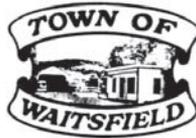


**TOWN OF WAITSFIELD  
VERMONT  
2010**

WAITSFIELD • FAYSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT  
**100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

**Annual Report of the Town Officers  
for the Year Ending December 31, 2010  
and the Town School District  
for the Year Ending June 30, 2010**



## **Town of Waitsfield, Vermont**

Chartered February 25, 1782  
1970 Population 837  
1980 Population 1,302  
1990 Population 1,422  
2000 Population 1,659  
2010 Population 1,719  
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**

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

#### **Planning Commission**

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

#### **Development Review Board**

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

#### **Conservation Commission**

4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Office

#### **School Board**

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

#### **Mad River Valley Planning District**

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

*THE COVER: Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department 100 Year Celebration  
Parade Banner (Photo: V. Capels)*

## DEDICATION



### **Delbert Palmer, Paul Hartshorn, Gordon Eurich**

*The Town of Waitsfield dedicates the 2010 Town Report to Delbert Palmer, Paul Hartshorn, and Gordon (Gordy) Eurich, who have served together on the Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department for more than fifty years.*

- ❖ *Delbert Palmer is recognized for his 60 years of service on the Department and as Fire Chief for more than 20 of those years. Delbert has also served as Fire Warden since 1982.*
- ❖ *Paul Hartshorn is recognized for his 55 years of service on Department, many of those as Assistant Chief.*
- ❖ *Gordy Eurich is recognized for his 50 years of service on the Department, many of those also as Assistant Chief.*

*We are grateful for their years of service, their dedication to protecting our families and friends, and for the example they set of community partnership and outreach.*

*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 1, 2011.

The meeting will begin at **9:00 a.m.** (please note earlier start time) 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:

- Russ Bennett, Planning Commission**
- Mary Alice Bisbee, Justice of the Peace**
- Elizabeth Cadwell, Conservation Commission**
- Joanne Duhl, Harwood School Director**
- Thomas Gardner, Conservation Commission**
- Cathy Hadden, Town Service Officer**
- Karl Klein, Planning Commission**
- Peter Lazorchak, Planning Commission**
- Thomas Mehuron, Justice of the Peace**
- Peter B. Joslin, Moderator, Library Trustee, Town Agent**
- Bobbi Rood, Mad Bikes of Waitsfield**
- Sandra Tarburton, Waitsfield School Director**
- Todd White, Waitsfield School Board**

**REPORT OF ELECTED AUDITORS**

The report of the auditor was not available at the time of printing of this report.

Leo Laferriere, Laura Titus, Jim Leyton

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# TOWN OF WAITSFIELD

## WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 1, 2011

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 1, 2011 at **9:00 A.M.** (please note the earlier start time) 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 Pro-Tempore for the Town.

**ARTICLE 2:** To elect a Moderator for the Town.

**ARTICLE 3:** To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.

**ARTICLE 4:** 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 5:** Will the Town vote to collect taxes on real estate by two (2) equal payments made to the Treasurer as follows: half (50%) of taxes to be paid without discount not later than Monday, September 12, 2011, with the remaining half (50%) to be paid without discount not later than Tuesday, November 15, 2011?

**ARTICLE 6:** 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 7:** Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes and State Aid Money?

**ARTICLE 8:** [By Petition] Shall the Town vote to approve the following resolution entitled "Fairness in Waitsfield Municipal Water System Fees":

Since the Town of Waitsfield does not own the Well property, as previously assumed by the Town, will the voters of the Town of Waitsfield vote to accept both of the following conditions, subject to review at Town Meeting:

- a.) shift approximately 30% (roughly \$50,000 annually) of the annual debt service cost of the Municipal Water infrastructure away from the users and spread the infrastructure cost out, to be shared by all the taxpayers. *(If billed as a flat fee this would equal roughly \$30 per taxpayer, per year).*
- b.) have the water users pay a small purchase fee for the water used, comparable to average Municipal Water user fees across the state of Vermont. *(Specific numbers to be presented and explained at Town meeting but, in the order of 0.0028 cents per gallon for residential and tiered commercial rate starting at approximately 0.0056 cents per gallon).*

*The entire Community of the Mad River Valley benefits from having healthy, viable business in our Town Center. We all have a role to play in the success of our Community. Charging a per gallon user fee is also the **best mechanism for promoting Water Conservation** in our community.*

Voting YES will mean that the Town can ***avoid the attempt to Condemn 3 to 4 acres of Private Property and stop further, unforeseen, lengthy, costly, legal proceedings against the Town that could cause the Water project to Fail.***

**ARTICLE 9:** Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of \$135,500 to be added to the Town's Reserve Funds as follows:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Covered Bridge Maintenance	\$10,000
Equipment – Road Dept. Truck Reserve	\$40,000
Equipment – Road Dept. Heavy Equipment Reserve	\$15,000
Equipment – Fire Dept. Truck Reserve	\$18,000
Fire Dept. Roof Repair	\$ 5,000
Reappraisal Reserve	\$15,000
Restroom, Recreation & Conservation Reserve	\$10,000
Route 100 Transportation Path Reserve	\$20,000

Street Trees Reserve Fund  
**Total**

\$ 2,500  
**\$135,500**

**ARTICLE 10:** Will the Town vote to reallocate the balance of the Gravel Pit Reserve Fund (\$17,870 plus any accrued interest) as a revenue to the General Fund?

**ARTICLE 11:** Will the Town vote to reallocate the balance of the TIF District Reserve Fund (\$14,372 plus any accrued interest) as a revenue to the General Fund?

**ARTICLE 12:** Will the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to establish a reserve fund for the replacement of culverts and to appropriate the sum of \$18,000 to establish such fund in 2011?

**ARTICLE 13:** Will the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to establish a reserve fund for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects and to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to establish such fund in 2011?

**ARTICLE 14:** Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for replacement of the Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Station roof, to be paid over a period not more than five years and on such other terms as the Selectboard shall negotiate?

**ARTICLE 15:** Will the Town vote to renew the exemption of the Waitsfield Couple's Club Recreation Field from real estate taxes for a period of five (5) years pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. Section 3840?

**ARTICLE 16:** Will the Town vote to renew the exemption of the Mad River Valley Ambulance Service, Inc., facility located at 4177 Main Street from real estate taxes for a period of five (5) years pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. Section 3840, and including an exemption from the educational grand list as property owned by a non-profit volunteer rescue or ambulance organization pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. Section 5404?

**ARTICLE 17:** Will the Town vote to exempt the Valley Lodge #16 (Odd Fellows) meeting hall located at 1774 Main Street, Condominium Unit 2, from real estate taxes for a period of ten (10) years pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. Section 3840?

**ARTICLE 18:** Will the voters designate the Town of Waitsfield as a Clean Energy Assessment District pursuant to 24 V.S.A. 3261(a) for the purpose of authorizing the Town to enter into written agreements with eligible owners of real property to incur indebtedness for or otherwise finance projects relating to renewable energy and energy efficiency undertaken by the owners of real property within the boundaries of the town, the costs of which to be levied as a special assessment on the real property owner's tax bill?

**ARTICLE 19:** 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 20:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

**Dated at Waitsfield, Vermont, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011 by:**

**Waitsfield Selectboard**

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

**CONDENSATION OF MINUTES  
TOWN OF WAITSFIELD ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 2, 2010**

Following are the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Waitsfield of March 2, 2010 pursuant 1 V.S.A. § 312(b)(1).

The Moderator called the Annual Meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Those present (approximately 75 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.

**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?** A motion to adopt Article 3 was made and seconded. A motion to amend Article 3 by omitting the words "or purchase" was made, seconded, and defeated by majority voice vote. The motion to adopt Article 3 as originally warned was approved majority 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 Friday, September 10, 2010, with the remaining half (50%) to be paid without discount not later than Monday, November 15, 2010?** 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 \$113,500 to be added to the Town’s Reserve Funds as follows:**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Covered Bridge Maintenance Reserve	\$10,000
Fire Department Roof Repair Reserve Fund	\$ 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>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$113,500</b>

A motion to adopt Article 7 was moved and seconded. A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 7 by increasing the Restroom, Recreation & Conservation Reserve fund from \$2,500 to \$10,000. The motion to adopt the amendment was approved by 72 standing yes votes over 51 standing no votes. Article 7 as amended with a total appropriation of \$121,000 was approved by a majority voice vote.

**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 8 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**ARTICLE 9: Will the Town 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 9 was approved by 65 standing yes votes over 59 standing no votes.

**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 10 was approved by a majority voice vote.

Town Meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and resume after the Waitsfield School meeting.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:59 p.m.

**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?** A motion to approve Article 11 was made and seconded. Discussion followed. A motion to end discussion was made, which did not require a second. The motion to end discussion was approved by a majority voice vote. The motion to adopt Article 11 was approved by a majority voice vote.

**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.)** There was discussion supporting and opposing Article 12.

**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 measure to replace the power presently provided by Vermont Yankee?**

A motion was made to pass over Article 13, which did not require a second. The motion was defeated by 43 standing no votes over 33 standing yes votes. Article 13 was approved by a majority voice vote.

**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?**

A motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 14 with a budget of \$1,674,904. A motion to vote each Special Appropriation in the budget line-by-line was made, seconded, and defeated by a majority voice vote.

The Moderator's ruling allowing the Assembly to consider voting items on the budget line-by-line was challenged. The Assembly sustained the Moderator's ruling.

A motion to amend the budget increasing the Town Garage Furnace Replacement (Capital and One-Time Expenses) line item from \$10,000 to \$25,000 was made, seconded, and defeated by a majority voice vote.

A motion to amend the budget decreasing the Sand (Materials, Road Department) expense from \$55,000 to \$35,000 was made, seconded, and defeated by 42 standing no votes over 20 standing yes votes.

A motion to amend the budget decreasing the Sand (Materials, Road Department) expense from \$55,000 to \$45,000 was made, seconded, and approved by a majority voice vote.

The amended budget figure was \$1,664,904. Discussion ended and the motion to adopt Article 14 with an amended budget of \$1,664,904 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**ARTICLE 15: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.** There was discussion about the disappointing turnout for local Olympic skier signing ceremony; the disappointing atmosphere of recent town meetings; appreciation for the boards' time, moving future Town Meetings from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.; and expressions of appreciation from and for Peter Joslin, as this will be his last year as Moderator.

The Moderator recessed the meeting at 3:22 p.m. until the closing of the polls for Australian ballot items at 7:00 p.m.

## TOWN OFFICERS 2010

*Elected by Australian Ballot*

### Selectboard:

William Parker	Mar. 2011
Salvatore Spinosa	Mar. 2011
Paul Hartshorn	Mar. 2012
Kate Williams, Chair	Mar. 2012
Charles Hosford	Mar. 2013

### Town Clerk:

Jennifer Peterson	Mar. 2011
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### Town Treasurer:

Jennifer Peterson	Mar. 2011
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### Auditors:

Jim Leyton	Mar. 2011
Laura Titus	Mar. 2012
Leo Laferriere	Mar. 2013

### Listers:

John Reilly, Chair	Mar. 2011
Blaine Laskowski	Mar. 2012
John Simko	Mar. 2013

### Collector of Delinquent Taxes:

Janet Smith	Mar. 2011
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### Grand Juror:

Dana Haskin	Mar. 2011
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### Library Trustees:

Joyce Travers	Mar. 2011
Art Conway, Chair	Mar. 2012
Peter B. Joslin	Mar. 2013
John Reilly	Mar. 2014
Jean Joslin	Mar. 2015

### Waitsfield School Directors:

Elizabeth Cadwell	Mar. 2011
Wrenn Compere	Mar. 2011
Rob Williams	Mar. 2012
Helen Kellogg	Mar. 2012
Scott Kingsbury	Mar. 2013

### Harwood School Director:

Stephen Sands	Mar. 2013
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### Waitsfield School Treasurer:

Wendy Gilbert	Mar. 2011
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### Cemetery Commissioners:

Paul Hartshorn, Chair	Mar. 2011
Eric Haskin	Mar. 2012
Robert Danaher	Mar. 2013
Victoria Kingsbury	Mar. 2014
Marion Turner	Mar. 2015

### Trustees of Cemetery Funds:

Andrew Baird, Jr	Mar. 2011
Gib Geiger, Jr.	Mar. 2012
John "Jack" Smith	Mar. 2013

### Justices of the Peace:

Cecil "Zeke" Church	Nov. 2012
Charles Goodman III	Nov. 2012
Jon Jamieson	Nov. 2012
Andreas Lehner	Nov. 2012
Jim Leyton	Nov. 2012
Helen Meyers	Nov. 2012
Jennifer Peterson	Nov. 2012

### Town Agent:

Ted B. Joslin	Mar. 2011
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## TOWN OFFICERS 2010

*Appointed by the Selectboard*

### M.R.V. Planning District Reps:

William Parker	Mar. 2011
Steve Shea	Mar. 2011

### Constable:

Peter Laskowski	Mar. 2011
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### Planning Commission:

Steve Shea, Chair	Mar. 2011
Ted Tremper	Mar. 2012
Todd White	Mar. 2012
Kari Dolan	Mar. 2013
Drew Simmons	Mar. 2013
Hadley Gaylord, Jr.	Mar. 2014
Brian Voigt	Mar. 2014

### C.V. Regional Planning

#### Commission:

Harrison Snapp	Mar. 2011
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### Development Review Board:

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
John Donaldson	Mar. 2013
Christopher Jernigan	Mar. 2013
Brian Shupe, Chair	Mar. 2013

### Tree Warden:

Leo Laferriere	Mar. 2011
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### Tree Board:

Vince Gauthier	Mar. 2011
Charles Hosford	Mar. 2012
Jean Sherman	Mar. 2013

### Zoning Administrator:

Vickie Trihy	May 2011
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### Fire Warden:

Delbert Palmer	June 2011
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### Waitsfield/Fayston Fire Department:

#### Fire Chief:

Delbert Palmer	Jan. 2011
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#### Assistant Chiefs:

Gordon Eurich	Jan. 2011
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Paul Hartshorn	Jan. 2011
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#### Captain:

Arnold Burbank	Jan. 2011
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#### Lieutenants:

Travis Michaud	Jan. 2011
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Jack Corliss	Jan. 2011
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#### Moderator:

Eric Haskin	Jan. 2011
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#### Treasurer:

Gordon Eurich	Jan. 2011
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#### Secretary:

Shannon Young	Jan. 2011
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### Service Officer:

Jessie Graham	Apr. 2011
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### Emergency Management:

Frederick Messer, Dir.	Mar. 2011
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Carla Straight, Coord.	Mar. 2011
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### Energy Coordinator:

Dennis Derryberry	Mar. 2011
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### Health Officer:

Dr. Francis Cook	Nov. 2011
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### Dog Warden:

Marie Leotta	Mar. 2011
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**Road Commissioner:**

Charles Goodman, III Mar. 2011

**Conservation Commission:**

Peter Boynton Mar. 2011

Mark Haberle Mar. 2011

Paul Hartshorn Mar. 2011

Phil Huffman Mar. 2011

Chris Loomis Mar. 2011

Ted Joslin Mar. 2012

Leo Laferriere, Chair Mar. 2012

Spencer Potter Mar. 2012

VACANT Mar. 2012

**M.R.V. Recreation District Reps.:**

Helen Kellogg Mar. 2011

Dean Hamel Mar. 2012

**Mad Bikes of Waitsfield:**

Kari Dolan (res.) Mar. 2011

Bobbi Rood (res.) Mar. 2011

Taz Squire (Wts) Mar. 2011

VACANT (Alt.) Mar. 2011

Troy Kingsbury (Wts) Mar. 2011

Liz Weller (Alt., Mrtn) Mar. 2011

Laura Brines (Wts) Mar. 2012

Peter Lazorchak (Wts) Mar. 2012

Sue Frechette (Wm) Mar. 2013

**Inspector of Lumber:**

Andrew Baird, Jr. Mar. 2011

**Fence Viewers:**

Allen Gaylord Mar. 2011

Douglas Kenyon Mar. 2011

Bryan Neill Mar. 2011

**Weigher of Coal:**

Charles Hosford Mar. 2011

**Green Up Coordinators:**

Valerie &amp; Harrison Snapp Mar. 2011

**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. 2011

Valerie Capels (alt.) Mar. 2011

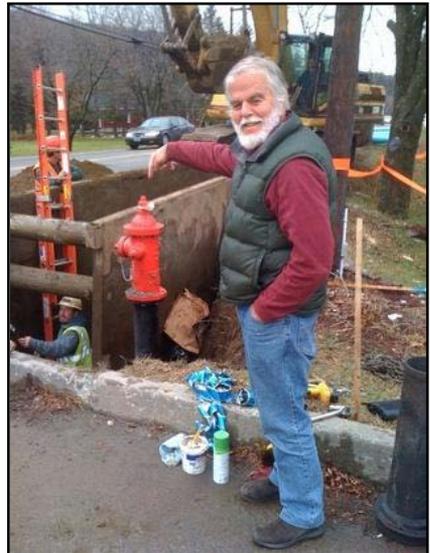
## WAITSFIELD SELECTBOARD 2010 Annual Report

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 Valley TV on channel 45. Some of the Selectboard's major work of this past year is discussed below.

**Municipal Water Project.** Permits were obtained, the funding was secured, and the water project was put out to bid for construction in August 2010. Work began in September. By the winter shutdown in December, pipe was laid along Tremblay Road, Bushnell Road, East Road, Dugway Road, and Route 100 and hydrants were installed. Pending resolution of legal issues, project start-up is targeted for April 2011 with continued installation of the water main, construction of the tank, and installation of the pipes and meters for the connected properties. If all other matters proceed as planned, the project is expected to be completed by fall of 2011.

The final construction bids came in substantially lower than projected estimates, which allowed the Town to offer prospective water customers additional incentives to connect to the water system.

The Water Task Force continued to work with property owners, the funding agencies, the Selectboard, and others on the numerous details associated with moving the project forward. In the summer, Municipal Project Manager Henry Erickson was hired to represent the Town's interests during construction.



In November, Washington Superior Court Judge Crawford ruled that evidence submitted at the October trial was not compelling enough to

establish that Reed Road is a Town highway. Town Highway #21 has appeared on official Town Highway maps as a class 4 road since 1930 and on historic maps before that. The Selectboard is currently engaged in efforts, both in court and through negotiations with affected landowners, to resolve this matter.

**Route 100 Transportation Path Project.** A major milestone was achieved this year with the issuance of the VTrans right-of-way certificate. The next steps are to finalize the design plan, prepare the bid and construction documents, and put the project out to bid this coming fall for construction in 2012. Project engineer Mark Bannon's contract was renewed in December to focus on this next phase of the project.

Long-time municipal project manager Kevin Russell resigned in July to take a full-time position as the Enhancement Grant Program manager at VTrans. We appreciate all the work he did on the sidewalk project and look forward to working with Kevin on our Covered Bridge rehabilitation project.

**The 1833 Covered Bridge Rehabilitation.** 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. Dubois & King was hired to study the alternatives, present recommendations, assist the Selectboard in obtaining public input, assist with permitting and agency reviews, preparation of construction documents, and assistance with construction oversight, all of which will continue through 2011.

**Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grant.** The Town applied for and was awarded a grant of up to \$141,000 for three projects: (1) four radar speed feedback signs at locations critical to the school, (2) installation of a crosswalk over Route 100/Main Street near the Old County Road, and (3) the re-alignment of southerly Old County Road/Route 100 intersection into a "T." This was the outcome of a great deal of work by the Safe Routes to School committee, which includes Helen Kellogg, Jennifer Stella, Kirsten Siebert, Steve Gladzcuk, Kaiya Korb, and Sue Frechette. Members of the Mad River Path Association were also involved.

**Town Pond.** Kingsbury Construction completed finishing touches to the impoundment this year. Going forward, we will need to plan for inspections of the impoundment every five years. The Friends of the

Mad River spearheaded an effort to install hundreds of native plants—a combination of riparian species, shrubs, trees, and others—around the southwestern side of the pond. As they grow, they will enhance habitat for wildlife, provide shade, and improve the beauty of the area.

**Tree Project.** The Town continues to implement its Scenic Roads Management Plan through new street tree plantings, tree pruning, and removal of dead trees.

**Flemer Green Community Orchard.** After 3 1/2 months of daily on-line voting that began in March, Waitsfield received word in June that it won a free fruit orchard through the California-based Fruit Tree Planting Foundation in partnership with Edy's Fruit Bars. A ground breaking and planting event was held in August when fifty apple, pear, and cherry trees were planted by dozens of volunteers in the day-long event. Spearheaded by Selectboard member Charlie Hosford, the success of this initiative was the result of an outstanding collaboration among Town officials, the Mad River Valley Planning District, the Waitsfield Elementary School, the Mad River Garden Center, Whole Systems Designs, Stan Ward, and others.

This orchard will add to our local food production and provide a hands-on horticultural classroom for the partner organizations and the community to learn how to raise, care for, process, and share the local fruit and berry produce. The elementary school has incorporated the orchard into its curriculum as an extension of its already successful school garden program. In time, fresh fruit and fruit byproducts will be donated to the Valley Food Shelf.

**Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Initiatives.** A combination of state and federal tax credits and ARRA stimulus money this last year prompted opportunities to move forward with a number of energy efficiency projects on Town properties.

**EECBG Grant.** Early in the year, the Energy Committee went through a rigorous process to successfully submit a grant application to the Vermont Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program through Vermont Clean Energy Fund (CEDF). The fund received an infusion of federal stimulus money and is administered through the Vermont Dept. of Public Service. The grant provides \$49,999 for energy retrofit projects to the Wait House, Fire Station, and

Town Garage. The 10% required minimum match will be met with a combination of in-kind time and cash.

PACE Grant. The Town also applied for and was awarded a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) grant at the same time as the EECBG grant. Article 18 on the Town Meeting warning would authorize Waitsfield to lend money to property owners for eligible renewable energy and energy efficiency projects, with repayment of the loan made as an assessment on their tax bill. There is widespread interest throughout the state in this new program.

Solar Panels at Town Garage. State and federal tax credits that expired on December 31, 2010 led to the installation of numerous solar panels in Waitsfield and throughout the state. This prompted much discussion about the compatibility of solar panels in Waitsfield's scenic fields that will continue to be explored in the year or years ahead. The Selectboard and others spent considerable time considering a partnership with one of two companies that proposed installing an array of solar panels at the Town Garage property on Tremblay Road to offset the energy costs of Waitsfield's municipal facilities. A project did not go forward for a number of reasons: our application to the Public Service Board for a certificate of public good (CPG) was not granted because the cap on the number of CPGs had already been reached; questions were raised about the legality of entering into a multi-year contract without voter approval; and the terms of the power purchase agreement with AllEarth Renewables eventually changed.

Article 13 on the Town Meeting warning proposes establishing an Energy Reserve Fund with an allocation of \$5,000 to help ensure funds are available for future opportunities that may not have been foreseen but that require some form of matching contribution or down payment.

**Law Enforcement.** Law enforcement services continued to be provided through the Washington County Sheriff's Department. Waitsfield and Warren contract together for 40 hours of patrol coverage per week. Waitsfield Constable Peter Laskowski provides 40% of this with 16 hours of patrol per week in Waitsfield. 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 for serious complaints and provides first aid in emergency situations. Deputy Sheriff/Constable Laskowski has also been working with the

constables of neighboring towns through the Mad River Community Police Association (MRCP) in an effort to increase the effectiveness of local law enforcement in the Valley. He has been in search of modest-sized office space in Warren or Waitsfield where he and other law enforcement personnel can process DUIs locally without having 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.

**Wait House.** Long-overdue maintenance was accomplished at the Wait House this year, with help from a loan approved by voters. The asphalt shingle roof of the carriage barn roof was replaced with an enameled metal roof. The main building, barns, storage shed, and kiosk received a fresh coat of paint. Some shutters were replaced, and all got new paint. All of these were done with the approval of the Vermont Housing Conservation Board for historical compatibility.

A number of energy efficiency measures funded through the EECBG program are also underway. Seven inches of urethane foam was blown into the attic, increasing the R-value from 2 to 49. The furnace will be replaced with an Energy Star gas boiler that will increase efficiency from 79% to 95%. New exterior storm windows will be installed, more insulation will be added in the basement, and new programmable thermostats will further help manage energy use.

**Fire Station Improvements.** The replacement of the Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Station roof was put out to bid in the spring and Burrell Roofing was selected among the five bidders who responded. The discovery of asbestos in some of the roof material and the need to reinforce the structural supports for the new roof added unexpected time and cost to the project. The structural improvements were completed in the fall and will allow for the roof replacement to proceed in the spring.

**Town Office Task Force.** The need for more Town Office space has been known for many years. A Town Office Task Force was formed this fall in an effort to help move the issue forward, examine options, describe the needs, solicit public input, and make recommendations to the Selectboard. Members include Sandra Gallup, Charlie Hosford, Jennifer Peterson, John Reilly, Brian Shupe, Brian Voigt, and Valerie Capels. See page 62 for more information.

**Ancient Roads.** The Selectboard held a public information meeting in January and hearing in February to consider whether so-called unidentified corridors should be added to the Waitsfield's official highway map. Compelling testimony and a review of the available information measured against criteria the Selectboard had established led the Selectboard to decide against any further consideration of the specific unidentified corridors shown on the map produced by a consultant through a 2007 grant. The Town has until 2015 to add legally-established but non-mapped roads and road rights-of-way to the official Town Highway Map. More information about this can found at [www.waitsfieldvt.us/roads/ancient](http://www.waitsfieldvt.us/roads/ancient).

**Other Roads.** Prompted by concerns raised about the name causing confusion for deliveries and emergency responders, Town Highway #48, which was originally named Wallis Road in 2000, was officially renamed Wallis Drive, and the private section of Wallis Drive was renamed Wallis Woods Road. A private drive off of North Fayston Road was also officially named Brookside Lane.

**Emergency Operations Planning.** The Selectboard completed a process that began in 2009 to develop a broad-based Emergency Operations Plan to guide local officials' responses in the event of an emergency. The 3-part EOP identifies individuals responsible for carrying out certain duties, limits of authority, chains of command, and more under a range of potential emergency scenarios. It replaces the traditional Rapid Response Plan and should be reviewed and updated each year.

**Health Leader.** Town staff continued their participation in the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Health Leader program, which returns up to 4% of the health insurance premiums to the town as a result of activities undertaken to improve staff health and well-being. This program will not be available in 2011 since we voted to leave the VLCT Health Trust.

**Waitsfield on the Web.** Waitsfield's official Web site continues to be a source for information about Waitsfield, works in progress, departments, boards and committees, up-coming and past meetings, and more. Selectboard agendas, for example, are posted at [www.waitsfieldvt.us/sb/agenda.cfm](http://www.waitsfieldvt.us/sb/agenda.cfm) and often include links to the documents the Selectboard will be discussing. It is also used to promote Waitsfield businesses through the comprehensive listings of *Services*, *Shopping*, *Foods & Eateries*, *Lodging*, *Arts & Entertainment*,

*Recreation*, and more. Site statistics show that more than 24,000 unique visitors went to the site in 2010 (an average of 2,023 per month), a 14% increase from 2009.

The number of people who “like” Waitsfield’s Facebook page increased from 144 to 225 by the end of the year. It was launched in an effort to increase our citizen outreach efforts and promote Waitsfield events, businesses, and other activities.

**2011 Budget.** Looking back, 2010 was characterized by continued investment in community assets: gravel pit development, Wait House improvements, Town Garage and Fire Station improvements, water project construction, and progress on the Covered Bridge repair.

This trend will continue into 2011 with the anticipated completion of the water project, the sidewalk project going out to bid, progress on the Covered Bridge rehabilitation project, study of new Town Office and Library space, evaluation of Town Garage space needs, Safe Routes to School improvements, and further exploration of renewable energy.

Highlights of the proposed 2011 budget include:

- Operating costs in many areas are lower than 2010 budget.
- Operating and capital funds are increased to address culvert replacement and maintenance.
- Overall, the cost for employee benefits, including health insurance costs actually decreased from 2010 to 2011.
- Funds are allocated for the study of the Town Office space expansion.
- Funds are allocated for repairs to the existing Town Garage building as well as to study options for increased space.
- Funds are increased to the Route 100 Transportation Path Reserve Fund to provide for continued investment in sidewalk projects.
- An allocation to the existing Reappraisal Reserve Fund is proposed to prepare ourselves for the cost of a future reappraisal (see page 65).
- A fund balance of more than \$152,000 is carried over from 2010 that is the result of higher revenues than expected, including a one-time zoning violation fine, and lower operating and capital expenses than expected, in part due to being short-staffed part of the year in the Road Department.

The Budget Task Force was created in the summer 2009 to examine all aspects of Waitsfield's budgeting process, explore opportunities for improvements and efficiencies, and present recommendations to the Selectboard. Task Force members include Bill Parker, Darryl Forrest, Robin Morris, Roy Hadden, and Steve Shea.

**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 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



Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department celebration, 07/31/10.

(Photo: V. Capels)

## PLANNING COMMISSION 2010 Annual Report

Planning Commission Members: Steve Shea (Chair), Drew Simmons, Kari Dolan, Hadley Gaylord Jr., Brian Voigt, Todd White, and Ted Tremper

Individuals who retired from the Commission during the year: Russ Bennett and Peter Lazorchak

Town Plan Update. The Planning Commission spent much of the year working on an update of the 2005 Town Plan. Due to the desire to spend more time and gather more input from townspeople on the energy portion of the plan in particular, the Commission proposed the readoption of the 2005 Town Plan in June and the Selectboard voted to do so. The commission plans to present an updated town plan for adoption in the first half of 2011.

Flood and Fluvial Erosion Overlay District. The Commission completed work on changes to zoning in respect to the overlay districts along the Mad River that address flood and erosion hazards. The newly mapped Fluvial Erosion Overlay District zoning provides development standards in areas of the river that are susceptible to erosion while recognizing the desire for greater flexibility in respect to some areas of existing development along the river.

Renewable Energy. During the year, an energy development company, Citizens Wind, approached landowners and the town in respect to potential interest in developing a wind energy project consisting of 15-25 wind turbines approximately 400+ ft. high along the Northfield ridgeline. The planning commission and others held a number of meetings to discuss the potential project which was in the feasibility assessment stage. Since the current town plan prohibits most development, and wind turbines specifically, above 1,700 feet elevation in the Forest Reserve District, the town plan doesn't currently support development of such a project. After much discussion, the planning commission voted not to propose changing the current provision in the town plan. The consensus was that townspeople would need more detailed information on a project before any decision to change the town plan should be made.

Another new development in respect to renewable energy in 2010 was the appearance of solar tracker panel installations, especially along Route

100 south of Irasville. Since these installations are connected to the power grid, the permitting process is via the Public Service Board and local zoning and permitting is not applicable. As part of its update of the town plan, the planning commission is considering what if any guidelines for grid connected renewable energy projects should be made in the town plan.

Wastewater Committee. The Planning Commission established a wastewater committee to investigate the possible options in respect to decentralized wastewater systems in Waitsfield Village and Irasville. The committee applied for and received a municipal planning grant in order to hire professional assistance to conduct an updated survey of existing systems and needs as well as examine possible options to support replacement and new wastewater systems in the town center. A report of findings and recommendations will be made in early 2011.

Meetings & Information. The Planning Commission holds regular meetings the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. at the town office. The public is welcome at all meetings and time is available to voice comments, concerns, or suggestions. Please contact the Waitsfield Zoning Administrator for more information about meetings, records, or issues regarding the Planning Commission. Information on agendas, meeting minutes, and documents related to town planning can be found on the town's Web site at [www.waitsfieldvt.us/planning](http://www.waitsfieldvt.us/planning) as well as at the town office on Bridge Street or our blog at [planwithus.blogspot.com](http://planwithus.blogspot.com).

## WAITSFIELD DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD 2010 Annual Report

The Waitsfield Development Review Board (DRB) is comprised of seven members appointed by the Selectboard. Two alternate members have also been appointed to serve in the absence of a quorum of regular members.

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.

As was the case the previous year, 2010 was relatively quiet with regard to permit activity. No subdivision applications were approved by the Board, although one application was withdrawn and one preliminary application was reviewed with an application expected in the coming year. The DRB issued 12 conditional use approvals, mostly involving changes of use. No new commercial space was proposed in the Town's villages this year.

In addition to the projects approved by the DRB, the Zoning Administrator issued 79 zoning permits in 2010, including three permits for new single-family homes (compared with 56 and seven, respectively, 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.

For the first year in quite some time there were no changes in Board membership in 2010. That consistency is enhanced by the ongoing assistance that the Town receives from Zoning Administrator Vickie Trihy. Vickie has served the town with impartiality, competence and grace since 2008.

In the coming year, the DRB is hoping to assist the Planning Commission to make technical corrections to the zoning bylaw. These "housekeeping" revisions will be intended to make the regulations easier to understand and administer.

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](http://www.waitsfieldvt.us). Our meetings are frequently televised on Mad River Television's Channel 45.

Respectfully Submitted,

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



Waitsfield-Faytson Volunteer Fire Department parade, 07/31/10

(Photo: Jeff Knight)

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2010 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**

#### Austin / Lareau

Through the initiative of the Mad River Path Association, a plan was proposed to extend a path from the Lareau parking lot northerly into the Austin parcel. Working together, the MRPA, Friends of Mad River and the Conservation Commission developed a project addressing recreation, riverbank stabilization and invasive weed control. The new path and an information sign is in place. Old fencing which created a barrier to mowing has been removed. Knotweed control involves regular mowing, and plans are to plant trees alongside the Mad River in 2011. Our particular thanks to Michael Ware who coordinated construction work with Green Mountain Valley School volunteers, Harrison Snapp, Caitrin Noel, and the Waitsfield Selectboard for their motivation and assistance on this project.

#### Wu Ledges

A long-standing access road improvement project was completed. Over the last few decades, the trail on town land leading from private land at the end of Pine Hill Lane had become eroded, and control measures were need to stabilize the road surface and slope. Working with funds from the Conservation Commission budget, a contractor was hired and an excavator was used to reshape the road, and to install water bars and culverts. That work was followed by seeding the new soil surface with conservation mix. The road is now in good condition and should readily accommodate anticipated public uses. Thanks to volunteer Jon Jamieson, and commission members for their assistance.

#### Scrag Forest

Over the summer, much discussion arose around the issue of wind energy development on the Northfield Ridge. The Conservation Commission has not formally addressed this matter as it affects town owned land on the ridge. However, the Commission has started on the first steps toward development of a management plan for the 625-acre town-owned Scrag Forest by preparing a summary of natural resource attributes as identified in reports from Vermont Audubon, Arrowwood

Associates and Washington County Forester Russ Barrett. This summary will be the starting point in upcoming public meetings designed to foster public input into the planning process and development of a management vision for these important lands. From that process, a plan will be prepared and submitted to the Selectboard for their approval.

Additionally, the Commission has filed two applications to seek state funding for construction of a public hiking trail to provide access from the end of Bowen Road into the Scrag Forest. More on this in our next report!

### **Other Participation**

The Commission has also provided input into the Forests, Wildlife and Communities project, the Valley Trails Summit, the Mad River Valley Trails collaborative, and the Waitsfield Planning Commission as it updates the Town Plan. And we hosted the three-town (Fayston, Waitsfield & Warren) Conservation Commission meeting at the Knoll Farm. Each town gave an update regarding current projects.

### **Within the Commission**

After serving several consecutive terms, member Elizabeth Cadwell resigned to allow more time for graduate school as well as other family commitments. We thank her for her time of service and her valued continued focus on education of young people, particularly in the field of natural resources.

Peter Boynton and Mark Haberle were appointed to the Commission. They bring with them strong interests and capabilities in the field of land management, and we look forward to their participation. We have one vacancy, and encourage interested persons to attend a meeting, learn about our projects and become part of the action.

From a statewide perspective, the recently issued Report of the Council on the Future of Vermont titled “Imagining Vermont: Values and Vision for the Future,” contains the statement that “Overwhelmingly, Vermonters are united in support of the state’s agriculture and working landscape.” Unity of public opinion is rare indeed, but the quality of our environment is such that it merits support – and respect – at all levels. These levels range from accomplishment of small local projects started by few with little resources, to larger undertakings with multiple sources of assistance. But they all have a common start – a good and valuable idea which can contribute to the well-being of our community, our

region, the nation and ultimately our planet. Projects can be very doable at the local level. Involvement is not an expenditure, but rather an investment – an investment in the quality of our lifestyle. We encourage your participation.

Leo Laferriere, Chair  
Peter Boynton  
Paul Hartshorn  
Chris Loomis

Phil Huffman, Vice-chair  
Mark Haberle  
Ted Joslin  
Spencer Potter



Sign at Wu Ledges

(Photo: Jack Byrne)

## WAITSFIELD ENERGY COMMITTEE 2010 Annual Report

The Town of Waitsfield's Energy Committee, with the support of the Selectboard, Town staff and others, continued efforts in 2010 to address weatherization, fuel efficiency and other energy concerns in Waitsfield's municipal buildings.

Last spring, the Town was awarded \$63,000 in two separate Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) applications to the state's Clean Energy Development Fund, which distributed more than \$5.8 million to Vermont towns and cities, including our valley neighbors of Fayston, Moretown, and Warren. The Mad River Valley Planning District's work to coordinate application efforts was extremely helpful to these successful pursuits.

The larger award of \$50,000 has enabled a number of important improvements to the General Wait House, the Town Garage and the Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department building. The work to utilize this funding began last fall and is near complete. Improvements include significant insulation upgrades to the Wait House attic, cellar and windows, new high-efficiency boilers at both the Fire House and Wait House, and new oil- and wood-fired furnaces at the Town Garage--which will again enable the road crew to reduce their fossil-fuel use and heating costs with locally-harvested cordwood culled from their seasonal maintenance projects.

While the EECBG funding was obviously the driver of these efforts, Energy Committee member Charlie Hosford also provided dozens of critical hours of his personal time to prepare the buildings to receive these improvements, and Town Administrator Valerie Capels dutifully tracked and fulfilled the highly detailed paperwork required to satisfy federal oversight of the funds. Waitsfield resident Stan Ward also deserves much credit for implementing a document-sharing environment in which the applications were developed and refined, and for his work on the application contents, as well.

The second block of EECBG funding was acquired to assist the development of a program by which Waitsfield homeowners could receive funding for domestic energy-efficiency measures in the form of a low-cost loan to be repaid over time as an annual supplement to their

property tax bill. This program, referred to initially as a Clean Energy Assessment District (CEAD), has been known more recently as a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program and is a strategy being pursued in towns and cities nationwide.

In Vermont, development of a PACE program has been led by the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (VEIC) and is being coordinated statewide with numerous other towns that either won similar grant funding from EECBG or otherwise expressed interest in pursuing this financial model and opportunity for electric, heating fuel, CO<sub>2</sub> and dollar savings. Unfortunately, complications related to the national mortgage industry's recent troubles -- and certain policies of mortgage giants Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae -- have slowed progress for PACE, though negotiations do continue. Energy Committee member Brian Shupe has served the PACE effort as Waitsfield's dedicated and insightful representative. More information is available on the VEIC website at: [www.veic.org/resourcelibrary/PACE.aspx](http://www.veic.org/resourcelibrary/PACE.aspx)

Through the summer months the Energy Committee focused its efforts on several opportunities to install municipal photovoltaic (PV) electricity-generating panels. Committee members evaluated the resource potential (solar exposure) of several available project sites and also cautiously debated the various impacts to the potential host parcels and their visual surroundings. Working in a very limited timeframe, the Energy Committee, assisted by members of the Budget Task Force, performed detailed cost-benefit studies of several formal proposals.

The project did not go forward due to the cap having been reached on critical project rebates and subsequent changes to the proposed power purchase agreement. While disappointed by the outcome, the Energy Committee gained valuable knowledge about how the Town could approach future solar PV opportunities. The Energy Committee continues to believe that renewable energy options should be considered for the Town's municipal facilities.

Dennis Derryberry, Energy Coordinator

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

**STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED**  
**January 1 - December 31, 2009**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Grand List</b>		
Municipal Grand List	3,654,340	3,655,692
State Education Grand List	3,667,293	3,669,788
<b>Tax Rates</b>		
Homestead Municipal	0.3250	0.2940
Homestead Education	1.2977	1.3138
Total Homestead Tax Rate	1.6227	1.6078
Non-Residential Municipal	0.3250	0.2940
Non-Residential Education	1.3664	1.3987
Total Non-Residential Tax Rate	1.6914	1.6927
<b>Taxes Billed</b>		
Municipal	1,180,349	1,067,462
Homestead Education	2,303,707	2,381,448
Non-Residential Education	2,577,893	2,589,566
Local Agreement	7,309	7,311
Total Taxes Billed	6,069,258	6,045,787
Plus late filed Homestead Declaration fees	4,057	635
Plus/Less Corrections, Abatements and Adjustments	0	0
Net Taxes Due	6,073,765	6,046,422
Less tax collections through December 31		-5,922,777
Total 2010 taxes due as of December 31		123,645

**STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES**

Beginning Delinquent Taxes Receivable (previous years)	162,890
Amount turned over to Collector of Delinquent Taxes on November 18	108,412
Total Delinquent Taxes to be accounted for	271,302
Delinquent Tax Collections	-150,433
Abatements/Adjustments	0
Balance of Delinquent Taxes on December 31	120,869

**DELINQUENT TAX LIST**  
**As of December 31, 2010**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
BOMBARD, ANDREW T.	3,437.47 *	
BORDONARO, ANNE	2,233.81	
BURBANK, ROBERT	1,601.46	
CANNEY, JOHN J.	1,566.22	
CLARK, CHRISTOPHER	396.10	61.76
COOKE, CHRISTINE	369.01	53.96
EMERSON, HOWARD	710.93	
EURICH, ELAINE	2,324.87	
FARNHAM, TODD	459.83	
FASNER, DAVID C.	161.80 *	
FOSTER, ROBERT P.	8,217.46	
FOUR D & K COMPANY	10,056.33	4,777.30
FREEMAN, A. ALBERT	2,383.32	
FREEMAN, ALBERT	2,259.75	
GALFETTI, DAVID	1,742.40	
GAYLORD, ALLEN	1,854.06	
GREENSLIT, ALLEN L.	1,334.65 *	
IENTILE, JAMES R.	12,959.31	
KERR, CATHY	258.18	
KOEPELE, DAVID ERIC	1,064.51	
KOEPELE, DAVID ERIC	1,288.14	
KOEPELE, DAVID ERIC	6,637.07	
LUSSIER, EDIE & ROY	202.98	
LUSSIER, EDITH	144.47	
MAD RIVER EQUITIES	1,523.43	
MARQUARDT, HELEN J.	742.15	268.70
MESSIER, LORI	236.98	
MILLER, LESTER R.	287.76	
MILLSTONE HOLDINGS	6,599.83	
MORRIS, JOHN G.	12,691.86	
MOULTON, CAROLYN	18.62	

**DELINQUENT TAX LIST**  
**As of December 31, 2010**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
ORR, REGINALD	1,953.44	
PETTERSON, THOMAS	690.62 *	
PIERCE, EYDYE	98.56	
SONN, STEFANIE S.	4,525.76	
SPAULDING, MAURICE	1,591.98	
SPIVEY, JENNIFER	398.43	
TWO ROUTE SEVENTEEN	9,039.02	
VALENTINE, SUZY	792.18	
VIENS, STANLEY	1,589.43 *	
VON TRAPP, BERNHARD	5,623.15	1,036.71
WILSON, JOAN F.	2,603.37	
<b>TOTALS as of December 31, 2010</b>	<b>114,670.70</b>	<b>6,198.43</b>

\* Paid since December 31, 2010

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2011 PROPOSED BUDGET	ACTUAL 2009	BUDGET 2010	ACTUAL 2010	BUDGET 2011	% Chg '10-'11 Bdgt
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
<b>TOWN MEETING</b>					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Board of Auditors	0	100	100	0	100.0%
Elections	74	200	216	100	-50.0%
Town Report	2,789	3,000	2,711	2,100	-30.0%
<b>TOT. TOWN MEETING EXP.</b>	<b>2,863</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>3,028</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>-33.3%</b>
<b>LEGAL &amp; AUDITING</b>					
Legal Services	8,907	15,000	20,084	20,000	33.3%
Audit Services	3,875	4,075	4,075	4,275	4.9%
<b>TOT. LEGAL &amp; AUDITING</b>	<b>12,782</b>	<b>19,075</b>	<b>24,159</b>	<b>24,275</b>	<b>27.3%</b>
<b>TOWN OFFICE OPERATIONS</b>					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Insurance & Bonds	11,817	8,793	8,844	9,214	4.8%
Office Rent/Utilities	30,217	22,267	22,267	22,246	-0.1%
Office Repairs	136	500	1,786	1,000	100.0%
Postage	4,145	4,000	4,014	3,600	-10.0%
Supplies	7,809	8,000	9,231	8,000	0.0%
Computer Services	2,267	1,550	1,970	1,550	0.0%
Training	618	1,000	984	1,000	0.0%
Cleaning	2,001	2,200	2,238	2,300	4.5%
Equipment Maint. & Contracts	3,520	5,150	5,053	6,465	25.5%
Telephone	2,025	2,250	2,378	2,300	2.2%
New Office Equipment	953	2,000	2,000	4,000	100.0%
Public Notice Expense	2,021	3,500	4,067	3,500	0.0%
<b>TOT. TOWN OFFICE EXP.</b>	<b>67,528</b>	<b>61,210</b>	<b>64,832</b>	<b>65,175</b>	<b>6.5%</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK &amp; TREASURER</b>					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Town Clerk/Treasurer & Assistant	72,797	73,166	73,309	74,292	1.5%
Tax Anticipation Interest	5,715	4,000	3,096	4,000	0.0%
Ballot Clerks	276	900	472	300	-66.7%
<b>Subtotal Expenses</b>	<b>78,788</b>	<b>78,066</b>	<b>76,877</b>	<b>78,592</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
<b>NET CLERK/TREASURER EXP.</b>	<b>43,680</b>	<b>29,566</b>	<b>40,973</b>	<b>37,092</b>	<b>25.5%</b>
<b>SELECTBOARD</b>					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Selectboard Stipends	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	0.0%
Town Web site	350	1,000	350	750	-25.0%
Town Administrator	57,240	57,574	57,564	58,460	1.5%
Training & Travel	360	425	133	275	-35.3%
Minutes Taker	2,943	3,000	2,061	3,300	10.0%
Communications	-	500	200	400	-20.0%
<b>TOT. SELECTBOARD EXP.</b>	<b>64,143</b>	<b>65,749</b>	<b>63,558</b>	<b>66,435</b>	<b>1.0%</b>

<b>TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2011 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2009</b>	<b>BUDGET 2010</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2010</b>	<b>BUDGET 2011</b>	<b>% Chg '10-'11 Bdgt</b>
<b>PLANNING &amp; DEVEL. REVIEW</b>					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Minute Taker	963	1,100	747	900	-18.2%
Special Planning Projects	11,472	10,500	5,285	14,000	33.3%
Town Plan	8,427	4,500	5,936	0	-100.0%
Zoning Administrator	38,160	38,376	38,376	38,966	1.5%
Training (for staff and boards)	608	700	311	700	0.0%
Computer Equipment/Services	0	960	0	960	0.0%
Mileage Reimbursement	339	300	40	300	0.0%
<b>Subtotal Expenses</b>	<b>59,969</b>	<b>56,436</b>	<b>50,695</b>	<b>55,826</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>
<b>NET PLAN. &amp; DEV. REV. EXP.</b>	<b>38,577</b>	<b>43,936</b>	<b>(580)</b>	<b>44,756</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
<b>BOARD OF LISTERS</b>					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Assessor's Contract	10,800	10,800	10,800	10,800	0.0%
Computer Equipment/Services	539	1,000	2,226	1,000	0.0%
Training & Meetings	0	200	0	200	0.0%
<b>Subtotal Expenses</b>	<b>11,339</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>13,026</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>NET LISTERS' EXP.</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>2,135</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>-16.7%</b>
<b>COLLECTOR OF DEL. TAXES</b>					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Collector's Fees	20,661	19,000	21,534	19,000	0.0%
<b>NET DELINQUENT TAXES EXP.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>ROAD DEPARTMENT</b>					
<i>Expenses</i>					
<b>Labor</b>	109,016	119,286	113,113	121,375	1.8%
<b>Equip. Operations &amp; Repairs</b>					
Insurance	8,382	6,433	6,433	5,048	-21.5%
Gas, Oil, Grease	2,872	3,000	3,872	3,000	0.0%
Diesel	18,448	25,000	18,112	28,300	13.2%
Int'l Dump Truck 2005	5,677	4,500	7,795	7,500	66.7%
2008 Pickup Truck	0	1,000	787	1,000	0.0%
Cat. Backhoe 2008	227	500	-	-	-100.0%
Int'l. Dump Truck 1997	1,103	1,000	293	500	-50.0%
Int'l Low Profile Truck 2002	8,488	5,500	4,112	500	-90.9%
Int'l. Dump Truck 2007	6,259	2,000	1,447	4,200	110.0%
John Deere Loader 2009	-	1,000	806	500	-50.0%
Cat. Loader 1994 (GONE)	666	-	-	-	-
Galion Grader 1998	2,588	2,500	2,659	2,500	0.0%
Cat Backhoe 2007	274	500	1,025	1,000	100.0%
Steel pole / chain saw	42	300	207	300	0.0%
Garage Trash Removal	1,717	2,000	1,598	2,000	0.0%
Uniforms	2,212	2,500	2,625	2,500	0.0%
Garage Heat	2,366	8,000	3,969	2,000	-75.0%

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Garage Telephone	1,121	1,000	1,140	1,000	0.0%
Garage Electricity	1,194	1,500	1,347	1,500	0.0%
Garage Supplies & Hardware	2,474	3,000	2,704	3,000	0.0%
Garage Misc. Other	1,664	1,500	1,409	1,500	0.0%
Chipper & Rake	184	500	144	750	50.0%
Garage Alarm System	452	500	487	500	0.0%
Water service	250	250	250	300	20.0%
Plow Blades/Shoes/Chains	5,937	7,000	9,750	7,000	0.0%
<i>Subtot. Equip. Operations Exp.</i>	<i>74,595</i>	<i>80,983</i>	<i>72,971</i>	<i>76,398</i>	<i>-5.7%</i>
<b>Hired Equipment &amp; Labor</b>					
Roadside Mowing	7,400	8,000	4,631	11,500	43.8%
Sidewalk Mowing	3,335	4,000	3,770	4,000	0.0%
Sidewalk Plowing	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.0%
Trail Maintenance	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,000	100.0%
Personnel Mileage	0	0	32	0	0.0%
Other Equipment Rental	3,097	2,500	2,303	3,000	20.0%
Contracted Plowing	-	2,000	2,410	2,000	0.0%
Grading	-	2,200	1,128	2,200	0.0%
<i>Subtot. Hired Equip. &amp; Labor Exp.</i>	<i>20,332</i>	<i>25,200</i>	<i>20,773</i>	<i>30,700</i>	<i>21.8%</i>
<b>Materials</b>					
Salt	14,087	20,000	22,847	20,000	0.0%
Sand	48,322	45,000	41,717	39,000	-13.3%
Chloride	7,933	8,000	4,200	8,000	0.0%
Crushed Gravel	14,086	15,000	14,250	15,000	0.0%
Stone (ditch)	3,232	3,000	1,523	3,000	0.0%
Culverts	2,435	2,500	3,032	7,000	180.0%
Guardrails	-	-	-	2,000	-
Tools	2,918	3,000	3,226	3,000	0.0%
Signs	3,701	2,500	2,094	2,000	-20.0%
Fabric	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Cold Patch, Hay & Seed	1,329	2,000	1,793	2,000	0.0%
<i>Subtot. Materials Exp.</i>	<i>98,042</i>	<i>101,000</i>	<i>94,681</i>	<i>101,000</i>	<i>0.0%</i>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>					
Fayston Winter Agreement	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,800	20.0%
Tree Cutting	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Bridge Repairs	508	1,500	462	500	-66.7%
Gravel pit management	-	-	-	1,000	-
Pavement Crack Sealing	3,800	6,000	6,000	6,000	0.0%
Line Painting	0	700	300	750	7.1%
Street lights	5,012	5,500	4,794	5,500	0.0%
Bridge lights	413	500	543	500	0.0%
Radios & Pagers	748	1,500	865	750	-50.0%
Training	185	500	90	500	0.0%

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2011 PROPOSED BUDGET	ACTUAL 2009	BUDGET 2010	ACTUAL 2010	BUDGET 2011	% Chg '10-'11 Bdgt
<i>Subtot. Miscellaneous</i>	14,666	20,200	17,054	20,300	0.5%
<b>Subtotal Road Department Exp.</b>	<b>316,651</b>	<b>346,669</b>	<b>318,592</b>	<b>349,773</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
<b>NET ROAD DEPT. EXP.</b>	<b>250,590</b>	<b>289,039</b>	<b>248,866</b>	<b>284,198</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS***Expenses*

FICA/Medicare	22,317	22,283	22,932	22,644	1.6%
Retirement	14,836	14,420	15,813	14,655	1.6%
Unemployment	1,286	1,656	1,658	2,283	37.9%
Workers Compensation	9,525	7,746	7,746	5,536	-28.5%
Health Promotion Incentives	45	500	0	0	-100.0%
Health Insurance	50,847	66,020	65,383	66,317	0.5%
Flexible Benefits Plan	4,383	4,441	4,326	0	-100.0%
Life & Disability Insurance	2,724	2,520	2,437	2,520	0.0%
Vision Plan	11	0	26	0	0.0%
<b>Subtotal Expenses</b>	<b>105,974</b>	<b>119,586</b>	<b>120,320</b>	<b>113,955</b>	<b>-4.7%</b>
<b>TOTAL EMP. BENEFITS EXP.</b>	<b>105,540</b>	<b>119,036</b>	<b>119,936</b>	<b>113,955</b>	<b>-4.3%</b>

**FIRE DEPARTMENT***Expenses*

Gas, Oil, Grease	675	2,000	1,348	2,000	0.0%
Insurance	6,842	5,312	5,312	4,928	-7.2%
Telephone & Communications	16,913	17,000	21,430	17,000	0.0%
Electricity	1,845	2,000	2,349	2,000	0.0%
Heat	5,166	5,000	3,705	5,000	0.0%
Water	250	250	250	500	100.0%
Building Repairs/Supplies	2,782	2,500	2,269	2,500	0.0%
Fire Alarm	0	250	345	250	0.0%
Truck Repairs	4,747	5,000	2,671	6,650	33.0%
Equipment Repairs	3,400	2,500	3,016	3,000	20.0%
Bottled Gas	682	1,000	1,834	1,000	0.0%
Training	2,688	2,800	2,844	3,250	16.1%
Hose & Equipment	3,626	3,500	3,748	3,500	0.0%
Gear	0	3,000	3,551	2,620	-12.7%
Fire Prevention	388	400	471	400	0.0%
Miscellaneous	212	500	272	500	0.0%
Dues	330	436	560	600	37.6%
Physical Exams	1,540	2,000	1,320	2,000	0.0%
Fire Dept. Labor	12,515	14,000	16,170	14,000	0.0%
FICA/Medicare	957	1,071	1,237	1,071	0.0%
<b>Subtotal Expenses</b>	<b>65,557</b>	<b>70,519</b>	<b>74,701</b>	<b>72,769</b>	<b>3.2%</b>
<b>NET FIRE DEPARTMENT EXP.</b>	<b>39,336</b>	<b>41,511</b>	<b>48,759</b>	<b>43,661</b>	<b>5.2%</b>

<b>TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2011 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2009</b>	<b>BUDGET 2010</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2010</b>	<b>BUDGET 2011</b>	<b>% Chg '10-'11 Bdgt</b>
<b>POLICE PROGRAM</b>					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Sheriff's Department Billings	21,133	23,500	23,511	23,500	0.0%
Gasoline	2,292	3,000	1,968	2,500	-16.7%
Repairs/Maintenance	517	500	250	500	0.0%
Insurance	862	683	683	516	-24.4%
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Equipment	60	2,500	1,600	2,500	0.0%
<b>Subtotal Expenses</b>	<b>24,864</b>	<b>30,183</b>	<b>28,012</b>	<b>29,516</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>
<b>NET POLICE PROGRAM EXP.</b>	<b>(2,071)</b>	<b>4,883</b>	<b>8,097</b>	<b>9,216</b>	<b>88.7%</b>
<b>DUES &amp; ASSESSMENTS</b>					
<i>Expenses</i>					
CVR Planning Commission	1,688	1,866	1,866	1,866	0.0%
Joslin Memorial Library	12,950	24,158	24,158	33,115	37.1%
MR Resource Mgmt Alliance	3,420	3,420	3,366	3,420	0.0%
MRV Planning District	19,100	21,010	21,010	21,010	0.0%
MRV Recreation District	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	0.0%
VT League of Cities & Towns	1,993	2,299	2,299	2,358	2.6%
Washington County Tax	31,553	29,586	29,586	23,353	-21.1%
<b>TOTAL DUES &amp; ASSESS. EXP.</b>	<b>83,204</b>	<b>94,839</b>	<b>94,785</b>	<b>97,622</b>	<b>2.9%</b>
<b>SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Battered Women's Svs & 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%
CV Community Land Trust	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%
CV Council on Aging	1,000	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%
CV Crime Stoppers	500	0	0	0	0.0%
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 Wash. County	500	500	500	500	0.0%
Good Beginnings of Central VT	300	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	7,000	7,000	7,000	0.0%
People's Health & Wellness Clinic	100	100	100	500	400.0%
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	300	300	300	300	0.0%
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	250	300	300	250	-16.7%
VT Center for Independent Living	620	620	620	620	0.0%
VT Children's Aid Society	500	0	0	0	0.0%
Wash. County Youth Services	750	750	750	750	0.0%
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL APPROP. EXP.</b>	<b>22,493</b>	<b>22,743</b>	<b>22,743</b>	<b>23,093</b>	<b>1.5%</b>

<b>TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2011 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2009</b>	<b>BUDGET 2010</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2010</b>	<b>BUDGET 2011</b>	<b>% Chg '10-'11 Bdgt</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Dog Warden Salary & Fees	720	1,000	720	1,000	0.0%
Dog Pound Fees	40	250	55	100	-60.0%
Administrative Fees	-	600	23	300	-50.0%
Maintenance of Parks	5,986	9,000	9,127	9,150	1.7%
Generator Expense	783	1,350	7,470	1,350	0.0%
Cons. Commission Expenses	0	700	0	700	0.0%
Memberships & Dues	82	105	140	255	142.9%
Comm'ty Share School Maint.	56,006	56,006	56,000	56,006	0.0%
Cemeteries - Veteran's Flags	31	100	363	100	0.0%
MRVTV Hearing Coverage	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.0%
Energy Efficiency Improvements	0	5,000	12,250	21,000	320.0%
Tax Adjustments	0	8,000	0	10,000	25.0%
Affordable Housing Initiative	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other	646	500	1,930	500	0.0%
<b>Subtotal Expenses</b>	<b>67,294</b>	<b>85,686</b>	<b>91,079</b>	<b>103,461</b>	<b>20.7%</b>
<b>NET MISCELLANEOUS EXP.</b>	<b>(47,152)</b>	<b>19,986</b>	<b>(19,451)</b>	<b>4,785</b>	<b>-76.1%</b>

**SPECIAL ARTICLES***Expenses*

Equipment Reserve Fund - Truck	15,000	55,000	55,000	40,000	-27.3%
Heavy Equipment Reserve Fund	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	0.0%
Fire Dept. Reserve Fund - Truck	7,500	15,000	15,000	18,000	20.0%
Fire Dept. Roof Reserve Fund	7,000	6,000	6,000	5,000	-16.7%
Restrm/Rec./Conservation	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	0.0%
Joslin Library Rep. Reserve Fund	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	-100.0%
Rt. 100 Transpntn Path Reserve	0	5,000	5,000	20,000	300.0%
<i>Gravel Pit Reserve Fund*</i>	0	0	0	(17,870)	-
<i>Culvert Rep. Reserve Fund*</i>	-	-	-	18,000	-
Reappraisal Reserve	0	0	0	15,000	-
Covered Bridge Repair Reserve	20,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	0.0%
<i>Energy Reserve Fund*</i>	-	-	-	5,000	-
<i>TIF District Applic. Reserve Fund*</i>	0	0	0	(14,372)	-
Street Tree Planting & Maint.	0	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%
Budget Stabiliztn Reserve Fund	-	-	50,000	-	-
<b>TOTAL SPEC. ARTICLES EXP.</b>	<b>67,000</b>	<b>121,000</b>	<b>171,000</b>	<b>126,258</b>	<b>4.3%</b>

\* Separate articles to be voted in warning.

**CAPITAL & ONE-TIME EXPENSES**

2007 Int'l. Dump Truck	32,550	31,275	31,275	0	-100.0%
2009 John Deere Loader	-	13,573	13,573	13,664	0.7%
2010 International Dump Truck	-	-	-	21,071	-
Paving Bond Payment (debt svc)	102,816	99,465	99,453	97,233	-2.2%
Paving: Joslin Hill Patch	12,386	-	-	-	-
Brook Road Culvert	-	-	-	177,782	-

North Road Culvert	-	135,686	91,166	0	-100.0%
<b>TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2011 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2009</b>	<b>BUDGET 2010</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2010</b>	<b>BUDGET 2011</b>	<b>% Chg '10-'11 Bdgt</b>
Bridge Street storm drainage	-	-	-	14,000	-
Airport Road Embank. Failure	-	10,000	0	0	-100.0%
Town Garage Furn.Replacemnt	-	10,000	10,741	0	-100.0%
Town Garage Repair	-	5,000	1,741	25,000	400.0%
Town Office Task Force	-	-	-	10,000	-
Police Cruiser Purchase	7,674	7,674	7,674	7,674	0.0%
Town Pond Rehabilitation	86,454	7,930	7,930	0	-100.0%
Fire Station Energy Improvemts	-	22,000	12,295	0	-100.0%
Gravel Pit Purchase	52,787	51,240	51,231	49,056	-4.3%
Gravel Pit Access/Development	-	15,000	17,393	0	-100.0%
<b>TOTAL CAP. &amp; ONE-TIME EXP.</b>	<b>294,666</b>	<b>408,843</b>	<b>345,471</b>	<b>415,480</b>	<b>1.6%</b>

**REVENUES***Town Clerk Revenues*

Town Clerk Fees	31,317	38,000	31,532	38,000	0.0%
Money Market Interest	1,746	8,000	1,762	1,200	-85.0%
Beverage Sale Permits	2,045	2,500	2,610	2,300	-8.0%
<b>Subtotal Revenues</b>	<b>35,108</b>	<b>48,500</b>	<b>35,904</b>	<b>41,500</b>	<b>-14.4%</b>

*Planning Revenues*

Grants	13,045	4,500	10,475	5,070	12.7%
Zoning Fees	8,347	8,000	40,800	6,000	-25.0%
<b>Subtotal Revenues</b>	<b>21,392</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>51,275</b>	<b>11,070</b>	<b>-11.4%</b>

*Listers Revenues*

Act 60 Annual Support	10,488	9,600	10,498	10,000	4.2%
Misc.	0	0	394	0	0.0%
<b>Subtotal Revenues</b>	<b>10,488</b>	<b>9,600</b>	<b>10,892</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>4.2%</b>

*Road Dept. Revenues*

State Aid for Highways	64,875	57,630	67,258	65,000	12.8%
Misc. Road Dept. Income	1,186	0	2,373	575	-
Bridge Repair-Reimbursements	0	0	95	0	0.0%
<b>Subtotal Revenues</b>	<b>66,061</b>	<b>57,630</b>	<b>69,726</b>	<b>65,575</b>	<b>13.8%</b>

*Insurance Revenues*

Insurance Audit Refunds	0	0	0	0	0.0%
VLCT Health Leader Program	434	550	384	0	-100.0%
<b>Subtotal Revenues</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>

*Fire Dept. Revenues*

Fire Department Income (Fayston)	26,221	29,008	25,942	29,108	0.3%
Sale of Equipment	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Subtotal Revenues</b>	<b>26,221</b>	<b>29,008</b>	<b>25,942</b>	<b>29,108</b>	<b>0.3%</b>

<b>TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2011 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2009</b>	<b>BUDGET 2010</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2010</b>	<b>BUDGET 2011</b>	<b>% Chg '10-'11 Bdgt</b>
<i>Police Revenues</i>					
Traffic Control Income	25,176	23,000	18,315	18,000	-21.7%
Sale of Cruiser	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Misc. Income	1,759	2,300	1,600	2,300	0.0%
<b>Subtotal Revenues</b>	<b>26,935</b>	<b>25,300</b>	<b>19,915</b>	<b>20,300</b>	<b>-19.8%</b>
<i>Misc. Revenues</i>					
Dog Fine & Impoundment Fees	95	200	205	200	0.0%
State Forest Land Payment	5,932	3,500	6,237	5,500	57.1%
Current Use Hold Harmless	68,055	50,000	77,005	75,000	50.0%
Delinquent Tax Interest	14,618	12,000	19,027	15,000	25.0%
Library insurance reimbursement	-	-	-	2,976	-
Other	25,746	0	8,056	0	0.0%
<b>Subtotal Revenues</b>	<b>114,446</b>	<b>65,700</b>	<b>110,530</b>	<b>98,676</b>	<b>50.2%</b>
<i>Del. Tax. Collector Revenues</i>					
<b>Penalty Fees</b>	<b>20,661</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>21,489</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<i>Capital &amp; One-Time Revenues</i>					
North Road Culvert	-	114,917	83,335	0	-100.0%
Energy Efficiency Grant	-	26,900	27,950	22,049	-18.0%
Other Grant Proceeds	379	-	-	153,226	-
<b>Subtotal Revenues</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>141,817</b>	<b>111,285</b>	<b>175,275</b>	<b>23.6%</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>322,125</b>	<b>409,605</b>	<b>457,341</b>	<b>470,503</b>	<b>14.9%</b>
<b>2011 BUDGET</b>					
<b>Total Operating Budget Exp.</b>	1,004,110	1,085,061	1,067,941	1,113,692	2.6%
<b>Total Special Article Expenses</b>	67,000	121,000	171,000	126,258	4.3%
<b>Total Capital &amp; One-Time Exp.</b>	294,666	408,893	345,471	415,480	1.6%
<b>Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund</b>		50,000			-
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,365,776</b>	<b>1,664,904</b>	<b>1,584,412</b>	<b>1,655,429</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>322,125</b>	<b>409,605</b>	<b>457,341</b>	<b>470,503</b>	<b>14.9%</b>
<b>NET TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,043,651</b>	<b>1,255,299</b>	<b>1,127,071</b>	<b>1,184,926</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>
<b>BEGIN. YR CASH/FUND BAL.</b>	65,662	186,861	186,861	152,784	-18.2%
<b>TAX REVENUES</b>					
<b>Current Taxes</b>	1,164,850	1,068,438	1,092,994	1,032,142	-3.4%
<b>TAX REVENUES</b>	<b>1,164,850</b>	<b>1,068,438</b>	<b>1,092,994</b>	<b>1,032,142</b>	<b>-3.4%</b>
<b>YEAR END SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>186,861</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>152,784</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

NOTE: The proposed budget reflects total figures as if all 2011 articles are voted favorably.

**Town of Waitsfield, Vermont  
Capital Budget and Program  
2011-2016**

<b>TABLE 1. Capital Projects and Funding Sources</b>		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	TOTAL PROJ. COST
<b>Financed by Reserve Funds:</b>								
Covered Bridge Rep. & Maint.	Fed (80%)	257,790						343,720
Culvert Replacement Projects	State/Fed	36,000	13,500	70,000	40,000	70,000	70,000	299,500
Fire Department Roof Replacement	Fayston (40%) & borrowing	40,900						40,900
Replace 02 Low Profile Truck								0
Replace 94 Bucket Loader	Borrowing							111,000
Replace 98 Gallion Grader								200,000
Replace 05 Dump Truck				140,000				140,000
Replace 07 Dump Truck								170,000
Replace 08 Dump Truck								170,000
Replace 08 Pickup Truck								24,000
Replace 08 Backhoe								105,000
Replace 09 Bucket Loader								150,000
Rt. 100 Trans. Path (Town 10%)	State/Fed		1,200,000					1,200,000
New Police Cruiser					36,000			36,000
Replace Fire Truck	Fayston (40%)		200,000				250,000	450,000

**TABLE 1. Capital Projects and Funding Sources**

	Other Funds	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	TOTAL PROJ. COST
<b>Financed by Borrowing:</b>								
Paving Projects			300,000					300,000
Municipal Water System	Fed/Users	5,690,000						5,690,000
Decentralized Wastewater, Phase 1		250,000						250,000
Decentralized Wastewater, Phase 2			250,000					250,000
Town Garage Addition			250,000					250,000
New Municipal Building				750,000				750,000
New Police Cruiser							26,000	26,000
<b>Financed by Operating Funds:</b>								
Gravel Pit Development								0
Municipal Building Committee		10,000						10,000
Town Garage Repairs		25,000						25,000
Fire Dept. Energy Retrofits								0
Garage Energy Retrofits								0
Town Pond Repair/Maintenance						5,000		5,000
Bridge Street Culvert Analysis	VTrans	14,000						14,000
Safe Routes to School Projects	VTrans	70,500	70,500					141,000
Replace Salt Shed				20,000	20,000			40,000
<b>Total Annual Project Costs</b>		6,394,190	2,284,000	980,000	96,000	75,000	346,000	10,175,190



**TABLE 3. Debt Service Payments**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	TOTAL
<b>Loans:</b>							
2007 Dump Truck							0
2010 Dump Truck	21,071	20,687	20,304	19,921	19,538		101,522
Gravel Pit Purchase	49,056	49,896					98,952
Fire Department Roof Replacement		4,500	4,500	4,500			13,500
New Municipal Building Bond				40,000	40,000	40,000	750,000
Garage Addition Bond (\$250,00 @ 4% 30 yrs)			14,460	14,460	14,460	14,460	250,000
2009 Bucket Loader	13,664	13,298	12,932	12,566			52,460
Replace 2008 Police Cruiser	7,674				8,000	8,000	23,674
Road Paving Projects Debt	97,233	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	497,233
Wastewater Loan RF1-058, 15-yr no interest*		51,233	51,233	51,233	51,233	51,233	613,386
Phase 1 Decentralized Wastewater RLF (\$250,000 @ 2% 20 yrs)*		15,289	15,289	15,289	15,289	15,289	250,000
Phase 2 Decentralized Wastewater RLF (\$250,000 @ 2% 20 yrs)*			15,289	15,289	15,289	15,289	250,000
<b>Total Annual Debt Service</b>	188,697	234,904	214,008	253,259	243,809	224,271	2,900,726

\* Actual dates for repayment start may be later.

NOTE: Total annual CIP costs include funds from the operating year budget, contributions to reserve funds, and debt service repayments.

**TABLE 4. Operating Expenses**

General Fund:	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	TOTAL
Gravel Pit Development							0
Municipal Building Committee	10,000						10,000
Town Garage Space Analysis	5,000						
Town Garage Repairs	25,000						25,000
Town Garage Heat System							0
Town Pond Repair/Maintenance				5,000			5,000
<b>Total General Fund Expense</b>	40,000	0	0	5,000	0	0	45,000
<b>SUBTOTAL ANNUAL C.I.P. EXPENSES</b>	410,197	407,404	386,508	430,759	416,309	396,771	4,509,088

**TABLE 5. Grant and Other Non-Debt Revenues**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	TOTAL
Water Project: Rural Development Grant	2,500,000						2,500,000
Water Project: EPA State & Tribal Grant	1,980,000						1,980,000
Water Project: Water Use Fees	100,000						100,000
Culverts: VTrans Culvert Grant Program*		142,226					142,226
Paving: VTrans Town Highways Grant Program*			240,000				240,000
Energy Retrofits: EECBG Energy Retrofit	20,599						20,599
Covered Bridge Rehab.: VTrans Enhancement Grant	45,000	225,000					270,000
Route 100 Transportation Path: VTrans Enhancement Grant (90%)		108,000					108,000
Bridge Street: VTrans stormwater grant	11,000						11,000
Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grant	70,500	70,500					141,000
Fire Station Roof: Town of Fayston (40%)	25,524						25,524
Fire Trucks: Town of Fayston (40%)		80,000				100,000	180,000
<b>Total Grant and Other Revenues</b>	4,752,623	625,726	240,000	0	0	100,000	5,718,349

\* Not yet secured.

## LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

### Capital Equipment - Police Cruiser

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

Loan Balance on December 31, 2009	\$15,347
Principle Repayment on August 13, 2010	<u>(\$7,674)</u>
Note Balance on December 31, 2010 - Ford Motor Credit Company	\$7,673
(Due 8/13/11 Interest Rate 5.95%)	

### 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, 2009	\$190,000
Principle Repayment on December 16, 2010	<u>(\$95,000)</u>
Note Balance on December 31, 2010 - People's United Bank	\$95,000
(Due 12/15/11 Interest Rate 2.35%)	

### Capital Equipment - Dump Truck

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

Loan Balance on December 31, 2009	\$30,000
Principle Repayment on July 23, 2010	<u>(\$30,000)</u>
Note Balance on December 31, 2010 - People's United Bank	\$0

### Capital Improvement - Municipal Gravel Pit

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

Loan Balance on December 31, 2009	\$144,000
Principal Repayment on June 16, 2010	<u>(\$48,000)</u>
Note Balance on December 31, 2010 - People's United Bank	\$96,000
(Due 6/15/11 Interest Rate 2.20%)	

### Capital Equipment - Bucket Loader

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

Loan Balance on December 31, 2008	\$61,000
Principal Repayment on June 2, 2010	<u>(\$12,200)</u>
Note Balance on December 31, 2010 - People's United Bank	\$48,800
(Due 6/1/11 Interest Rate 3.00%)	

**Capital Equipment - Dump Truck**

*Original Date of Borrowing - June 30, 2010 (\$95,775)*

Loan Balance on December 31, 2009	\$0
Loan Proceeds June 2, 2010	<u>\$95,775</u>
Note Balance on December 31, 2010 - State of Vermont	\$95,775
<i>(Due 6/30/11 Interest Rate 2.00%)</i>	

**Bond Anticipation Note - Municipal Water (Line of Credit)**

*Original Date of Borrowing - January 8, 2009 (\$500,000)*

*Increase Line of Credit by \$100,000 - January 8, 2010 (\$600,000)*

Total borrowed against Line of Credit December 31, 2009	\$336,763
Draw on Line of Credit January 1 - December 31, 2010	\$218,500
Pay off Line of Credit with Bond Anticipation Note on October 10, 2010	<u>(\$555,263)</u>
Note Balance on December 31, 2010 - People's United Bank	\$0

**Bond Anticipation Note - Municipal Water**

*Original Date of Borrowing - August 19, 2010 (\$3,500,000)*

Loan Balance on December 31, 2009	\$0
Loan Proceeds August 19, 2010	<u>\$3,500,000</u>
Note Balance on December 31, 2010 - People's United Bank	\$3,500,000
<i>(Due 8/18/11 Interest Rate 1.85%)</i>	

**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, 2009 - Water	\$210,747
Amount drawn from \$210,747 Loan for Municipal Water	<u>\$0</u>
Loan Balance December 31, 2010	\$210,747

**Water - Source Exploration**

Loan Balance December 31, 2009 - Water	\$93,215
Amount drawn from \$100,000 Loan for Municipal Water	<u>\$0</u>
Loan Balance December 31, 2010	\$93,215

**Sewer**

Loan Balance December 31, 2009 - Sewer	\$327,500
Amount drawn from \$768,500 Loan for Municipal Sewer	<u>\$285,886</u>
Loan Balance December 31, 2010	\$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, 2009	\$52,528
Deposits	\$55,000
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$98
Balance December 31, 2010	\$107,626

### Road Department--Heavy Equipment

Balance December 31, 2009	\$15,363
Deposits	\$15,000
Withdrawals	(\$19,303)
Interest Earned	\$29
Balance December 31, 2010	\$11,089

### Fire Department--Trucks

Balance December 31, 2009	\$85,490
Deposits	\$15,000
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$150
Balance December 31, 2010	\$100,640

### BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND

Balance December 31, 2009	\$0
Deposits	\$50,000
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$0
Balance December 31, 2010	\$50,000

### FIRE DEPARTMENT ROOF RESERVE FUND

Balance December 31, 2009	\$21,045
Deposits	\$6,000
Withdrawals	(\$22,909)
Interest Earned	\$37
Balance December 31, 2010	\$4,173

**GRAVEL RESERVE FUND**

Balance December 31, 2009	\$18,801
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	(\$964)
Interest Earned	\$33
Balance December 31, 2010	\$17,870

**RESTROOM, RECREATION & CONSERVATION RESERVE**

Balance December 31, 2009	\$52,220
Deposits	\$10,000
Withdrawals	(\$20,622)
Interest Earned	\$92
Balance December 31, 2010	\$41,690

**ROUTE 100 TRANSPORTATION PATH RESERVE**

Balance December 31, 2009	\$147,881
Deposits	\$5,000
2010 State Reimbursements	\$0
Withdrawals	(\$773)
Interest Earned	\$369
Balance December 31, 2010	\$152,477

**LAREAU PARK IMPROVEMENT RESERVE**

Balance December 31, 2009	\$5,566
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	(\$137)
Interest Earned	\$10
Balance December 31, 2010	\$5,439

**STREET TREES RESERVE**

Balance December 31, 2009	\$5,686
Deposits	\$2,500
Withdrawals	(\$1,375)
Interest Earned	\$7
Balance December 31, 2010	\$6,818

**REAPPRAISAL RESERVE**

Balance December 31, 2009	\$6,670
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$12
Balance December 31, 2010	\$6,682

**TIF DISTRICT APPLICATION RESERVE**

Balance December 31, 2009	\$14,347
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$25
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Balance December 31, 2010	\$14,372

**JOSLIN LIBRARY REPAIR RESERVE**

Balance December 31, 2009	\$10,735
Deposits	\$2,500
Withdrawals	(\$8,625)
Interest Earned	\$19
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Balance December 31, 2010	\$4,629

**TOWN FOREST STEWARDSHIP RESERVE**

Balance December 31, 2009	\$5,010
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$9
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Balance December 31, 2010	\$5,019

**COVERED BRIDGE REPAIR RESERVE**

Balance December 31, 2009	\$50,054
Deposits	\$10,000
Withdrawals	(\$15,509)
Interest Earned	\$88
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Balance December 31, 2010	\$44,633

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

Balance December 31, 2009	\$181
Deposits	\$38,840
Withdrawals	<u>(\$34,847)</u>
Balance December 31, 2010	\$4,174

**RECORDS RESTORATION**

Balance December 31, 2009	\$18,704
Deposits	\$5,940
Withdrawals	<u>(\$11,874)</u>
Balance December 31, 2010	\$12,770

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

Balance December 31, 2009	\$1,853
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	<u>\$14</u>
Balance December 31, 2010	\$1,867

## 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 public health concerns related to conflicts with private on-site water supply and septic disposal systems.

Water. 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. Final engineering and permitting were completed, grant and loan funds were secured, and the project was advertised for bid in 2010. The following five separate contracts were awarded in September 2010:

1. J.P. Sicard – construction of the transmission main and hydrants in Irasville, Waitsfield Village, and Old County Road;
2. Munson Earth Moving – construction of the water main and hydrants from Old County Road to the tank site;
3. Natgun – construction of the 400,000 gallon storage tank;
4. Kingsbury Companies – construction of the transmission main from the tank to the well site; and
5. NECCO, Inc. – construction of the well house.

The municipal water system begins at the Reed Road well head and follows the Town's rights-of-way along Long Road, East Road, and Bushnell Road to a new storage tank to be constructed on the Town-owned former LeClair gravel pit site. From the tank, the transmission main follows a right-of-way to North Road, then along Tremblay Road to Route 100, and continues on to the Village and Irasville. Hydrants will provide fire protection along the route. An alternative route following Old County Road was included, primarily for fire protection for the residential neighborhood. The project is expected to be complete by the fall of 2011.

The feasibility studies for the water project were initially funded through the State Revolving Fund of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. Repayment of the \$342,040, 5-year, no-interest loans has now been rolled into the construction financing. Funding for construction, as well

as reimbursement for the planning and engineering costs, has been secured as follows:

Rural Development Loan	\$3,014,000
Rural Development Grant	\$2,500,000
Applicant Contribution (User Fees)	\$ 100,000
EPA STAG	<u>\$1,976,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$7,590,000</u></b>

Adjoining property owners of Reed Road appealed the Town's Act 250 permit, well source permit, initial condemnation proceedings related to the acquisition of the well source protection area, and challenged whether Reed Road was, in fact, a Town highway. A Washington Superior Court judge determined in a November decision that the Town had not presented compelling evidence that Reed Road was a properly established Town highway. Consequently, a stop work order was issued for work associated with the road. Local officials have resumed negotiations with the affected property owners and initiated condemnation proceedings to secure the land associated with the well and access.

Wastewater. Planning, design, and engineering for the creation of a municipal sewage disposal system for the Waitsfield Village and Irasville portions of the town began in 1998. The Town purchased property capable of sewage disposal in 2000 (so-called Munn site at intersection of Route 100 and Kingsbury Road). Final designs and permitting were under way to construct a phased wastewater system when two bond articles were defeated at the March 4, 2008 Town Meeting that asked voters whether to approve Phase 1 (\$5.5 million) and Phase 2 (\$5 million) of the wastewater project. Phase 1 would have provided in-ground treatment for up to 18,000 gallons per day serving only Irasville at an estimated cost of \$5.5 million. Phase 2 would have included construction of a tertiary treatment system that would increase disposal capacity to more than 90,000 gallons per day. In an effort to reduce costs, the wastewater system was proposed to serve only Irasville.

These studies were funded through \$768,500 in no-interest revolving loan funds through the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. To date, \$613,386 of the loan was spent that will need to be paid back over 15 years beginning in 2012. A balance of \$155,114 remains available for

further planning, engineering, permitting, etc., necessary to advance a community wastewater disposal solution. Unless design and engineering resumes for some form of wastewater project and a project proceeds to construction, the no-interest wastewater loan will be payable over fifteen years beginning in 2012.

Defeat of the bond articles brought work on the wastewater project to standstill. The Planning Commission's fall townwide 2009 Town Plan survey was inconclusive on the matter of a municipal wastewater system: many respondents strongly supported further investigation and many did not. However, there remains a strong sentiment among many Irasville and Village property owners that a municipal wastewater system is a high priority and must continue to be pursued. The planning focus now is on a decentralized approach to a future wastewater management solution. The Planning Commission secured municipal planning grant funds in 2010 to revisit current wastewater disposal needs and opportunities for dispersed wastewater management systems. Resumed use of the ANR loan funds could delay the loan repayment start date. Funds for design and construction of a decentralized system are slotted for 2011 and 2012 in an effort to address identified needs.

### **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. It is in the final stage of VTrans review and construction is expected to begin in late 2012 following completion of the water line installation. The project is anticipated to cost \$1.2 million, with a local match of at least 10%. Since 1997, the Town has set aside funds in a reserve fund, which totaled \$152,477 at the close of 2010. A contribution to this reserve fund is proposed in the 2011 budget to in response to 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.

### **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. Replacement of the North Road culvert this year cost more than \$92,000, which was funded in part through a VTrans culvert grant. A major culvert on Brook Road will need to be replaced in the near future at an estimated cost of \$177,000. Grant funding may not always be available when the projects must be undertaken. The creation of a culvert reserve fund is proposed 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. Dubois & King was hired after a competitive process for design and engineering services. After an alternative is selected, plans will be developed for possible construction in 2011.

### **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. Reconstruction of the impoundment was completed in 2010. Funds will be budgeted for an engineering inspection at least every five years to monitor its stability.

### **Howard/Tucker Gravel Pit**

Waitsfield voters authorized the Selectboard in 2006 to purchase approximately 77 acres off of Route 100 belonging to Robert L. Howard and the Estate of Phyllis Tucker for development of a municipal gravel supply and for future redevelopment. In 2010, a new access easement was secured through the neighboring AmeriGas property, construction of the new access and bridge were completed, and gravel extraction began. A new line item in the general fund budget has been added for on-going gravel pit operations. An article on the Town Meeting warning asks

voters whether to reallocate the remaining \$17,000 in the Gravel Pit Reserve Fund to the general fund.

### **Police Program**

Police Cruiser. The Town owns the police cruiser that is used in its traffic patrol program, the staff time of which is covered under contract with the Washington County Sheriff's Department. The current 4-wheel drive vehicle was purchased in 2008 through a 4-year note. It is equipped with oxygen and emergency medical supplies along with the latest speed measuring technology. A digital video recording device was purchased in 2010, with the cost divided between 2010 and 2011 budgets. Waitsfield receives mileage reimbursement based on the federal mileage rate from the Town of Warren for when the vehicle is used on patrols there.

DUI Processing Space. The Sheriff's Department, with whom the Town contracts for traffic control, has been in search of a small room where people suspected of driving while intoxicated (DUI) can be processed locally. Currently, DUI suspects must be transported to Montpelier or Barre for processing, which consumes time and resources that could otherwise be applied more effectively within town. The desired space would be about a 10' x 10' room with a table, chairs, location for the processing equipment, access to a bathroom, and with a secure separate entrance without stairs. Cost sharing with the Town of Warren should be explored for the construction and on-going operation of such space.

### **Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department Fire Truck**

The 1987 GMC tanker truck is proposed to be replaced in 2012. Depending on the features included, it could cost an estimated \$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**

2002 Low Profile Truck Replaced. The 2002 International 4300L dump truck was replaced with a 2010 International 4300M7 dump truck. The cost of the chassis was \$61,000, and body with plow was \$53,990. It was paid for with a 5-year \$95,775 loan through the Vermont Municipal Heavy Equipment Fund at 2 percent and the balance was paid with funds

from the Heavy Equipment Reserve Fund. The first loan payment will 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. The combined oil and wood stove heating system was replaced with a more modern, higher energy efficient system in 2010, which was required to be enclosed in a fireproof room. Funds through the ARRA Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program helped offset the cost of the oil-fired furnace. An energy audit was completed in 2010 that recommended a number of improvements to the existing building. The space of the existing building, approximately 3,000 square feet, is no longer adequate for the storage of vehicles, work space, and necessary employee facilities. The construction of a required room enclosure for the new heating system further diminished usable space. Funds are budgeted in 2011 to hire professional assistance to develop a space, site, and cost analysis for the development of plans for an addition to the existing structure. This addition could also be designed to accommodate the space requested by the Washington County Sheriff Department for processing DUI pick-ups locally (see above). An addition would be paid for through a bond, possibly as soon as 2012.

### **Paving Projects**

Borrowing is planned to begin major re-paving of Joslin Hill Road in 2012 after the debt service on the 2006 paving note is paid off 2011.

### **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. Diminishing space in the vault is significant concern. A new shelving

system was added to maximize the available remaining space. New Town Office space is needed that would provide a larger vault and town clerk area, a separate meeting room for town boards (for up to 40 persons), and office space for the town administrator, planning & zoning administrator, and assessor. 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 a new Town Office, 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. A Town Office Task Force was formed in 2010 to evaluate the various options, solicit public input, and make recommendations to the Selectboard regarding the expansion or relocation of the Town Office.

### **Fire Department**

The Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department building was constructed in 1974. Its roof has been repaired over the years and was slated to be replaced in 2010 at an estimated cost of \$31,000; however, the unanticipated need for structural supports and the finding of asbestos more than doubled the total cost. The roof is scheduled to be replaced in the spring of 2011. Article 14 on the Town Meeting warning seeks voter approval to borrow up to \$20,000 to complete the project. The Town received a grant through the ARRA Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program to replace the 23-year old boiler with an energy-efficient unit and the installation of an on-demand hot water heater.

### **General 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. The carriage barn was substantially renovated in 2010 by the Waitsfield Historical Society

for use as 3-season meeting and display space. A storage shed was constructed several years ago.

The Town received a grant through the ARRA Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program to install insulation in the attic and basement, install exterior storm windows, and replace the boiler with a more energy efficient system. The Town also secured a loan, following voter approval, to replace the carriage barn roof, repaint the buildings, and address other deferred maintenance items. Rents were raised by 8.35% to repay the loan and will be re-evaluated in 2011 as cash flow is monitored.

### **Community Development Fund**

The Town has two long-term loans receivable as a result of a 1999 Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) Grant, which funded two affordable housing projects at the Verd-Mont Mobile Home Park and the Evergreen Place Senior Citizens Center. Repayment funds from the loans for these projects will be re-usable for community development eligible activities subject to the negotiation of a close-out agreement with the VCDP. The Town renegotiated the terms of the original Evergreen Place note in 2005 and obtained an additional VCDP grant for the Evergreen Place Project. Those combined funds 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.

**Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Initiatives**

A combination of state and federal tax credits this past year prompted the installation of many solar panels in Waitsfield and throughout the state. The Town spent considerable time considering a partnership with one of two companies that proposed a partnership for the installation of solar panels on Town-owned land. A project did not go forward for a number of reasons. An Energy Reserve Fund is proposed to be established to ensure that funds are available for future opportunities that may not have been foreseen but require some form of matching contribution or downpayment.

**Townwide Reappraisal**

According to Waitsfield's assessor, the common level of appraisal (CLA) for the April 1, 2011 Grand List is 101.57% and the coefficient of dispersion (COD) is 18.6%. They were 96.52% and 16.3% in the previous year. A CLA of less than 80 percent or a COD of greater than 20 percent would lead to the Town being notified that a reappraisal must be conducted. This could happen if Waitsfield's COD continues to increase. The CLA and COD are determined annually by the Department of Taxes. If the Town fails to submit an acceptable compliance plan or fails to carry it out, the State can withhold education, transportation, and other funds until such time as the Vermont Department certifies that the Town has carried out the plan. Waitsfield's most recent townwide appraisal was completed in 2006. The cost of a townwide reappraisal could range from \$75,000 to \$100,000 or more. To prepare for this cost, reactivation of a Reappraisal Reserve Fund established years ago is proposed

**TOWN CLERK**  
**2010 STATEMENT OF FEES COLLECTED**

Recording Fees:	\$29,700
Search Fees:	\$568
Copies:	\$4,480
Permit Fees:	\$112
Marriage/Civil Union Licenses (less state fees):	\$430
Miscellaneous Fees:	\$17
Passport Fees:	\$2,475
Dog Licenses (less state fees):	<u>\$1,513</u>
(Dog Licenses Issued: 326)	
Total Fees Collected:	\$39,295

**Vital Statistics:**

Births:	13
Deaths:	13
Marriages:	<u>41</u>
	67

**WAITSFIELD-FAYSTON VOLUNTEER FIRE  
DEPARTMENT  
2010 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 97 calls in 2010.

Calls by Type	(Mut. Aid)			Total
	Waitsfield	Fayston	Moretown	
Motor Vehicle Accident	17	17		34
Fire Alarm (Smoke)	13	5		18
CO Detector	3	7		10
GMP Assist (Power lines)	6	3		9
Chimney Fire	1	6		7
Structure Fire	3	1		4
Car Fire	2	1		3
Gas/ Propane Leak	3			3
Ambulance Assist	2		1	3
Flood Conditions	1	1		2
Gas Odor	1			1
Kitchen Fire	1			1
Appliance Malfunction	1			1
Brush Fire		1		1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Percent</b>	<b>55.7%</b>	<b>43.3%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Firefighter training was a large part of this year's activities and we were able to apply the skills we learned to the structure fire at Armstrong's near AmeriGas gas. It was an eye opener to most as we arrived on scene, and we had to work mutual aid with two other departments. It was a great experience to be able to work as a team.

During training we have spent a lot of time with air packs. We have also worked with large diameter hoses.

We responded to a call on route 17 for a tank truck that was on top of a car, and caused the driver of the car to be trapped. This was another eye opening call because we were able to work with Waterbury heavy rescue. It was a good experience to see different kinds of equipment, and over 30 people on scene to help.

On July 31, 2010 we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Waitsfield-Fayston Fire department. It was huge success. We began the celebration with a parade where we were happy to welcome Governor Jim Douglas and his wife. We also welcomed 31 other fire departments from the state of Vermont. With a beautiful sunny day, we had a chicken barbeque where we celebrated with over 400 neighbors, family and friends. We thank you for your support!

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

**Officers for 2010 were:**

Chief	Delbert Palmer (Waits.)
1 <sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief	Gordon Eurich (Waits.)
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Delbert Palmer, Chief

**Active Firefighters:**

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



## WAITSFIELD ROAD DEPARTMENT 2010 Annual Report

The winter started warm and stayed that way. It is the first time in memory that the road crew did not plow our roads in March. The savings of our dollars shows in the budget. Spring came with an average mud season, to which the crew did a fine job of keeping our roads passable.

Spring turns to summer and like everyone does we sprang to life grading roads, maintaining brush, and cleaning up after some pretty fierce storms. We had a couple of storms that gave us a one two punch. Both of those times the, Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department helped out with road closures and tree removal.

The Town gravel pit has been working well. With the completion of a new road and bridge, the Town now has their own access to the pit. We have crushed, as of now, 10,000 yards of material. So far the material that is coming out of the pit has worn quite well. It packs well on the roads and is clean enough not to mud up and get greasy. This will continue to be a very valuable resource to the Town for many years to come.

We completed two large jobs this year. One was the construction of a new bridge and new road to access our pit. Our road crew did the work including a large clearing job that was part of this project. Hats off to our guys for a great job and much money saved. Our other project was a "bid" job for the North Road box culvert. That was overseen by the Town and a good job was done. The culvert and the road got a much needed upgrade. This was funded through a 90% State grant, and the rest, from the Town. We are going to apply for another grant for a large culvert on Brook Road.

We took delivery on a new truck this year. "Ol' Red" as Rodney would call the truck, left the fleet after eight years on the job. It has been replaced with a slightly larger version and the same teal color as the other trucks. We have well-equipped trucks that get used nearly every day, and we have kept our other equipment current and maintained.

The building received a energy audit this year. There are many areas that we can improve upon. We have put money in our budget for insulation, windows, and a new roof. With trim work and a coat of stain, we will

have our building in pretty good shape. The landscape around the area has been getting some sprucing up. Scrap metal is being recycled, grass is being mowed, and a storage shed will be built by the crew in the spring that help the yard have a nice, neat appearance to it.

We saw some personnel changes this year in our 3-person department. Rodney Jones of Waitsfield, who has been with the department since 2005, was promoted as Road Foreman in August following the departure of Stuart Grandfield. We welcomed in Ken Bagley from Granville on the crew in October. This coming June will mark two years Adam Magee of Duxbury has been with our crew.

Cheerfully,

Charlie Goodman  
Road Commissioner



Waitsfield Town Garage and Ol' Red.

Photo: R. Jones

**WAITSFIELD CEMETERY COMMISSION**  
**2010 Annual Report**

**Funds available – January 1, 2010**

Checkbook balance – TDBank North	7,147.27
Equipment reserve fund (CD) – Northfield Savings Bank	10,421.38

**Income – 2010**

New perpetual care funds	300.00
Lot fund	2,467.00
Sale of corner markers	150.00
Burials	4,400.00
From Trustees	26,775.00
Interest from CD	338.87
Interest from Checking	15.72
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>34,446.59</b>

**Funds available – 2010****52,015.24****Disbursements – 2010**

Tardy Contract	24,999.96
Purchase of corner markers	220.00
To trustees – Perpetual care fund	525.00
To trustees – Lot Fund	2,467.00
Treasurer of Trustees	0.00
Secretary of Trustees expense	1,500.00
Stone repairs	0.00
Misc. – Flags, Flowers, etc.	337.78
Tree service, liming, seeding, etc.	194.36
VT Cemetery Association	112.50
Fence repairs	318.70
Burials	2,350.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>33,025.30</b>

**Funds Available Less Expenses****18,989.94**

Funds Available – January 1, 2011

Checkbook balance – TDBank North	<b>8,229.69</b>
Equipment Reserve Fund CD – Northfield Savings Bank	<b>10,760.25</b>

**Total Funds Available January 1, 2011****18,989.94**

**CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS**  
**2010 Earnings & Expense Statement**

**EARNINGS:**

Stock Dividends	2,466.98	
Mutual Fund Dividends	2,755.95	
Corporate Bond Interest	3,060.96	
Money Market Interest	0.36	
Stock Litigations	86.60	
Total Earnings		8,370.85

**EXPENSES:**

Grant to Commissioners	26,775.00	
Total Expenses		(26,775.00)
Loss		(18,404.15)
New Funds		1,100.00
Net Loss		(17,304.15)

**ANALYSIS OF CHANGE IN FUNDS:**

Individual Funds 1-1-2010		462,096.73
Income	8,370.85	470,467.58
Less Expense	26,775.00	443,692.58
New Funds	1,100.00	444,792.58
Loss from Transactions	(35,575.80)	409,216.78
Individual Funds 12-31-10		

**2009**                      **2010**

INDIVIDUAL FUNDS:	462,096.73	409,216.78
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**CEMETERY LOT FUND:**

Linsco/Private Ledger 1-1-10		8,194.63
New Funds	285.00	
Savings Interest	0.71	
Paid to Commissioners	(2,182.00)	
Linsco/Private Ledger 12-31-10		<u>\$6,298.34</u>

**WAITSFIELD CEMETERY TRUST**  
**Investments December 31, 2010**

MONEY MARKET FUNDS	3,443.84
MUTUAL FUNDS (at cost)	63,761.22
COMMON STOCKS (at cost)	324,123.72
CORPORATE BONDS (at cost)	17,888.00

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Common Stock (at cost)	360,990.69	324,123.72
Mutual Funds (at cost)	63,761.22	63,761.22
Money Market Funds	4,951.82	3,443.84
Corporate Bonds (at cost)	32,393.00	17,888.00
Total Assets	<u>\$462,096.73</u>	<u>\$409,216.78</u>

## JOSLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY 2010 Report

2010 was an exciting year for the Joslin Memorial Library. We continued to enjoy active patronage from residents of Waitsfield, Fayston, Warren, and Moretown. Attendance at library sponsored programs increased significantly from last year and we look forward to offering more programming in the coming year. We have many “regulars” of a wide range of ages, from students coming in after school to computer users to avid readers whose reading preferences inspire me to keep our collection diverse and unique. New this year is the ability to access and download eBooks, thanks to our membership in the Green Mountain Library Consortium. This has brought us some new patrons eager to make use of this convenient technology.

The biggest project of 2010 was automating our catalog. We will begin circulation with the new system February 1st. As impressive as the huge improvement in service this will offer is the Herculean effort by volunteers to make this possible. We had over 35 volunteers donate huge amounts of time and skill to barcode and catalog the thousands of items in our collection. It was a great collective effort and an example of what makes this such a terrific place to work!

Our Board of Trustees will see some changes in 2011. After eight years of service, Peter Joslin is moving on. We are all grateful to the commitment he has shown to the library and will miss him. Another change is that for the first time we plan to have a board member from Fayston. This will help ensure that the needs of our many Fayston patrons are well represented on the Board and reinforce our commitment to making the Joslin Library an integral part of both communities. Thanks to the community, our volunteers, the Board, the Friends of the Library and all of our patrons and donors for another great year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joy Worland, Librarian

## JOSLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY 2009 – 2010 Budget Report

	2010 Budget	2010 Actual	2011 Budget	Notes
<b>Income</b>				
Rent for Waitsfield Town Office	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	1
- Utilities (2/3 electric, 1/2 rest)	\$4,267	\$4,267	\$4,260	1
Patrons Contributions	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Interest on savings	\$1,000	\$254	\$300	
Friends of the Library	\$2,500	\$2,970	\$2,500	
Misc. Income (Operational Services)	\$1,500	\$2,484	\$2,000	
Grants		\$262	\$200	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$28,017</b>	<b>\$29,237</b>	<b>\$28,260</b>	
<b>Transfer of funds</b>				
Transfer from Earmarks, for automation.	\$6,000	\$4,500	\$1,500	2
Transfer From Joslin Library Building Fund.		\$2,500		6
Transfer from Maintenance Reserve Fund.		\$8,625		
<b>Operational Income</b>	<b>\$34,017</b>	<b>\$44,862</b>	<b>\$29,760</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>				
Collection Development	\$8,300	\$8,268	\$8,300	
Library Supplies	\$1,700	\$2,182	\$2,000	
Postage	\$1,100	\$800	\$1,000	
Mileage	\$50	\$131	\$150	
Periodicals	\$600	\$806	\$700	
Vermont KOHA Project (Automation)	\$6,375	\$5,375	\$2,300	2
Building Improvements	\$0	\$2,500	\$0	6
Maintenance & Repairs Extraordinary Maintenance/Res. Fund	\$3,000	\$2,476	\$2,300	
Water System hookup	\$2,500	\$8,625	\$5,000	4
Electricity	\$500	\$250	\$220	
Fuel	\$1,900	\$1,882	\$2,100	
Telephone	\$5,500	\$4,396	\$5,500	
Insurance (Building)	\$1,100	\$1,154	\$1,100	
Insurance (Health)	\$3,800	\$0	\$3,000	
Copier	\$1,200	\$1,000	\$1,200	
Summer Program	\$900	\$977	\$1,000	
Staff Salaries (Gross)	\$500	\$500	\$500	5
Payroll Taxes	\$30,000	\$29,993	\$32,300	2
	\$2,330	\$2,535	\$2,500	

Membership & Conference Fees	\$400	\$456	\$1,500	5
Computers & Supplies	\$2,000	\$2,793	\$2,500	
Misc. Expenses	\$500	\$611	\$600	
Programs	\$500	\$200	\$500	5
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$74,755</b>	<b>\$77,908</b>	<b>\$76,270</b>	

**Town Support****(Expenses-Operational  
Income)**

	\$40,738	\$34,158	\$46,510	
Waitsfield's Share , 71.2%	\$24,158	\$24,158	\$33,115	3
Fayston's Share, 28.8%	\$16,580	\$10,000	\$13,395	3

**Notes**

- 1 2011 Budget shows Town Office Rent as Income.  
\$6,000 Transferred in to apply to
- 2 automation
  - \$4,500 was used in 2010. The remaining 1500 \$1,500 will be used in 2011.
- Library Automation expenses for 2011:
  - Start-up cost; Hardware, Services, and librarian hours \$1,500
  - Yearly Maintenance cost \$800
  - Total \$2,300
- Share determined by town's
- 3 patron counts
  - From 11/11/2010 Patron Database with Adjustments from Fayston Review.
  - Fayston Patron count is 283.
  - Waitsfield Patron count is 699.
- 4 Extraordinary Maintenance/Repairs funds are held in the Repair Res. Fund.
  - The 2010 expense was for repair of the south side roof and snow fence and paid from the Reserve.
  - The Library will hold and manage the repair reserve fund.
- 5 The Friends support will be applied to these line items.
- 6 Burley Partnership for Conceptual Drawing for Library Addition.

**JOSLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
Bank & Trust Fund Report 2010**

**TD BANK**

Cash in Checking			\$ 9,070.83
Savings account			\$ 6,364.43
Certificate of Deposit			\$ 20,000.00
McGrath Fund CD			\$1,755.80

Joslin Repair Fund Escrow	1/1/2010	\$ 2,592.84	
Interest		\$ 1.30	
Balance 11/30/2010			\$2,594.14

**NORTHFIELD SAVINGS BANK**

Geo. A. Joslin Book Fund CD	1/1/2010	\$12,176.30	
Interest		\$71.13	
Balance 11/30/2010			\$12,247.43

Wallis Book Fund CD	1/1/2010	\$25,000.00	
Interest		\$327.73	
Balance 11/30/2010			\$25,327.73

Geo. A. Joslin Repair Fund	1/1/2010	\$978.34	
Interest		\$2.21	
Bank Charges		\$ (31.50)	
Returned Bank Chgs		\$ 21.00	
Balance 11/30/2010			\$970.05

Building Fund	1/1/2010	\$5,875.25	
Interest		\$26.57	
Balance 11/30/2010			\$5,901.82

<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS 2010</b>			<b>\$84,232.23</b>
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR REPORT 2010 Annual Report

The report of independent auditor William Yacavoni will be available for review at the Waitsfield Town Office, 9 Bridge Street and will be available on-line at:

[www.waitsfieldvt.us/annualmeeting/2011/independent\\_auditor\\_report.cfm](http://www.waitsfieldvt.us/annualmeeting/2011/independent_auditor_report.cfm).



Warren Firefighter Butch Hartshorn, 07/31/10

(Photo: Jeff Knight)

**Warning of Annual Meeting  
Waitsfield Town School District 2011**

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.

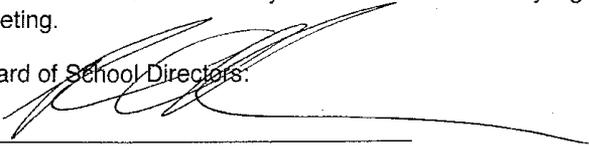
ARTICLE III: To set salaries, if any, that shall be paid to the officers of the district.

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 \$ 2,149,589 and to appropriate that sum which the District deems necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

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

Board of School Directors:

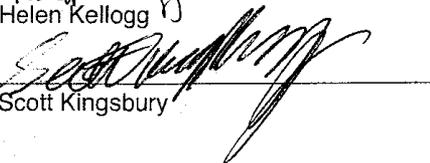


Rob Williams, Chairman

  
Wrenn Compère

  
Elizabeth Cadwell

  
Helen Kellogg

  
Scott Kingsbury

**WAITSFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING  
MARCH 2, 2010**

Following are the minutes of the Annual Meeting for the Waitsfield Town School District of March 2, 2010 pursuant 1 V.S.A. § 312(b)(1).

Peter Joslin called the Annual Meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

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

**ARTICLE II: To hear and act upon reports of the Town School District.** Sandy Tarburton introduced new principal Kaiya Korb. Ms. Korb gave an overview of new programs and tools being made available to students, teachers and parents.

With concurrence of the Assembly, State Representative Adam Greshin updated voters on current legislative issues.

**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, 2011.** 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 \$2,155,826 and to appropriate that sum which the District deems necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.** The budget figure in the school warning was corrected to be \$2,115,826. Article V for a budget of \$2,115,826 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**ARTICLE VII: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.** Missy Shea was recognized for her hard

work and service. Appointed board member Todd White and outgoing board member Sandy Tarburton were thanked.

The School Meeting recessed at 1:54 p.m. for immediate continuation of Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer R. Peterson  
Town Clerk

Approved by School Board on: 4/12/10



Kids on '49 pumper with Fire Chief Delbert Palmer, 07/31/10 (Photo: V. Capels)



## **WAITSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT March 2011 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: Fifty Years Strong**

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Waitsfield Elementary School. Like many, upon reaching the half-century mark, we are reflective upon what has been accomplished and what we hope to achieve in the years ahead. While we've gone through different stages over the years—from open classrooms to several year class groupings, we like to think that within those changes, we've remained a steady asset to the community. We are actively engaged in insuring that the services we provide match the needs of this community. Below is our plan for keeping ourselves “fresh”.

### Staying Fit

**Fiscal Fitness/Budget.** The Board of School Directors has consistently worked to keep school's budget trim while maintaining a high quality educational experience for students. Last year, the budget brought forth was a 2.3% decrease in spending from the previous year. This savings was realized without reducing programming, by taking advantage of opportunities for savings that included staff retirements. While this year's budget is an increase of 1.6%, it represents a decrease of per pupil spending by .4%. Federal and state funding, the common level of appraisal, and state mandated initiatives are beyond the control of the Waitsfield School Board, but there is ongoing close management of that which does fall within their purview.

**Facility Fitness/Capital Improvement.** Despite care, our building has begun to show its age. Over the past year, we've crafted a capital improvement plan outlining our anticipated facility needs for the next several years. (A copy of this plan can be found on our school website, [www.waitsfieldelementary.org](http://www.waitsfieldelementary.org) under "School Board".) Last year, we accessed grant funds to replace unit ventilators that were part of the initial school construction fifty years ago. Additionally, we replaced tile throughout the original part of the building; this tile has small amounts of asbestos within it and we preemptively replaced it before issues developed. We have instituted regular cleaning of our ductwork system, as well as a planned cycle of painting. Looking ahead, there is insulation work needed to improve the efficiency of our facility. We are currently looking for grants and saving money towards that work. By regularly making contributions towards our capital improvement budget and completing ongoing work, we are looking to insure that our building is in good shape to effectively meet our needs going forward.

**Mental Fitness/Professional Development.** A perusal of detail in the annual budget shows that the Waitsfield Elementary School staff has been active in professional development—we have used the allocated amount (and shifted a bit more in) for the last several years to pursue professional development relevant to the goals of the school. Several of our staff members have achieved masters degrees in the Vermont Math Initiative, a program designed to support the development of master math instructors. From exploring brain research to effective reading intervention strategies, staff are staying current with educational research and practices as well as modeling being life long learners.

### Staying Connected

**Connected Preschool – Sixth grade Experience.** “The Roots of Success”, a report commissioned by the Vermont Department of Education, last year reported that collaboration and alignment of curriculum by teachers is a significant factor in the effectiveness of a school. In looking at many Vermont schools, it was found that those that had an effective, cohesive education system were able to outperform others. Waitsfield Elementary School staff is highly competent and dedicated to our students; our focus for improvement over the past two years has been to better coordinate the work that we are doing, from our math curriculum to our behavioral expectations. This past year, staff has worked on how we teach scientific inquiry, insuring that we are scaffolding instruction from one year to the next and using consistent language. With the implementation of a new math program in kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, we have met monthly (or more) to support one another in coordinating our instruction and approach. Grade cluster teams meet biweekly, as do the full staff, working on action plan goals as well as other initiatives/topics of shared responsibility. While the artistry and individuality of each educator is deeply respected, we balance this respect with commitment to consistency of curriculum and collaborative accountability for our work.

**Connecting the Whole Child.** In addition to the rigor of our academic program, we are attentive to the arts; balanced development of the physical, emotional and intellectual needs can be found throughout the school.

- Our “Winter Outdoor Program,” puts all 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students skiing or boarding Wednesday afternoons January- March and focuses upon building lifelong wellness skills and habits.
- The drama program in the school supports theater extracurricular activities for children in 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Throughout the year, three plays are performed by 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade students, as well as a musical by the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade students. This year’s 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade musical, “Mulan” will be performed on March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>— you’re invited to join us at Valley Player’s Theater.



- The WES Band and Instrumental program currently serves over 85% of the students in 4th through 6th grade. While all students participate in weekly music instruction, involvement in band/instrument lessons is voluntary and available to all students.

A comprehensive health and guidance curriculum is offered to all kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students through weekly lessons delivered by our school counselor and nurse.

**Connecting with the Community.** Maintaining a connection to the community around us is an important part of our school’s health—our students are the future stewards of our town and world. Forming relationships with and learning from the community forms a meaningful backdrop in which students can apply their learning—as well as helping them know that there is a broad base of people who care about what



they are doing each day. Community connections include special projects, such as the town orchard, where students are caring for the saplings planted last summer to support a fruit bearing resource for the whole community. These

connections might occur through ongoing curriculum work, such as collecting data about the health of the Mad River. Or it might look like developing ongoing relationships, such as occur through the “Everybody Wins” reading mentoring program where community members weekly

join a student partner to share in the love of reading. (We're always looking for more adult mentors—if you've got an hour a week to share in a love of books with a child, please join us. We promise it will be time well spent!)

### **Continually Growing**

**Action Planning.** As a school, we work to foster and model life-long learning skills. As an institution, we annually craft a school action plan, looking at data to identify areas for improvement and focusing our professional work for the upcoming year on meeting goals in these targeted areas. A detailed copy of the school action plan can be found on the school website ([www.waitsfieldelementary.org](http://www.waitsfieldelementary.org)) under “Administration.” Action plan work for this year has been focused upon: more focused assessment and coordinated early intervention in literacy and math; improved instruction in informational (non-fiction) text; articulation of grade leveled expectations in technology; and further articulation of shared expectations. In the area of literacy, we have reviewed a variety of assessment tools and selected one to allow us to better discuss and track student growth across classrooms, identifying where breakdowns in learning may be occurring. We are using online technology to better track and analyze data relevant to student performance, such as results on the aforementioned literacy assessment. The relationship that is developed with each individual teacher continues to be paramount to student success and we continue to grow in the tools we use to inform the work that occurs with each of those teachers.

**Reflecting World Changes.** While elementary education goals such as teaching students to read, to calculate and to think critically have remained constant over the years, the tools that students use to do many of these skills, as well as to interact with the world around them, are certainly changing. Waitsfield Elementary School prides itself on providing access to and direct instruction in how to use these evolving tools. In addition to having state of the art technology tools, including a mobile computer lab, interactive whiteboards, document cameras, flip cameras and tablets, we employ a technology integrationist who supports staff in teaching



students how to use these tools to pursue learning objectives across the curricula. While I'm sure that the tools will look different by the time our students leave secondary school, I'm confident that our students will be well versed in how to use technology to explore and express ideas. Across our curricula we support critical thinking and problem solving, communication, collaboration, creativity and innovation. These 21<sup>st</sup> century skills are the tools that have been identified as the ticket to, as President Obama said in the January state of the union address, "win the future."

**Exploring Beyond our Walls.** This year, parents Melinda Kogut and Piper Stover organized a series of presentations and experiences that tapped into community resources to enhance science, technology,



engineering and math instruction.

Four school-wide assemblies brought students in contact with local scientists and engineers, demonstrating how Vermonters are applying their learning in these areas to pursue interesting careers. Seeing how playing with Legos or taking apart a cell phone might lead to an exciting career in engineering has inspired many of our students. Through the guidance of these parents and the support of several community members and businesses, a Lego League has been instituted at the school, providing over 1/3 of our students with an opportunity to explore computer programming and design work. Partnerships

with parents and local businesses to support enhancement of learning opportunities is an example of how we can all work together to provide a depth of experience for our children even in a relatively small, rural community.

### *Looking to the future: The Next 50 years*

This spring, as part of our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday activities, we will unearth a time capsule buried in the early years of the school, as well as bury a new capsule. Time capsules are a good reminder of just how unknown the

future is, including the future of our own school. In the immediate future, we are continuing to look at actively insuring that our school is responsible to the community around us. Around the state, school enrollment is dropping. While it has remained steady at Waitsfield over the past several years, we are anticipating a slight drop in the coming years.

### Elementary Enrollment as of October 2010

Grade	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
<b>Enrollment</b>	15	15	19	25	25	12	27	17	<b>155</b>

### Enrollment Trends PK-6 (2000-2010)

'00	'01	'02	'03	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10
156	159	160	170	145	154	171	160	155	169	155

The Board of School Directors will continue to be guided by maintaining quality programming in a fiscally responsible manner, which could mean trimming staff and/or combining with other schools in response to a dip in enrollment. History has shown that enrollment is an unpredictable beast; we're exploring options so that we're best prepared for whatever presents itself in the future.

Some argue that schools have changed little in the past 50 or 100 years. While there are certainly elements that have remained the same, there is much about school that looks and sounds different these days. We are incorporating what we know about the brain and learning into daily instruction. Math instruction works towards a deep understanding, as opposed to following rote rules, for everyone. Technology is woven into our work, from the research we do to the tools that we use to share information with one another. Attention is paid to not only expecting a high level of civic responsibility within our school walls and beyond, but to teaching kids how to do that. Critical thinking and evaluative skills are key elements taught across the curriculum. In the years to come, we hope to continue to work to meeting the needs of the community and reflect the world around us.

With 50 years of serving this community, there is a great likelihood that if you are not a graduate of this school, or have a

child in this school, your neighbors are. We hope you'll join us in celebrating the school as a cornerstone of our community.

Respectfully,  
Kaiya Korb, Principal

**Waitsfield Elementary Student Data**

Support Services		Food Service Program	
Students receiving Special Education Services	14%	Students eligible for Free and Reduced Price Lunch	27%
Students with 504 Plans	3%	Average students served breakfast each day	18%
Students receiving support from our Educational Support Team	12%	Average students served lunch each day	61%



Fun and games at the Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Station

(Photo: V. Capels)

## **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.

#### **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.

**NECAP: READING & MATH**  
**Student performance, Fall 2009**

	Waitsfield Elementary School		
	Reading (Grade 3-6)	Math (Grade 3-6)	Writing (Grade 5)
<b>Number Assessed</b>	90	90	No Data shared through-out the state
<b>Proficient with Distinction</b>	29%	32%	
	82%	77%	
<b>Proficient</b>	53%	45%	
<b>Partially Proficient</b>	12%	14%	
	18%	23%	
<b>Below Proficient</b>	6%	9%	

**NECAP: SCIENCE**  
**Student performance, Spring 2010**

	Waitsfield Elementary School	State of Vermont
	Science (Grade 4)	Science (Grade 4)
<b>Number Assessed</b>	27	6,155
<b>Proficient with Distinction</b>	5%	2%
	58%	54%
<b>Proficient</b>	53%	52%
<b>Partially Proficient</b>	26%	34%
	32%	36%
<b>Below Proficient</b>	16%	12%

	<u>2009-2010</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2009-2010</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2010-2011</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2011-2012</u> <u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>PERCENT</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
<u>REGULAR EDUCATION</u>					
Salaries	755,936	776,042	727,058	708,726	
Benefits & Staff Development	221,208	223,462	229,452	230,376	
Materials and Equipment	74,814	86,312	64,043	64,595	
<b>TOTAL REGULAR EDUCATION</b>	<b>1,051,958</b>	<b>1,085,816</b>	<b>1,020,553</b>	<b>1,003,697</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION &amp; ESSENTIAL EARLY EDUCATION</u>					
Salaries	173,486	157,993	158,020	171,666	
Benefits & Staff Development	55,912	52,111	53,495	56,104	
Spec., Ed. Contracted Services	73,800	61,756	61,440	62,440	
Transportation	-	-	4,500	4,500	
Materials and Equipment	4,346	2,824	1,600	2,500	
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>307,544</b>	<b>274,684</b>	<b>279,055</b>	<b>297,211</b>	<b>6.5%</b>
<u>COMPENSATORY EDUCATION &amp; SCHOOL WIDE</u>					
Salaries	35,626	37,710	40,452	37,126	
Benefits & Staff Development	10,945	11,373	13,648	12,005	
Materials and Equipment	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL COMPENSATORY EDUCATION</b>	<b>46,571</b>	<b>49,083</b>	<b>54,100</b>	<b>49,131</b>	<b>-9.2%</b>
<u>GUIDANCE SERVICES</u>					
Salaries	26,054	26,054	26,054	26,445	
Benefits & Staff Development	2,754	2,797	2,885	2,872	
Contracted Services & Supplies	405	351	405	405	
Psychological Services	500	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES</b>	<b>29,714</b>	<b>29,202</b>	<b>29,344</b>	<b>29,722</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<u>HEALTH SERVICES</u>					
Salaries	31,256	31,361	31,256	38,416	
Benefits & Staff Development	3,289	3,294	3,445	4,014	
Contracted Services & Supplies	650	493	650	650	
<b>TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES</b>	<b>35,194</b>	<b>35,148</b>	<b>35,351</b>	<b>43,080</b>	<b>21.9%</b>
<u>SPEECH SERVICES</u>					
Salaries	66,656	67,991	72,849	74,360	
Benefits & Staff Development	17,587	17,580	19,995	20,349	
Contracted Services & Supplies	2,442	4,448	750	750	
<b>TOTAL SPEECH SERVICES</b>	<b>86,685</b>	<b>90,019</b>	<b>93,594</b>	<b>95,460</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
<u>IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</u>					
	6,300	8,838	4,000	4,000	0.0%
<u>EDUCATION MEDIA</u>					
Salaries	28,695	28,930	28,626	29,216	
Benefits & Salary Development	5,083	4,905	5,248	5,294	
Materials & Equipment	8,090	5,494	7,050	7,050	
<b>TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MEDIA</b>	<b>41,868</b>	<b>39,329</b>	<b>40,924</b>	<b>41,560</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
<u>BOARD EXPENSE</u>					
	8,371	11,008	14,683	11,871	-19.2%
<u>WASHINGTON WEST GENERAL ASSESSMENT</u>					
	39,559	39,559	40,576	47,859	17.9%
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>					
Principal & Secretary Salaries	126,099	122,099	112,371	112,405	
Benefits & Staff Development	30,447	31,111	28,869	29,639	
Postage, Supplies & Equipment	6,600	3,177	3,550	3,550	
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>163,146</b>	<b>156,387</b>	<b>144,790</b>	<b>145,595</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
<u>FISCAL SERVICES</u>					
Business Management	8,222	8,222	8,149	9,175	
Payroll & Accounting Services	16,900	16,900	16,807	19,293	
Audit	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	
<b>TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES</b>	<b>28,122</b>	<b>28,122</b>	<b>27,956</b>	<b>31,468</b>	<b>12.6%</b>

	2009-2010 BUDGET	2009-2010 ACTUAL	2010-2011 BUDGET	2011-2012 PROPOSED	PERCENT CHANGE
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>					
Salaries	72,273	74,233	70,883	77,727	
Benefits & Staff Development	31,333	28,102	31,614	33,296	
Building Supplies & Operations	85,565	65,625	87,546	93,546	
<i>Contribution to Capital Improvement &amp; Facilities Maintenance Reserve Fund</i>					
	<u>17,000</u>	<u>17,000</u>	<u>29,500</u>	<u>34,059</u>	
TOTAL MAINTENANCE	<u>206,171</u>	<u>184,960</u>	<u>219,543</u>	<u>238,628</u>	8.7%
<b>DAILY TRANSPORTATION</b>					
	<u>58,341</u>	<u>56,480</u>	<u>60,208</u>	<u>60,208</u>	0.0%
<b>FIELD TRIPS TRANSPORTATION</b>					
	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,345</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	0.0%
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>					
Short-Term Interest	8,000	8,336	8,000	8,000	
Principal	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	
Interest	<u>5,250</u>	<u>5,250</u>	<u>3,150</u>	<u>2,100</u>	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	<u>43,250</u>	<u>43,586</u>	<u>41,150</u>	<u>40,100</u>	-2.6%
<b>FOOD SERVICE</b>					
	<u>7,500</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,500</u>	0.0%
<b>TOTAL WAITSFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COSTS</b>	<b><u>2,162,793</u></b>	<b><u>2,134,634</u></b>	<b><u>2,115,826</u></b>	<b><u>2,149,589</u></b>	1.6%
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
<b>Local Revenue</b>					
Interest Earnings	20,000	14,135	18,000	12,000	
Town Reimbursement	56,006	56,006	56,000	56,000	
Pre-Kindergarten Tuition	-	-	4,500	6,408	
Miscellaneous	-	133	-	-	
<b>Prior Year Fund Balance</b>	60,218	60,218	4,860	34,059	
<b>State Categorical &amp; Special Ed Grants</b>					
Special Education Reimbursement	129,427	125,409	111,816	110,976	
Transportation Reimbursement	16,930	16,377	23,681	25,981	
Mainstream Block Grant	43,238	43,238	46,510	53,224	
EEE Grant	16,163	16,042	18,998	20,333	
<b>Federal Revenue</b>					
SFSF ARRA	-	60,487	-	-	
Title I	20,000	32,666	32,666	34,028	
IDEA-B Grant	25,590	29,286	26,000	24,500	
IDEA-B Grant-Preschool	<u>1,000</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	
<b>Subtotal Local, State and Federal Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$ 388,572</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 454,497</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 344,031</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 379,509</u></b>	10.3%
<b>Education Spending Grant</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,774,221</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,714,235</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,771,795</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,770,080</u></b>	-0.1%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,162,793</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,168,732</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,115,826</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,149,589</u></b>	1.6%

The Waitsfield School District audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2010 are available online at [www.waitsfieldelementary.org](http://www.waitsfieldelementary.org), at [www.wwsu.org](http://www.wwsu.org), or by calling the WWSU offices in Waitsfield at 802-496-2272, extension 117.

	2010-2011 BUDGET	2011-2012 Proposed	PERCENT CHANGE
<b>EDUCATION TAX CALCULATION WORKSHEET - Combined Waitsfield Elementary &amp; Harwood Union</b>			
<b><u>Waitsfield Elementary School:</u></b>			
Equalized Pupils	139.28	139.72	
<b>Education Spending per Pupil (PK-6)</b>	<b>\$ 12,721</b>	<b>\$ 12,669</b>	-0.4%
Base Education Spending per Pupil	<u>\$ 8,544</u>	<u>\$ 8,544</u>	
District Spending Adjustment	148.89%	148.28%	
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate**	<u>\$ 0.860</u>	<u>\$ 0.870</u>	
<b>Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (PK-6)</b>	<b>\$ 1.280</b>	<b>\$ 1.290</b>	0.7%
% of Waitsfield students at Waitsfield Elementary School	51.96%	52.66%	
Portion of District Equalized Homestead Rate to be assessed by town	<u>\$ 0.665</u>	<u>\$ 0.679</u>	
<b><u>Harwood Union School District:</u></b>			
Equalized Pupils (Waitsfield 7-12)	128.77	125.60	
<b>Education Spending per Pupil (7-12)</b>	<b>\$ 12,466</b>	<b>\$ 12,634</b>	1.3%
Base Education Spending per Pupil	<u>\$ 8,544</u>	<u>\$ 8,544</u>	
District Spending Adjustment	145.904%	147.870%	
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate**	<u>\$ 0.860</u>	<u>\$ 0.870</u>	
<b>Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (7-12)</b>	<b>\$ 1.255</b>	<b>\$ 1.286</b>	2.5%
% of Waitsfield students at Harwood Union	48.04%	47.34%	
Portion of District Equalized Homestead Rate to be assessed by town	<u>\$ 0.603</u>	<u>\$ 0.609</u>	
<b><u>Combined (PK-12):</u></b>			
Equalized Pupils (PK-12)	<u>268.05</u>	<u>265.32</u>	-1.0%
<b>Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (Combined PK-12)</b>	<b>\$ 1.268</b>	<b>\$ 1.288</b>	
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	<u>96.52%</u>	<u>101.57%</u>	
<b>Estimated Homestead Property Tax Rate **</b>	<b>\$ 1.314</b>	<b>\$ 1.268</b>	-3.5%
Base Homestead Income Rate	1.80%	1.80%	
<b>Actual Homestead Income Rate</b>	<b>2.65%</b>	<b>2.67%</b>	
Base Non-Residential Education Tax Rate **	\$ 1.372	\$ 1.350	
<b>Non-Residential Education Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$ 1.421</b>	<b>\$ 1.329</b>	-6.5%
Combined Equalized Tax Rate for FY2011-12 is calculated by adding the proportionate share (based on equalized pupils) of the equalized homestead tax rate for each school district			
<b>** As estimated, final rate to be determined by the Legislature</b>			
<b>**Changes and/or adjustments made to the education funding formula may change these estimates.</b>			
<b><u>Maintenance Reserve Fund</u></b>			
Audited Fund Balance; June 30, 2010	\$ 33,767		
Voter Approved Contribution to Reserve Fund; July 1, 2010	\$ 29,500		
Interest Income FY2011 to Date	\$ 24		
Expenses paid FY2011 to date	\$ (49,280)		
Ending Balance January 2011	<u>\$ 14,011</u>		

**2009-10 REPORT FROM THE WASHINGTON WEST  
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**Strengthening Our PK-12 Educational Organization**

The WWSU Administrative Team, in conjunction with building principals and local board members, have worked hard this year to develop and implement many initiatives to further enhance and improve our schools for students and employees. A continued focus of the team's work is in systems analysis and design, in an effort to build sustainable programs, to increase our capacity, and to realize maximum efficiency 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 some key areas of work.

Several important changes have come our way from Montpelier that required a significant amount of our time and much collaboration. Budgeting was more difficult than ever, as we prepared and studied the impacts of essentially three possible budgets in each town; level services, level funded, and meeting the Challenges for Change (Act 146) voluntary target reductions assigned from the DOE. The local school boards in conjunction with school and supervisory union administration have wrestled with the impact of each of the scenarios and brought forth the options they felt were best for each school. The results of these difficult decisions are presented within the proposed budgets in each of the respective towns in our communities.

Act 153, the legislation around consolidating school districts and changing the responsibilities of the WWSU Board, still remains center stage. Administrators and board members are spending time listening, learning, and discussing the myriad of opinions regarding school governance, local control, and cost efficiencies. We have no current plans to change anything for next year, or even into the near future, but will continue to determine what the next steps should be for our communities. The law requires our district to identify, study, and consider all consolidation possibilities. We will get information out to our communities as it becomes available and/or any articulated plans actually materialize in our district.

Significant work has been done in the areas of developing hiring procedures, implementing a complete teacher, support staff and administrator evaluation system, expanding and coordinating student assessment data collections, policy development and revision, comparative program of studies analysis at HUHS, negotiating contract agreements for both teachers and support staff, enrollment analysis 1997-2015, implementing a new messaging and safety/emergency system (ALERT NOW), and beginning the work to transition our curriculum to the new Common Core Standards and our assessment program from NECAP to the Smarter Balanced Assessment. Vermont is one of 40 plus states signed on and engaged in this national endeavor.

Our website has continually improved throughout the year, and provides a wealth of information that may have been published in this report in the past. The budgets for each town are posted as well, including the costs per pupil and tax rates in each town. Other posts of interest might be our professional development offerings, student data assessment workbook, (which compares the students in each of our schools to other middle and high schools in the state), information on the Vermont Common Assessment Tool, newly adopted policies, labor agreements, and reports to boards from the superintendent outlining the work and accomplishments of the district.

The students in the WWSU continue to work hard, give their very best, and make us all very proud. Our parents and community members continue to support our work and our schools. We will strive to make continuous growth and to stretch ourselves to make all of our schools the very best they possibly can be. We will remain at the table advocating for our students and our communities at the state level, so that future changes will only result if and when improved student outcomes can be

demonstrated and cost efficiencies realized. Changing for the sake of change will not be a WWSU path. Please do not hesitate to contact the WWSU team anytime to share your thoughts. We appreciate hearing from you.

**Business Manager Report**

The Washington West Supervisory Union FY2012 budget is a total of \$990,402 and represents a budget increase of 2.5% with a resulting assessment of 5.4% to member districts. The WWSU budget includes \$20,000 to fund a Technology Coordinator. Coordinated technology will bring operational and financial efficiencies to the SU.

Recent Washington West Budget History:

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Budget Year	SU Budget	Budget Increase
2007-2008	\$ 861,613	5.6%
2008-2009	\$ 907,434	5.3%
2009-2010	\$ 933,561	2.9%
2010-2011	\$ 965,834	3.5%
2011-2012	\$ 990,402	2.5%

FY2012 school district budgets throughout the district range from a high of 1.6% increase to a low of a 4.7% decrease as shown on the table below.

School District	Proposed Budget Change from current Year	Current Cost Per Equalized Pupil	FY2012 Cost Per Equalized Pupil (based on proposed budgets)
Fayston	- .3%	\$12,549	\$13,199
Moretown	-4.7%	\$14,643	\$14,484
Waitsfield	+1.6%	\$12,721	\$12,669
Warren	+1.68%	\$11,587	\$11,139
Waterbury-Duxbury U45	+.52%	\$12,060	\$12,503
Harwood Union HS	-1.2%	\$12,466	\$12,634
SU Average		\$12,671	\$12,758
Vermont Average		\$12,204	

Additional information regarding all budgets in the Supervisory Union, as well as audited financial statements and student enrollment projections, can be obtained at <http://www.wwsu.org> under the Business Manager tab.

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The Washington West Supervisory Union and Waitsfield School District audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2010 are available at the WWSU offices in Waitsfield, Vermont or by calling 802-496-2272, ext. 117. They are also available on-line at **[www.waitsfielelementary.org](http://www.waitsfielelementary.org)**.

WASHINGTON WEST SUPERVISORY UNION  
Summary Budget

	FY2010 Budget	FY2010 Actual	FY2011 Budget	FY2011 Actual
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**Expenditures**

**General** (Includes Superintendent's Office,  
Curriculum & Assessment and Technology)

Salaries	\$ 266,116	\$ 267,535	\$ 243,246	\$ 278,728
Benefits	76,504	59,115	74,389	75,397
Contracted Services, Supplies, and Operating Costs	101,461	115,671	152,506	132,796
	<u>\$ 444,081</u>	<u>\$ 442,321</u>	<u>\$ 470,141</u>	<u>\$ 486,921</u>

**Special Education**

Salaries	\$ 101,705	\$ 104,841	\$ 102,049	\$ 107,660
Benefits	28,242	26,670	30,124	30,178
Contracted Services, Supplies, and Operating Costs	3,960	1,894	3,160	1,515
	<u>\$ 133,907</u>	<u>\$ 133,405</u>	<u>\$ 135,333</u>	<u>\$ 139,353</u>

**Business Office**

Salaries	\$ 82,500	\$ 82,500	\$ 82,500	\$ 83,738
Benefits	27,672	25,824	30,032	28,513
Contracted Services, Supplies, and Operating Costs	6,200	5,037	5,132	5,102
	<u>\$ 116,372</u>	<u>\$ 113,361</u>	<u>\$ 117,664</u>	<u>\$ 117,353</u>

**Fiscal Services**

Salaries	\$ 165,315	\$ 164,665	\$ 165,311	\$ 167,790
Benefits	65,386	62,972	68,296	68,725
Contracted Services, Supplies, and Operating Costs	8,500	7,467	9,089	10,260
	<u>\$ 239,201</u>	<u>\$ 235,104</u>	<u>\$ 242,696</u>	<u>\$ 246,775</u>

Total SU Expenditures

	<u>\$ 933,561</u>	<u>\$ 924,191</u>	<u>\$ 965,834</u>	<u>\$ 990,402</u>
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**Revenue**

Interest	\$ 3,000	\$ 513	\$ 2,000	\$ 500
Grants	18,000	18,075	19,000	14,019
Prior Year Fund Balance	344	344	25,549	6,932
Assessments to Member Districts	912,217	912,217	919,185	968,951

Total Revenue

	<u>\$ 933,561</u>	<u>\$ 931,149</u>	<u>\$ 965,734</u>	<u>\$ 990,402</u>
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Assessments to Member Districts (Based on Prior Year ADM)

				FY10 adm
Fayston	\$ 51,892	\$ 57,785	\$ 58,077	118.34
Moretown	\$ 61,494	\$ 59,343	\$ 64,005	130.42
Waitsfield	\$ 64,680	\$ 65,532	\$ 76,326	155.53
Warren	\$ 61,587	\$ 59,773	\$ 75,184	153.20
Waterbury-Duxbury Union #45	\$ 307,028	\$ 310,509	\$ 321,645	655.40
Harwood Union HS #19	\$ 365,536	\$ 366,153	\$ 373,714	761.50
<b>Total Assessments</b>	<u>\$ 912,217</u>	<u>\$ 919,095</u>	<u>\$ 968,951</u>	1,974.39

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/>

**FY2010 School Level Data**

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

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)  
12 out of 44

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller >	Robinson School	K - 6	160	15,20	1,00	10,53	160,00	15,20
	Monkton Central School	K - 6	162	14,40	1,00	11,25	162,00	14,40
	Vernon Elementary School	K - 6	164	16,00	1,00	10,25	164,00	16,00
	<b>Waitsfield Elementary School</b>	<b>PK - 6</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>14,47</b>	<b>1,00</b>	<b>11,33</b>	<b>164,00</b>	<b>14,47</b>
< Larger	Proctor Elementary School	PK - 6	165	16,25	1,00	10,15	165,00	16,25
	Deerfield Valley Elementary School	PK - 5	165	16,40	1,00	10,06	165,00	16,40
	Fisher School	PK - 5	166	17,90	1,00	9,27	166,00	17,90
<b>Averaged SCHOOL cohort data</b>			<b>141,11</b>	<b>12,40</b>	<b>1,03</b>	<b>11,38</b>	<b>137,43</b>	<b>12,08</b>

School District: Waitsfield  
LEA ID: T217

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

The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies greatly. This year figures include district assessments to SUs. Doing so makes districts more comparable to each other. The consequence is that THESE FIGURES ARE ONLY COMPARABLE TO FIGURES USED IN THE SIMILAR FILES FOR FY10 and FY11.

**FY2009 School District Data**

Cohort Description: Elementary school district, FY2009 FTE ≥ 100 but < 200  
(32 school districts in cohort)

School district data (local, union, or joint district)		Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs	Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest) 13 out of 32
Smaller >	Calais	PK-6	135,77	\$10,970	
	Newbury	PK-6	136,29	\$12,875	
	Wolcott	K-6	136,02	\$11,491	
	<b>Waitsfield</b>	<b>PK-6</b>	<b>138,47</b>	<b>\$12,149</b>	
< Larger	Ludlow	K-6	139,62	\$15,538	
	North Bennington ID	K-6	141,32	\$11,611	
	Underhill Town	K-4	141,42	\$9,969	
<b>Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data</b>			<b>136,03</b>	<b>\$12,139</b>	

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.

**FY2011 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	MUN Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Common Level of Appraisal	MUN Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
Smaller >	T136 Newbury	PK-6	130,47	14,212,24	1,4305	1,2811	0,8686	1,4749
	T141 North Bennington ID	K-6	133,54	13,515,89	1,3605	1,2387	0,8522	2,7095
	T124 Middlesex	PK-6	138,09	13,357,22	1,3445	1,3338	0,9681	1,3777
	<b>T217 Waitsfield</b>	<b>PK-6</b>	<b>139,28</b>	<b>12,721,10</b>	<b>1,2804</b>	<b>1,2681</b>	<b>0,9652</b>	<b>1,3138</b>
< Larger	T222 Warren	PK-6	140,23	11,586,80	1,1663	1,2082	1,0445	1,1567
	T212 Underhill Town	K-4	141,00	12,751,28	1,2835	1,2381	0,9454	1,3096
	T196 Starksboro	K-6	143,86	13,362,62	1,3450	1,2971	0,8880	1,4607

The Legislature has required the Department of Education to provide this information per the following statute:  
16 V.S.A. § 165(p)(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 2010 Annual Report



In 2010 the Waitsfield Historical Society completed much of the restoration of the Carriage Barn, thanks to generous donations from community members. The floors and walls are completed and the lighting has been installed. The cost for the restorations to date is \$8,470. We are now able to have exhibits and events in the barn during spring, summer and fall. In August the WHS invited members of the community to an "Historic Wait House Barn Party. Many

people attended and enjoyed refreshments and a tour of the restored barn. The WHS thanks the Town of Waitsfield for allowing us to renovate and use the barn. The barn will be available for community use through the Town and the Chamber of Commerce has generously offered to manage the reservations. A barn use agreement is in the process of being written.

The Annual WHS dinner was held at the Round Barn in October. The Anthony Santos duo provided entertainment. This dinner is a way for all members of WHS and the community to meet and discuss memories of living in Vermont. We had many people share some great stories.

For the year 2011 the WHS plans to celebrate the anniversary of the Civil War with an exhibit and perhaps an event. We have many letters and diaries written by local soldiers during the Civil War.

The WHS board meets once a month at the Wait House. There are now 12 members of the Board. They are: Bob Burley, Peter Laskowski, Jack Smith, Chuck Allen, Judy Dodds, Lois DeHeer, Ilene Joslin, Sue Dillon, Cathy Hadden, Shirley Viens, Barbara Mansfield, and Sandra Reilly. Two newsletters are sent out a year and we plan at least one or two events in the community. We are always looking for volunteers to help with programs, accessioning or organizing exhibits. Please contact Judy Dodds or Sandra Reilly if you are interested in helping. Membership is still open for 2011, please join us. Membership envelopes are available at the Wait House.

## **MAD BIKES OF WAITSFIELD**

### **2010 Report of the Community Bike Project**

The Mad Bikes of Waitsfield, a free, community bike program, is now three 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. Bobbi resigned from this committee Spring, 2010 and we thank her for all she did to make this project a reality. The Committee welcomes our newest member, Taz Squire.

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. This fall members of the Health Center Board collected all the bike racks for winter storage. 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 collaborated with a group of HUHS VYCC students and their teachers in the spring. The students painted and tuned many of the bikes. A Mad Bikes painting and tuning day was held at Knoll Farm on the 350.org day, 10/10/10.

The Mad Bikes Committee worked during the Fall semester with a group of 5 UVM students participating in a Community Initiatives Learning Course. The students helped the Committee craft and adopt a mission statement:

*“Mad River Bikes aims to provide a fun alternative source of transportation through a free bike sharing program. This program provides bike education, along with promoting the health of individuals, the community and the environment.”*

The UVM students had the following recommendations for the Mad Bikes Committee:

- 1) Raise and allocate funds for program expansion;
- 2) Develop organizational system for bike availability and storage and create a routine maintenance schedule; and
- 3) Create official location for Mad Bikes program with maintenance shop, bike storage area, and front desk for informational materials.

The Committee is giving these recommendations serious consideration. With ongoing financial support from the Mad River Valley Rec District, the program will be in good shape for rolling out year four this spring in conjunction with the annual Mad River Valley Walk and Roll Festival, May 14-21. This year's Walk and Roll Festival includes a Family Bike & Trike Sale, May 14 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, Waitsfield  
David Cain, Waitsfield  
Troy Kingsbury, Waitsfield  
Peter Lazorchak, Waitsfield  
Taz Squire, Waitsfield

Alternates:

Sue Frechette, Warren  
Liz Weller, Moretown



VYCC and Mad Bikes

Photo: L. Brines

## **Mad River Valley Planning District 2010 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 2010 the Planning District continued its work on a broad base of projects. With the assistance of a summer intern, MRVPD was able to deepen its involvement on all aspects of the FY 2011 Work Plan, including building relationships with and between the Valley's various municipal boards, volunteer groups, and business community. Highlights of the year include developing and funding the MRV Trail Collaborative, playing a key role in MRV's energy discussions, finalizing Mad River Byway signage, planting the MRV Community Orchard, and connecting local leaders with UVM students to address community challenges.

Following is a summary of Mad River Valley Planning District projects and initiatives during 2010.

### **Grants**

In 2010 MRVPD secured over \$15k in grants and provided support for efforts that resulted in over \$6 million to the MRV. MRVPD is awaiting word on \$15k in funding requests. A few highlights:

- Obtained a \$15k grant request from the National Forest Foundation in conjunction with VNRC to further the Forests, Wildlife & Communities Project.
- Obtained a technical assistance grant through the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program. This opportunity will fund the Mad River Valley Collaborative, designed to enhance networking and connections between MRV trail organizations.
- Assisted the Town of Waitsfield in obtaining an \$8k Municipal Planning Grant to undertake a decentralized wastewater assessment.
- Assisted the Mad River Valley Health Center in securing \$17.5k to fund renovations through the VT Dept. of B&GS Human Services & Educational Facilities Grant Program.
- Assisted VNRC in securing a \$93k grant from USDA to implement elements of the Forests, Wildlife & Communities Project.
- Assisted the MRV towns in submitting requests through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) Competitive

Local Government Sub-Grant program. 89% of the MRV's applications were funded, totaling \$304,107.45.

- Submitted a \$12k grant request to the UVM to develop food system mapping projects.
- Assisted the Town of Waitsfield in applying for streambank restoration and low-impact development improvements through FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation-Competitive (\$200k) grant program and ANR's Clean & Clear Program (\$70k - received).
- Provided grant writing assistance and letters of support to various Valley groups that applied for grants, such as Friends of the Mad River (Vermont Community Fund, Lake Champlain Basin Program, VT Clean & Clear), Mad River Path Association (Vermont Community Fund, Recreation Trail Grant - \$18k, MRV Rec. District - \$15k), and Waitsfield Telecom (Broadband Stimulus Award - \$5.5 Million).

### **Selectboard Funding Forum**

The Planning District organized the fifth annual Three Town Selectboard Meeting in November. The Valley-wide meeting provided an opportunity for groups and organizations to present their annual funding requests. Participants included the MRV Resource Management Alliance, MRV Health Center, MRV Seniors, MRV Recreation District, Central VT Community Land Trust, Central VT Home Health & Hospice, GMTA, and MRVPD. This meeting proved to be an effective means for local groups to present their funding requests and for the three Selectboards to talk about Valley-wide issues.

### **Data**

MRVPD has incorporated recommendations from UVM's Center for Rural Studies' overhaul of MRVPD's data program. As specified by its Memorandum of Understanding, MRVPD maintains a database and develops an annual data report. The project resulted in 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 is available at [www.mrvpd.org](http://www.mrvpd.org).

### **Mad River Path**

The Steering Committee continues to hold the Path as one of its top priorities. MRVPD attends MRPA Board meetings, holds a seat on the Land Owner Committee, and provides general assistance, especially in

regard to working on specific properties, fundraising opportunities, securing grants, formation of a dog-owner committee, and exploring opportunities for collaboration with municipalities. MRVPD has provided support to the MRPA Executive Director who came on board early in 2010.

### **UVM Course**

Through a partnership between UVM and MRVPD, the MRV has for the second year in a row 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. In 2010 the groups focused on Local Food Market Study, Mad River Path Association Interpretive Materials, and the Mad Bikes program. Final reports and presentations are available at [www.mrvpd.org](http://www.mrvpd.org).

### **Energy**

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

- MRVPD hosted a MRV energy presentation exploring current consumption and exploring renewable energy opportunities.
- The Northern Forest Alliance's MRV Community Biomass Project has completed the second 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 and provided procurement guidelines for Harwood Union. 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.
- MRV towns and schools received grant funding of \$304k for energy retrofits, energy financing, and energy production through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

### **Mad River Byway**

Route 100 & Route 17 in the Valley are included in the Mad River Byway designation of the National Byway Program. As a member of the Byway Steering Committee, MRVPD has helped develop and design kiosk and interpretive signs along the byway. All of the trailblazer signs have now been erected and three of the eight interpretive signs or kiosks, identifying local information of interest, are now in place. The Byway

designation provides funding opportunities for a variety of projects within the corridor.

### **Conservation**

MRVPD serves 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 could benefit landowners and local conservation planning efforts. In the past year the project has refined wildlife habitat maps, developed a suite of non-regulatory tools, and coordinating discussions between town's CC, PC, DRB, and SB. Three grants have been received to further the efforts, including landowner outreach, development of a conservation planning manual, and development of town build-out analysis.

### **Budget**

For FY12 MRVPD requests level funding at \$21,010 from all four of its funders, Fayston, Waitsfield, Warren, and Sugarbush. A seven voting member Steering Committee, consisting of a Selectboard member and Planning Commissioner from each town and a representative from the Mad River Chamber of Commerce, oversees MRVPD activities. 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](mailto:mrvpd@madriver.com). Additional information may be found at MRVPD's website: [www.mrvpd.org](http://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)
Bob Ackland (Warren)	Laurie Emery (CVRPC)
Bill Parker (Waitsfield)	

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joshua Schwartz, Executive Director

**Mad River Valley Planning District**  
**FY 2012 Budget**  
*Approved at 12/16/11 Steering Committee Meeting*

<b>Revenue</b>	<i>dues at</i>	<u><b>Budget</b></u> <b>\$21,010</b>
Towns		\$63,030
Sugarbush		\$21,010
Carryover		\$9,908
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$93,948</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Personnel/fringe		\$73,933
Rent		\$3,300
Telephone		\$1,700
Supplies		\$900
Travel		\$1,200
D/P/workshop		\$500
Conference		\$700
Office Ins.		\$400
CVR Administration		\$4,750
Tri BOS		\$300
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$87,683</b>
Surplus/Deficit		<b>\$6,265</b>

**NOTE:** *The personnel line in FY 12 includes an increase of \$2,357 to cover the increase in health and dental insurance costs of \$943, a salary increase of \$1,255 and FICA and pension increased costs of \$159.*

**Other Grants that pass through MRVPD:**

	<u><b>Revenue</b></u>	<u><b>Expenses</b></u>	<u><b>Balance</b></u>
Mad Bike	\$4,000.00	\$2,382.56	\$1,617.44
Warren CLG	\$9,373.00	\$9,374.00	-\$1.00
VT Energy Invest.	\$510.00	\$0.00	\$510.00

## MAD RIVER VALLY RECREATION DISTRICT 2010 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 their biathlon competitors off the ground, to Tucker Hill Tennis to create scholarships for budding tennis stars, to the Fayston School for trail work, and to 4<sup>th</sup> grade Girls on the Run participants.

MRVRD is requesting funds for the fiscal year 2011 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](http://www.madriverrec.com). You can also leave us a phone message at 583-1600 or send mail to P.O. Box 721 in Waitsfield.

The volunteer MRVRD board members have been appointed by the Selectboards 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

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

**MAD RIVER VALLY RECREATION DISTRICT  
2010 Budget Report**

<b>Beginning Balance (Jan. 1, 2010)</b>	<b>\$49,625.10</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
Funding from towns	\$37,500.00
Interest	\$278.43
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$37,778.43</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Mad River Bill Koch League	\$1,500.00
Mad River Park	\$5,000.00
Mad River Path	\$10,000.00
Skatium	\$10,000.00
Girls on the Run	\$525.00
Mad Bikes Group	\$2,000.00
Tucker Hill Tennis	\$2,700.00
Fayston Trails Project	\$570.00
Phone	\$81.00
Advertising	\$55.86
Banking Fees	\$32.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$32,463.86</b>
<b>Ending Balance (Dec. 31, 2010)</b>	<b>\$54,939.67</b>
<b>Projected Grants for 2011</b>	<b>\$46,000.00</b>

## MAD RIVER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE 2010 Annual Report

The Mad River Resource Management Alliance includes the Towns of Duxbury, Fayston, Moretown, Northfield, Roxbury, 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. Northfield and Roxbury joined the Alliance in 2010.

During 2010, the Alliance held two Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day events at the Harwood Union High School in Duxbury on May 8 and on October 2. A total of 330 households participated in the events this year which represents 4.2% of our population. We collected over 1,515 gallons and 3,416 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 2011 at Harwood Union High School. They are scheduled for May 14 and October 1, 2011.

Over 1,183 gallons of used crankcase oil was collected within the Alliance at our Used Oil Collection Tanks during 2010. The tanks are located in Waitsfield at the Earthwise Transfer Station and at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. There is also a tank at the Northfield Transfer Station. As an Alliance resident, you can bring up to 5 gallons of used crankcase oil at a cost of fifteen cents per gallon at the Earthwise Transfer Station, fifty cents per gallon at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. and no charge at the Northfield Transfer Station 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 has begun working with The Highfields Institute to provide training and educational programs that will result in composting of food scraps that have been diverted from school waste streams. Additional programs will be brought to Alliance schools through a coordinated effort of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA) 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. A total of 3.7 Tons were collected in 2010. A total of 0.78 tons of books were recycled with the electronic waste at the Moretown Landfill. Visit our web site at [madriverrma.org](http://madriverrma.org). You will find information on solid waste issues on this Web site.

The fourteenth truckload sale of compost bins was successful with the distribution of 50 compost bins and 20 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 Fifteenth 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 2010. A total of ~1,040 tires and ~6 tons of metal were collected during this event. In the fall the Alliance participated in the Wheels for Warmth Program held on October 30. We are planning to hold a spring tire and metal collection in conjunction with Green Up Day on May 7. 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 no fee recycling 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 21.02 tons of computer systems, printers, televisions and VCRS were collected. As a result of new Vermont legislation, after July 1, 2011, computers, printers, monitors and televisions can be recycled at no charge. Additional information on this program is found on our Web site. 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 11 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; Northfield, Fred White; Roxbury, Dave McShane; 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 2010	Budget 2011
<b>INCOME</b>		
Town Assessments Per Capita Based on 2008 Population	(\$2.00)	
Duxbury (1305)	2,610	2,610
Fayston (1245)	2,490	2,490
Moretown (1730)	3,460	3,460
Northfield (5740)		11,480
Roxbury (551)		1,102
Waitsfield (1683)	3,366	3,366
Warren (1735)	3,470	3,470
Waterbury (5349)	10,698	10,698
Subtotal Assessment (19,338)	26,094	38,676
MLF Education	24,048	24,048
Subtotal Education Income	24,048	24,048
Household Hazardous Waste:		
MLF HHW	14,423	14,423
Ag. Pest. Grant	3,911	3,911
Small Quantity Generators	2,500	2,500
DEC SWIP HHW Grant	8,910	12,692
Subtotal HHW Income:	29,744	33,526
Miscellaneous Income:		
Compost Bins	1,728	3,476
Tires	3,750	2,750
Electronic Waste	4,367	1,750
Subtotal Misc. Income	9,845	7,976
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>89,731</b>	<b>104,226</b>

	<b>Budget 2010</b>	<b>Budget 2011</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Administration:		
Administration: 730 Hours	23,345	25,550
Travel/Office	3,615	3,755
Insurance	1,200	1,200
Solid Waste Manager Association	300	932
Subtotal Administration:	28,460	31,437
Education:		
Administration 405 Hours	13,125	14,175
Travel/Office	3,218	3,218
Newsletter/Printing/Mailing	2,000	7,740
School Programs	3,200	3,700
GreenUp/Website/Special Events	1,500	2,500
N.R.R.A. Membership	180	180
Conference	600	600
Product Stewardship Institute	225	225
Subtotal Education	24,048	32,338.00
Household Hazardous Waste:		
Administration: 267 Hours	9,345	9,345
Travel/Office	2,500	2,500
HHW Contractor	17,000	20,000
Subtotal HHW:	28,845	31,845
Misc. Expenses:		
Equipment Maintenance	150	150
Tire Collection	2,500	2,500
Electronic Waste	4,000	2,500
Compost Bins	1,728	3,456
Subtotal Miscellaneous:	8,378	8,606
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>89,731</b>	<b>104,226</b>

## CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 2010 REPORT

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is a consortium of 23 towns and cities in Washington County and western Orange County. The Commission has been providing planning and development assistance to communities for over forty years through its experienced and knowledgeable staff. CVRPC is governed by appointed representatives from each municipality in the region.

The Commission provides assistance on municipal plan and bylaw updates, and this year focused on updates to municipal flood hazard bylaws. The Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) continued to evaluate the regional inter-modal transportation needs and make recommendations on projects that should be included in the State Transportation Agency's 5 year capital program. CVRPC also continued its work on the development of regional and local pre-disaster mitigation plans, population and housing growth projections, and river and stream assessments to support transportation and water quality improvements. CVRPC also received a grant in 2010 to perform energy audits of municipally owned buildings in the region and is providing assistance to local energy committees.

This year, the Commission supported the efforts of the Town of Waitsfield through administration of the Mad River Valley Planning District and the Mad River Resource Management Alliance, conducting traffic counts, assisting with the Mad River Byway and Safe Routes to School programs, providing assistance with Town Plan updates, performing fluvial erosion hazard (FEH) mapping, Act 250 project review, updating the zoning map, assisting with the National Flood Insurance Program mapping and updating the regulations, assisting with the update of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan and maps, and conducting energy audits on the General Wait House and the Fire Station.

