landowners interested in conserving their land in the Mad River Valley. A year-end conservation easement donation by a private landowner in Fayston conserved 99.5 acres of forestland which provides habitat and travel corridors needed by wildlife. This conservation easement donation, along with other past and future conservation projects, will help to ensure that growth and development in the Valley is well balanced with the protection of the land important for farming, recreation, forestry and the overall health and vitality of our community.

The Conservation Partnership welcomes your inquiries, suggestions or comments. Please contact us at 496-3690 for more information or stop by our office on the second floor of the General Wait House.

Liza Walker
Vermont Land Trust/ Mad River Watershed Conservation Partnership.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT 2007 Report for Waitsfield Activities

It has been another productive year for the Washington County Sheriff’s Department. Although our main functions by statute are transporting prisoners and serving civil process, we also work hard at being a positive part of the Washington County Community.

In the past fiscal year we have reached out to the community in many ways. We have offered two Hunter Education courses, hosted a food drive to benefit the Vermont Food Bank, given presentations at several Drivers Education Classes, provided demonstrations of the “rollover convincer” (a seat belt usage demonstrator) at many community events and handed out 2,000 candy canes prior to the Christmas Holidays, reminding people to drive safely.

The Washington County Sheriff’s Department also placed 1st in the Vermont Law Enforcement Challenge (Sheriff’s Division) and 3rd in the national ranking. This is a State and National recognition for our efforts in Highway Safety.

During the 06/07 fiscal year the Washington County Sheriff’s Department was contracted by the Town of Waitsfield to provide motor vehicle patrol, for which we patrolled approximately 945 hours. During these patrols we provide motor vehicle enforcement, preventive patrols to deter offenses and have an agreement with the Vermont State Police to be first responders to calls as requested if we are patrolling the town at the time of the complaint – this allows quicker law enforcement response to serious complaints.

In the course of our patrols many vehicles are stopped and at times warnings are given. The following Vermont Traffic Complaints are some of the 442 violations that were written by the Washington County Sheriff’s Department while on patrol:

Speeding	352	Suspended License, civil	12
No Inspection	14	Stop/Yield Intersections	6
No Registration	12	Snowmobile Violations	5
No Insurance	21	Minor in Possession of Alcohol	1
No License	2	Minor in Possession of Tobacco	1
Consuming Alcohol while Driving	1		

The Sheriff’s Department also made several arrests, including 5 operators for DUI, 4 operators for driving with a criminally suspended license, and 1 operator for attempting to allude. We also assisted the Vermont State Police in responding to complaints such as E911 hang ups, alarms, and 12 agency assists.

The Washington County Sheriff’s Department will continue to work to keep your community a safe place to live.

Professionally,

W. Samuel Hill
Sheriff

Notes: