

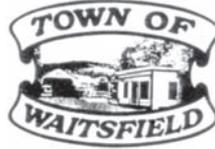
**TOWN OF WAITSFIELD
VERMONT
2009**

**WAITSFIELD
SCHOOL**

**Annual Report
of Waitsfield Town Officers
for the Year Ending December 31, 2009
and
of the Town School District
for the Year Ending June 30, 2009**



**Celebrating the Waitsfield Elementary School's
Contributions to the Community**



Town of Waitsfield, Vermont

Chartered February 25, 1782
1970 Population 837
1980 Population 1,302
1990 Population 1,422
2000 Population 1,659
Size: 17,222 acres (approx.)

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday
(located in the lower level of the Joslin Library)

JOSLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Regular Hours

Monday, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday, Closed.
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF LOCAL BOARDS

Selectboard

2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Office

Planning Commission

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Office

Development Review Board

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Office

Conservation Commission

4th Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Office

School Board

2nd Thursdays of most months, 7:45 a.m.,
at the Washington West Supervisory Union office

Mad River Valley Planning District

3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the General Wait House

*THE COVER: Waitsfield Elementary School, Winter 2010
Photo courtesy of John Williams*

WAITSFIELD INFORMATION DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

POLICE	911
FIRE (TO REPORT A FIRE ONLY)	911 or 496-2400
AMBULANCE (FOR EMERGENCY ONLY)	911 or 496-3600
M.R.V. HEALTH CENTER	496-3838

OTHER NUMBERS

Ambulance Information		496-8888
Dogs - Lost & Found	Dog Warden	496-7036
Education - Schools	Supt. of Schools	496-2272
	Elementary School	496-3643
	Harwood Union H.S.	244-5186
Fire Chief	Delbert Palmer	496-3675
Fire Station (non-emergency)		496-2403
Game Warden (hunting/fishing)	c/o State Police Dispatch	496-2262
Green Mountain Power Corp.		223-5235
Hospital (Berlin)		229-9121
Hospital (Burlington)		658-3456
Poison Control (Burlington)		658-3456
Highway/Roads	Town Garage	496-8897
Library	Librarian	496-4205
Planning & Zoning	Zoning Administrator	496-2218
M.R.V. Senior Citizens		496-2543
Evergreen Place		496-2020
Sheriff	Washington County Sheriff	223-3001
State Highway	District 6	496-3972
Town Clerk & Treasurer		496-2218
* State Representative	Adam Greshin	583-3223
* Washington County Senators	Ann Cummings	
	William Doyle	
	Phil Scott	

* The Legislative session usually runs from early January through April.

Messages may be left with the Sergeant-at-Arms at the State House at
828-2228 or 1-800-322-5616 for delivery to the Legislators.

DEDICATION



Marion Turner and great-grandson Jacob. (Photo courtesy of granddaughter Deb Fontaine)

MARION TURNER

Marion (Cota) Turner, a lifelong resident of the Valley, has served on the Waitsfield Cemetery Commission for 20 years—and counting. Her interest in cemeteries was inspired by her interest in genealogy. She is renowned for her knowledge of the cemeteries and the people in them. She is a person of great compassion, integrity, and knowledge and is a tremendous asset to the community.

Born in Fayston and raised in Warren, Marion moved to the Turner family farm when she and Albert Turner married. They raised six children and created a family tree that includes 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. With a desire to keep the farm in the family and preserve its scenic and agricultural heritage, Marion and Albert conserved the farm through the Vermont Land Trust in 1996. Albert passed away in 1997.

It is with great honor and respect that we dedicate this Town Report to Marion Turner.

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 2, 2010.

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, we express appreciation to the following individuals for services given to the Town and its residents:

Anne Wallis Bull, Cemetery Commission

Kari Dolan, Mad Bikes

Brian Fleisher, Planning Commission

Thomas Gardner, Conservation Commission

Bradley Mayhew, Road Department

Robin Morris, Planning Commission

Missy Siner Shea, Waitsfield School Board

Kate Williams, Mad River Resource Management Alliance

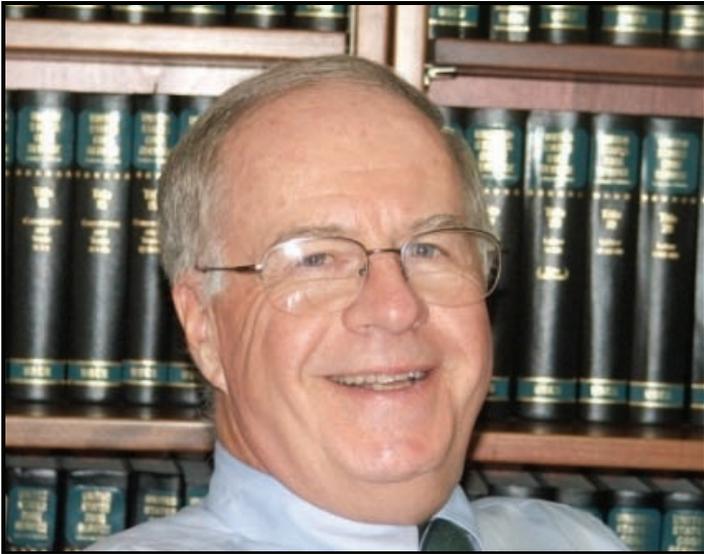
REPORT OF ELECTED AUDITORS

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, 2009; School District ended June 30, 2009). 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

SPECIAL APPRECIATION

Peter B. Joslin



We would like to express special appreciation and gratitude to Peter B. Joslin for a lifetime of service to the Town of Waitsfield. His list of service is long and includes Town Moderator for 29 years, Town Law Agent for perhaps as many years, a former member of the Selectboard, and a long-time Trustee of the Joslin Memorial Library. There are probably more. We honor Peter for his incomparable wisdom, his deep historical knowledge of the Mad River Valley, his ever-present energy and good humor, and unselfish dedication to the citizens of Waitsfield.

We wish him the best of success and happiness in his new life and community. He will be missed.

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TOWN OF WAITSFIELD

WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 2, 2010

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 2, 2010 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 Friday, September 10, 2010, with the remaining half (50%) to be paid without discount not later than Monday, November 15, 2010?

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 \$113,500 to be added to the Town's Reserve Funds as follows:

Fund	Amount
Covered Bridge Maintenance	\$10,000
Fire Dept. Roof Repair	\$ 6,000
Equipment – Road Dept. Truck Reserve	\$55,000
Equipment – Road Dept. Heavy Equipment Reserve	\$15,000
Equipment – Fire Dept. Truck Reserve	\$15,000
Joslin Memorial Library Repair Reserve	\$ 2,500
Restroom, Recreation & Conservation Reserve	\$ 2,500
Route 100 Transportation Path Reserve	\$ 5,000
Street Trees Reserve Fund	\$ <u>2,500</u>
Total	\$113,500

ARTICLE 8: Will the Town vote to renew and extend for a maximum period of three years ending March 31, 2013, 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, 2004, and 2007.)

ARTICLE 9: Will the Town to authorize the Selectboard to provide notice in the newspaper of record that the Town Report is available and to cease mailing one to each registered voter as a cost-saving measure and instead make them available for pick-up at locations in town and available to be mailed upon request?

ARTICLE 10: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$20,000, less any grants or funds from other sources, to fund needed repairs to the General Wait House (roof replacement, exterior and interior paint, refinish flooring, shutter repair, etc.), to be paid over a five-year period, with repayment expected to be through a modest increase in rent revenue and the cash-flow realized as a result of energy efficiency investments and lowered fuel costs?

ARTICLE 11: Will the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to establish a Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund, whose total balance shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the current year total expense, and to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to establish such fund in 2010?

ARTICLE 12: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to install an automatic start on the emergency generator that serves the Elementary School and the General Wait House? (This Article is to be voted by Australian ballot.)

ARTICLE 13: Will the voters of Waitsfield support a resolution requesting the Vermont legislature to:

1. Deny approval for the operation of Vermont Yankee after March 2012, which marks the end of its 40-year design life;
2. Require that Entergy Corporation of Louisiana fulfill its pledge to fully fund the cleanup and decommissioning costs of closing Vermont Yankee; and
3. Seek safe, renewable, regional sources of electricity combined with efficiency and conservation measures to replace the power presently provided by Vermont Yankee?

ARTICLE 14: 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 15: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Waitsfield, Vermont, this 25th day of January, 2010 by:

Waitsfield Selectboard

Kate Williams, Chair
Charles Hosford, V. Chair
Paul Hartshorn
William Parker
Salvatore Spinosa

**TOWN OF WAITSFIELD
MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 3, 2009**

Following are the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Waitsfield of March 3, 2009 pursuant 1 V.S.A. § 312(b)(1).

The Moderator called the Annual Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Those present (approximately 100 people) joined the Moderator in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator explained general information about the conduct of the meeting and use of Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure.

The Moderator announced a change in legislation that allows attendees of Town Meeting to discuss items being voted by Australian ballot other than elected officials.

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. A motion to hear and act upon the reports of Town Officers was made, seconded, and carried by unanimous voice vote. 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 Tuesday, September 1, 2009, with the remaining half (50%) to be paid without discount not later than Monday, November 16, 2009? 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 6 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of \$97,000 to be added to the Town's Reserve Funds as follows:

Fund	Amount
Covered Bridge Maintenance Reserve	\$20,000
Equipment – Road Dept. Truck Reserve	\$30,000
Equipment – Road Dept. Heavy Equipment Reserve	\$15,000
Equipment – Fire Dept. Truck Reserve	\$15,000
Fire Department Roof Repair Reserve Fund	\$7,000
Street Trees Reserve Fund	\$5,000
Joslin Memorial Library Repair Reserve	\$2,500
Restroom, Recreation & Conservation Reserve	<u>\$2,500</u>
Total	\$97,000

Following discussion and the passage of an amended amendment, Article 7 was approved by a majority voice vote with the following total appropriation of \$67,000:

Fund	Amount
Covered Bridge Maintenance Reserve	\$20,000
Equipment – Road Dept. Truck Reserve	\$15,000
Equipment – Road Dept. Heavy Equipment Reserve	\$15,000
Equipment – Fire Dept. Truck Reserve	\$ 7,500
Fire Department Roof Repair Reserve Fund	\$7,000
Street Trees Reserve Fund	\$ 0
Joslin Memorial Library Repair Reserve	\$2,500
Restroom, Recreation & Conservation Reserve	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total	\$67,000

With approval of the assembly, Sarah Nevin spoke on behalf of Good Beginnings prior to Town Meeting's being recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon to resume after the Waitsfield School meeting.

The meeting was reconvened at 2:36 p.m.

ARTICLE 8: Will the Town vote to increase the Veterans' Exemption for qualified disabled veterans within the Town of Waitsfield from \$10,000 of appraisal value to \$40,000 of appraisal value as authorized by 32 V.S.A. §3802(11)? Article 8 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: Will the Town exempt alternate energy sources, as defined in 32 V.S.A. Section 3845, from real and personal property taxation, first applicable against the Grand List of the year in which the vote is taken and continue until voted otherwise by the voters of Waitsfield? Article 9 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 10: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for repairs and improvements to the Town Pond at Winter Park, to be paid over a period not more than five years and on such other terms as the Selectboard shall negotiate? Following discussion and the defeat of a motion to amend the article, Article 10 was approved as originally warned by 62 standing yes votes over 26 standing no votes.

ARTICLE 11: 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? A motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 11 with a budget of \$1,507,346. Following discussion, an amendment to increase the budget figure by \$61,000 for the gravel pit development was approved by unanimous voice vote. The amended budget figure was \$1,568,346. Discussion followed and a motion to reduce the budget by \$20,000 in an attempt to level fund expenses was approved by 30 standing yes votes over 27 standing no votes. The amended budget figure was \$1,548,346. Article 11, with an amended budget of \$1,548,346, was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. There was discussion about buying 27 Bridge Street to be used as a municipal building; the suggestion that the Selectboard be in close contact with ANR regarding the town pond; an alternative site for a municipal wastewater system; and affordable housing.

Following discussion, voters supported by majority voice vote asking the Planning Commission to examine a concept in their rewrite of the 2010 Town Plan of creating a zone that would allow existing business that are limited by the zoning they are in to grow if they are required to contribute “green” type or renewable resource and possibly alternative or affordable housing to their expansion projects.

The Moderator expressed his appreciation to everyone who turned out.

The Moderator recessed the meeting at 4:48 p.m. until the closing of the polls for Australian ballot items at 7:00 p.m.



Town Meeting 2005 at the Waitsfield Elementary School

(Photo courtesy of Bev Kehoe)

TOWN OFFICERS 2009*Elected by Australian Ballot***Selectboard:**

Charles Hosford	Mar. 2010
Kate Williams, Chair	Mar. 2010
William Parker	Mar. 2011
Salvatore Spinosa	Mar. 2011
Paul Hartshorn	Mar. 2012

Town Clerk:

Jennifer Peterson	Mar. 2011
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Town Treasurer:

Jennifer Peterson	Mar. 2011
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Auditors:

Leo Laferriere	Mar. 2010
Jim Leyton	Mar. 2011
Laura Titus	Mar. 2012

Listers:

John Simko	Mar. 2010
John Reilly, Chair	Mar. 2011
Blaine Laskowksi	Mar. 2012

Collector of Delinquent Taxes:

Janet Smith	Mar. 2010
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Grand Juror:

Dana Haskin	Mar. 2010
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Library Trustees:

Jean Joslin	Mar. 2010
Joyce Travers	Mar. 2011
Art Conway, Chair	Mar. 2012
Peter B. Joslin	Mar. 2013
John Reilly	Mar. 2014

Waitsfield School Directors:

Sandy Tarburton	Mar. 2010
Melissa Siner Shea, Chair	(resigned)
J. Todd White (appointed)	Mar. 2010
Elizabeth Cadwell	Mar. 2011
Wrenn Compere	Mar. 2011
Rob Williams	Mar. 2012

Harwood School Director:

Joanne Duhl	Mar. 2010
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Waitsfield School Treasurer:

Wendy Gilbert	Mar. 2010
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Cemetery Commissioners:

Marion Turner	Mar. 2010
Paul Hartshorn, Chair	Mar. 2011
Eric Haskin	Mar. 2012
Robert Danaher	Mar. 2013
Victoria Kingsbury	Mar. 2014

Trustees of Cemetery Funds:

John "Jack" Smith	Mar. 2010
Andrew Baird, Jr	Mar. 2011
Gib Geiger, Jr.	Mar. 2012

Justices of the Peace:

Mary Alice Bisbee	Nov. 2010
Cecil "Zeke" Church	Nov. 2010
Charles Goodman III	Nov. 2010
Jon Jamieson	Nov. 2010
Andreas Lehner	Nov. 2010
Thomas Mehuron	Nov. 2010
Jennifer Peterson	Nov. 2010

Town Agent:

Peter B. Joslin	Mar. 2010
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TOWN OFFICERS 2009

Appointed by the Selectboard

M.R.V. Planning District Reps:

William Parker Mar. 2010
Steve Shea Mar. 2010

Constable:

Peter Laskowski Mar. 2010

Planning Commission:

Russ Bennett Mar. 2010
Hadley Gaylord, Jr. Mar. 2010
Steve Shea, Chair Mar. 2011
Karl Klein (res.) Mar. 2011
Peter Lazorchak Mar. 2012
Ted Tremper Mar. 2012
Kari Dolan Mar. 2013
Drew Simmons Mar. 2013

C.V. Regional Planning

Commission:

Harrison Snapp Mar. 2010

Development Review Board:

John Donaldson Mar. 2010
Brian Shupe, Chair Mar. 2010
Christopher Jernigan Mar. 2010
Eleanor D'Aponte Mar. 2011
David Galfetti, Alt. Mar. 2011
Gib Geiger, Jr. Mar. 2011
Christina Cook Mar. 2012
Michael Kingsbury Mar. 2012
Mark Sinclair, Alt. Mar. 2012

Tree Warden:

Leo Laferriere Mar. 2010

Tree Board:

Jean Sherman Mar. 2010
Vince Gauthier Mar. 2011
Charles Hosford Mar. 2012

Zoning Administrator:

Vickie Trihy May 2011

Fire Warden:

Delbert Palmer June 2011

Waitsfield/Fayston Fire Department:

Fire Chief:

Delbert Palmer Jan. 2010

Assistant Chiefs:

Gordon Eurich Jan. 2010

Paul Hartshorn Jan. 2010

Captain:

Arnold Burbank Jan. 2010

Lieutenants:

Travis Michaud Jan. 2010

Jack Corliss Jan. 2010

Moderator:

Eric Haskin Jan. 2010

Treasurer:

Gordon Eurich Jan. 2010

Secretary:

Shannon Young Jan. 2010

Service Officer:

Cathy Hadden Apr. 2010

Emergency Management

Coordinator:

Frederick Messer Mar. 2010

Energy Coordinator:

Dennis Derryberry Mar. 2011

Health Officer:

Dr. Francis Cook Nov. 2010

Dog Warden:

Marie Leotta Mar. 2010

Road Commissioner:

Charles Goodman, III Mar. 2010

Conservation Commission:

Elizabeth Cadwell Mar. 2010
Ted Joslin Mar. 2010
Leo Laferriere, Chair Mar. 2010
Spencer Potter Mar. 2010
Thomas Gardner (res.) Mar. 2011
Paul Hartshorn Mar. 2011
Phil Huffman Mar. 2011
Chris Loomis Mar. 2011

M.R.V. Recreation District Reps.:

Dean Hamel Mar. 2012
Helen Kellogg Mar. 2010

Mad Bikes of Waitsfield:

Kari Dolan Mar. 2010
Bobbi Rood Mar. 2010
Sue Frechette (Alt.) Mar. 2011
Troy Kingsbury Mar. 2011
Liz Weller (Alt.) Mar. 2011
Laura Brines Mar. 2012
Peter Lazorchak Mar. 2012

Inspector of Lumber:

Andrew Baird, Jr. Mar. 2010

Fence Viewers:

Allen Gaylord Mar. 2010
Douglas Kenyon Mar. 2010
Bryan Neill Mar. 2010

Weigher of Coal:

Charles Hosford Mar. 2010

Green Up Coordinators:

Valerie & Harrison Snapp Mar. 2010

Energy Committee:

Dennis Derryberry Mar. 2011
Paul Hartshorn Mar. 2011
Charles Hosford Mar. 2011
Brian Shupe Mar. 2011

M.R. Solid Waste Alliance:

Salvator Spinosa Mar. 2010
Valerie Capels (alt.) Mar. 2010

WAITSFIELD SELECTBOARD 2009 Annual Report

The Selectboard typically meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Waitsfield Town Office. 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 45. Some of the Selectboard's major work is discussed below.

Municipal Water Project. With the passage of the bond article in November 2008, work focused on wrapping up final design details, permitting, and moving the project toward construction. An important milestone was achieved when USDA Rural Development (RD) announced at our Earth Day celebration at the Waitsfield Elementary School that, not only was our funding committed, but an additional \$800,000 in grant funds were awarded. Representatives of Senator Leahy's office, Rural Development, Agency of Natural Resources, Friends of the Mad River, and others were present to show their support for Waitsfield's project.



Rhonda Shippee (USDA Rural Development), Kate Williams (Selectboard), Ted Brady (Senator Leahy's Office) and Elizabeth Walker (Friends of the Mad River) receiving Rural Development funding award during the Earth Day Celebration at the Elementary School, April 22, 2009. (Photo: Lisa Loomis)

A condition of the RD funding included securing at least 220 ERUs by December 31, 2009.

Other accomplishments in 2009:

- A Water Implementation Task Force (Darryl Forrest, Robin Morris, Robert Cook, and Ray LaRochelle) was formed;
- The Act 250 application was submitted, hearings were held, and the decision was near to being issued at the close of the year;
- Most of the temporary and permanent construction easements are in place;
- There was continued coordination with the water project and paving project;
- The plans are 90% complete and contracts 3, 4, and 5 have been submitted to RD and the State for review;
- An additional \$30,000 no-interest loan was approved from the state revolving loan fund;
- The well source permit was renewed; and
- 192 ERUs were secured by the December 31, 2009 deadline.

Having the water lines in the ground before the sidewalk project and Route 100 paving project remains a high priority. Our efforts in 2010 will be to secure the Act 250 permit; finalize the design plans; secure all other final authorizations; and get the project out to bid.

Municipal Wastewater Project. After the defeat of the November 2008 bond vote on this issue and the community feedback resulting from it, the Selectboard determined that Waitsfield voters did not support further spending on wastewater studies at this time. The Planning Commission's fall town-wide 2009 Town Plan survey was inconclusive on this matter: many respondents strongly supported further investigation and many did not. However, there remains a strong sentiment among many Irasville and Village property and business owners that a municipal wastewater system is a high priority and must continue to be pursued. The Selectboard made a decision to focus on completing the water system before resuming efforts to consider other wastewater management options.

Route 100 Transportation Path Project Update. The project team focused on working with property owners along the proposed sidewalk route to address final details and secure temporary and permanent construction rights. One outcome of the discussions was the relocation of the sidewalk segment from behind the Bridge Street Marketplace to the front of the building on Main Street. Final approval of this adjustment is still pending, though indications from VTrans look positive. Another outcome was re-evaluation of the design details at the

north end of the project from Bridge Street to the Elementary School. Representatives from the Safe Routes to Schools Program, the Mad River Path Association, VTrans, the project team, and property owners met to consider on-street parking, crosswalks, streetscaping, traffic calming, and other details. The Selectboard affirmed the design plan approved in 2005, but will explore opportunities to address the recommendations that come from the discussions (on-street parking, sidewalks on the west side of the street, etc.) through future projects. All of the necessary easements were secured and the right-of-way plans are again before the VTrans Right-of-Way Section for approval. Once the ROW process and plans are finalized, the project can be bid for construction. The Route 100 Transportation Path project team worked closely with the water project team and the Safe Routes to School team to coordinate the projects.

Bike Lanes and Cross Walks. Bike lanes and crosswalks gained some ground this year with the appointment of Sue Frechette as Waitsfield's newly-established Bike Lane Coordinator. The BLC's role is to follow the Route 100 paving project and ensure that adequate provision is included in the plans for bike lanes from Waitsfield to Warren. She helped initiate a tour of the project area with VTrans officials and representatives from Waitsfield and Warren to point out key problem areas and opportunities. She and representatives of the Safe Routes to School program and the Mad River Path Association have also moved new crosswalks forward on Route 100. Plans are underway to include crosswalk connections on Main Street from the Route 100 Transportation Path at the Old County Road by the Mad River Valley Health Center and the new path at the Town Pond in Irasville.

Gravel Pit. A change in circumstances regarding the planned easement put development of the access into the gravel pit on hold, and use of the existing access was renegotiated through June 2010. This allowed the Road Dept. to bring in a crusher and crush 5,000 yards of gravel in this summer. Meanwhile, an alternative access through the southerly AmeriGas curb cut was explored. AmeriGas representatives generously granted permission, DRB approval was granted, curb cut approval from VTrans was granted, and a stream alteration permit for an alternative stream crossing was approved by the Agency of Natural Resources. This access will be less expensive to construct and, with the exception of the short distance across AmeriGas, will be entirely on Town property.

Town Pond. After a competitive bid process that began in February, Kingsbury Construction of Waitsfield was selected as the low bidder to rehab the Town Pond impoundment and dredge sediment that had built up over the years. Work was not able to get under way, however, until mid-July due to spring and summer rains and to minimize conflicts with local events. With approvals obtained by the Town and the Winter Park property owner, Kingsbury Construction worked with the Mad River Path Association to include construction of a new pathway from Main Street to Carroll Road into the rehab project. A little more work will be required this coming spring to complete the project. More information and pictures of the project can be found on-line at www.waitsfieldvt.us/wip.

Tree Project. The Town continues to implement its Scenic Roads Management Plan through new street tree plantings, tree pruning, and removal of dead trees. More pruning was done along Main Street to improve visibility of street signs and ensure pedestrian safety. And more dead trees were removed along the Common Road, one of Waitsfield's most beautiful stretches of scenic roads.

Flemer Field. The Flemer-Compere family's gift to the Town of the 7-acre open piece of land in Waitsfield Village, commonly known as the Polo Field, was completed late in 2009. It was the family's wish that the site be kept open and free of permanent structures, though the terms of the gift provide for tree plantings and amenities (such as picnic tables) in a designated area on the north end of the field. Individuals or organizations interested in using the site for events should contact the Town Office.

The 1833 Covered Bridge. The Town was awarded \$273,000 in federal funds in 2008 to address the cantilevered sidewalk on the north side of the Waitsfield 1833 Covered Bridge and repair the bridge's abutments. The cooperative agreement was secured in 2009 and work began to get the bid process going for design, engineering, and permitting services. With the Town Pond construction nearly complete and the water project nearing the end of the design phase, we expect the project to go out to bid by spring 2010, after which design, engineering, and citizen outreach will begin. 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. Law enforcement services continue to be provided through the Washington County Sheriff's Department. Waitsfield and Warren together contract for 40 hours of patrol coverage per week, with Waitsfield and Warren Constable Peter Laskowski providing 40% of this with 16 hours of patrol per week in Waitsfield. The patrols provide an effective deterrent to traffic violations and offer a community law enforcement presence. Constable Laskowski is also a nationally registered EMT first responder who works with the Mad River Valley Ambulance Service and the Vermont State Police. This cooperative arrangement allows quicker law enforcement response to serious complaints and can provide first aid in emergency situations. Deputy Sheriff/Constable Laskowski has also been working with the constables of neighboring towns through the recently-formed Mad River Community Police Association (MRCP) in an effort to increase the effectiveness of local law enforcement in the Valley.

Deputy Sheriff/Constable Laskowski has been in search of modest-sized office space in Warren or Waitsfield to be able to process DUIs locally rather than need to drive to the Barre-Montpelier area for processing, which takes time away from patrol. It could also be a meeting place for the MRCP. The Selectboard supports the initiative if space can be found that meets the functional criteria at a reasonable cost, but suitable space has not yet been found.

Energy Coordinator and Committee. Energy Coordinator Dennis Derryberry and the Energy Committee continued efforts to address weatherization needs at the Wait House, among other energy issues. Because there is more to report, the Energy Committee now has its own Annual Report page (see page 32).

Wait House. The Town purchased and renovated the Wait House in the late 1990s with the help of grants and generous contributions from individuals and organizations. Located at the northern gateway to the historic Waitsfield Village, the Wait House is a tremendous asset to the community and contributes to its economic vitality. It provides office and meeting space for non-profit and community-based organizations that support the operation of the building through their rents. The building also serves as a visitor center, provides public restroom facilities, and includes storage and display areas for Waitsfield history and artifacts.

Other than the energy efficiency measures mentioned above, very little had been done to maintain the building over the years. The building now needs some serious maintenance, including replacement of the roof, exterior paint, shutter repair, interior paint, heating system improvements, interior floor maintenance, and more. While the rents had been sufficient to cover the day-to-day operation of the building and grounds, there was not enough to build a maintenance reserve fund that could cover these deferred maintenance costs.

An article is proposed for Town Meeting asking voters to authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to \$20,000 to address these deferred maintenance needs. The five-year loan is expected to be paid back through a modest increase in rents and the cash-flow realized as a result of the recent energy efficiency investments and lowered fuel costs.

Ancient Roads. Beginning in 2006, a series of amendments to the state statutes created new requirements for municipalities to be able to retain ownership of legally established highways and rights-of-way. Specifically, these requirements mandate that towns must include these highways and rights of way on the official Town Highway Map by 2015; certain roads will fall into a new category of highway—the unidentified corridor—that comes into effect in 2010 and extends through 2015. What happens after 2015 is not clear, but a risk may be that such rights-of-way not mapped become extinguished. The Town received a \$5,000 grant in late 2007 to help identify any such roads or rights-of-way. The Center for Community GIS was hired and an ad hoc committee formed (Gary Kingsbury, Leo Laferriere, Kevin Russell, Brian Shupe, Jack Smith, Rick Thompson) to help gather and evaluate available information. The information was posted on the Town’s Web site (www.waitsfieldvt.us/roads/ancient) a number of public meetings were held to share the findings and received information. As the Selectboard considers this issue into 2010, the following criteria were developed to guide its decision-making:

1. Level of confidence in whether the road or right-of-way was legally established and represented in the correct location;
2. Public value as a connector: a road, trail, or right-of-way that connects one part of town to another; fits in with some pattern of movement;
3. Public value as recreation: a road, trail, or right-of-way that offer a recreational experience; and
4. Value placed on by public anecdotal and historical information.

Emergency Operations Planning. The Selectboard began a process in 2009 of developing a broad-based Emergency Operations Plan to guide local officials' responses in the event of an emergency. Representatives from various organizations, including the Mad River Valley Ambulance Service, the Mad River Valley Health Center, the Fire Department, and others met this summer to begin the discussions. The EOP is intended to identify individuals responsible for carrying certain duties, limits of authority, chains of command, and more under a range of potential emergency scenarios. More remains to be done in 2010 to complete and test the plan.

Health Leader. Town staff continued their participation in the VLCT Health Leader program, which returns up to 4% of the health insurance premiums back to the town as a result of activities they undertake to improve their health and well-being. This not only helps improve employees' productivity and well-being, it may help reduce overall health care costs. The Selectboard commends Town staff for taking the initiative to participate in the VLCT Health Leader program.

Policies. In addition to the zoning amendment revision put forward by the Planning Commission, the Selectboard adopted Rules of Procedure, a Conflict of Interest Policy, a Recording Fee Policy, and the Town's first-ever Procurement Policy, which guides the town's purchasing practices. Policies guiding the use of the Flemer Field are under way.

Waitsfield on the Web. Waitsfield's official Web site continues to be a growing source for information about Waitsfield, works in progress, departments, boards and committees, up-coming and past meetings, and much more. Selectboard agendas, for example, are posted at www.waitsfieldvt.us/sb/agenda.cfm and often include links to the documents the Selectboard will be discussing. We also use it to promote Waitsfield businesses through the comprehensive listings of *Services, Shopping, Foods & Eateries, Lodging, Arts & Entertainment, Recreation*, and more. Site statistics show that almost 21,000 unique visitors went to the site in 2009, a 25% increase from 2008.

A Waitsfield Facebook page was launched in April in an effort to increase our citizen outreach efforts and promote Waitsfield businesses and events among that increasingly popular social networking platform. Although inspiring folks to becoming a "fan" of a government page is a challenge, we had 144 at the end of the year!

2010 Budget. The Selectboard created a Budget Committee in summer 2009 to examine all aspects of Waitsfield’s budgeting process, explore opportunities for improvements and efficiencies, and present recommendations to the Selectboard. Members include Selectman Parker, Darryl Forrest, Robin Morris, Roy Hadden, and Steve Shea. They began meeting in September and, working closely with Town staff, met with representatives of all departments to examine every line item of every budget.

The Selectboard and Budget Committee agreed that for 2010, the goal would be to create a budget that maintains funding levels at or below approved 2009 budget expenditures. The Selectboard and Committee also agreed that moving forward, our goal would be to orient any surplus funds toward both lowering and stabilizing future tax rates. A surplus is being brought forward in 2010 that is expected to reduce the tax rate. This surplus is the result of several things:

- the money allocated for the gravel pit access development was not used;
- substantial savings in the legal budget;
- staff turnover resulting in lower wage payouts;
- use of the actual beginning cash balance rather than the audited beginning cash balance when the tax rate was set;
- significant one-time savings in sand and other Road Dept. items; and
- higher revenues than anticipated.

One risk of simply reducing current year taxes with the surplus carry-forward, is that expenses the following year may increase and revenues may decrease, resulting in a corresponding spike in the tax rate. In that context, the Selectboard and Budget Committee have proposed a hybrid model of allocating a portion of the surplus to reducing taxes and distributing the balance of the surplus into selected reserve funds to position the Town to be able to stabilize a lower tax rate in future years. Specifically, a portion of the surplus was added to the the Road Dept. Truck Reserve Fund to reduce the amount that will need to be borrowed for the scheduled replacement of the 2002 dump truck in 2010, and a portion is proposed to be allocated to a new reserve fund. Article 11 asks whether voters will authorize the establishment of a Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund and an allocation of \$50,000 made to it as a way to reduce a sharp decrease in the tax rate.

Other highlights of the 2010 proposed budget not already mentioned:

- The format has been reorganized to more clearly distinguish the operating budget from capital and major one-time expenses.
- The proposed budget does not include a raise for Town staff. Health insurance premiums increased by 20%, which represents an increase in their total compensation package. However, employee premium contributions have also increased, resulting in a net loss of income for some employees. Town staff provide essential public services and should be recognized for their diligent work, but in light of the tight economic times and the cuts in jobs and wages others have suffered, the Selectboard agreed this was not a year for raises.
- The operating budget expenses are almost 20% lower than the 2009 approved budget.
- Total debt service (\$203,227) is almost 4% higher than the 2009 budget.
- If all the grant applications are funded, revenues could be 50% higher than in budgeted in 2009.

Looking Ahead. The year ahead looks like it will be characterized by continued investment in community assets: gravel pit development, Wait House improvements, and Town Garage and Fire Station improvements, and progress on the Covered Bridge repair. We hope it will also be the year the water project finally goes out to bid, followed by the sidewalk project. It also promises to be an interesting year with the adoption of an updated Town Plan.

Staff and Volunteers. The Selectboard wishes to acknowledge and thank the Town staff for their efforts to keep Town operations moving smoothly and delivering a high level of quality service. 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,

Kate Williams, Chair
Charlie Hosford, V. Chair
Paul Hartshorn
William Parker
Salvatore Spinosa

PLANNING COMMISSION 2009 Annual Report

Planning Commission Members: Steve Shea (Chair), Russ Bennett, Kari Dolan, Hadley Gaylord, Jr., Peter Lazorchak, Drew Simmons, and Ted Tremper

Individuals who retired from the Commission during the year: Brian Fleischer, Robin Morris.

The Planning Commission has been working on a number of significant projects that will influence the future development of the town. They are summarized below.

Town Plan Update. The Town applied for and received a \$15,000 grant to provide resources for updating the Waitsfield Town Plan. The process of updating the Town Plan began with a detailed survey of all voters and property owners. Over 250 responses were received and will be used in drafting changes to the Town Plan as well as making decisions concerning zoning and town government. The results are available for review on the town website. Completion of the Town Plan update will occupy a large part of the Commission's time in 2010 and all townspeople are encouraged to participate in the process.

Commercial Lodging District. During 2009 the Planning Commission revised the Commercial Lodging District zoning by absorbing that zone into the Agricultural-Residential District and establishing an Adaptive Redevelopment Overlay District in its place. The new overlay district allows former lodging properties of 15 acres or more increased flexibility for uses other than lodging but in the context of a master plan for their property. After public hearings by the Planning Commission and the Selectboard, the Selectboard adopted the changes to be effective in January 2010.

Flood Hazard Overlay District. The Planning Commission also began work on required updating of the existing flood hazard zoning as well as new river erosion hazard regulations, both of which will be presented in the first quarter of 2010.

WAITSFIELD DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD 2009 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 and the subdivision of land, and considers appeals of Zoning Administrator decisions and requests for variances.

Last year was relatively quiet with regard to permit activity. No new subdivision applications were reviewed by the Board, although four boundary adjustments were approved. The DRB issued 16 conditional use approvals involving nearly 8,000 square feet of new commercial space. The Board denied two variance requests because the proposed projects did not meet the rigorous criteria for granting variances, which are mandated by state statute and don't allow the DRB to exercise much discretion. Two conditional use applications involving proposed changes of use were also denied because the zoning bylaw did not allow the desired use in the applicable zoning districts. Finally, the DRB heard three appeals of Zoning Administrator actions, upholding those decisions in each instance.

In addition to the projects approved by the DRB, the Zoning Administrator issued 53 zoning permits in 2009, including seven permits for new single-family homes (up from three the prior year). All of the new homes were located in the Agricultural-Residential District. A permit is required for most development activity in the town and landowners are encouraged to consult with the Zoning Administrator before starting construction or site development.

Chris Jernigan was appointed to the DRB this year, replacing Mark Sinclair who resigned after several years of invaluable service. Fortunately, Mark agreed to stay on the as one of two alternate positions.

The DRB is ably assisted by Zoning Administrator Vickie Trihy. Vickie has been with the Town since May, 2008, and has served with competence, energy and patience. Waitsfield is fortunate to have Vickie serving as Zoning Administrator.

The DRB meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office. 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 45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Cook
John Donaldson
Eleanor D’Ponte
Gib Geiger, Vice-Chair
Christopher Jernigan
Mike Kingsbury
Brian Shupe, Chair
David Galfetti (alternate)
Mark Sinclair (alternate)

Did you know that the Waitsfield Elementary School was built in 1961? The building was renovated in 1986 and by 1988, the school was again overcrowded. A major addition was built in 1991.

Before the Elementary School was built, grades 1-12 were educated in what is now known as “The Old High School” condominiums.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2009 Annual Report

The Commission continues to focus on research and preparation of plans for management of town-owned properties, and also participates in Valley-wide initiatives addressing natural resource-oriented issues.

Town Lands

Northfield Ridgeline/Scrag Mountain parcels

- A conservation easement was negotiated with the Vermont Land Trust (VLT) to protect most of the newly-acquired land straddling the ridgeline. In addition, the earlier easement covering the original Scrag land was updated so that one easement now protects both areas. Our thanks to Liza Walker of VLT, and our Selectboard for their interest and leadership roles in this achievement.
- Through the assistance of the VT Dept. of Forests, Parks & Recreation, Washington County Forester Russ Barrett has conducted a forest inventory analysis on the Scrag lands, and prepared a draft Forest Stewardship Plan. We are most appreciative of Russ Barrett's help. Combining this plan with the Natural Communities and Forest Bird Habitat surveys, the Commission will prepare a draft management plan for the area. As part of the process, at least one public hearing will be held to receive input from the townspeople and other interested parties.

Wu Ledges Municipal forest

- Further work has been done regarding mapping of trails, to include a site visit for the purpose of identifying a specific boundary line and trail location. Negotiations are pending with the Mad River Riders regarding trail maintenance.
- Acquisition of additional land and easements are also pending.

Participation in Valley-wide Initiatives

There were two meetings of the three-town (Waitsfield, Fayston & Warren) Conservation Commission Summit, where members of the conservation committees in each town made presentations regarding local projects. The group considered the meeting useful and informative. Waitsfield will host the next Summit, scheduled for March, 2010.

The Forest, Wildlife and Communities group, whose purpose is to build landowner and community awareness and appreciation of the Valley's

natural assets. A list of proposed non-regulatory strategies/activities has been developed, and weekly outreach was conducted at the Farmers' Market to share information from the Arrowwood natural heritage inventory and unified map showing data for all three towns.

A new initiative has formed within the FWC group. As part of outreach to new landowners, a Welcome Wagon program has been developed. This is a pilot project, with the Mad River Valley as one of two sites statewide. The purpose is to contact new owners of parcels of land over 25 acres or so in size, with a short letter informing those owners of organizations which can provide natural resource management services. Those who respond to the letter will be visited by a trained local resident to discuss forestland ownership and stewardship, and a welcome bucket (a sap bucket) will be provided to them. The bucket will contain many items, such as brochures and small books, as well as a small container of maple syrup. The Welcome Wagon project is being managed primarily by the VT Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, with an early summer startup time.



Students on Snowshoe for Hunger hike to the Wu Ledges, Jan. 2009 (Photo courtesy of WES)

Additionally, the Commission:

- Heard a presentation by Friends of Mad River regarding flood and erosion control, and aquatic and terrestrial invasive species;
- Met with the Planning Commission in the interest of the two Commissions gaining a better understanding of one another's work and areas of overlap; and

- Provided support to the Friends of Mad River riparian tree-planting project, and to the Town/VT Land Trust Hartshorn Farm conservation project.

Within the Commission, Member Tom Gardner relocated out of the Valley, and we thank Tom for his good interest and services.

The Conservation Commission has nine positions, and we currently have two vacancies. There is always room for good ideas, and we would like to fill these two seats. Working with our natural resources provides its own unique rewards – some practitioners in this field say they don't have a job, rather they are responding to, and appreciating a calling. If you harbor a similar perspective, consider joining like-minded colleagues.

Leo Laferriere, Chair
Elizabeth Cadwell
Ted Joslin
Spencer Potter

Phil Huffman, Vice-chair
Paul Hartshorn
Chris Loomis



Students at the Wu Ledges, Showshoe for Hunger, Jan., 2009

(Photo courtesy of WES)

WAITSFIELD ENERGY COMMITTEE 2009 Annual Report

Energy Coordinator Dennis Derryberry and the Energy Committee, with the support of the Selectboard, Town staff and others, continued efforts in 2009 to address weatherization and other energy efficiency needs at our Town's municipal buildings.

Last spring, the Town performed a full-building energy audit of Joslin Memorial Library. Concerned about energy costs and waste, the Library Trustees then opted to continue their efforts to address several long-standing maintenance and upgrade needs in order to lower operating costs on the building. Previous energy efficiency improvements to the Joslin Memorial Library building include installation of storm windows in the Town's offices and replacement of the building's boiler.

Following the audit, a comprehensive re-insulation of the library attic (including 15" of blown-in cellulose to obtain an energy efficiency rating of approximately R44) was 83% paid for with grant money, which the Town was awarded from the Vermont Community Climate Change Grant Program. A follow-up test showed that air infiltration was reduced by 45.5%--exceeding the expected improvement and greatly diminishing heat loss--and fuel consumption has been approximately 25% lower through the early part of the current heating season. The Town's share of the project cost could be recovered in savings by the end of 2010.

This year, the Town also conducted comprehensive energy audits at the Wait House and Fire Station and has emerged with very helpful data to guide us in the next phases of energy improvements there. Numerous opportunities exist in 2010 for the Town to obtain grant funding to cover efficiency priorities identified through the audit process. The Town recently submitted two such energy-related grant applications and hopes to receive approvals in the weeks ahead.

An ongoing, UVM-led study of the Mad River Valley watershed's woody biomass resource (i.e., firewood, chips, pellet material--distinct from saw logs and timber yield) has gathered initial data of the area's potential for sustainable biomass supply and demand. The study is also developing a list of indicators and criteria which build on other frameworks for forest health, but which specifically focus on woody biomass content. These criteria could help communities here in the

valley and elsewhere throughout the region to better manage the resource should demand for local woody biomass increase. The Energy Committee is beginning to discuss these findings and investigate project ideas which might utilize a portion of the available fuel source to serve multiple buildings, municipal and otherwise.

Also this year, widespread participation by Waitsfield residents in the Vermont Community Energy Mobilization pilot project helped bring energy efficiency improvements and direct savings to almost 70 valley homes. The all-volunteer project brought together dozens of local volunteers and was supported by free products, training and other resources provided by Efficiency Vermont.

Dennis Derryberry, Energy Coordinator

Committee Members: Sal Spinosa, Charlie Hosford, Paul Hartshorn, Brian Shupe



First grade student sorting beans grown from the school garden. (Photo courtesy of WES)

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
January 1 - December 31, 2009

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Grand List		
Municipal Grand List	3,623,971	3,654,340
State Education Grand List	3,631,210	3,667,293
 Tax Rates		
Homestead Municipal	0.2850	0.3250
Homestead Education	1.1834	1.2977
Total Homestead Tax Rate	1.4684	1.6227
Non-Residential Municipal	0.2850	0.3250
Non-Residential Education	1.2760	1.3664
Total Non-Residential Tax Rate	1.5610	1.6914
 Taxes Billed		
Municipal	1,027,392	1,180,349
Homestead Education	2,042,290	2,303,707
Non-Residential Education	2,425,919	2,577,893
Local Agreement	5,436	7,309
 Total Taxes Billed	 5,501,038	 6,070,179
Adjustments due to Homestead Declarations	5,073	3,586
Adjustments due to BCA decisions	-1,673	0
Net Taxes Due	5,504,438	6,073,765
Less taxes received as of November 17 (including State Payments)		-5,763,008
Less Errors & Omissions and Current Use changes		-1,979
Balance of taxes due as of November 17		308,778

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES

Beginning Delinquent Taxes Receivable	123,945
Amount turned over to Collector of Delinquent Taxes	<u>289,501</u>
Total Delinquent Taxes to be accounted for	413,446
Delinquent Tax Collections	-250,549
Abatements/Adjustments	<u>-7</u>
Balance of Delinquent Taxes	162,890

DELINQUENT TAX LIST
As of December 31, 2009

	2009	2008
ABBOTT TRACEY	3,123.30	
BARGERSTOCK ROBERT	431.30 *	
BEIN FRIENDS LP	11,931.14	7,332.56
BRIDGEWATER JOHN C	2,012.14	
BURBANK ROBERT	1,756.64	
CARNRIGHT WILLIAM	2,054.21	
CLARK CAROLINE R	463.44	
CLARK CHRISTOPHER	379.70	
COOKE CHRISTINE	368.72	121.04
DANEAU JEAN	164.06 *	
EMERSON HOWARD	710.38	464.72
EURICH ELAINE	2,346.42	
FARNHAM TODD & SONYA	464.08	
FOUR D & K	10,048.60	
FREEMAN ALBERT	1,129.01	
GANNON MARJORIE ESTATE	1,099.40	
GREENSLIT ALLEN L	2,055.96	
IENTILE JAMES R	12,949.36	
JARECKI EUGENE	574.11 *	
JOHNSON JASON	285.84 *	131.90 *
KERR CATHY	265.36	
KOEPELE DAVID ERIC	1,485.04	
KOEPELE DAVID ERIC	1,287.16	
KOEPELE DAVID ERIC	6,631.98	
MAD RIVER EQUITIES	1,522.26	
MARQUARDT HELEN J	601.47	
MESSIER LORI	236.80	
MILLSTONE HOLDINGS	13,189.54	
MORRIS JOHN G	12,682.12	
MOULTON CAROL	23.58	
MOULTON JAIME	245.88	

DELINQUENT TAX LIST
As of December 31, 2009

	2009	2008
NORTH WIND POWER CO.	8,744.54	8,070.36 **
O'CONNELL SHEILA C	6.28 *	
ORR REGINALD	771.32	
PERELLIE AGNES	406.88	
PIERCE EYDYE	287.54	
PIERSON CHRISTOPHER	6,845.10	
PITT HOLDINGS LLC	212.13	
ROGERS ALLEN	498.96	
RUSSELL GREGORY P	7.17 *	
SHARPE JAMES A	788.10 *	
SONN STEFANIE S	5,476.74	
SPAULDING MAURICE	1,606.67	
SPIVEY JENNIFER	414.44	
STORMCREST LIMITED	5,448.85 *	
SWAIN VIRGINIA	27.91	
TARDIF JERRY D	174.06 *	
TAUB MICHAEL F	60.00 *	
TWO ROUTE SEVENTEEN	4,122.40	
VON TRAPP BERNHARD	2,809.41	
WAIT FARM PARTNERS	6,918.12	
WERON LLC	6,934.74	
WHELOCK ROBERT P	1,688.94 *	
TOTALS as of December 31, 2009	146,769.30	16,120.58

*Paid since December 31, 2009

**Bankruptcy

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2010 PROPOSED BUDGET	ACTUAL 2008	BUDGET 2009	ACTUAL 2009	BUDGET 2010	% Chng '09-'10 Budget
EXPENSES					
TOWN MEETING					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Board of Auditors	23	100	0	100	0.0%
Elections	184	120	74	200	66.7%
Town Report	2,872	2,750	2,789	3,000	9.1%
TOTAL TOWN MEETING EXP.	3,079	2,970	2,863	3,300	11.1%
LEGAL & AUDITING					
Legal Services	46,512	30,000	8,907	15,000	-50.0%
Audit Services	3,675	3,875	3,875	4,075	5.2%
TOTAL LEGAL & AUDITING EXP.	50,187	33,875	12,782	19,075	-43.7%
TOWN OFFICE OPERATIONS					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Insurance & Bonds	12,229	11,817	11,817	8,793	-25.6%
Office Rent/Utilities	28,500	30,217	30,217	22,267	-26.3%
Office Repairs	0	500	136	500	0.0%
Postage	3,561	4,000	4,145	4,000	0.0%
Supplies	7,740	8,000	7,809	8,000	0.0%
Computer Services	847	1,550	2,267	1,550	0.0%
Training	954	2,000	618	1,000	-50.0%
Cleaning	2,301	2,200	2,001	2,200	0.0%
Equipment Maint. & Contracts	4,721	5,150	3,520	5,150	0.0%
Telephone	2,379	3,000	2,025	2,250	-25.0%
New Office Equipment	631	2,750	953	2,000	-27.3%
Public Notice Expense	4,035	4,000	2,021	3,500	-12.5%
TOTAL TOWN OFFICE EXP.	67,898	75,184	67,528	61,210	-18.6%
TOWN CLERK & TREASURER					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Town Clerk/Treasurer & Assistant	73,270	72,756	72,797	73,166	0.6%
Tax Anticipation Interest		4,000	5,715	4,000	0.0%
Ballot Clerks	820	300	276	900	200.0%
Subtotal Expenses	74,090	77,056	78,788	78,066	1.3%
NET CLERK/TREASURER EXP.	44,473	28,806	43,680	29,566	2.6%

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2010 PROPOSED BUDGET	ACTUAL 2008	BUDGET 2009	ACTUAL 2009	BUDGET 2010	% Chng '09-'10 Budget
SELECTBOARD					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Selectboard Stipends	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	0.0%
Town Web site	197	1,000	350	1,000	0.0%
Town Administrator	57,738	57,240	57,240	57,574	0.6%
Training & Travel	240	425	360	425	0.0%
Minutes Taker	2,277	5,000	2,943	3,000	-40.0%
Communications		800		500	-37.5%
TOTAL SELECTBOARD EXP.	63,702	67,715	64,143	65,749	-2.9%

WATER & SEWER					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Municipal Project Manager	12,340			0	
Benefits & Insurance	6,137			0	
TOTAL WATER & SEWER EXP.	18,477	0	0	0	

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REVIEW					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Minute Taker	1,787	3,000	963	1,100	-63.3%
Special Planning Projects	10,279	10,500	11,472	10,500	0.0%
Town Plan	0	6,500	8,427	4,500	-30.8%
Zoning Administrator	35,229	38,160	38,160	38,376	0.6%
Training (for staff and boards)	428	1,000	608	700	-30.0%
Computer Equipment/Services	85	500		960	92.0%
Mileage Reimbursement	108	300	339	300	0.0%
Subtotal Expenses	47,916	59,960	59,969	56,436	-5.9%
NET PLAN. & DEV. REV. EXP.	33,327	41,460	38,577	43,936	6.0%

BOARD OF LISTERS					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Assessor's Contract	10,800	10,800	10,800	9,800	-9.3%
Computer Equipment/Services	232	1,000	539	1,000	0.0%
Property Map Maintenance	0			1,000	
Training & Meetings	0	0		200	
Subtotal Expenses	11,032	11,800	11,339	12,000	1.7%
NET LISTERS' EXP.	236	2,200	851	2,400	9.1%

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2010 PROPOSED BUDGET	ACTUAL 2008	BUDGET 2009	ACTUAL 2009	BUDGET 2010	% Chng '09-'10 Budget
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Collector's Fees	11,790	19,000	20,661	19,000	0.0%
NET DELINQUENT TAXES EXP.	2	0	(0)	0	0.0%

ROAD DEPARTMENT*Expenses*

Labor	122,409	123,803	109,016	119,286	-3.6%
Equipment Operations & Repairs					
Insurance	5,871	8,382	8,382	6,433	-23.3%
Gas, Oil, Grease	3,458	3,000	2,872	3,000	0.0%
Diesel	33,563	30,000	18,448	25,000	-16.7%
Int'l Dump Truck 2005 (repairs)	6,744	4,500	5,677	4,500	0.0%
2008 Pickup Truck (repairs)		1,000	0	1,000	0.0%
Cat. Backhoe 2008	88	500	227	500	0.0%
Int'l. Dump Truck 1997	423	1,000	1,103	1,000	0.0%
Int'l Low Profile Truck 2002	11,356	5,500	8,488	5,500	0.0%
Int'l. Dump Truck 2007			6,259	2,000	
John Deere Loader 2009				1,000	
Cat. Loader 1994 (GONE)	1,487	3,000	666		-100.0%
Galion Grader 1998	825	2,500	2,588	2,500	0.0%
Cat Backhoe 2007			274	500	
Steel pole / chain saw	31	300	42	300	0.0%
Garage Trash Removal	1,710	2,400	1,717	2,000	-16.7%
Uniforms	2,207	2,500	2,212	2,500	0.0%
Garage Heat	4,589	3,500	2,366	8,000	128.6%
Garage Telephone	1,006	1,000	1,121	1,000	0.0%
Garage Electricity	1,138	1,200	1,194	1,500	25.0%
Garage Supplies & Hardware	2,174	3,000	2,474	3,000	0.0%
Garage Misc. Other	2,103	1,500	1,664	1,500	0.0%
Chipper & Rake	209	500	184	500	0.0%
Weather Computer	267	0	0	0	
Garage Alarm System	2,682	0	452	500	
Water service		500	250	250	-25.0%
Plow Blades/Shoes/Chains	5,807	6,000	5,937	7,000	-16.7%
<i>Subtotal Equipment Operations Exp.</i>	<i>81,931</i>	<i>81,782</i>	<i>74,595</i>	<i>80,983</i>	<i>-1.0%</i>

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2010 PROPOSED BUDGET	ACTUAL 2008	BUDGET 2009	ACTUAL 2009	BUDGET 2010	% Chng '09-'10 Budget
Hired Equipment & Labor					
Roadside Mowing	7,110	8,000	7,400	8,000	0.0%
Sidewalk Mowing	3,625	4,000	3,335	4,000	0.0%
Sidewalk Plowing	4,500	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.0%
Trail Maintenance	2,000	2,000	1,500	1,500	-25.0%
Personnel Mileage	1,515	0	0	0	
Other Equipment Rental	789	2,000	3,097	2,500	25.0%
Contracted Plowing				2,000	
Grading				2,200	
<i>Subtotal Hired Equip. & Labor Exp.</i>	<i>19,539</i>	<i>21,000</i>	<i>20,332</i>	<i>25,200</i>	<i>20.0%</i>
Materials					
Salt	19,843	18,500	14,087	20,000	8.1%
Sand	58,853	62,000	48,322	55,000	-11.3%
Chloride	3,603	8,000	7,933	8,000	0.0%
Bank Run Gravel		0	0	0	0.0%
Crushed Gravel	14,476	15,000	14,086	15,000	0.0%
Stone (ditch)	2,697	3,000	3,232	3,000	0.0%
Culverts	809	3,000	2,435	2,500	-16.7%
Tools	1,637	3,000	2,918	3,000	0.0%
Signs	3,863	4,200	3,701	2,500	-40.5%
Fabric	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Cold Patch, Hay & Seed	671	2,500	1,329	2,000	-20.0%
<i>Subtotal Materials Expenses</i>	<i>109,651</i>	<i>119,200</i>	<i>98,042</i>	<i>111,000</i>	<i>-6.9%</i>
Miscellaneous					
Fayston Winter Agreement	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.0%
Tree Cutting	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Bridge Repairs	3,667	2,000	508	1,500	-25.0%
Pavement Crack Sealing		4,000	3,800	6,000	50.0%
Culvert & Road Inventory	4,400	0	0		0.0%
Line Painting	400	700	0	700	0.0%
Radios & Pagers	1,214	2,000	748	1,500	-25.0%
Training	150	500	185	500	0.0%
<i>Subtotal Miscellaneous Exp.</i>	<i>19,121</i>	<i>19,200</i>	<i>14,666</i>	<i>20,200</i>	<i>5.2%</i>
<i>Subtotal Road Department Exp.</i>	<i>352,651</i>	<i>364,985</i>	<i>316,651</i>	<i>356,668</i>	<i>-2.3%</i>
NET ROAD DEPARTMENT EXP.	284,612	307,355	250,590	299,038	-2.7%

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2010 PROPOSED BUDGET	ACTUAL 2008	BUDGET 2009	ACTUAL 2009	BUDGET 2010	% Chng '09-'10 Budget
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
<i>Expenses</i>					
FICA/Medicare	18,648	22,554	18,088	22,283	-1.2%
Retirement	15,213	14,598	14,836	14,420	-1.2%
Unemployment	1,029	1,522	1,286	1,656	8.8%
Workers Compensation	10,054	9,292	9,525	7,746	-16.6%
Health Promotion Incentives	497	500	45	500	0.0%
Health Insurance	37,512	56,100	50,847	66,020	17.7%
Flexible Benefits Plan	5,369	4,441	4,383	4,441	0.0%
Life & Disability Insurance	2,389	2,520	2,724	2,520	0.0%
Vision Plan			11	0	
Subtotal Expenses	95,072	111,527	105,974	119,587	7.2%
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXP.	94,451	110,977	105,540	119,037	7.3%
FIRE DEPARTMENT					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Gas, Oil, Grease	1,958	2,000	675	2,000	0.0%
Insurance	5,828	6,842	6,842	5,312	-22.4%
Telephone & Communications	16,827	17,000	16,913	17,000	0.0%
Electricity	1,814	2,000	1,845	2,000	0.0%
Heat	6,314	6,000	5,166	5,000	-16.7%
Water		500	250	250	-50.0%
Building Repairs/Supplies	2,189	2,500	2,782	2,500	0.0%
Fire Alarm	5,031	0	0	250	
Truck Repairs	3,568	5,000	4,747	5,000	0.0%
Equipment Repairs	861	2,500	3,400	2,500	0.0%
Photo & Supplies	24	100		0	-100.0%
Bottled Gas	855	1,000	682	1,000	0.0%
Training	1,867	2,800	2,688	2,800	0.0%
Hose & Equipment	3,077	3,500	3,626	3,500	0.0%
Gear				3,000	
Fire Prevention	359	400	388	400	0.0%
Miscellaneous	245	500	212	500	0.0%
Dues	350	350	330	436	24.6%
Physical Exams	1,821	2,000	1,540	2,000	0.0%
Fire Dept. Labor	11,205	12,000	12,515	14,000	16.7%
FICA/Medicare	857	900	957	1,071	19.0%
Subtotal Expenses	65,051	67,892	65,557	70,519	3.9%
NET FIRE DEPARTMENT EXP.	36,411	40,735	39,336	41,511	1.9%

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2010 PROPOSED BUDGET	ACTUAL 2008	BUDGET 2009	ACTUAL 2009	BUDGET 2010	% Chng '09-'10 Budget
POLICE PROGRAM					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Sheriff's Department Billings	22,577	24,000	21,133	23,500	-2.1%
Gasoline	2,637	3,000	2,292	3,000	0.0%
Repairs/Maintenance	1,916	1,000	517	500	-50.0%
Insurance	1,493	862	862	683	-20.7%
Miscellaneous	0	1,500	0	0	-100.0%
Equipment	1,278	2,500	60	2,500	0.0%
Subtotal Expenses	29,901	32,862	24,864	30,183	-8.2%
NET POLICE PROGRAM EXP.	5,157	6,562	(2,071)	4,883	-25.6%

DUES & ASSESSMENTS*Expenses*

CV Regional Planning Commission	1,688	1,688	1,688	1,866	10.5%
Joslin Memorial Library	12,100	12,950	12,950	24,158	86.5%
Mad River Resource Mgmt Alliance	3,372	3,420	3,420	3,420	0.0%
Mad River Valley Planning District	19,100	19,100	19,100	21,010	10.0%
Mad River Valley Recreation District	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	0.0%
Vt League of Cities & Towns	1,919	1,993	1,993	2,299	15.3%
Washington County Tax	36,339	31,553	31,553	29,586	-6.2%
TOTAL DUES & ASSESS. EXP.	87,018	83,204	83,204	94,839	14.0%

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS*Expenses*

Battered Women's Services & Shelter	350	350	350	350	0.0%
CV Adult Basic Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%
CV Community Action Council	300	300	300	300	0.0%
Central VT Community Land Trust	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%
CV Council on Aging	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,200	20.0%
Central Vermont Crime Stoppers	500	500	500	0	-100.0%
CV Economic Development Corp.	800	800	800	800	0.0%
CV Home Health & Hospice	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	0.0%
Family Center of Washington County	500	500	500	500	0.0%
Good Beginnings of Central VT		300	300	300	0.0%
Green Up Vermont	100	100	100	100	0.0%
Green Mountain Transit Agency	923	923	923	923	0.0%
Mad River Valley Health Center	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.0%
Mad River Valley Senior Citizens	6,000	6,000	6,000	7,000	16.7%
People's Health & Wellness Clinic	100	100	100	100	0.0%

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2010 PROPOSED BUDGET	ACTUAL 2008	BUDGET 2009	ACTUAL 2009	BUDGET 2010	% Chng '09-'10 Budget
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	300	300	300	300	0.0%
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	250	250	250	300	20.0%
VT Center for Independent Living	620	620	620	620	0.0%
VT Children's Aid Society	500	500	500	0	-100.0%
Washington County Youth Services	750	750	750	750	0.0%
TOTAL SPECIAL APPROP. EXP.	22,193	22,493	22,493	22,743	1.1%

MISCELLANEOUS*Expenses*

Dog Warden Salary & Fees	780	1,000	720	1,000	0.0%
Dog Pound Fees	160	250	40	250	0.0%
Administrative Fees				600	
Maintenance of Parks	6,255	8,000	5,986	9,000	12.5%
Generator Expense	411	400	783	1,350	237.5%
Conservation Commission Expenses	0	700	0	700	0.0%
Memberships & Dues	65	105	82	105	0.0%
Community Share School Maint.	54,375	56,006	56,006	56,006	0.0%
Cemeteries - Veteran's Flags	0	100	31	100	0.0%
MRVTV Hearing Coverage	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.0%
Energy Efficiency Improvements	0	5,000		5,000	0.0%
Tax Adjustments	36,357	8,400	0	8,000	0.0%
Affordable Housing Initiative	0	500		0	-100.0%
Other	7,616	500	646	500	0.0%
Subtotal Expenses	109,018	83,961	67,294	85,686	2.1%
NET MISCELLANEOUS EXP.	17,249	18,261	(47,152)	19,986	9.4%

SPECIAL ARTICLES*Expenses*

Equipment Reserve Fund - Truck	30,000	15,000	15,000	55,000	266.7%
Heavy Equipment Reserve Fund	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	0.0%
Fire Dept. Reserve Fund - Truck	15,000	7,500	7,500	15,000	100.0%
Fire Dept. Roof Reserve Fund	7,000	7,000	7,000	6,000	-14.3%
Restroom/Recreation/Conservation	2,500	0	0	2,500	
Joslin Library Repair Reserve Fund	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%
Rt. 100 Transportation Path Reserve	15,000	0	0	5,000	
Covered Bridge Repair Reserve	30,000	20,000	20,000	10,000	-50.0%
Street Tree Planting & Maintenance	5,000	0	0	2,500	
TOTAL SPEC. ARTICLES EXP.	122,000	67,000	67,000	113,500	69.4%

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2010 PROPOSED BUDGET	ACTUAL 2008	BUDGET 2009	ACTUAL 2009	BUDGET 2010	% Chng '09-'10 Budget
CAPITAL & ONE-TIME EXPENSES					
Int'l. Dump Truck 2007	35,036	32,550	32,550	31,275	-3.9%
Paving Bond Payment (debt svc)	109,400	102,838	102,816	99,465	-3.3%
2009 Bucket loader (debt)				13,573	
Paving: Joslin Hill Patch		10,000	12,386	0	
North Road Culvert				135,686	
Airport Road Embankment Failure				10,000	
Town Garage Furnace Replacement				10,000	
Town Garage Repair				5,000	
Police Cruiser Purchase	8,089	7,674	7,674	7,674	0.0%
Town Pond Rehabilitation	17,466	0	86,454	7,930	-75.4%
Fire Station Energy Improvements				22,000	
Gravel Pit Purchase	57,454	52,800	52,787	51,240	-3.0%
Gravel Pit Access/Development		61,000		15,000	
TOTAL CAPITAL & ONE-TIME EXP.	227,445	266,862	294,666	408,843	53.2%

REVENUES

Town Clerk Revenues

Town Clerk Fees	22,822	36,000	31,317	38,000	5.6%
Money Market Interest	4,746	10,000	1,746	8,000	-20.0%
Beverage Sale Permits	2,050	2,250	2,045	2,500	11.1%
Subtotal Revenues	29,617	48,250	35,108	48,500	0.5%

Planning Revenues

Grants	9,343	10,500	13,045	4,500	-57.1%
Zoning Fees	5,246	8,000	8,347	8,000	0.0%
Subtotal Revenues	14,589	18,500	21,392	12,500	-32.4%

Listers Revenues

Act 60 Annual Support	10,403	9,600	10,488	9,600	0.0%
Misc.	394				
Subtotal Revenues	10,797	9,600	10,488	9,600	0.0%

Road Dept. Revenues

State Aid for Highways	67,444	57,630	64,875	57,630	0.0%
Misc. Road Dept. Income	595	0	1,186		
Subtotal Revenues	68,039	57,630	66,061	57,630	0.0%

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2010 PROPOSED BUDGET	ACTUAL 2008	BUDGET 2009	ACTUAL 2009	BUDGET 2010	% Chng '09-'10 Budget
<i>Insurance Revenues</i>					
Insurance Audit Refunds	0	0	0	0	
VLCT Health Leader Program	621	550	434	550	
Subtotal Revenues	621	550	434	550	
<i>Fire Dept. Revenues</i>					
Fire Department Income (Fayston)	28,640	27,157	26,221	29,008	6.8%
Sale of Equipment					
Miscellaneous					
Subtotal Revenues	28,640	27,157	26,221	29,008	6.8%
<i>Police Revenues</i>					
Traffic Control Income	23,005	24,000	25,176	23,000	-4.2%
Sale of Cruiser	0		0		
Misc. Income	1,739	2,300	1,759	2,300	0.0%
Subtotal Revenues	24,744	26,300	26,935	25,300	-3.8%
<i>Misc. Revenues</i>					
Dog Fine & Impoundment Fees	290	200	95	200	0.0%
State Forest Land Payment	6,056	3,500	5,932	3,500	0.0%
Current Use Hold Harmless Payment	72,218	50,000	68,055	50,000	0.0%
Interest	11,779	12,000	14,618	12,000	0.0%
Other	1,426		25,746	0	
Subtotal Revenues	91,769	65,700	114,446	65,700	0.0%
<i>Del. Tax. Collector Revenues</i>					
Penalty Fees	11,788	19,000	20,661	19,000	0.0%
<i>Capital & One-Time Revenues</i>					
North Road Culvert				114,917	
Energy Efficiency Grant				26,900	
Grant Proceeds	9,673		379		
Subtotal Revenues	9,673	0	379	141,817	0.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	290,278	272,687	322,125	409,605	50.2%

2010 PROPOSED BUDGET	ACTUAL 2008	BUDGET 2009	ACTUAL 2009	BUDGET 2010	% Chng '09-'10 Budget
Total Operating Budget Expenses	1,341,708	1,114,484	1,004,110	1,095,061	-1.7%
Total Capital & One-Time Expenses	227,445	266,862	294,666	408,843	53.2%
Total Special Article Expenses	122,000	67,000	67,000	113,500	69.4%
Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund				50,000	
Article 12 Authorization				10,000	
EXPENSES	1,463,708	1,448,346	1,365,776	1,677,404	15.8%
REVENUES	290,278	272,687	322,125	409,605	50.2%
NET TOTAL EXPENSES	1,173,431	1,175,660	1,043,651	1,267,799	7.8%
BEGINNING YEAR CASH/FUND BALANCE	234,233	65,662	65,662	186,861	184.6%
TAX REVENUES					
Current Taxes	1,004,860	1,109,998	1,164,850	1,080,938	-2.6%
Delinquent Taxes	NA	NA	NA	NA	
TAX REVENUES	1,004,860	1,109,998	1,164,850	1,080,938	-2.6%
YEAR END SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	65,662	0	186,861	(0)	

Town of Waitsfield, Vermont
Capital Budget and Program
2010-2015

TABLE 1. Capital Projects and Funding Sources

	Other Funds	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	TOTAL PROJ. COST
Financed by Reserve Funds:								
Covered Bridge Rep. & Maint.	Fed (80%)	85,930	257,790	-				343,720
Culvert Replacement Projects	State/Fed Fayston (40%)	135,686	14,500	13,500	70,000	40,000	70,000	343,686
Fire Department Roof Replacement		38,000						38,000
Replace 02 Low Profile Truck		125,116						125,116
Replace 05 Dump Truck					140,000			140,000
Rt. 100 Trans. Path (Town 10%)		1,200,000						1,200,000
New Police Cruiser						36,000		36,000
Replace Fire Truck			120,000					120,000
Financed by Borrowing:								
Gravel Pit Purchase								350,000
Paving Projects				300,000				300,000
Municipal Water System	Fed/Users	1,900,000	5,690,000					7,590,000
Municipal Sewage System Phase 1	Fed/Users			8,500,000				8,500,000
Municipal Sewage System Phase 2	Fed/Users			8,000,000				8,000,000

	Other Funds	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	TOTAL PROJ. COST
New Police Cruiser						26,000		26,000
2007 Dump Truck		31,275						31,275
Town Pond Repair & Maintenance								100,000
Financed by Operating Funds:								
Gravel Pit Development		15,000						15,000
Municipal Building Committee			10,000					10,000
Town Garage Repairs		5,000	5,000					10,000
Fire Dept. Energy Retrofits		24,000						24,000
Garage Energy Retrofits		10,000						10,000
Town Pond Repair/Maintenance		7,930						7,930
Replace Salt Shed			20,000	20,000				40,000
Total Annual Project Costs		3,577,937	6,117,290	16,833,500	960,000	102,000	70,000	27,660,727

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	TOTAL
Gravel Pit Purchase	51,240	51,772	49,896				152,908
New Municipal Building Bond				40,000	40,000	40,000	120,000
2009 Bucket Loader	13,573	13,573	13,573	13,573	13,573		67,863
Replace 2008 Police Cruiser	7,674	7,674			8,000	8,000	31,347
Road Paving Projects Debt	99,465	98,610	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	518,075
Wastewater Loan RF1-058, 15-yr no interest			51,233	51,233	51,233	51,233	768,500
Water Loan WPL-003, 5-yr no interest			42,149	42,149	42,149	42,149	168,598
Water Loan WPL-093, 5-yr no interest			26,259	26,259	26,259	26,259	105,034
Total Annual Debt Service	203,226	194,068	285,550	275,654	283,654	270,081	2,075,800

TABLE 4. Operating Expenses

General Fund:	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	TOTAL
Gravel Pit Development	15,000						15,000
Municipal Building Committee		10,000					10,000
Town Garage Repairs	5,000	5,000					10,000
Town Garage Heat System	6,100						6,100
Town Pond Repair/Maintenance	7,930			5,000			12,930
Total General Fund Expense	34,030	15,000	0	0	5,000	0	54,030
TOTAL ANNUAL C.I.P. COSTS	350,756	346,568	413,050	403,154	416,154	397,581	3,335,643

LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Capital Equipment - Police Cruiser

Original Date of Borrowing - August 13, 2008 (\$30,694)

Loan Balance on December 31, 2008	\$23,021
Principle Repayment on August 13, 1009	<u>(\$7,674)</u>
Note Balance on December 31, 2009 - Ford Motor Credit Company	\$15,347
<i>(Due 8/13/11 Interest Rate 5.95%)</i>	

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

Original Date of Borrowing - December 20, 2006 (\$475,000)

Loan Balance on December 31, 2008	\$285,000
Principle Repayment on December 17, 2009	<u>(\$95,000)</u>
Note Balance on December 31, 2009 - Chittenden Bank	\$190,000
<i>(Due 12/16/10 Interest Rate 2.35%)</i>	

Capital Equipment - Dump Truck

Original Date of Borrowing - July 23, 2007 (\$90,000)

Loan Balance on December 31, 2008	\$60,000
Principle Repayment on July 23, 2009	<u>(\$30,000)</u>
Note Balance on December 31, 2009 - Chittenden Bank	\$30,000
<i>(Due 7/25/10 Interest Rate 4.25%)</i>	

Capital Improvement - Municipal Gravel Pit

Original Date of Borrowing - June 20, 2006 (\$240,000)

Loan Balance on December 31, 2008	\$192,000
Principal Repayment on June 17, 2009	<u>(\$48,000)</u>
Note Balance on December 31, 2009 - Chittenden Bank	\$144,000
<i>(Due 6/16/10 Interest Rate 2.25%)</i>	

Capital Equipment - Bucket Loader

Original Date of Borrowing - June 3, 2009 (\$61,000)

Loan Balance on December 31, 2008	\$0
Loan Proceeds June 3, 2009	<u>\$61,000</u>
Note Balance on December 31, 2009 - Chittenden Bank	\$61,000
<i>(Due 6/2/10 Interest Rate 2.25%)</i>	

Capital Improvement - Town Pond (Line of Credit)*Original Date of Borrowing - August 25, 2009 (\$100,000)*

Loan Balance on December 31, 2008	\$0
Draw on Line of Credit as of December 31, 2009	<u>\$0</u>
Note Balance on December 31, 2009 - Chittenden Bank (Due 8/14/10 Interest Rate 2.35%)	\$0

Bond Anticipation Note - Municipal Water (Line of Credit)*Original Date of Borrowing - January 8, 2009 (\$500,000)*

Loan Balance on December 31, 2008	\$0
Draw on Line of Credit as of December 31, 2009	<u>\$436,764</u>
Note Balance on December 31, 2009 - Chittenden Bank (Due 1/7/10 Interest Rate 2.10%)	\$436,764

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, 2008 - Water	\$210,747
Amount drawn from \$210,747 Loan for Municipal Water	<u>\$0</u>
Loan Balance December 31, 2009	\$210,747

Water - Source Exploration

Loan Balance December 31, 2008 - Water	\$93,215
Loan amount increased by \$31,293 amendment	
Amount drawn from \$131,293 Loan for Municipal Water	<u>\$0</u>
Loan Balance December 31, 2009	\$93,215

Sewer

Loan Balance December 31, 2008 - Sewer	\$327,500
Amount drawn from \$768,500 Loan for Municipal Sewer	<u>\$285,886</u>
Loan Balance December 31, 2009	\$613,386 *

* Without a positive bond vote for the wastewater project, no further activity has been authorized by the Selectboard.

TOWN RESERVE FUNDS

EQUIPMENT RESERVES

Road Department--Trucks

Balance December 31, 2008	\$37,463
Deposits	\$15,000
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$65
	\$52,528
Balance December 31, 2009	\$52,528

Road Department--Heavy Equipment

Balance December 31, 2008	\$51,431
Deposits	\$15,000
Withdrawals	(\$51,100)
Interest Earned	\$32
	\$15,363
Balance December 31, 2009	\$15,363

Fire Department--Trucks

Balance December 31, 2008	\$77,862
Deposits	\$7,500
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$128
	\$85,490
Balance December 31, 2009	\$85,490

FIRE DEPARTMENT ROOF RESERVE FUND

Balance December 31, 2008	\$14,020
Deposits	\$7,000
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$25
	\$21,045
Balance December 31, 2009	\$21,045

GRAVEL RESERVE FUND

Balance December 31, 2008	\$16,242
Deposits	\$5,240
Withdrawals	(\$2,713)
Interest Earned	\$32
	\$18,801
Balance December 31, 2009	\$18,801

RESTROOM, RECREATION & CONSERVATION RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2008	\$51,886
Deposits	\$250
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$84
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Balance December 31, 2009	\$52,220

ROUTE 100 TRANSPORTATION PATH RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2008	\$139,538
Deposits	\$0
2008 State Reimbursements	\$7,979
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$364
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Balance December 31, 2009	\$147,881

LAREAU PARK IMPROVEMENT RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2008	\$6,905
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	(\$1,350)
Interest Earned	\$11
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Balance December 31, 2009	\$5,566

STREET TREES RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2008	\$3,174
Adjustment (error in 2008 Town Report)	\$2,500
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$12
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Balance December 31, 2009	\$5,686

REAPPRAISAL RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2008	\$6,659
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$11
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Balance December 31, 2009	\$6,670

TIF DISTRICT APPLICATION RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2008	\$14,324
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$23
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Balance December 31, 2009	\$14,347

JOSLIN LIBRARY REPAIR RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2008	\$12,828
Deposits	\$2,500
Withdrawals	(\$4,615)
Interest Earned	\$22
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Balance December 31, 2009	\$10,735

TOWN FOREST STEWARDSHIP RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2008	\$5,002
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$8
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Balance December 31, 2009	\$5,010

COVERED BRIDGE REPAIR RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2008	\$30,000
Deposits	\$20,000
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$54
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Balance December 31, 2009	\$50,054

OTHER TOWN FUNDS

GENERAL WAIT HOUSE MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Balance December 31, 2008	\$2,477
Deposits	\$14,733
Withdrawals	<u>(\$17,029)</u>
Balance December 31, 2009	\$181

RECORDS RESTORATION

Balance December 31, 2008	\$13,000
Receipts	\$5,704
Restoration Expense	<u>\$0</u>
Balance December 31, 2009	\$18,704

BELDEN FUND

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

Balance December 31, 2008	\$1,824
Interest Earned	\$29
Withdrawals	<u>\$0</u>
Balance December 31, 2009	\$1,853

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD CAPITAL PROJECTS

Irasville and Waitsfield Village Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

For more than two decades the Town of Waitsfield has been exploring the feasibility of providing municipal water and wastewater infrastructure to support economic growth in Irasville and Waitsfield Village, avoid undesirable sprawl into the rural landscape, protect water quality of the Mad River, and address a number of public health concerns related to conflicts with private on-site water supply and septic disposal systems.

After extensive analysis and testing, a water source in the southeast quadrant of town for a municipal water system was identified and, after further study and deliberation, a well was drilled at the end of the Class 4 Reed Road in 2006. Its source permit was issued in June 2008 and renewed in December 2009. After two failed bond votes in 2008, but passage of a third in November 2008, final engineering and permitting resumed for a municipal water system that begins at the Reed Road wellhead and follows 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 main will follow a right-of-way to Tremblay Road, where it will meet Route 100 and continue along Old County Road and to the Village and Irasville. Hydrants will provide fire protection along the route.

Although the project will be paid for entirely by grants and water users through hook-up and annual fees, a positive bond vote was required by U.S.D.A. Rural Development for this \$7.59 million project. Details of the water project are available at the Town Office and on-line at www.waitsfieldvt.us/water. Next steps include completing the permit process, finalizing the designs, and putting the project out to bid. Construction could begin as early as summer 2010.

In 2000, voters overwhelmingly supported the Town's purchase of the "Munn site" at the intersection of Route 100 and Kingsbury Road for possible use as a wastewater disposal field. Several years of feasibility planning and engineering were completed in 2004 and final designs were at the 60% phase when a two-part bond article for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the system was defeated in March 2008. Phase 1 was proposed to provide in-ground treatment for up to 18,000 gallons per day serving

Irasville at an estimated cost of \$5.62 million. Phase 2 was proposed to include construction of a tertiary treatment system to increase disposal capacity to more than 90,000 gallons per day at a cost of approximately \$6.5 million. With grant funding in short supply and in an effort to reduce costs to taxpayers and users, the wastewater system was scaled back to serve only Irasville with the hope that a more cost-effective wastewater disposal solution could be found northward to serve the Village. Further work to explore wastewater alternatives was put on hold while efforts were focused through 2009 on implementing the water project.

The feasibility studies were funded through the State Revolving Fund of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (see below). Repayment of the \$613,385, 15-year, no-interest loan is delayed until December 1, 2012. Payments on two separate 5-year, no-interest water loans totaling up to \$342,040 are also slated to begin in 2012. Three federal earmarks totaling \$2.9 million were awarded in 2004, 2005, and 2006 and funds were committed this year through U.S.D.A. Rural Development. The establishment of a tax increment finance (TIF) district to help fund the infrastructure improvements was in the process of being pursued, but the financial and growth projections were based upon both municipal water and wastewater infrastructure being in place.

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 typically made as a part of the overall construction financing package for such projects. If the water project proceeds to construction, the water loans will be included in the overall project financing and paid back entirely by the connected customers. Unless some form of wastewater project proceeds to construction, the no-interest wastewater loan will be payable over fifteen years beginning in 2012. Please refer to Long Term Indebtedness in this Town Report for more information about the status of these loans.

Route 100 Transportation Path Project

The Route 100 Transportation Path Project began in the early 1990s and was moved forward with the award of a 90% grant from the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) in 1994. It progressed through many stages, public meetings, and adjustments. The final design phase began in 2001 and a municipal project manager was hired to shepherd it through the next steps of permitting, right-of-way clearances, and construction. In 2002, the final design engineering team was hired and final design work began. Since 1997, the Town has set aside funds in a reserve fund, totaling \$147,881 at the close of 2009. The total project is projected to cost \$1.2 million, with a local match of at least 10%. It is in the final stage of VTrans review and construction is expected to begin in late 2010 or in 2011. A common message from community meetings in 2009 was citizens' desire to see continued investment in additional sidewalks and streetscape improvements in the Village and Irasville, of which this project would be the first phase. The capital and 2010 budget proposes continued allocations to this reserve fund to facilitate this continued investment.

Culvert Replacement Projects

An inventory of road-related erosion locations and the development of a five-year capital plan to prioritize and fund needed improvements was completed in December 2008. The report identified 18 structures that were rated as high or medium-high priority for replacement or other form of remedial treatment. Though not included in the 2010 budget, the Waitsfield Capital Improvement Plan recommends creating a culvert reserve to ensure funds are on hand to address immediate needs and to help leverage grant funding for future culvert replacement projects.

Covered Bridge

The Town was awarded \$273,000 in federal funds through the VTrans Enhancement Grant program to address the cantilevered sidewalk on the north side of the Waitsfield Village 1833 Covered Bridge and repair the bridge's abutments. The Covered Bridge Repairs Reserve Fund was re-established in 2008 to set monies aside to meet the Town's matching funds obligation of approximately \$70,000. 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.

Town Pond

In April 2008, following a period of heavy rains and saturated soils, part of the town pond impoundment collapsed over the outlet pipe that drains into the wetland to the north. After various alternatives were considered, engineering plans were developed for its repair. Kingsbury Construction was hired in March 2009, following a competitive bid process, to remove excess sediment and rehabilitate the impoundment. Work got underway in July 2009 and will be completed in spring 2010. Voters approved borrowing up to \$100,000 to be paid over a 5 year period and a line of credit for this purpose was obtained. It was not drawn against, however, as general funds were available to cover the expenses.

Howard/Tucker Gravel Pit

Waitsfield voters authorized the Selectboard to purchase property belonging to Robert L. Howard and the Estate of Phyllis Tucker for \$350,000 in 2006 for development of a municipal gravel supply and for future redevelopment. The parcel (#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. State and local permits were obtained in 2008 and 2009. Funds were allocated in 2009 to acquire an access easement, pave the access road, build a bridge, and begin site development. A change in circumstances regarding the easement put development of the planned access on hold, and use of the existing access was renegotiated through June 2010. An alternative access through the southerly AmeriGas curb cut has received state and local approvals and an easement must be obtained for the short stretch that crosses the AmeriGas property. This access will be less expensive to construct and, with the exception of the short distance across the AmeriGas property, will be entirely on Town property. More information about this project can be found at the Town Office or on-line at www.waitsfieldvt.us/gravel.

Police Cruiser

The Town owns a police cruiser used in its police patrol program under contract with the Washington County Sheriff's Department. In the past, these vehicles have been purchased via lease or note. The 2003 vehicle was replaced in 2008 with a 4-wheel drive vehicle through a 4-year note. Waitsfield receives mileage reimbursement based on the federal mileage rate from the Town of Warren for when the vehicle is used on patrols there.

Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department Fire Truck

The 1987 GMC tanker 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.

Road Department Vehicles

Replace 2002 Low Profile Truck. On an eight year replacement schedule for the Town's smaller truck, this purchase would take place in 2010. The estimated cost of a new truck in 2010 is \$125,116. Assuming a 4% cost increase depending on when purchased, and 10% trade-in value for 2002 vehicle (\$13,000), the net cost is estimated to be \$118,235. This truck is expected to be paid for through a loan of up to \$110,000 may be available through the Vermont Municipal Heavy Equipment Fund at 2 percent. The application deadline is April 15, 2010. Funds from the Heavy Equipment Reserve Fund would pay the balance. The first loan payment would be made in 2011.

Road Department Buildings

Salt Shed. The existing salt shed does not meet possible future state requirements to stockpile the material needed. A new "bunker silo" style shed with concrete floor and walls is planned with a truss roof. A new facility would also help to prevent possible ground water contamination. State storm water management regulations have been under revision and such improvements may ultimately be mandated.

Town Garage. The Town Garage was built in 1986 and is in need of maintenance, including roof repair, improved insulation, and replacement of rotting trim and soffits. In addition, the combined oil and wood stove heating system is proposed to be replaced with a more modern, higher energy efficient system. Depending on the system selected, codes may require that the unit be enclosed in a fireproof room. Installation of automatic door openers may reduce the loss of heat. An analysis should be undertaken in the near future to evaluate the current space and operational needs for the Town Garage.

New Municipal Building

The Town Office located in the lower level of the Joslin Memorial Library building has become increasingly crowded over the past twenty-five or more years and is not accessible to persons using wheelchairs. New Town Office space should be constructed with a larger vault and town clerk area, a separate meeting room for town boards (to accommodate up to 40 persons), private offices for the town administrator, planning & zoning administrator, and assessor.

A number of studies have been conducted over the years, including one in 1981 that examined constructing an addition on the south end of the *Waitsfield Elementary School*. The concept was rejected (1) because it was too far away from the center of town and (2) because it was felt the site might be needed for future school expansion. It is currently believed that an expansion of the Joslin Memorial Library building or a new municipal building at the General Wait House property are the two most likely options for such a new facility, unless another suitable location can be established. However, the on-site septic systems in each location are an impediment, which means that new office space may not be possible until a municipal wastewater system has been developed. There is also interest in exploring a location in Irasville. The formation of a new committee to study this issue is recommended to occur in 2010 to get grounded and define the professional services it may need in 2011.

Fire Department

The Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department building was constructed in the mid-1970s. Its roof has been repaired over the years and is slated to be replaced in 2010 at an estimated cost of \$31,000.

Minus Fayston's 40% share, the net cost would be approximately \$18,600. The Town is in the process of applying for grant funds in 2010 to support weatherization of the building and replacement of the 20+ year old boiler.

General Wait House

The General Wait House was purchased and renovated in the late 1990s with the help of grants and generous contributions from individuals and organizations. It provides office and meeting space for non-profit and community-based organizations that support the operation of the building through their rents. The building also serves as a visitor center, provides public restroom facilities, and includes storage and display areas for Waitsfield history and artifacts. The Waitsfield Historical Society is pursuing efforts to renovate the carriage barn for meeting, storage, event, and display space. A storage shed was constructed several years ago.

Other than the energy efficiency measures that were accomplished over the last two years to seal the basement and reduce air infiltration, little has been done to maintain the building over the years. The buildings need more attention to maintenance, including replacement of the roof, exterior paint, shutter repair, interior paint, heating system improvements, interior floor maintenance, and more. While the rents had been sufficient to cover the day-to-day operation of the building and grounds, there was not enough to build a maintenance reserve fund that could cover these deferred maintenance costs.

An article is proposed for Town Meeting asking voters to authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to \$20,000 to address these deferred maintenance needs. The five-year loan is expected to be paid back through a modest increase in rents and the cash-flow realized as a result of the recent energy efficiency investments and lowered fuel costs.

The Town is in the process of applying for a grant to fund additional weatherization of the building, including replacement of its boiler, improving insulation, and improving the storm windows.

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.

**TOWN CLERK
2009 STATEMENT OF FEES COLLECTED**

Recording Fees:	\$25,500
Search Fees:	\$496
Copies:	\$3,973
Permit Fees:	\$144
Marriage/Civil Union Licenses (less state fees):	\$340
Miscellaneous Fees:	\$215
Passport Fees:	\$3,100
Dog Licenses (less state fees):	<u>\$1,391</u>
(Dog Licenses Issued: 315)	
Total Fees Collected:	\$35,159

VITAL STATISTICS

Births:	19
Deaths:	14
Marriages:	50
Civil Unions (prior to September 1):	<u>0</u>
	83

**WAITSFIELD-FAYSTON VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT
2009 Annual Report**

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 87 calls in 2009.

Calls by Type	Waitsfield	Fayston	(Mutual	Total
			Aid)	
	Warren			
Fire Alarm (Smoke)	12	11		23
Motor Vehicle Accident	10	10		20
GMP Assist (powerlines)	7	6		13
CO Detector	4	2		6
Good Intent	5	1		6
Gas/Propane Leak	4		1	5
Ambulance Assist	3			3
Mountain Rescues		2		2
Gas Odor	2			2
Frozen Pipes	1			1
Chimney Fire	1			1
Kitchen Fire	1			1
Lightening Strike	1			1
Structure Fire	1			1
Appliance Malfunction	1			1
House Flooded		1		1
TOTALS	53	33	1	87
Percent	60.9%	37.9%	1.1%	100%

Firefighter training was a large part of this year's activities, and its benefits were evident at the major fire on New Year's Eve on Armstrong Road near AmeriGas. (Because the Department closes out its year on December 1, that will be in next year's run statistics). We increased trainings from once to twice a month and six of the newest members of the Fire Department are taking 180 hours Firefighter One classes. A number of firefighters participated in advanced trainings offered throughout the state. Other trainings included using a large diameter hose at Hartshorn's pond and a training on defensive driving. We also visited Timbers Restaurant in Warren with the Warren Fire Department to familiarize ourselves with the structure.

Jack Corliss of Fayston did a good job making the new Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department sign on the building. Volunteers got together one weekend and painted the front doors red.

Recent research found that the Fire Department was established in October 1910, which would make 2010 its centennial anniversary. A grand celebration is planned.

We increased the number of our volunteer firefighters to 24, including two junior firefighters.

Officers for 2009 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.)
Lieutenant	Travis Michaud (Waits.)
Secretary	Shannon Young (Waits.)
Treasurer	Gordon Eurich (Waits.)
Moderator	George Garbaree (Waits.)

Active Firefighters:

Adam Cook (Waits.)
Todd Farnham (Waits.)
Jeremy Goff (Waits.)
Eric Haskin (Waits.)
Stefan Jacobs (Fays.)
Andrew Johnson (Waits.)
Trip Johnson (Waits.)
Bob Lockett (Fays.)
Lester Miller, Jr. (Waits.)
Michael Munn (Fays.)
Jared Rouleau (Fays.)
Theodore Tremper (Waits.)
Tristan Weide (Waits.)
Owen Wimble (Waits.)
Trey Winnicki (Waits.)
Jared Young (Waits.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Delbert Palmer, Chief

WAITSFIELD ROAD DEPARTMENT 2009 Annual Report

With a very busy start to the new year, snow and ice abundant, the winter did settle down to be a fairly quite one. By March the ground was open and the thaw started nice and slow. We had some of the usual soft spots and some new ones.

Spring came and the birth of the Town gravel pit became a reality. Crushing 5,000 yards of bank run gravel and getting that down on the roads took a good piece of the summer. Much rain slowed down some of the summer's work progress, but in the end the crew completed most of their summer work plan.

We welcomed in a new member of the crew this year. Adam Magee came to us in June and quickly began his service to the Town. He took the place of Brad Mayhew, who had been hired in 2008 and moved out of the area earlier this year.

The fall season turned into an extended fall season with a warm November. We were able to complete some of the work that the rainy season had put on hold. The crew rebuilt one of our class 4 wooden bridges and continued spreading the rest of the crushed gravel. We also completed some of the culvert work on the summer list.

Winter did arrive finally in December. The crew quickly remembered the routes and kept our roads clear and safe.

Thanks to Foreman Stuart Grandfield, Road maintainer Rodney Jones and Road maintainer Adam McGee.

Cheerfully,

Charlie Goodman
Road Commissioner, Waitsfield

**DOG WARDEN
2009 Annual Report**

At Large	11
Barking	3
Aggressive Dogs	1
Incarcerated	4
Lost Dogs	5
Found Dogs	<u>3</u>
Total	27

Summary:

Actions are taken on each call whether by phone or actual visit to sites. Most times the dogs are licensed, but for those that are not, I am working on a comprehensive way of my work resulting in fines for owners of unlicensed pets, and to educate pet owners as to the Waitsfield Town Laws which require licensing, and leashing dogs.

All dogs taken to the local shelter (Valley Animal Hospital) have had mandatory fees, shots (updated) and licensing taken care of by the owners with no outstanding fees.

Marie Leotta
Waitsfield Dog Warden

WAITSFIELD CEMETERY COMMISSION
2009 Annual Report

Funds available – January 1, 2009

Checkbook balance – Bank North	6,996.69
Equipment reserve fund (CD) – Northfield Savings Bank	10,093.19

Income – 2009

New perpetual care funds	510.00
Sale of lots	2,605.00
Sale of corner markers	600.00
Burials	5,000.00
From Trustees	22,425.00
Interest from CD	328.19
Interest from Checking	<u>13.84</u>
Total Income	31,482.03

Funds available – 2009 **48,571.91**

Disbursements – 2009

Tardy Contract	25,000.00
Purchase of corner markers	440.00
To trustees – Perpetual care fund	1,300.00
To trustees – Lot Fund	610.00
Treasurer of Trustees	0.00
Secretary of Commission Expense	1,500.00
Stone Repairs	730.00
Misc. – Flags, Flowers, etc.	48.04
Liming, Seeding, etc.	107.72
VT Cemetery Association	217.50
Burials	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total Expenditures	31,453.26

Funds Available Less Expenses **17,118.65**

Funds Available – January 1, 2010	
Checkbook balance – Bank North	6,697.27
Equipment Reserve Fund CD – Northfield Savings Bank	10,421.38

Total Funds Available January 1, 2010 **17,118.65**

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS
2009 Earnings & Expense Statement

EARNINGS:

Stock Dividends	4,116.61	
Mutual Fund Dividends	2,327.99	
Corporate Bond Interest	3,060.96	
Money Market Market Interest	6.90	
Stock Litigations	239.32	
		9,751.78
Total Earnings		

EXPENSES:

Grant to Commissioners	26,550.00	
Total Expenses		(26,550.00)
Loss		(16,798.22)
New Funds		1,300.00
Net Loss		(15,498.22)

ANALYSIS OF CHANGE IN FUNDS:

Individual Funds 1-1-2009		489,405.26
Income	9,751.78	499,157.04
Less Expense	26,550.00	472,607.04
New Funds	1,300.00	473,907.04
Loss from Transactions	(11,810.31)	462,096.73
Individual Funds 12-31-09		

	2008	2009
INDIVIDUAL FUNDS:	489,405.26	462,096.73

CEMETERY LOT FUND:

Linsco/Private Ledger 1-1-09		7,481.93
New Funds	705.00	
Savings Interest	7.70	
Paid to Commissioners	0.00	
Linsco/Private Ledger 12-31-09		<u>\$8,194.63</u>

**WAITSFIELD CEMETERY TRUST
Investments December 31, 2009**

MONEY MARKET FUNDS	4,951.82
MUTUAL FUNDS (at cost)	63,761.22
COMMON STOCKS (at cost)	360,990.69
CORPORATE BONDS (at cost)	32,393.00

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Common Stock (at cost)	378,447.16	360,990.69
Mutual Funds (at cost)	63,761.22	63,761.22
Money Market Funds	5,803.88	4,951.82
Corporate Bonds (at cost)	41,393.00	32,393.00
Total Assets	<u>\$489,405.26</u>	<u>\$462,096.73</u>

JOSLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY 2009 Report

I am just a few months into my job as librarian at the Joslin Memorial Library and it is already clear to me what a unique and fabulous community this is. The library is consistently busy with patrons from Waitsfield, Warren, Fayston and Moretown demonstrating a wide variety of interests and reading tastes. We have a regular stream of out of town visitors as well, ranging from people vacationing who need something to read or to check their email or kids who forgot a favorite novel at home when they came up to ski. Use of the public computers and people using our wireless internet access is high. The summer reading program had many new and returning participants and weekly story hour draws preschoolers from several towns in the area.

Circulation of audio books continues to be very strong. Through our membership with the Green Mountain Library Consortium we are also able to offer downloadable audio books accessible through our website. The number and diversity of titles available in this format greatly expands choices for patrons. Also with the support of the Green Mountain Library Consortium we have made concrete steps toward automating our catalog. This will allow patrons to look for books, renew books and place books on hold very efficiently either at the library or from their home computer.

The generosity of residents of this area and patrons of the library helps the library provide traditional services and explore new projects. The automation process has become a reality in part due to the extraordinary generosity of Robert Burge. Mr. Burge's gift was in memory of his wife Ruth, an avid reader, and we are extremely appreciative of their commitment to the library.

We are also blessed with a conscientious Board of Trustees and a dedicated and accomplished group of volunteers who keep the library running smoothly on a daily basis. Many thanks to them and to our patrons for sharing time, resources and most importantly, ideas, interests and personalities that give the library a character all of its own.

Respectfully submitted,
Joy Worland, Librarian

**JOSLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
2009 – 2010 Budget Report**

	2009 Budget	2009 Actual	2010 Budget	Notes
Income				
Rent for Waitsfield Town Office			\$18,000	1
-Utilities (2/3 of Electric, 1/2 of rest)			\$4,267	1
Patrons Contributions	\$750	\$6,400	\$750	
Interest on savings	\$1,600	\$1,016	\$1,000	
Friends of the Library	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$2,500	
Misc. Income (Operational Services)	\$1,350	\$2,267	\$1,500	
Grants	\$0	\$100		
Total Income	\$6,200	\$13,283	\$28,017	
Transfer of funds				
Transfer to/from Earmarks		-\$6,000	\$6,000	2
From Joslin Library Repair Reserve Fund		\$960		
Operational Income	\$6,200	\$8,243	\$34,017	
Expenses				
Collection Development	\$8,300	\$8,039	\$8,300	
Library Supplies	\$1,700	\$1,913	\$1,700	
Postage	\$900	\$1,354	\$1,100	
Mileage	\$50	\$72	\$50	
Periodicals	\$500	\$519	\$600	
Vermont KOHA Project (Automation)	\$500	\$294	\$6,375	2
Maintenance & Repairs Extraordinary	\$1,500	\$1,850	\$3,000	
Maintenance/Repairs	\$0	\$6,282	\$2,500	
Water System hookup	\$250	\$0	\$500	
Electricity	\$1,900	\$1,916	\$1,900	
Fuel	\$7,500	\$2,177	\$5,500	
Telephone	\$1,200	\$1,075	\$1,100	
Insurance (Building)	\$0	\$0	\$3,800	
Insurance (Health)	\$400	\$330	\$1,200	
Copier	\$900	\$1,017	\$900	

Summer Program	\$500	\$450	\$500
Staff Salaries (Gross)	\$29,000	\$27,009	\$30,000
Payroll Taxes	\$2,300	\$2,096	\$2,330
Membership & Conference Fees	\$200	\$417	\$400
Computers & Supplies	\$500	\$1,363	\$2,000
Misc. Expenses	\$0	\$1,033	\$500
Programs	\$200	\$413	\$500
Total Expenses	\$58,300	\$59,619	\$74,755

Town Support (Expenses-Operational Income)	\$52,100	\$52,207	\$40,738	
Waitsfield's Share (59.3%)	\$43,167	\$43,657	\$24,158	3
Fayston's Share (40.7%)	\$8,933	\$8,550	\$16,580	3

Notes

- 2010 Budget shows Town Office Rent and Utilities as Income (Rent at \$1,500 per month.
- \$6,000 Transferred in to apply to automation
Library Automation expenses:

-Start-up cost, Hardware & Services	\$2,555
-Extra staff salaries for conversion	\$3,500
-Yearly Maintenance cost	\$320
Total	\$6,375
- Share determined by town's population.

**JOSLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Bank & Trust Fund Report 2009**

TD BANK

Cash in Checking		\$14,537.21
*Savings		\$6,353.82
Certificate of Deposit		\$20,000.00
McGrath Fund CD		\$1,755.80

Joslin Repair Fund Escrow	1/1/2009	\$1,591.24	
Patron Contribution		\$1,000.00	
Interest to 10/31/09		\$1.60	
Balance 10/31/09			\$2,592.84

NORTHFIELD SAVINGS BANK

Geo A Joslin Book Fund CD	1/1/2009	\$12,176.30	
Interest		\$190.38	
Transfer to Checking		(\$190.38)	
Balance 12/31/09			\$12,176.30

Wallis Book Fund CD	1/1/2009	\$25,000.00	
Interest		\$527.34	
Transfer to Checking		(\$527.34)	
Balance 12/31/2009			\$25,000.00

Geo A Joslin Repair Fund	1/1/2009	\$975.90	
Interest		\$2.44	
Balance 12/31/09			\$978.34

Building Fund	1/1/2009	\$5,800.99	
Interest		\$74.26	
Balance 12/31/09			\$5,875.25

TOTAL INVESTMENTS	12/31/2009		\$89,269.56
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR REPORT 2009 Annual Report

The Town's independent auditor, William Yacavoni, was not able to complete his review and prepare the report in time to be included here.

It will be available at the Waitsfield Town Office, 9 Bridge Street, for review and will be available on-line at:

www.waitsfieldvt.us/annualmeeting/2010/independent_auditor_report.cfm.



Student at Red Cross babysitting class, May 2009.
(Photo courtesy of WES)

**Warning of Annual Meeting
Waitsfield Town School District 2010**

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 2, 2010 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.

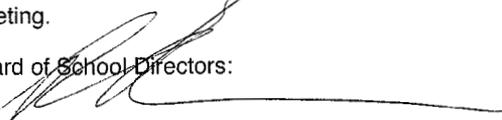
ARTICLE III: To set salaries, if any, that shall be paid to the officers of the district.

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, 2011.

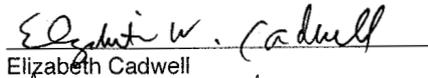
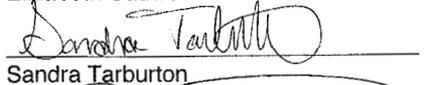
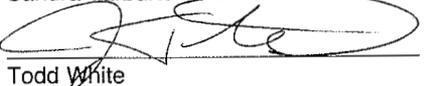
ARTICLE V: To have presented by the Board of School Directors the proposed budget for the ensuing year in the amount of \$2,155,826 and to appropriate that sum which the District deems necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

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

Board of School Directors:



Rob Williams, Chairman


Wrenn Compère
Elizabeth Cadwell
Sandra Tarburton
Todd White

**WAITSFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 3, 2009**

Following are the minutes of the Annual Meeting for the Waitsfield Town School District of March 3, 2009 pursuant 1 V.S.A. § 312(b)(1).

Peter Joslin called the Annual Meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. State Representative Adam Greshin updated voters on current legislative issues.

ARTICLE I: To election a moderator for the ensuing year. Peter Joslin was elected by unanimous voice vote. Missy Siner Shea introduced fellow members of the Board.

ARTICLE II: To hear and act upon reports of the Town School District. Missy Siner Shea and Richard Schattman presented a slide show highlighting where tax dollars are spent and student performance.

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 as follows: \$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, 2010. Article IV was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE V: To have presented by the Board of School Directors the proposed budget for the ensuing year in the amount of \$2,163,294 and to appropriate that sum which the District deems necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. Following the defeat of a motion to amend Article V by \$33,220 for a budget of \$2,130,074, Article V for a budget of \$2,163,294 was approved by a majority voice vote.

There was no **ARTICLE VI.**

ARTICLE VII: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Missy Siner Shea recognized Troy Kingsbury for his service and contributions on the Board. She also recognized Richard Schattman who is retiring at the end of the school year in 2009.

The School Meeting recessed at 2:30 p.m. for five minutes to reconvene for the continuation of Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer R. Peterson
Town Clerk

Approved by School Board on 05/12/09.

WAITSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT March 2010 Report

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 diversity.
- It is our mission to make a positive difference in the lives of each of our students.

Principal's Report

Many Waitsfield residents have some familiarity with the Waitsfield Elementary School – from those who have come to the famous Ski & Skate Sale or some other special event in this building to those who attended and/or sent children to the school. Our distinctive school-bell entry has welcomed an array of children and adults over the past forty-nine years.

Sitting within the town center, the Waitsfield School provides a gathering place in the community. The playground is used by children from around the Valley and beyond; my children and I have encountered many visiting families on weekend afternoons. Groups from the Cub Scouts to the Democratic Caucus (and many more) use the building for public events. While the first function of the building is to support the education of Waitsfield youth, we are happy to have the facility serve as a resource and public meeting space for the community at large.

As a Valley resident, I've daily driven by the school for many years and attended some of those special events within the building. In the past 7 months of working at the school, it has been a pleasure to come to better understand just what an asset the Waitsfield Elementary School is to our whole community.

What Makes Waitsfield Elementary School Unique?

Strong Student Achievement

Waitsfield Elementary School students are high achieving. More information on student achievement on standardized assessments is provided under “Report on Student Achievement” in this report. While we continue to work towards improving success for all students, nationally normed assessments such as the NECAP (New England Comprehensive Assessment Program) show that our children are often performing well above state averages. Success of students can and should be measured in a variety of ways, but these standardized assessments assure us that our programs prepare students for expectations held beyond our own school walls. While these strong scores are not unique to Waitsfield Elementary School, our ability to insure rigorous and effective instruction is an important aspect of who we are.

Focus Upon the Whole Child

While high academic standards are central to our school mission, we recognize the importance of caring for the whole child. Evidence of attentiveness to multiple intelligences and balanced development of the physical, emotional and intellectual needs can be found throughout the school.

- Our “Winter Outdoor Program,” where students ski/board or otherwise adventure outdoors on Wednesday afternoons, focuses upon building lifelong wellness skills and habits.
- Physical Education instruction occurs 3x/week, but most teachers build additional movement activities into each day. From the “Van Dine fire drill” (where students take a lap or two around the playground,) to daily TaeBo in Mr. Hubbard’s room, to preschool teacher Betsy Eckfeldt’s leadership in integrating yoga instruction throughout the school day, children are explicitly taught how to use physical activity to help them regulate their emotions and energy, and given frequent opportunities to practice these skills.
- An active school-based Wellness Committee has worked on addressing topics from school lunches to the use of green cleaning products throughout the school. A school health index assessment, completed a few years ago, helps guide this group in

using data to thoughtfully consider the health and wellness needs of the school as a whole.

- The drama program in the school supports theater extracurricular activities for children in 2nd – 6th grade. Throughout the year, three plays are performed by 2nd – 4th grade students, as well as a musical by the 5th/6th grade students. This year's 5th/6th grade musical has a participation rate of 30 out of 39 students to whom this opportunity is available. (We invite you to *Guys & Dolls* on March 19th and 20th!)
- The WES Band and Instrumental program currently serves 54 of the 67 students in 4th through 6th grade, an 80% involvement rate. While all students participate in weekly music instruction, involvement in band/instrument lessons is voluntary and available to all students. With a full-time music teacher, WES has a strong commitment to supporting development of musical intelligence.

Hats off to the Waitsfield School and community for supporting development of multiple intelligences and valuing the whole child.

Community Engagement

With more than 160 volunteers, the Waitsfield PTA's annual Ski & Skate Sale is an amazing example of community support for the school. There are a few remarkable individuals who dedicate enormous amounts of time and energy to make this fund-raising event a reality, but it could not be done without the involvement of many volunteers.

While the Ski & Skate Sale is a significant event, the daily contributions of volunteers in the school are equally as important. A school day has not passed without me encountering a parent volunteer in a classroom. Whether its leading small groups, or giving emerging readers and writers additional support, buckling on ski boots, or helping kids practice writing, or raking mulch on the playground to keep the surface forgiving, the contributions of our many volunteers are a tremendous asset to the school. In addition to the improved learning environment, great relationships are formed and students have an opportunity to feel that there are those beyond their families or teachers who really care about how they are doing in school. Thanks to you all.

2009-2010 and Beyond: Where is W.E.S. Going?

Education has been in the newspapers much over the past few months as various proposals have been put forth about how to manage the state budget and, as a subset within that budget, education spending. The Waitsfield School Board has been committed to building a budget that is sustainable for the town while also maintaining the integrity of our educational programs. The budget presented in this report, with a 2.2% decrease over the previous year’s spending, represents their strong efforts to be responsive to these two goals.

Throughout the state, school enrollment is dropping. However, at Waitsfield Elementary, our enrollment has remained fairly steady. Given what we know about young people in our town, we are planning for smaller class sizes in the coming years, such as the anticipated class of 13 students in next year’s kindergarten. The Waitsfield School Board and I have been thoughtful about these potentially diminishing student numbers; the decision to reduce to only one kindergarten class next year is in response to these anticipated changes in population. While my experience is that students numbers can change significantly over a few years, we are looking at a three-year plan of staffing that will allow us to flexibly accommodate a potentially changing population.

Elementary Enrollment as of October 2009

Grade	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Enrollment	15	19	27	25	14	28	17	24	169

Enrollment Trends PK-6 (1999-2009)

‘99	‘00	‘01	‘02	‘03	‘04	‘05	‘06	‘07	‘08	‘09
166	156	159	160	170	145	154	171	160	155	169

In addition to planning for potential changes in enrollment, the School Board has worked to consider the long-range needs of our aging facility as well. In the coming year, our school building will celebrate its 50th birthday. Through an energy audit and review of our mechanical and building envelope systems, we’ve put together a capital improvement plan that should allow us to keep our building functioning in good health

despite its age. We anticipate long-range savings as we replace items such as ventilation units that were installed when the building was first erected; many of the planned improvements will bring much greater energy efficiency to the building. In addition, we're being creative about looking for funding, applying for energy efficiency grants and rebates from Efficiency Vermont to help offset these planned costs. The full Capital Improvement Plan, which can be found at the school website (www.WaitsfieldElementary.org) is designed to keep the building healthy and address potential issues before items fail.

It being my first year in the school, I spent the first few months familiarizing myself with what is going on. I was amazed at how much was going on—from the Safe Routes to Schools initiative to the School Book Fair to a Harvest Lunch celebrating the bountiful crop from our vibrant school garden, there was at least a special event a week! These activities contribute to a rich experience within the school, but we must also insure there is a rigor of academics beneath these special events. Throughout this year, school staff and I have been looking at the curricula and its alignment with Vermont Grade Level expectations. From examining our class configurations to looking closely at our math program, we've looked at how to best organize ourselves to insure that a dynamic curriculum, which contributes to the success of students in a preschool-12th grade system, will occur. A goal has been to support greater continuity of learning between classrooms, such that the skills students learn in one class segue into maximized learning in the following year. While we value the individuality of our many terrific teachers, we need to be able to insure a level of continuity of curriculum and instruction as well. Several times each month, through staff and unit meetings, faculty is engaged in organized conversations around these topics of consistency curricular depth. In addition, the early release Wednesdays are used to support consistency and professional work across our supervisory union. As we work towards this greater consistency, we will be expecting student performance to further improve as we better build upon prior learning and maximizing student time. Look for reports on evidence of this success in future town reports!

In the next year, we will be implementing the "Investigations in Time, Data and Space" as our math program, coordinating the instruction that we provide with that given throughout our Supervisory Union. As we work to insure that our curricula align with Vermont Grade Level Expectations, we are committed to maintaining the rich integration with the arts, as well as thematic studies across content areas, that has become

an essential part of the Waitsfield way. Integration of technology skills from kindergarten on continues: from five and six year olds publishing their writing electronically to 5th and 6th graders using flip cameras to document their ability to solve math problems, our students have multiple opportunities to gain skills in using technology to solve real life problems.

In addition to supporting academic needs of our students, the Waitsfield Elementary School remains committed to supporting families and the broader community. We currently serve as host to Open Hearth at Waitsfield, an afterschool program that allows families to access enriching, dependable childcare beyond the school day. Exploration is occurring of how this program might expand to support childcare for preschool and kindergarten families as well.

Through Safe Routes to Schools funding, we are working to maximize funding to improve sidewalks, crosswalks and infrastructure that will benefit the town as a whole. As evidenced throughout this year's town report, we look to weave serving the community into our daily business as a school. From working with local farmers to assist in harvesting of crops to continuing a connection to our town's senior center, a connection to the community is part of our curriculum, the work of the school board, and the focus of the school. If the school is more of a landmark in town than a part of your daily life, I encourage you to stop by—we look forward to the opportunity to deepen that connection.

Respectfully,
Kaiya Korb, Principal

Waitsfield Elementary Student Data

Support Services		Food Service Program	
Students receiving Special Education Services	13%	Students eligible for Free and Reduced Price Lunch	13%
Students with 504 Plans	2%	Average students served breakfast each day	65%
Students receiving support from our Educational Support Team	13%	Average students served lunch each day	29%



Students' food drive of non-perishable items for Food Shelf
(Photo courtesy of WES)

WAITSFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Assessment of Student Performance

The assessment results reported here tell only part of the story. While we are pleased to report that WES students perform well and have historically performed above the state average in all areas, there is a great deal that we do at WES that is not measured by these standardized assessments. In addition to localized assessments used to measure student progress and inform instruction, we ask ourselves questions regarding how our children are doing socially, emotionally and in their service to others.

The New England Common Assessment Program

The New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) 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.

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 during October, with the exception of the Science assessment given in May each year. Results for the fall 2009 administration are not available at the time this report goes to press, but will be available on our school website as soon as released by the state.

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.

Student performance (Fall 2008)

	Waitsfield Elementary School			State of Vermont		
	Reading (Grade 3-6)	Math (Grade 3-6)	Writing (Grade 5)	Reading (Grade 3-8)	Math (Grade 3-8)	Writing (Grade 5)
Number Assessed	75	75	21	38,800	38,831	13,168
Proficient with Distinction	30%	40%	19%	18%	21%	19%
Proficient	49%	39%	38%	53%	45%	35%
Partially Proficient	11%	16%	29%	19%	18%	29%
Below Proficient	9%	5%	14%	10%	17%	17%

NECAP/Science

Student performance (Spring 2009)

	Waitsfield Elementary School	State of Vermont
	Science (Grade 4)	Science (Grade 4)
Number Assessed	16	6,403
Proficient with Distinction	0%	1%
Proficient	94%	51%
Partially Proficient	6%	38%
Below Proficient	0%	10%

WAITSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

	2008-2009 BUDGET	2008-2009 ACTUAL	2009-2010 BUDGET	2010-2011 PROPOSED	PERCENT CHANGE
<u>REGULAR EDUCATION</u>					
Salaries	726,573	722,180	778,589	727,058	
Benefits & Staff Development	221,625	227,064	225,968	229,452	
Materials and Equipment	115,305	109,787	74,014	64,043	
TOTAL REGULAR EDUCATION	1,063,503	1,059,011	1,078,550	1,020,553	-5.4%
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION & ESSENTIAL EARLY EDUCATION</u>					
Salaries	140,792	148,454	173,486	158,020	
Benefits & Staff Development	35,904	49,455	55,911	53,495	
Spec. Ed. Contracted Services	79,800	94,840	73,800	61,440	
Transportation	-	-	-	4,500	
Materials and Equipment	2,850	3,087	4,346	1,600	
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	259,346	295,816	307,543	279,055	-9.3%
<u>COMPENSATORY EDUCATION</u>					
Salaries	20,708	33,324	9,485	40,452	
Benefits & Staff Development	5,865	9,498	4,420	13,648	
Materials and Equipment	-	29	-	-	
TOTAL COMPENSATORY EDUCATION	26,573	42,850	13,905	54,100	289.1%
<u>GUIDANCE SERVICES</u>					
Salaries	24,514	24,514	26,054	26,054	
Benefits & Staff Development	2,725	2,785	2,754	2,885	
Contracted Services & Supplies	295	309	405	405	
Psychological Services	1,000	-	500	-	
TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES	28,534	27,608	29,714	29,344	-1.2%
<u>HEALTH SERVICES</u>					
Salaries	30,298	30,298	31,256	31,256	
Benefits & Staff Development	3,321	3,367	3,289	3,445	
Contracted Services & Supplies	700	406	650	650	
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	34,319	34,071	35,194	35,351	0.4%
<u>SPEECH SERVICES</u>					
Salaries	67,160	64,213	70,965	72,849	
Benefits & Staff Development	19,259	17,099	19,353	19,995	
Contracted Services & Supplies	3,150	1,508	2,942	750	
TOTAL SPEECH SERVICES	89,569	82,820	93,260	93,594	0.4%
<u>IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</u>					
	6,300	3,388	6,300	4,000	-36.5%
<u>EDUCATION MEDIA</u>					
Salaries	27,779	27,966	28,695	28,626	
Benefits & Salary Development	4,908	4,816	5,083	5,248	
Materials & Equipment	8,045	5,724	8,090	7,050	
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MEDIA	40,732	38,505	41,868	40,924	-2.3%
<u>BOARD EXPENSE</u>					
	7,371	4,752	8,371	14,683	75.4%
<u>WASHINGTON WEST GENERAL ASSESSMENT</u>					
	42,752	42,384	39,559	40,576	2.6%
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>					
Principal & Secretary Salaries	121,588	122,198	126,099	112,371	
Benefits & Staff Development	30,829	24,562	30,447	28,869	
Postage, Supplies & Equipment	4,900	1,658	6,600	3,550	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	157,317	148,419	163,146	144,790	-11.3%
<u>FISCAL SERVICES</u>					
Business Management	8,670	8,649	8,222	8,149	
Payroll & Accounting Services	17,865	17,796	16,900	16,807	
Audit	2,950	3,000	3,000	3,000	
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	29,485	29,445	28,122	27,956	-0.6%

WAITSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

	2008-2009 BUDGET	2008-2009 ACTUAL	2009-2010 BUDGET	2010-2011 PROPOSED	PERCENT CHANGE
MAINTENANCE					
Salaries	69,493	71,394	72,273	70,883	
Benefits & Staff Development	31,855	26,950	31,334	31,614	
Building Supplies & Operations	75,065	76,026	85,565	87,546	
<i>Contribution to Capital Improvement & Facilities Maintenance Reserve Fund</i>					
	<u>33,220</u>	<u>33,220</u>	<u>17,000</u>	<u>29,500</u>	
TOTAL MAINTENANCE	<u>209,633</u>	<u>207,591</u>	<u>208,171</u>	<u>219,543</u>	6.5%
DAILY TRANSPORTATION					
	<u>56,853</u>	<u>56,383</u>	<u>58,341</u>	<u>60,208</u>	3.2%
FIELD TRIPS TRANSPORTATION					
	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,160</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	0.0%
DEBT SERVICE					
Short-Term Interest	-	6,317	8,000	8,000	
Principal	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	
Interest	<u>7,350</u>	<u>7,350</u>	<u>5,250</u>	<u>3,150</u>	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	<u>37,350</u>	<u>43,667</u>	<u>43,250</u>	<u>41,150</u>	-4.9%
FOOD SERVICE					
	<u>7,500</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,500</u>	0.0%
TOTAL WAITSFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COSTS	<u>2,099,637</u>	<u>2,118,924</u>	<u>2,163,294</u>	<u>2,115,826</u>	<u>-2.2%</u>
REVENUES:					
Local Revenue					
Interest Earnings	25,000	20,321	20,000	18,000	
Town Reimbursement	54,375	54,375	58,006	56,000	
Pre-Kindergarten Tuition	-	-	-	4,500	
Miscellaneous	-	381	-	-	
Prior Year Fund Balance	66,440	61,580	60,218	4,860	
State Categorical & Special Ed Grants					
Special Education Reimbursement	104,676	137,353	129,427	111,816	
Transportation Reimbursement	17,643	16,705	16,930	23,681	
Mainstream Block Grant	46,846	46,846	43,238	46,510	
EEE Grant	18,966	7,227	16,163	18,998	
Federal Revenue					
Title I	23,394	33,169	20,000	32,666	
IDEA-B Grant	27,721	26,219	25,590	26,000	
IDEA-B Grant-PreSchool	<u>1,076</u>	<u>1,250</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	
Subtotal Local, State and Federal Revenues	<u>\$ 386,137</u>	<u>\$ 405,426</u>	<u>\$ 388,572</u>	<u>\$ 344,031</u>	-11.5%
Education Spending Grant	<u>\$ 1,713,500</u>	<u>\$ 1,713,498</u>	<u>\$ 1,774,722</u>	<u>\$ 1,771,795</u>	-0.2%
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 2,099,637</u>	<u>\$ 2,118,924</u>	<u>\$ 2,163,294</u>	<u>\$ 2,115,826</u>	-2.2%

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WAITSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

	2009-2010 BUDGET	2010-2011 BUDGET	PERCENT CHANGE
EDUCATION TAX CALCULATION WORKSHEET - Combined Waitsfield Elementary & Harwood Union			
<u>Waitsfield Elementary School:</u>			
Equalized Pupils	133.35	139.28	
Education Spending per Pupil (PK-6)	\$ 13,309	\$ 12,721	-4.4%
Base Education Spending per Pupil	<u>\$ 8,544</u>	<u>\$ 8,544</u>	
District Spending Adjustment	155.77%	148.89%	
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate**	<u>\$ 0.86</u>	<u>\$ 0.882</u>	
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (PK-6)	\$ 1.340	\$ 1.313	-2.0%
% of Waitsfield students at Waitsfield Elementary School	50.25%	51.96%	
Portion of District Equalized Homestead Rate to be assessed by town	<u>\$ 0.673</u>	<u>\$ 0.682</u>	
<u>Harwood Union School District:</u>			
Equalized Pupils (Waitsfield 7-12)	<u>132.03</u>	<u>128.77</u>	
Education Spending per Pupil (7-12)	\$ 12,162	\$ 12,466	2.5%
Base Education Spending per Pupil	<u>\$ 8,544</u>	<u>\$ 8,544</u>	
District Spending Adjustment	142.346%	145.904%	
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate**	<u>\$ 0.86</u>	<u>\$ 0.88</u>	
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (7-12)	\$ 1.224	\$ 1.287	5.1%
% of Waitsfield students at Harwood Union	49.75%	48.04%	
Portion of District Equalized Homestead Rate to be assessed by town	<u>\$ 0.609</u>	<u>\$ 0.618</u>	
<u>Combined (PK-12):</u>			
Equalized Pupils (PK-12)	265.38	268.05	1.0%
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (Combined PK-12)	\$ 1.282	\$ 1.301	1.4%
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	<u>98.80%</u>	<u>96.52%</u>	
Estimated Homestead Property Tax Rate **	\$ 1.298	\$ 1.347	3.8%
Base Homestead Income Rate	1.80%	1.80%	
Actual Homestead Income Rate	2.68%	2.65%	
Base Non-Residential Education Tax Rate **	\$ 1.350	\$ 1.372	
Non-Residential Education Tax Rate	\$ 1.366	\$ 1.421	4.0%
Combined Equalized Tax Rate for FY2010-11 is calculated by adding the proportionate share (based on equalized pupils) of the equalized homestead tax rate for each school district			

** As estimated, final rate to be determined by the Legislature

**Changes and/or adjustments made to the education funding formula may change these estimates.

WAITSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT***Maintenance Reserve Fund Balance***

Audited Fund Balance; June 30, 2009	\$ 29,346
Voter Approved Contribution to Reserve Fund; July 1, 2009	\$ 17,000
Expenses paid FY2010 to date	\$ (9,233)
Ending Balance January 2010	<u>\$ 37,113</u>

**2009-10 REPORT FROM THE WASHINGTON WEST
CENTRAL OFFICE
1673 Main St., Suite A, Waitsfield, Vermont
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www.wwsuonline.org**

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Donarae Cook, *Director of Student Support Services*

Michelle Baker, *Business Manager*

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Marilyn Spaulding, *Accounts Payable Clerk*

Susan Neill, *Accountant for Harwood Union High School*

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Angela Young, *Admin. Asst, Director, Student Support Services*

Amy Caffry, *Medicaid Clerk*

A Year of Establishing a New Administrative Team

Brigid Scheffert was hired as the Superintendent of the Washington West Supervisory Union. She began her transition to our district in April 2009, attending administrative meetings and visiting each school site one day each week. Her official responsibilities began on July 1. Phase One has included information and data gathering, establishing a strong, new administrative team, working with each local school board to determine future work, and completing the work begun with the organization of the WWSU Executive Committee.

In addition to a new Superintendent, the WWSU central office also welcomes Sheila Rivers as our Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, and Amy Caffry as our Medicaid Clerk. Our administrative team welcomes several new site administrators: Kaiya Korb, Principal of Waitsfield Elementary, Debbie Lesure, Principal of Moretown Elementary, Tom Drake, Educational Leader of Waterbury/Duxbury and Principal of Crossett Brook Middle School, and Cathy Knight, Assistant Principal of Crossett Brook Middle School.

The WWSU Administrative Team has revisited prior initiatives as part of goal setting and action planning. A main focus of the team’s work is in systems analysis and design in an effort to build sustainable programs

within our schools that have increased capacity and new opportunities for students, while realizing maximum efficiencies and effectiveness. Increased program and financial accountability, greater rigor and relevance in our classrooms, enhanced relationships between students and staff, improved student outcomes, and responsible budgets are the primary key areas of work.

The WWSU Administrative Team and School Board members will strive to capture all the positive elements of prior existing programs, while promoting continuous improvement and success for the years ahead. 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 2112 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.

Our WWSU website has been redesigned and updated. Trevor Luce, a student at Harwood Union High School, was hired to do this work. In December and June of each year, the central office team will publish a “State of the Union Report”. You can find it on the WWSU website—www.wwsuonline.org – click on WWSU Newsletter under the Quick Links heading on the left. You will find an extensive and detailed report from Superintendent Scheffert, as well as detailed reports by Michelle

Baker, Business Manager; Donarae Cook, Director of Student Services Director; and Sheila Rivers, Director of Curriculum and Assessment. These reports incorporate a significant amount of information regarding past and future initiatives. The WWSU website will also provide a wealth of information usually reported via this town report, such as student assessment data and comparisons, and financial information for each district, including per pupil costs and tax rates.

The schools throughout the Washington West Supervisory Union are alive, vibrant and full of hard working, caring, dedicated students and faculty. Together we will strive to make our great schools even greater and work towards increasing student opportunities, experiences and success. Our State of Vermont officials are engaged in serious conversations about major restructuring/redistricting of our public schools. We will be at the table advocating for our students and our communities. Please do not hesitate to contact us anytime to share your thoughts and concerns. Public education will be center stage this year in the legislature. We would very much like to hear from you.

Business Manager Report

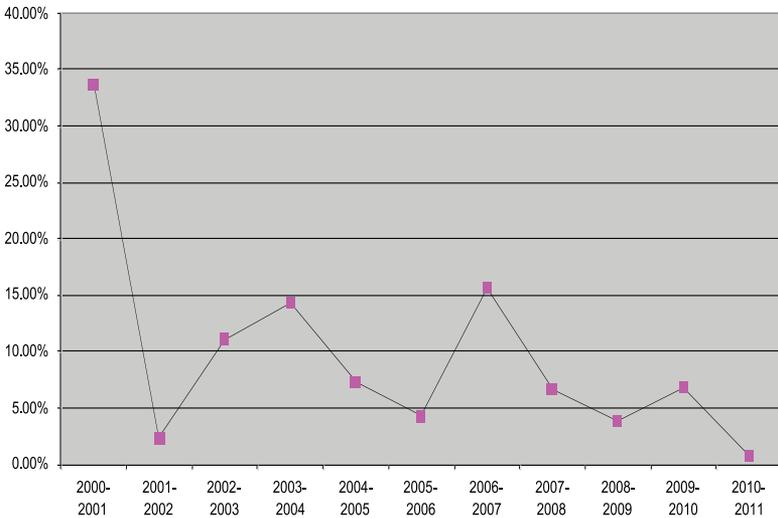
The Washington West Supervisory Union FY2011 budget represents a budget increase of 3.5% with a resulting assessment of .80% to member districts. The WWSU budget includes current programs at existing levels with additional funds to update the districts computer server which is ten years old. The budget supports our mission to employ financial and human resource systems that are accountable and result in adequate financial and human resources to implement our programs.

For the most part, proposed FY2011 school district budgets in the supervisory union represent requests for level funding or reduced funding from last year, see summary below with estimated increases in tax rates ranging from 1 to 10%.