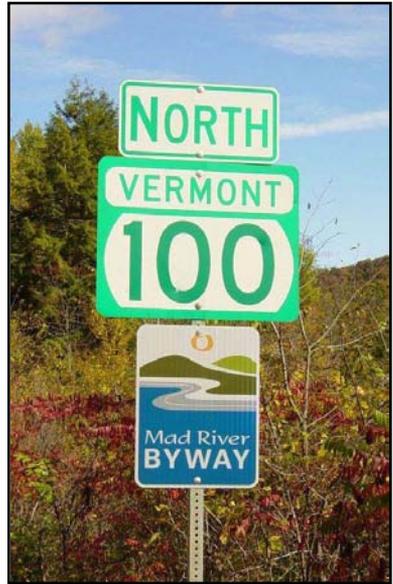
The Commission also sponsors regional planning programs, provides a forum for inter-municipal cooperation, and participates in state regulatory proceedings for projects that have impact across municipal boundaries. Significant staff time this year was spent working with municipalities on mapping and analysis of current bylaws to understand how they influence future development patterns. CVRPC can also provide model bylaws and assist municipalities with the administration of grants.

Thank you for your continued support for local and regional planning. Please call us for assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, recreation, mapping, or data needs. For more information, please call us at (802) 229-0389, or visit our website [www.centralvtplanning.org](http://www.centralvtplanning.org).

Susan M. Sinclair, Executive Director  
Harrison Snapp, Commissioner



Mad River Byway kiosk at the Wait House  
(Photo: J. Schwartz)



MRV Byway sign (Photo: S. Gladczuk)

**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 nutritious meals to elders at the Senior Center located at Evergreen Place and through the Meals on Wheels program. All this is possible in a large part through the generous financial support from the four Valley towns. Our annual fund raising efforts also help to cover any shortfall in funding that is a part of all senior citizen centers.

We also could not survive without the 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 2010 we served a total of 5,873 meals to seniors either at Evergreen 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. Our volunteer Board organizes social activities such as music, health talks, games and cinema entertainment. A popular program this year has been “Arm-Chair Travel” with lunch and food typifying the country presented. Central Vermont Home & Health Hospice holds various clinics at the Senior Center such as flu clinics and the well-attended foot clinic held every six weeks. Our volunteer nurse offers monthly blood pressure screenings.

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 community rather than being institutionalized at a much greater cost to society. These services are invaluable to the Valley.

This year our Board will develop a comprehensive Emergency Preparedness Plan as recommended by the Meals on Wheels Association

(MOWAA) and the FEMA Management Institute. This will enable our Board and various emergency people throughout our community to respond to and recover from an emergency that could impact our seniors and “special needs” population and the Meals on Wheels program.

Thanks you to all Valley residents for supporting us.

- Carole Crossman , President MRVSC
- Val Hale, Vice President
- Kathy Freidman, Treasurer
- Kathy Koepele, Secretary
- Fran Plewak, Activities Director
- Helmut Hietzker
- Vince Gautier
- Suzy Markowitt, MOW Coordinator



Food and fun at the Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department celebration

(Photo: V. Capels)

## MAD RIVER VALLEY HEALTH CENTER 2010 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 contributions to the MRVHC, Inc. in the past, and look forward to your continued support.

It's hard to believe, but the 'new' Health Center is celebrating its 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. An "official" celebration and open house was held on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Change was the dominant theme at the Mad River Valley Health Center during 2010. An unexpected vacancy of 25% of the building provided the impetus to re-arrange the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor office configuration, and improve services available to the community. The Board's ability to capitalize on this opportunity was the result of our continued focus on community needs, while managing the building itself. At the close of 2010, the health center is once again fully occupied and financially stable.

### Key accomplishments:

- Planned, and completed a significant renovation of the second floor
- Recruited Three Moons Wellness Center, an alternative health provider
- Recruited three new mental health providers, including one child and family specialist in response to specific community needs
- Raised \$37,500 in funds from grants & donations to date (our goal is \$60,000)
- Co-organized the third Valley Walk and Roll Festival
- Held the second annual Bike & Trike Sale, netting \$888 and having the potential to become an annual, long term fund raiser for the health center
- Organized the Chez Henri Cup Challenge, again netting \$4,000 in donations
- Continued to support Safe Routes to School in Waitsfield and Moretown, enabling more children to bike or walk to school
- Expanded the board to include:
  - Duncan Brines
  - Gene Scarpato
  - Patti Smith

- Oversaw the renovation of the first floor (planned, managed and funded by CVMC) to accommodate a new primary care provider

The Health Center operating budget includes contributions from the Valley towns. We respectfully request the following amounts, determined based on number of residents using the facility:

Waitsfield	\$5,000
Warren	\$5,000
Fayston	\$5,000

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 including family practice, mental health services, alternative medicine, and physical therapy. The building provides improved privacy and confidentiality and is fully accessible by the disabled and Mad River Valley Ambulance.
- 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.

Thank you.

Chuck Martel, President, Fayston  
Suzanne Chamberlain, Vice President, Waitsfield  
Dara Torre, Secretary, Moretown  
Dave Ellison, Treasurer, Warren  
Duncan Brines, Waitsfield  
Connie Colman, Warren  
Adam Greshin, Warren  
Darren Misenko, Duxbury  
Gene Scarpato, Waitsfield  
Patti Smith, Fayston

## MAD RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE 2010 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 56 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 --- 19
- Moretown --- 3
- Waitsfield --- 14
- Warren --- 18

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 444 calls that were transported:

- Fayston --- 85
- Moretown --- 49
- Waitsfield --- 164
- Warren --- 146

Mad River Valley Ambulance is always looking for new volunteers; please call 496-8888 or visit our web site at [www.mrvas.org](http://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.

Kevin Van Schaick, President, MRVAS

## **MAD RIVER VALLEY TELEVISION MRVTV Channels 44 & 45 2010 Annual Report**

Mad River Valley Television is the Valley's public access television station dedicated to giving community members 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. Additionally, MRVTV has a presence on the Web that allows nonsubscribers to see a selection of municipal and community events after they have aired on the cable channels.

Since incorporation in 1998 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. From one show first on the air in April 2000, to the full 2 channel line-up that is now offered, MRVTV has always gladly provided training on the community's equipment so the public can access their airwaves. 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. In addition, the towns of Fayston, Warren, and Waitsfield have granted MRVTV sponsorships funds each year.

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](mailto:tv@mrvtv.com). You also can just stop by our studio offices in the red building in Bridge St. Marketplace, right down from the tea shop MINT, at 4429 Main St. And you can find us, selected programs, and our schedules on the Web at [www.mrvtv.com](http://www.mrvtv.com).

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!

## *Friends of the Mad River*



## 2010 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 **twenty** years of support! Over the years, we have enjoyed collaborating with state and local partners and community members on a variety of efforts including:

- planting thousands of trees and willow whips in the riparian buffer
- developing and implementing “The Best River Ever”, an award winning conservation plan designed to protect and restore the Mad River and its watershed
- wildlife tracking and research with Keeping Track
- participation in the stormwater and wastewater planning process with Sugarbush Resort
- the conservation of key areas including Warren Falls, Blueberry Lake and Lareau Park, ensuring the protection of and public access to these important natural resources.

### **2010 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 2010, volunteers collected water samples throughout the summer at thirty-six sites along the Mad River and its tributaries. As in past years, in 2010 volunteers monitored water temperature, pH, and *E. coli* bacteria. In addition, eighteen sites were sampled for phosphorus and turbidity. MRW results are published in the Valley Reporter, on FMR’s website, displayed on signs at popular swimming holes, and submitted to the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for further analysis and archiving.

*Didymosphenia geminata* (a.k.a Didymo or Rock Snot) is a nuisance alga that was discovered in the Mad River in July 2008. In some areas of the world, Didymo has turned pristine streams into nasty, algae-choked waters. In 2009 and 2010, Mad River Watch volunteers were tasked

with completing visual surveys to watch for Didymo “blooms” (blooms are the proliferation of Didymo in any given area). Didymo blooms were not detected in 2009 or 2010. Mad River Watch volunteers will continue to monitor Didymo in the future.

### **Annual River Clean Up**

Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who came out to help during the annual River Clean Up on May 1<sup>st</sup> (Green Up Day). Volunteers worked from Warren through Moretown, on foot and in canoes, pulling hundreds of pounds of trash from the river and its banks. Please join us on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> for the 2011 River Clean Up.

### **River Corridor Planning and Protection**

This year FMR continued work on 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. Through this project, several areas were targeted for outreach to landowners, and as a result of this effort, one landowner has moved forward with a corridor conservation project. Thanks to the Department of Environmental Conservation for their generous support for this project.

### **Fluvial Erosion Hazards**

FMR supported the efforts of the Waitsfield Planning Commission in adopting Fluvial Erosion Hazard zoning bylaws, which will help protect future investments and infrastructure by ensuring that new development is located outside areas vulnerable to impacts from erosion. The Town of Fayston also has Fluvial Erosion Hazard zoning bylaws in place. FMR plans to work with the Warren Planning Commission towards implementing similar protections in the Town of Warren.

### **Riparian Tree Planting Projects**

In 2010, more than 100 volunteers helped FMR plant nearly 1,000 plants at two sites: the Kingsbury Farm in Warren, and the town pond in Waitsfield. The Kingsbury Farm project was funded by the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), a federal agricultural assistance program that provides a small annual incentive

payment to farmers who create a streamside buffer. Since buffers with large trees and shrubs provide more habitat benefits and water quality protections than grass buffers, the CREP program also provides funding for the purchase of trees and shrubs for streamside reforestation projects. At the Kingsbury Farm, a variety of locally grown, native species were planted including sugar maple, American elm, viburnum, dogwood, black cherry and white pine.

### **Outreach and Education**

FMR worked with several school groups including Crossett Brook Middle School Students, the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps at Harwood Union High School and Lee Van Dine's 6<sup>th</sup> grade class at Waitsfield Elementary School to complete stream studies, plant trees, and ultimately better understand how to be watershed stewards.

### **Community partnerships**

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

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.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Caitrin Noel, Watershed Coordinator

And the Board of Directors

Kinny Perot, Warren  
Jack Byrne, Moretown  
Mary Gow, Warren  
John "Sucosh" Norton, Warren  
Kate Sudhoff, Warren  
Brian Shupe, Waitsfield  
Katie Sullivan, Waitsfield  
Andres Torrizo, Fayston  
Elizabeth Walker, Duxbury

*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.*

W: [www.FriendsoftheMadRiver.org](http://www.FriendsoftheMadRiver.org)

P: (802) 496-9127

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## MAD RIVER PATH ASSOCIATION 2010 Town Report

The Mad River Path Association (MRPA) made great strides in 2010! It was a year of productivity and success.

In 1988, 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. This committee was named 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 the 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, as well as from private and public funding sources help to sustain the organization and maintain the Mad River Path. MRPA welcomes volunteers to help with fundraising, community outreach, and trail development and maintenance.

The MRPA board is comprised of 12 directors from various towns in the Mad River Valley. The board adopted a Strategic Plan in 2009, which guides the efforts of the organization to fulfill its 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.*



Mike Ware and fellow volunteer. (Photo: C. Hosford)

In 2010, the MRPA hired a new Executive Director in February, which was made possible by a generous grant from the Mad River Valley Recreation District. MRPA also received a generous grant from the Vermont Department of Forests and Parks Recreation Trails Grant Program (RTP). The RTP awarded the MRPA \$18,671 to build a bridge over Clay Brook, which would connect the Path from Riverside Park to the Sugarbush Snowmaking Pond Path and the Kingsbury Farm Path. MRPA also received a generous grant from the Alice R. Schwendler CLAT to support operational costs. With these funds from the Alice Schwendler CLAT, the MRPA hired a seasonal trail worker, Spencer Bence, to help maintain current Path sections, as well build new sections. The MRPA was able to open three new sections of Path in 2010: The Austin Walk, the Kingsbury Farm Path and the Bridge Street Connection in Waitsfield.

The MRPA also two great fundraising events and was the beneficiary of a third. In April 2010, MRPA began a new partnership with Sugarbush to host the Sugarbush Adventure Games. The games were a hit with over 200 participants. The MRPA will be partnering with Sugarbush again in 2011. The Adventure Games will take place on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>—don't miss it! The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Mad Dash held on September 19<sup>th</sup> was also a great success. With nearly 200 participants, it was a race to remember. One racer mentioned to a MRPA board member that it was “the most fun I've ever had at a race!” The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Mad Dash will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Come out and DASH for the MRPA!

September was a celebratory month for MRPA because of the Mad DASH and SIPtemberfest, which is a beer tasting event held at Mad River Glen. The MRPA was the beneficiary of this event in 2009 and 2010. It was a lot of fun—all thanks to Meg's Events, Mad River Glen and the many brewers who participated.

Some MRPA 2010 highlights include:

- Hiring a new Executive Director, Autumn Foushee who started in February.
- Successful Sugarbush Adventure Games and Mad DASH fundraisers.
- Completion of three new sections of the Mad River Path: The Austin Walk, the Kingsbury Farm Path, and the Bridge Street Connection in Waitsfield.
- A fourth section is underway, which is funded by the Recreation Trails Program. The bridge over Clay Brook will be completed by

fall 2011, and will connect the Riverside Park Path with the sections of Path to the north. The MRPA Board with the assistance of a wonderful VYCC crew also built a beautiful staircase along this section of Path, which will allow hikers to access the Path on the Golden Lion Riverside Inn Property. The owners of the Golden Lion Riverside Inn generously donated a trail access easement to the MRPA for the Clay Brook Bridge and the Mad River Path. Thanks Michael and Melinda Carr!

- Several work parties throughout the year helped to build and maintain Path sections, as well address flooding damage and invasive species removal.
- Mike Eramo donated his time and labor to build an incredible stone bridge over a stream along the Warren Path. It was a herculean effort and the bridge is amazing!
- The MRPA web site was revamped for 2010 to include more information about the Path and how the public can get involved.
- A successful membership drive that resulted in our largest membership base ever! In 2010, over 400 members supported MRPA's efforts to build and sustain the Mad River Path.
- Partnership with the UVM Local Community Initiatives course. Worked with UVM students to create historical and cultural interpretive materials for the Bridge Street Connection. The students compiled a wonderful report and created prototypes of interpretive materials for the MRPA, while also making suggestions for how MRPA could further engage the community on the Path.
- Cooperating partnerships with community groups like the Mad River Valley Recreation District, Friends of the Mad River, the Mad River Valley Planning District, the Vermont Land Trust, the Innkeepers' Association, the Safe Routes to School Initiative, the Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce, VFN, The Rotary Club, Vast and the Mad River Ridge Runners.

MRPA Board of Directors:

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

## THE MAD RIVER WATERSHED CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP 2010 Annual Report

The Mad River Conservation Partnership brings together the vision and expertise of the **Vermont Land Trust**, **Friends of the Mad River**, and the **Mad River Valley Planning District** to conserve land important to the Mad River Valley's landscape and community.

2011 will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the Conservation Partnership, which was established in 2001 to coordinate and strengthen efforts to protect the Valley's working farms and forests, wildlife habitat, ecological resources and recreational lands. More than 44 conservation projects have been completed in this region, resulting in the conservation of 9,550 acres, approximately 18% of the Valley's open, productive land, and roughly 9% of the Valley's forestland.

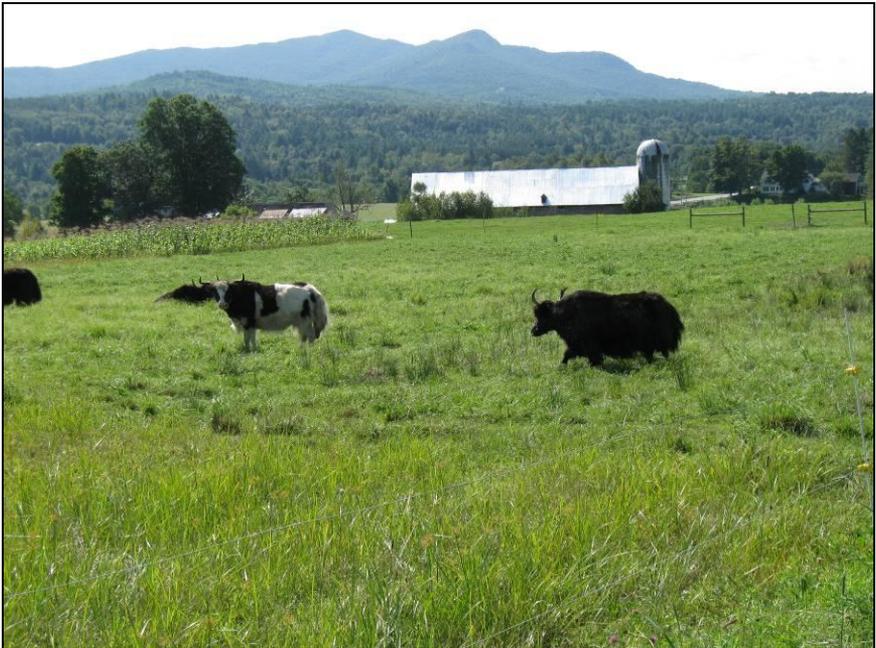
In June 2010, the Vermont Land Trust completed the conservation of the 40 acre Santa Davida farm, a diversified organic vegetable and berry farm operated by David Hartshorn. The purchase of a conservation easement on the farm facilitated the transfer of this land to David and will ensure that the farm remains available and affordable for agricultural uses for generations to come.

The Hartshorn conservation project was made possible with funding from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, the Waitsfield Restroom, Recreation and Conservation Fund, private donations, and a generous donation from Paul and Marie Hartshorn.

In the past ten years, the Conservation Partnership has assisted Valley municipalities with the acquisition and conservation of land that is important to the public. In 2010, Vermont Land Trust has worked with Moretown to conserve 35 acres of forestland co-owned by the town and School Board. This land adjoins 81 acres of public land conserved by the town and school board in 2008.

A focus of the Conservation Partnership's work continues to be with families and individuals in the Mad River Valley. These landowners who operate the farms and steward forests, rivers and streams, trails and wildlife habitat have the greatest capacity to shape the future of our community and landscape.

Landowners who donate conservation easements to the Vermont Land Trust on qualifying parcels of land may be eligible for enhanced federal income tax benefits in 2011. Please contact Liza Walker at 496-3690 or stop by Conservation Partnership's office in the General Wait House to learn how to conserve the land you care about and protect the places that are vital to the health and future of our community.



Vermont Yak Company yaks grazing on the conserved Hartshorn farm.

(Photo: VLT)

Respectfully submitted by:

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## WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 2010 Report for Waitsfield Activities

The Town of Waitsfield has contracted with the Washington County Sheriff's Department for many years. The Sheriff's Department is glad to be able to assist with public safety within your community. Although the Department's main functions in statute are to transport prisoners, mental health patients and juveniles who are in custody of the State of Vermont and serve civil process, we take great pride in being able to be part of keeping the citizens and visitors within the County safe.

In the spring of 2010 the Sheriff's Department was once again honored by Vermont's Governor Highway Safety Program. Our Department placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Sheriff's division of the Vermont Law Enforcement Challenge for our efforts in keeping the roadways safe within Washington County in 2009. In the past five years the Washington County Sheriff's Department has consistently placed in the top 5, having three 1<sup>st</sup>, one 2<sup>nd</sup> and one 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes.

We continue to work to enhance safety within the County from searching out wanted persons, to patrols and motor vehicle check points, snowmobile patrols, offering hunter safety classes, assisting with snowmobile safety classes, providing presentations of the rollover convincer (a seat belt use demonstrator) and speaking to youths in regards to highway safety and preventing underage drinking. We once again handed out over 2000 candy canes on Christmas Eve, reminding drivers to have a safe and happy holiday season.

County wide, our patrol efforts during fiscal year 2010 generated 323 incidents and 1771 Vermont Traffic Citations. The Department arrested 35 persons for DUI, 31 persons for driving with a criminally suspended license and arrested 15 persons on arrest warrants.

During fiscal year 2010 we patrolled 836 hours funded by the Town of Waitsfield. In the course of our patrols many vehicles are stopped and at times warnings are given. The following Vermont Traffic Complaints were written by the Washington County Sheriff's Department while on patrol (does not include warnings):

Activities	2009 - 2010	2008 - 2009
Speeding	260	311
No Inspection	26	22

Driving License Suspended, Civil	8	10
No License	6	8
No Insurance	9	8
No Registration	5	7
No Insurance, Snow Mobile		2
Misuse of plates	3	
Regulations in Municipalities	1	
Driving to the right	1	
Limitations on passing	1	
Following too closely	1	
Stop/Yield Intersections	1	
Vehicle entering from private road	1	
Seatbelt violation	1	
Junior operator violation	1	
Passenger age violation	1	
Minor possessing alcohol	1	

The Sheriff's Department also dealt or assisted with 47 incidents such as procuring liquor for a minor, 2 illegal alcohol possessions by a minor, 11 DUI arrests, 2 criminally suspended driver's licenses, 2 possession of regulated drug arrests, 4 suspicious persons/circumstances complaints, as well as assisting other agencies in Waitsfield.

The Sheriff's Department augments town funded patrols with patrols funded by grants. The Washington County Sheriff's Department receives two grants each year- one for Highway safety/aggressive driving and one for DUI enforcement. Grant funded patrols have put extra patrols in Waitsfield, at no cost to Waitsfield.

We are proud of the work we do and take pride in our efforts in making Washington County a safe place to live and work.

Professionally,

W. Samuel Hill  
Sheriff

**NOTES**

## 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
Evergreen Place	496-2020
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
Highway/Roads	Town Garage 496-8897
Hospital (Berlin)	229-9121
Hospital (Burlington)	658-3456
Library	Librarian 496-4205
M.R.V. Senior Citizens	496-2543
Planning & Zoning	Zoning Administrator 496-2218
Poison Control (Burlington)	658-3456
Sheriff	Washington County Sheriff 223-3001
State Highway	District 6 828-2687
Town Administrator	496-2218
Town Clerk & Treasurer	496-2218
* State Representative	Adam Greshin 583-3223
* Washington County Senators	Ann Cummings 828-2241
	William Doyle 828-2231
	Anthony Pollina 828-2241

\* 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.