School District	Proposed Budget Change	FY2010 Cost Per Pupil	FY2011 Cost Per Pupil	Estimated Homestead Tax Rate Increase
Fayston	0.0%	\$12,799	\$12,549	4.5%
Moretown	- 0.1%	\$13,990	\$14,643	10.7%
Waitsfield	- 2.2%	\$13,309	\$12,721	3.8%
Warren-	10.7%	\$12,347	\$11,515	1.1%

Waterbury-Duxbury U45	.1%	\$11,652	\$12,087	9.4% Waterbury 7.4% Duxbury
Harwood Union U19	-1.0%	\$12,162	\$12,466	
SU Average		\$12,710	\$12,664	
State Average		\$12,033		

Washington West Supervisory Union Summary of Change in Assessments to Member Districts



Additional information regarding all budgets in our Supervisory Union, including historical data on cost per pupil and tax rate information can be obtained at www.wwsu.org.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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**Washington West Supervisory Union
Summary Budget**

	FY2007-08	FY2008-09	FY2009-10	FY2010-11	
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget	
Expenditures					
General					
Salaries	239,684	252,564	266,116	243,246	-8.6%
Benefits	71,115	57,691	76,504	74,389	-2.8%
Contracted Services and Operating Costs	114,562	106,773	101,461	152,506	50.3%
<i>Total General</i>	<u>425,361</u>	<u>417,028</u>	<u>444,081</u>	<u>470,141</u>	<u>5.9%</u>
Special Education					
Salaries	92,942	103,285	101,705	102,049	0.3%
Benefits	26,015	28,264	28,242	30,124	6.7%
Contracted Services and Operating Costs	5,776	9,184	3,960	3,160	-20.2%
<i>Total Special Education</i>	<u>124,733</u>	<u>140,733</u>	<u>133,907</u>	<u>135,333</u>	<u>1.1%</u>
Business Office					
Salaries	78,075	79,000	82,500	82,500	0.0%
Benefits	22,377	24,724	27,672	30,032	8.5%
Contracted Services and Operating Costs	5,870	4,715	6,200	5,132	-17.2%
<i>Total Business Office</i>	<u>106,322</u>	<u>108,439</u>	<u>116,372</u>	<u>117,664</u>	<u>1.1%</u>
Fiscal Services					
Salaries	147,951	158,702	165,315	165,311	0.0%
Benefits	56,911	61,980	65,386	68,296	4.5%
Contracted Services and Operating Costs	8,778	9,590	8,500	9,089	6.9%
<i>Total Fiscal Services</i>	<u>213,640</u>	<u>230,272</u>	<u>239,201</u>	<u>242,696</u>	<u>1.5%</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>870,056</u>	<u>896,472</u>	<u>933,561</u>	<u>965,834</u>	<u>3.5%</u>
Revenue					
Interest	12,164	3,000	3,000	2,000	
Other Revenue - CFG	17,623	18,000	18,000	19,000	
Fund Balance	18,390	32,552	344	25,649	
Assessments	822,223	853,882	912,217	919,185	0.8%
Total Revenue	<u>870,400</u>	<u>907,434</u>	<u>933,561</u>	<u>965,834</u>	<u>3.5%</u>

Assessments by School District (Based on prior years ADM)

						<i>FY 09 adm</i>
Fayston	\$ 40,272	\$ 46,135	\$ 51,892	\$ 57,875	11.5%	123.80
Moretown	\$ 61,107	\$ 61,241	\$ 61,494	\$ 59,343	-3.5%	126.94
Waitsfield	\$ 64,811	\$ 68,829	\$ 64,680	\$ 65,532	1.3%	140.18
Warren	\$ 53,024	\$ 50,412	\$ 61,587	\$ 59,773	-2.9%	127.86
Waterbury-Duxbury Union #45	\$ 273,117	\$ 291,418	\$ 307,028	\$ 310,509	1.1%	664.21
Harwood Union HS #19	\$ 329,892	\$ 335,847	\$ 365,536	\$ 366,153	0.2%	783.24
Total Assessments	<u>\$ 822,223</u>	<u>\$ 853,882</u>	<u>\$ 912,217</u>	<u>\$ 919,185</u>	<u>0.8%</u>	<u>1,966.23</u>

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/educ/>

FY2009 School Level Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school, enrollment = 100 but <200 (45 schools in cohort)		Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest) 13 out of 45						
School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tch ^r Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller <-	Canal St/Oak Grove Schools	K - 6	146	14.30	1.00	10.21	146.00	14.30
	Warren Elementary School	PK - 6	149	13.05	1.00	11.42	149.00	13.05
	Calais Elementary School	PK - 6	151	11.81	1.00	12.79	151.00	11.81
	Waitsfield Elementary School	PK - 6	152	15.09	1.00	10.07	152.00	15.09
	Lawrence Barnes School	K - 5	156	17.60	1.00	8.86	156.00	17.60
	Deerfield Valley Elementary School	PK - 5	163	16.73	1.00	9.74	163.00	16.73
<- Larger	Rumney School	PK - 6	164	12.38	1.00	13.25	164.00	12.38
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			142,51	12,98	1,03	10,98	137,85	12,56

School District: Waitsfield Special education expenditures vary substantially from district to district and year to year. Therefore, they have been excluded from these figures. The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies greatly. This year's figures include district assessments to SUs. Doing so makes districts are more comparable to each other. The consequence is that THESE FIGURES ARE ONLY COMPARABLE TO FIGURES USED IN THE SIMILAR FILE FOR FY2010.

FY2008 School District Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school district, FY2008 FTE = 100 but < 200 (31 school districts in cohort)		Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs	Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest) 15 out of 31	
Smaller <-	Huntington	PK-4	130,07	\$9,826	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.	
	Cavendish	PK-6	130,48	\$10,156		
	Underhill Town	K-4	134,00	\$10,244		
	Waitsfield	PK-6	135,18	\$11,858		
	Moretown	PK-6	135,41	\$11,163		
	North Bennington ID	K-6	140,61	\$10,698		
<- Larger	Middlesex	PK-6	140,87	\$10,753		
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data				138,79		\$11,586

FY2010 School District Data

LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates		
			Equalized Pupils	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
Smaller <-	T212 Underhill Town	K-4	129,72	12,598,09	1,2681	1,2163	0,9500	1,2803
	T219 Wallingford	K-6	132,36	13,878,38	1,3969	1,2955	1,0351	1,2516
	T136 Newbury	PK-6	133,26	12,762,33	1,2846	1,1469	0,8517	1,3466
	T217 Waitsfield	PK-6	133,35	13,308,75	1,3396	1,2821	0,9880	1,2977
<- Larger	T124 Middlesex	PK-6	134,01	13,059,50	1,3145	1,3120	0,7371	1,7800
	T115 Ludlow	K-6	136,54	13,946,78	1,3636	1,3725	0,8987	1,5272
	T196 Starksboro	K-6	137,12	13,313,75	1,3401	1,2508	0,9200	1,3595

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 2009 Annual Report

The Waitsfield Historical Society has an office upstairs and display room downstairs at the General Wait House on Main Street, Waitsfield. The display room is maintained by Curator, Judy Dodds and contains exhibits of historical items including the sword of General Wait and a Revolutionary War drum. Visitors can also view a DVD "As We Were" about life in the Mad River Valley from 1870-1915. This DVD can also be purchased. The room is available to the public whenever the Wait House is open.

We have received a number of new donations over the past year including three quilts and a collection of framed photographs of the Mad River Valley from 1890 - 1910. The Bicentennial Quilt was on display at our Annual Dinner. There will be an exhibit of these new acquisitions during the early part of 2010 at the Wait House. Shirley Viens, Ilene Joslin, Ruth Pestle and Lois DeHeer work very hard accessioning articles donated to the WHS. These will eventually be recorded on a computer program.



After a few years of preparation, the Historical Society has finally begun work on the Carriage Barn at the Wait House. Todd Lavit has replaced the wood floors and joists in the barn using some of the old flooring where possible. Windows have been repaired or replaced.

There is still a great deal more to be done to make the barn a place for the WHS to hold events, meetings and classes. The barn will be a three-season building. The WHS has entered into an agreement with the Town of Waitsfield, the owners of the building, which will allow the Society to restore the barn and make use of it for the next five years. The agreement will then come up for renewal. Without financial help from WHS members this project could not have been started. The Society will need more financial help to finish the barn. Membership contributions and donations are always welcomed!

The Board regretfully accepted the resignation of Jean Sherman as Board President and member of the Board in 2009. Jean has been a loyal and active board member of the Historical Society for many years. We thank her for all she has done. We welcome three new members to the Board, Lois De Heer, Ilene Joslin, and Sue Dillon.

Thanks to the efforts of Ruth Pestle, the Vermont Historical Society library now has a copy of "The History of Waitsfield 1882-1908" by Walter E. Jones and a copy of the DVD "As We Were" with photographs taken by early photographers between 1870-1915. There is also a DVD of "The Heart of Rug Hooking" by Judy Dodds with interviews of local rug hookers. Our curator was also contacted by Polly Bentley, the manager of the VHS store who ordered copies of "The History of Waitsfield" and copies of the DVD "As We Were" to be sold in the store.

The Annual Dinner in October was a big success with the ladies' quartet "In Cahoots" supplying lively music to go with the delicious dinner served by "Cooking from the Heart".

Cathy Hadden reports as of December 31st we have 77 members for 2010. We are always looking for more members.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Reilly, President
Peter Laskowski, V. President
Sandra Reilly, Secretary
Lois DeHeer, Treasurer
Judy Dodds, Curator
Cathy Hadden, Membership
Shirley Viens, Archives

Ilene Joslin, Archives
Ruth Pestle, Archives
Bob Burley, Consultant
Sue Dillon, Archives
Jack Smith, Historian
Chuck Allen, Member at Large

MAD BIKES OF WAITSFIELD 2009 Report of the Community Bike Project

The Mad Bikes of Waitsfield, a free, community bike program, is now two years old. The fleet of 20 bikes and the bike racks will be dispersed throughout Waitsfield in early May.

The idea for the bike program came from discussion at the 2007 Valley Futures Network (VFN) retreat. Two participants, Laura Brines and Bobbi Rood volunteered to head-up Valley Moves, a VFN working group focused on issues of transportation, out of which grew the Mad Bikes project.

The Project's success to date is largely due to the important partnerships with other organizations and businesses. Most importantly, the Waitsfield Selectboard brought this project under the auspices of the Town by creating a new committee to manage the Mad Bikes project. The Mad Bikes of Waitsfield has received funding from the Mad River Valley Rec District. The Mad River Valley Health Center designed and built 12 bike racks with financial support from the Mad River Valley Rotary Club, local businesses, and private individuals. Troy Kingsbury of the Village Grocery and other volunteers continue to be very active in finding bikes for the fleet, ensuring that they are maintained, and helping to keep them distributed around town. The team at Stark Mountain Bike Works has been very supportive. We hope to collaborate with VYCC this year, in which case a group of high school students will help us paint and tune the bikes. We now have a permanent home for storage for the bikes and racks, and this space will also serve as a workshop to conduct routine maintenance of the bikes.

With ongoing financial support from the Mad River Valley Rec District, the program will be in good shape for rolling out year three this spring in conjunction with the annual Mad River Valley Walk and Roll Festival, May 15-23. This year's Walk and Roll Festival includes a Family Bike Swap, May 15 at Waitsfield Elementary School and a bike-to-work & school day.

Aside from its primary service of providing bikes to those who choose to use them within Waitsfield, the project is helping to enhance Waitsfield as a bike-friendly community and setting the stage for further development of bicycle oriented projects and infrastructure.

If you have an adult bike to donate to this community bike program please drop it off at the Village Grocery. If you have a child's bike, you can sell it at the Family Bike Swap. Thank you.

The Mad Bikes of Waitsfield Committee members:

Laura Brines, David Cain, Troy Kingsbury, and Peter Lazorchak of Waitsfield, Bobbi Rood and Alternates: Sue Frechette of Warren; and Liz Weller, Moretown.



Mad Bikes crew at work.

(Photo courtesy of Laura Brines)

MAD RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT 2009 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 wellbeing of the Towns of Fayston, Waitsfield and Warren. In addition to working diligently on all aspects of its FY 2010 Work Plan, MRVPD has continued building relationships with and between the Valley's various municipal boards, volunteer groups, and business community.

Following is a summary of Mad River Valley Planning District projects and initiatives during 2009.

Selectboard Funding Forum

The Planning District organized the fourth annual Three Town Selectboard Meeting in October to provide an opportunity for groups and organizations to present their annual funding requests. Participants included – MRV Resource Management Alliance (John Malter), Warren 4th (Susan Klein), MRV Health Center (Sue Frechette & Chuck Martell), MRV Seniors (Helmut Heitzker), MRV Recreation District (Ken Felderman), GMTA (Chris Cole, Tawnya Kristen, Meredith Burkett, Steve Gladczuk, & Margo Wade), and MRVPD (Joshua Schwartz). This meeting proved to be an effective means for Valley groups to present their funding requests and for the three Selectboards to talk about Valley-wide issues.

Data

In collaboration with UVM's Center for Rural Studies, MRVPD undertook a process of overhauling its data program. As specified by its Memorandum of Understanding, MRVPD maintains a database of locally important data and develops an annual data report. The 2009 Data Project consisted of an inventory of MRVPD's existing data and reports, production of an updated Valley Data Report, development of a guide for data reporting to ensure consistent high quality data collection, and creation of a database to house existing and future data. The updated Valley Data Report was completed in November (available at www.mrvpd.org).

Mad River Path

The Steering Committee continues to hold the Path as one of its top priorities. MRVPD is represented at Path Board meetings, participates in the Path's strategic planning process – culminating in its 2009 Five Year Strategic Plan, holds a seat in the Land Owner Committee, and provides general assistance, especially in regards to working on specific properties and locating funding for the operation of the organization along with completing the Village Path and Warren sections. The Path Association has been without an Executive Director for the 2009 calendar year, but anticipates hiring for this position by late winter.

UVM Course

Through a new partnership between UVM and MRVPD, the MRV served as the focus of a fall UVM Service Learning Class entitled Local Community Initiatives. Fifteen UVM students took active roles in local projects addressing a variety of essential community issues in the Mad River Valley. The students broke into groups with resident partners focusing on three projects throughout the semester: Structure of the Valley Futures Network, Mad River Path Association and Membership, and an Inventory of Renewable Energy Projects. Final reports and presentations are available at www.mrvpd.org.

Energy

MRVPD continues to work with Efficiency Vermont, Yestermorrow, Town Energy Committees, Carbon Shredders, and Localvolts and others to coordinate conservation and energy related activities.

- The Vermont Community Energy Mobilization Pilot Project resulted in nine weekends of community volunteers performing 66 energy evaluation home visits and installing hundreds of CFL light bulbs in addition to other low-cost energy saving measures.
- A Mad River Energy Study is being developed, which serves to be the go-to reference for energy information in the Mad River Valley, including current project, proposals, and funding opportunities.
www.mrvenergy.org
- The Northern Forest Alliance's MRV Community Biomass Project has completed the first of a three-year action research project, which seeks to enhance municipal energy independence throughout the Valley. Initial results have identified residential wood consumption rates. Further studies will analyze these numbers in comparison to the ability of the Valley to provide these wood resources as well as explore related enterprises.

- Fall '09 saw two Button-Up Weatherization Workshops in the Valley for the second year in a row.
- Grant applications have been submitted for energy retrofits, energy financing, and energy production equipment by MRV towns and schools through funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Mad River Byway

Route 100 & Rt. 17 within the Valley are included in the Mad River Byway designation of the National Byway Program. As a member of the Byway Steering Committee, MRVPD is helping develop kiosk and interpretive signs to be placed in key locations within the byway. Many of the trailblazer signs were erected this fall and the kiosk and interpretive signs, identifying local information of interest, will be put up in the spring. The Byway designation provides funding opportunities for a variety of projects within the corridor. MRVPD is assisting in an effort to include a Mad River Byway sign on I-89.

Forest Wildlife Community Project

The Planning District is serving as a key partner in the Forest, Wildlife, & Communities planning initiative, focused on creating a coordinated approach to wildlife and forestland conservation through assisting in conservation efforts across town boundaries and providing mapping data, planning information and guidance that benefits landowners and local conservation planning efforts. In the past year the project has created wildlife habitat maps, held a summit, developed a suite of non-regulatory tools, and coordinated discussions between MRV towns' CC, PC, DRB, and SB. Three grants have been submitted to further the efforts. This project is made salient due to the existence of quality wildlife maps for Fayston, Waitsfield, and Warren (funded through Wildlife Habitat and Natural Resources Grants in 2007 and 2008).

Valley Futures Network

In 2007, the Planning District convened a meeting of 25 Valley representatives to discuss growing leadership in the Valley. 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 formed, a mission statement and vision have been developed, various community events, and three more retreats have taken place in an effort to engage the entire community in growing individual leadership around the key issues affecting the landscape of our

community: housing, energy, agriculture, transportation, and local commerce. Related projects have included Waitsfield's Community Bike Program, the Walk 'n Roll Festival, and numerous events hosted by the Mad River Valley Localvore Project.

Budget

For the previous 8 years MRVPD has been level funded. The funding request for 2010 is \$21,010, representing a 10% increase from all four of its funders, Fayston, Waitsfield, Warren, and Sugarbush. MRVPD activities are overseen by a seven voting member Steering Committee, consisting of a Selectboard member and Planning Commissioner from each town and a representative from the Chamber of Commerce. Representatives from Sugarbush and the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) serve ex-officio. Meetings are open to the public and are usually held the third Thursday of each month at the General Wait House in Waitsfield at 7pm. The Executive Director, Joshua Schwartz, can be reached at 496-7173 or mrvpd@madriver.com. Additional information may be found at the Planning District's website: www.mrvpd.org.

Mad River Valley Planning District Steering Committee

Jared Cadwell (Fayston), Chair	Steve Shea (Waitsfield)
Jim Sanford (Warren), Vice Chair	Jim Halavonich (MRV Chamber)
Chuck Martel (Fayston)	Jason Lisai (Sugarbush)
Brian Parker (Waitsfield)	Laurie Emery (CVRPC)

Respectfully Submitted,
Joshua Schwartz, Executive Director

MAD RIVER VALLEY HOUSING COALITION 2009 Annual Report

The Mad River Valley Housing Coalition is a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit corporation whose mission is to broaden housing opportunities for those who live and work in the Valley towns of Waitsfield, Warren, Fayston and Moretown.

During 2009, the MRVHC began implementing strategies suggested in the Mad River Valley Housing Study completed in 2006. A grant of \$1,000 from the Central Vermont Community Land Trust helped support production of “A Guide to Creating & Renting Accessory Apartments in the Mad River Valley.” The booklet is available at local libraries, town offices, and the Mad River Valley Planning District office. It can also be downloaded from the MRVPC Web site at www.mrvpd.org – look in the Housing Coalition section. Limited copies of notebooks with more comprehensive materials are also available from MRVPC and local zoning administrators.

The MRVHC has begun work on creating a Land Bank to accept donations of land for single family home ownership or small apartment buildings for workforce housing. MRVHC anticipates completion of the organization of the Land Bank in May 2010.



The MRVHC meets monthly at the Wait House. Interested Valley residents are welcome to join. Please contact Joshua Schwartz at the Mad River Valley Planning District (496.9625) for more information about the MRVHC and its activities.

**The Old High School Condominiums
(and former Elementary School)**
(Photo courtesy of Bev Kehoe)

MAD RIVER VALLEY RECREATION DISTRICT 2009 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 the 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 the Mad River Bill Koch League to help get equipment for the young skiers, to the Warren Fund to support a fitness trail for the school and community, and to the Warren Playground to help support activities.

MRVRD is requesting funds for the fiscal year 2010 in the amount of \$12,500 from each contributing town, which is the same amount as last year. We received requests in excess of \$40,000 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, Fayston – President
Doug Bergstein, Warren – Treasurer
Lisa Koitzsch, Fayston – Secretary
Dayna Lisaius, Warren

Jon Hammond, Waitsfield
Helen Kellogg, Waitsfield
Dean Hammel, Waitsfield
John Stokes, Fayston

**MAD RIVER VALLY RECREATION DISTRICT
Budget Report**

Beginning Balance (Jan. 1, 2009)	\$46,464.43
Income:	
Funding from towns	\$37,500.00
Interest	\$77.17
Total Income	\$37,577.17
Expenditures:	
Mad River Bill Koch League	\$3,000.00
Mad River Park	\$5,000.00
Mad River Path	\$11,115.00
Skatium	\$11,000.00
Warren Fitness Trail	\$5,000.00
Warren Playgroup	\$291.77
Phone	\$108.41
PO Box	\$44.00
Advertising	\$134.52
Website Work	\$1,722.80
Total Expenditures	\$37,416.50
Ending Balance (Dec. 31, 2009)	\$49,625.10
Projected Grants for 2010	\$50,000.00

MAD RIVER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE 2009 Annual Report

The Mad River Resource Management Alliance includes the Towns of Duxbury, Fayston, Moretown, Waitsfield, Warren and Waterbury. The Alliance was formed through an Interlocal Agreement that began in 1994. We changed our name in 2008 to reflect the fact that we are managing resources not wastes.

During 2009, the Alliance held two Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day events at the Harwood Union High School in Duxbury on May 9, 2009 and on October 3, 2009. A total of 336 households participated in the events this year which represents 6.3% of our population. We collected over 1,450 gallons, 1,000 pounds and 1,440 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. Bring your mercury thermostats to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection and you will receive a coupon that can be redeemed for a \$5.00 rebate by the Thermostat Recycling Corporation which will process the thermostats. 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 2010 at Harwood Union High School. They are scheduled for May 8 and October 2, 2010.

Over 1,131 gallons of used crankcase oil was collected within the Alliance at our Used Oil Collection Tanks during 2009. 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 (AVR) to provide educational programs, workshops and theater productions promoting reduction, reuse, recycling, environmentally preferable products and healthy homes. A program was held in Waitsfield in 2009. Additional programs will be brought to Alliance schools through a coordinated effort of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) and AVR. The Alliance has established a textile recycling program at the Moretown Landfill in conjunction with the Southeastern Vermont Community Action. You can bring all your clean clothing, linens and shoes to this site at no charge. Soft cover books can be recycled with all the other single stream resources. Visit our web site at madriverrma.org. You will find information on solid waste issues on this web site.

The thirteenth truckload sale of compost bins was successful with the distribution of 44 compost bins and 26 kitchen collectors. It is estimated that each compost bin can compost 650 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 Fourteenth Compost Bin Sale this spring. The Alliance held a car and pickup truck tire and metal collection event at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. and at the Earthwise Transfer Station in conjunction with Green Up Day in 2009. A total of ~1,400 tires and ~3 tons of metal were collected during this event. In the fall the Alliance participated in the Wheels for Warmth Program held on October 31. We are planning to hold a spring tire and metal collection in conjunction with Green Up Day on May 1, In the fall, the Alliance will again coordinate with the organizers of the Wheels for Warmth Program in Middlesex to encourage participation in this program. Publicity on this event will come out in the fall.

The Moretown Landfill, Inc. provides Alliance residents with the opportunity to bring their recyclables to the facility at no charge if you also bring your trash for disposal at a fee. The recycling at no charge 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 16.69 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 NRRA 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. We are also a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council which provides a local focus to stewardship issues. A new composting facility, Grow Compost of Vermont has been permitted in the Alliance and offers diversion of food and other organic material from commercial sources to create a valuable resource for your garden.

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 10 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 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE
Budget Report**

	Budget 2009	Actual 2009	Thru 12/ 09	Budget 2010
INCOME				
Town Assessments Per Capita Based on 2008 Population Estimate	(\$2.00)			
Duxbury (1305)	2,678	2,678		2,610
Fayston (1245)	2,502	2,502		2,490
Moretown (1730)	3,454	3,454		3,460
Waitsfield (1683)	3,420	3,420		3,366
Warren (1735)	3,492	3,492		3,470
Waterbury (5349)	10,486	10,486		10,698
Subtotal Assessments:	26,032	26,032		26,094
MLF Education	24,048	18,583	4,107	24,048
Subtotal Education Income	24,048	18,583	4,107	24,048
Household Hazardous Waste:				
MLF HHW	15,921	9,889	4,928	14,423
Ag. Pest. Grant	3,911	1807	2,104	3,911
Small Quantity Generators	3,000	2,120		2,500
DEC SWIP HHW Grant	8,910	9,241		8,910
Subtotal HHW Income:	31,742	23,057	7,032	29,744
Miscellaneous Income:				
Compost Bins	3,276	3,062		1,728
Tires	6,000	3,704		3,750
Electronic Waste	4,000	4,104		4,367
Subtotal Misc. Income	13,276	10,870		9,845
TOTAL INCOME:	95,098	78,542	11,139	89,731

	Budget 2009	Actual 2009	Thru 12/ 09	Budget 2010
EXPENSES:				
Administration:				
Administration: 667 Hours	23,345	22,050		23,345
Travel/Office	3,965	2,668		3,615
Insurance	1,200	1,140		1,200
Solid Waste Manager Association	200	200		300
Subtotal Administration:	28,710	26,058		28,460
Education:				
Administration: 375 Hours	13,125	12,950		13,125
Travel/Office	3,218	3,365		3,218
Newsletter/Printing/Mailing	2,000	1,695		2,000
School Programs	3,700	3,200		3,200
GreenUp/Website/Special Events	1,000	475		1,500
N.R.R.A. Membership	180	180		180
Conference	600	600		600
Product Stewardship Institute	225	225		225
Subtotal Education	24,048	22,690		24,048
Household Hazardous Waste:				
Administration: 267 Hours	9,345	9,345		9,345
Travel/Office	3,997	4,450		2,500
HHW Contractor	18,500	15,838		17,000
Subtotal HHW:	31,842	29,633		28,845
Misc. Expenses:				
Equipment Maintenance	150	310		150
Tire Collection	4,260	2,434		2,500
Electronic Waste	3,000	5,577		4,000
Compost Bins	3,088	3,283		1,728
Subtotal Miscellaneous:	10,498	11,604		8,378
TOTAL EXPENSES:	95,098	89,985		89,731

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 2009 REPORT

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. 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 assisted towns with implementation of the regional housing distribution plan contained in the Housing element of the Regional Plan. CVRPC participated in several Act 250 proceedings throughout the Region offering positions and testimony as directed by the Commission's Project Review Committee. Staff organized workshops and provided technical assistance in response to FEMA's release of new digital flood data and more stringent requirements for local flood hazard bylaws. 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 5 year capital program. Staff assisted towns with their portion of the application for Federal Stimulus (ARRA) funds. CVRPC continued its 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 5 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, CVRPC completed the analysis of undeveloped parcels in proximity to existing sewer infrastructure to see if a greater housing density would be feasible. Staff also developed a regional map of sewer and water service areas. CVRPC serves as a clearinghouse for information and publications pertaining to planning and municipal government.

CVRPC assisted the Town with: administration of the Mad River Valley Planning District and the Mad River Resource Management Alliance,

culvert inventory, pre-disaster mitigation planning, traffic counts, Route 100 Byway study, fluvial erosion hazard mapping, zoning map updates, Mad River path map updates, Act 250 project review, and town planning and zoning assistance.

CVRPC continues to work with local officials to provide GIS mapping, including planning maps for a variety of projects and municipal plans, fluvial erosion hazard areas, and bicycle and pedestrian path suitability maps. CVRPC is helping local energy committees with energy-related issues that affect the cost of heat, gas, and food. The Commission also provides assistance in the development of local plans and bylaws, the collection of data, and the administration of grants. Additional information on the Commission can be found at www.centralvtplanning.org, including our blog and a place to add comments.

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 2009 we served a total of 4,512 meals to seniors either at Evergreen Place or to Meals on Wheels recipients in the community.

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.

Valerie Hale, President MRVSC
Vince Gauthier, Vice President
Kathy Friedman, Treasurer
Kathy Koepele, Secretary
Helmut Hietzker
Fran Plewak
Carole Crossman
Suzy Thompson Markowitt, MOW Coordinator



Students making cards for Evergreen Place.

(Photo courtesy of WES)

MAD RIVER VALLEY HEALTH CENTER 2009 Report



The Mad River Valley Health Center, Inc. is committed to promoting and improving access to 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 your continued support.

The Health Center has now been open for 4 years. Over the past year the volunteer Board has:

- Collaborated with several Valley organizations, to bring health related programs to our Community, including the second annual Valley Walk & Roll Festival, Safe Routes to School, and the Kids' Fun Run at the Mad Dash. Organized the first annual Bike Swap, enabling 32 community residents to enjoy 'new' bicycles. Hosting and participating in launch of Mad River Cancer Support Group.
- Promoted long-term financial stability through debt management and completed the collection of the fourth of five year pledges.
- Completed a landscaping project to enhance the outdoor environment, including the new South entrance seating area, while maximizing the value of donations by the Valley Rotary Club and others.
- Developed agreements for off-site parking to accommodate parking during snow emergencies.

At this time, we are actively working with CVMC on the recruitment of a physician and nurse practitioner to increase the amount of primary care available within the community, including an expansion plan for the first floor of the health center and a new community meeting space on the second floor. We are also working to ensure that available space is fully leased in the near future.

Financial support from Valley towns enables the MRVHC, Inc. to achieve its mission and best serve the community. Specifically, the Health Center is:

- A modern, community owned health center in keeping with the character of the Valley
- A custom designed medical office space leased to a variety of healthcare providers. An active and growing resource for a wide variety of Community Health Education services and workshops.

Together, MRVHC, Inc and the Valley Towns will continue our partnership to provide the Mad River Community with excellent health care services for all residents and visitors. The Mad River Valley Health Center is committed to serving all residents, regardless of their ability to pay.

Thank you.

Sue Frechette, President, Warren
Chuck Martel, VP, Fayston
Dara Torre, Secretary, Moretown
Dave Ellison, Treasurer, Warren
Darren Misenko, Duxbury
Suzanne Chamberlain, Waitsfield
Adam Greshin, Warren
Connie Colman, Warren



Students with Miss Vermont, March 2009.

(Photo courtesy of WES)

“Miss Vermont visited the school last March to do a presentation on tobacco prevention. She did a mock bill writing session with 5th and 6th grade students on the topic of *should it be illegal for an adult to smoke with a child in the car*. It was a great lesson for kids and got them thinking about their rights and future responsibilities.” – Sue Dillon, School Nurse

**MAD RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE
2009 Annual Report**

Mad River Valley Ambulance Service takes great pride striving to provide the highest quality of EMS and Rescue service for the four Valley communities.

With 58 members, MRVAS operates with four disciplines: Medical Team (comprised of First Responder/Emergency Care Attendants, Emergency Medical Technicians – Basic and Advanced), Dispatchers, Drivers, and Rescue personnel, all volunteers from valley communities:

- Fayston --- 18
- Moretown --- 3
- Waitsfield --- 16
- Warren --- 19

Two of our members own a business in Waitsfield and dispatch from their shop during the day, are residents of Granville.

During the past year MRVAS responded to a total of 430 calls that were transported:

- Fayston --- 82 (24 ski calls)
- Moretown --- 48
- Waitsfield --- 153
- Warren --- 147 (39 ski calls)

Mad River Valley Ambulance is always looking for new volunteers; please call 496-8888 or visit our web site at www.mrvas.org for more information. Also, we use the E-911 system and look for E-911 numbers when responding to every emergency location. Is your location marked so we could find you in an emergency? Please help and make sure your numbers are in place and clearly visible from both directions when approaching your driveway.

We wish to thank our Valley residents, second home owners and visitors who support our dedicated staff of volunteers. It is with your generous donations and subscriptions for service that allow us to function as a well-trained team of professionals without requiring tax dollars. It is our pleasure to serve you.

If you have any question please contact our office at 496-8888 or visit our website listed above.

Brian P. Lavery, President, MRVAS

MAD RIVER VALLEY TELEVISION
MRVTV Channels 40 & 45
2009 Annual Report

Mad River Valley Television is a community-based public access television station dedicated to giving the Valley access to the airwaves. MRVTV's Channels 44 (Community) and 45 (Municipal) 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 such as town meetings and community events.

MRVTV was incorporated in March 1998 by a small group of Valley residents to bring public access television to the community. Since incorporation as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, the Board of Directors surveyed the community, sought support from municipal boards, and negotiated a contract with Waitsfield Cable.

MRVTV has grown substantially since first going on the air in April 2000 with one show. We now program two channels with 16 to 18 hours of community events and meetings daily, with a bulletin board of community messages during the remaining time. Anyone with appropriate training on the equipment, which MRVTV gladly provides, can use the station and equipment in accordance with MRVTV standards. MRVTV also has a studio available for tapings and accepts prepared programs for broadcast.

MRVTV is primarily funded by Waitsfield Cable as required by state and federal regulations. Cable subscribers see a 5% PEG access surcharge on their cable bills. Additionally, each year the towns of Fayston, Waitsfield, and Warren have granted MRVTV sponsorships funds.

To learn more how you can be involved with 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. You also can just stop by our studio offices in the red building in Bridge Street Marketplace, right down from the new tea shop MINT, at 4429 Main Street. And you can find us on the Web at www.mrvtv.com, or call our 24-hour hotline @ 583-4747 for current program times.

Members of the MRVTV board are: Chuck Allen, Dan Eckstein, Michael Hock, Lisa Italiano, Liz Levey, Lisa Loomis, Adele Nicols, Brian Shupe, and Rob Williams. We meet at least twice a year and actively welcome public input to our meetings or to any board member. You can find staff and board profiles and contact information on our website. Hope to see you down at our studio soon!



Second through fourth grade play at WES, October 2009.

(Photo courtesy of WES)



2009 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 continues to provide a voice for the river in many different capacities. Many thanks to our members for nineteen years of support!

2009 Achievements include:

Mad River Watch

Mad River Watch is a volunteer water quality monitoring program that has been collecting and archiving water quality data since 1985. In 2009, volunteers collected water samples throughout the summer at thirty-six sites on the Mad River and its tributaries. In 2009 volunteers monitored water temperature and pH, and samples were tested for *E. coli* bacteria. In addition, seventeen sites were sampled for phosphorus and turbidity. MRW results are published in the Valley Reporter and FMR website, displayed on FMR signs at popular swimming holes, and submitted to the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for further analysis and archiving.

Bridge Street Rain Garden Project

With sponsorship by the Watershed Grant program and in partnership with the landowners, FMR installed a demonstration rain garden along the river in the historic village in Waitsfield. The rain garden, located in the parking lot behind the bridge street shops, captures and treats polluted, sediment-laden run-off that would otherwise flow directly into the river. Rain gardens are widely recognized as a low cost, effective method to address stormwater problems in certain developed areas. Stormwater was identified in the Upper Mad River Corridor Plan as a major future threat to water quality in the Mad River Valley; it is an issue that FMR hopes to help landowners find solutions to. Many thanks to the volunteers who assisted with the design and planting of the garden.

River Corridor Planning

In 2009 FMR began a 2-year grant funded project to implement key corridor protection strategies outlined in the Upper Mad River Corridor Plan. Corridor protection is a form of passive restoration, where

vegetation is re-established along the river banks and structures are sited away from potential erosion and flooding hazards. The river is allowed room to move and adjust to changing environmental conditions, enhancing the stability and resiliency of the river system as a whole, reducing hazards related to flooding and erosion, and enhancing water quality and wildlife habitat. Thanks to the DEC for the generous support for this project.

Outreach and Education

As in past years, FMR sponsored an educational display during three Saturdays 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 such as the installation of culverts and bridges or rip rapping.

Didymosphenia geminata (a.k.a Didymo or Rock Snot) is a nuisance alga discovered in the Mad River in July 2008. Didymo has turned pristine streams in some areas of the world into nasty, algae-choked waters. In 2009, FMR partnered with the Friends of the Winooski River and Trout Unlimited to conduct an outreach program aimed at preventing the further spread of aquatic invasive species such as Didymo throughout the basin. Educators traveled throughout the watershed visiting fishing and boating access points distributing information about how to properly clean river gear to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

FMR staff also worked with teachers at Waitsfield Elementary School and Harwood Union high school to educate students about watershed topics.

Community partnerships

FMR continued its work with watershed towns and partner organizations including work on the Kingsbury Community Farm project; the Forest, Wildlife and Communities project; with the Mad River Valley Planning District; with the Mad River Path Association and with the Mad River Watershed Conservation Partnership.

Fundraising to Protect the Mad River

This year FMR secured funds from the DEC to support the Implementation of projects outlined in the Upper Mad River Corridor Plan. With your help we also raised matching funds for the Rain Garden project in Waitsfield. As in previous years, we were 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!

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.

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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.

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MAD RIVER PATH ASSOCIATION 2009 Town Report

The Mad River Path Association (MRPA) Board has had a productive year!

The Mad River Valley Recreation District formed a committee of interested local citizens to support the creation of a pedestrian path from Warren to Waitsfield in 1988 as the Mad River Valley Rivers and Trails Committee. This initiative was an outgrowth of a valley wide visioning forum. In 1989 the committee became the Mad River Recreation Path Association and the first section of path, The Warren Path, was completed in 1991. By 1992 the name was changed to Mad River Path Association and it became a 501 (C) (3) organization. Membership fees, donations from individuals and corporations and grants from the Mad River Valley Recreation District and private and public funding sources help support our activities. We welcome volunteers to help with fundraising and trail development and maintenance.

The past few years have been a time of renewal and change on the MRPA Board of directors. We expanded the board from 9 to 11 members and completed our Strategic Plan after approximately two years of planning and writing. We revised the mission statement:

The mission of the MRPA is to build, maintain, support and conserve a system of continuous public pathways from Warren to Moretown to foster a healthy community by connecting the people, schools, businesses and special places of the Mad River Valley.

The past year has seen a resurgence of volunteer labor and placement of signage around the valley to increase visibility at path trail heads and encourage path usage. In 2009, the Mad River Valley Recreation District awarded MRPA two significant grants, which ensure the sustainability of the MRPA. In addition to the list below, the MRPA provides two major fundraising events per year to support the Path, The 2009 Mad River Dash was dedicated to Elwin and Angela Neill, whose generosity has made it possible to host this event on the Greenway since 1995. The 15TH Annual Dash will be on Sept. 19, 2010. The second fundraising event is new this year for the MRPA. The MRPA will be partnering with Sugarbush to put on the Sugarbush Triathlon, April 11, 2010. This event will benefit the MRPA.

Some MRPA 2009 highlights include:

- Hiring a new Executive Director, Autumn Foushee. Autumn will be graduating in May with a Master's Degree from UVM's Field Naturalist program. She has a background in journalism and natural resources conservation and has worked as a Ranger and Federal Grants Specialist.
- Completion of two new sections of the Village Path - the boardwalk south of Carroll Road and the path around the Big Picture pond.
- Completion of a spur trail connecting Mad River Meadows to the Village Path, a HUHS VYCC group helped with this project.
- New trailhead signs and maps up and down the Valley
- A new website (www.madriverpath.com).
- Completion of a five-year Strategic Plan — with a two-year priority to connect the sections of the Path from the Greenway at the north end of Waitsfield to the Lareau swimming hole
- A signed a license agreement with Warren to create a spur of the Path at the Kingsbury Farm and an easement donated by Kew Pierson.
- Restoration of the original 1987 section of the Path behind the Warren School
- Several work parties with many hours of time donated by committed community volunteers.
- A successful membership drive, which doubled our membership since last year.
- Cooperating partnerships with community groups like the Mad River Valley Recreation District, Friends of Mad River, the Mad River Planning District, the Innkeepers' Association, the Safe Routes to School initiatives at participating schools, the Mad River Chamber of Commerce, the Boy Scouts, the VFN and the Rotary.
- Partnership with the UVM Local Community Initiatives course. Worked with student interns to compile a history and organizational case study to help MRPA's efforts to become a financially stable and sustainable organization.

MRPA Board of Directors:

Laura Brines (Pres.), Rocky Bleier (Vice Pres.), Betsy Jondro (Treasurer), Bobbi Rood (Secretary), Tara Hamilton, Dinsmore Fulton, John Atkinson, Dori Ross, Dori Ingalls, Fred Gilbert, Harrison Snapp, Mike Ware

THE MAD RIVER WATERSHED CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP 2009 Annual Report

The Mad River Conservation Partnership brings together the vision and expertise of the **Vermont Land Trust (VLT)**, the **Friends of the Mad River**, and the **Mad River Valley Planning District** to protect land important to the future of the Mad River Valley.

As a result of this unique partnership, more than 9,500 acres of farm and forestland in the Mad River Watershed are protected by perpetual conservation easements held by VLT. These properties include approximately 10 percent of the Valley's best agricultural soils, 10 working farms, hundreds of acres of additional leased farmland, 4 town forests, 6.2 miles of frontage on the Mad River, and thousands of acres of forestland owned and stewarded by private landowners, municipalities, and the State of Vermont.

The Conservation Partnership completed three conservation projects in 2009, which advanced local food production, community recreation, and the protection of wildlife habitat and the Mad River corridor. Generous community participation in VLT's Two Farm Campaign raised \$200,000 in donations from local businesses, churches, and individuals, providing the leverage needed to obtain more than \$280,000 in funding from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for the protection and revitalization of two Valley farms.

The Conservation Partnership's 2009 land conservation projects are described below:

Scrag Municipal Forest- Waitsfield

In July 2009, the Town of Waitsfield expanded the previously conserved 360 acre Scrag Municipal Forest by conveying a conservation easement on an adjoining 200 acres of forestland recently acquired by the Town. These 560 acres of permanently protected, high elevation woodland include wildlife habitat, headwater streams, and more than one mile of ridgeline along the Northfield Mountains. The Scrag Municipal Forest will provide the town with a source of sustainably managed timber and offer the community significant recreational and educational opportunities.

The Kingsbury Farm- Warren and Waitsfield

In April 2009, the Vermont Land Trust sold the Kingsbury Farm to the Vermont Foodbank, a non-profit organization dedicated to fighting hunger in Vermont. The property was sold subject to a conservation easement, which will protect the agricultural, riparian and recreational values of the farm. A trail easement providing public access to a swimming hole and future trail was conveyed to the Town of Warren. The Kingsbury farm will be operated by a farmer appointed by the Vermont Foodbank to supply nutritious produce to local food shelves in the Mad River Valley.

This project was made possible by the participation of many local residents and community groups who joined the Conservation Partnership in planning for the future of this farm. Funding from many generous donors and the Town of Warren's Conservation Reserve Fund was critical to the success of this effort.

The Bruce Farm- Moretown

Also in April 2009, following more than 100 years of ownership by the Bruce family, 102 acres of scenic farm and forestland along Route 100B and the Mad River was conserved and sold by the Bruces to new farmers, Rae-Anne and Keith Lacroix. Following the passing of Clifford Bruce, Philip, Ron and Marty Bruce worked with the Vermont Land Trust to protect their historic family farm from development and ensure its affordability to the Lacroixes and future generations of farmers. The Lacroixes plan to establish a diversified agricultural operation producing vegetables, poultry, pork and beef for the community. The generous support from local donors and enthusiasm for a new source of locally-grown food was instrumental to the conservation and renewal of this historic farm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 2009 Report for Waitsfield Activities

The Washington County Sheriff's Department primary mission by statute is to serve civil process and transports prisoners, mental health patients and juveniles who are in custody of the State of Vermont. During the 09 fiscal year we preformed 793 transports. This doesn't reflect the total number of persons transported, as many transports include multiple persons, but the number of trips made. During this same time frame we received 2888 requests to serve civil process.

In addition to transporting prisoners, mental health patients, juveniles and serving civil process, we work hard to do our part in keeping our highways and roadways a safer place. The Sheriff's Department is able to assist in highway safety through the nine (9) patrol contracts with towns within the County and though Grant Funding from Governor Highway Safety for DUI and SHARP (Safe Highway Accident Reduction Patrol). We also worked State funded Work Zone Safety patrols. The Sheriff's Department is also a part of the County wide START (Stop Teen Alcohol Risk Team) program. With this program we are a part of a proactive response to stop teen alcohol use and reactive to reports or use.

This year the Sheriff's Department was recognized for our efforts in Highway Safety, by placing 2nd in the Vermont Law Enforcement Challenge (Sheriff's Division). Or recognition continued as we were also awarded 2nd in the National Law Enforcement Challenge.

Patrols shifts during fiscal year 2009 generated 300 incidents and 1,879 Vermont Traffic Citations. The Department arrested 39 persons for DUI, 29 persons for driving with a criminally suspended license, 16 persons on arrest warrants and assisted the US Marshalls with a County wide Arrest Warrant Sweep.

In the past fiscal year we continue reaching out to the community by offering a Hunter Safety class at the East Montpelier Elementary School, giving presentations at several Drivers Education Classes, providing demonstrations of the "rollover convincer" (a seat belt usage demonstrator) at many community events and once again handing out over 2,000 candy canes prior to the Christmas Holidays, reminding people to drive safely.

During the 09 fiscal year the Washington County Sheriff's Department was again contracted by the Town of Waitsfield to provide motor vehicle patrol. This year we patrolled approximately 763 hours.

The Department is focused on motor vehicle enforcement, but we also provide preventive patrols to deter offenses. We continue to work cooperatively 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. This year we responded to assist the State Police with incidents such as: a welfare check, a search warrant, a road rage incident and an intoxicated female.

In the course of our patrols many vehicles are stopped and at times warnings are given. While on patrol in Waitsfield 382 Traffic Complaints were written by the Washington County Sheriff's Department. Below is a list of the most common violations written:

Speeding	311
No Inspection	22
Driving License Suspended, Civil	10
No License	8
No Insurance	8
No Registration	7
No Insurance, Snow Mobile	2

Four arrests were made for a person driving while under the influence, one arrest for a person driving with a criminally suspended license and 2 persons were apprehended on active arrest warrants. Arrests were also made for possession of marijuana, violations of conditions of release, furnishing alcohol to minors, and minor consuming alcohol.

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

Professionally,

W. Samuel Hill
Sheriff

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Hike for Hunger to Wu Ledges. (Photo courtesy of WES)

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Main entry of the Elementary School. (Photo courtesy of John Williams)

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WES students enjoying the sunshine. (Photo courtesy of John Williams)

