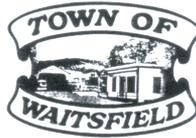


**TOWN OF WAITSFIELD
VERMONT
2011**

**Annual Report of the Town Officers
for the Year Ending December 31, 2011
and the Town School District
for the Year Ending June 30, 2011**



Town of Waitsfield, Vermont

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

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

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

JOSLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Regular Hours

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

SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF LOCAL BOARDS

Selectboard

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

Planning Commission

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

Development Review Board

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

Conservation Commission

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

School Board

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

Mad River Valley Planning District

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

THE COVER: Aerial view of Waitsfield Village flooded by Tropical Storm Irene (Photo: Jim Parker)

DEDICATION



Volunteers cleaning up Bridge Street and neighboring properties, 08/29/2011.

(Photo: David Garten)

Volunteers

The Town of Waitsfield dedicates this report to the citizens who dedicated hundreds upon hundreds of hours to help with the recovery from Tropical Storm Irene. From hand filling buckets of river sludge in post-flood basements, to creating sophisticated systems for documenting and responding to the needs of flood victims, to bringing innumerable unique talents to bear for the benefit of neighbors in need, the citizens of Waitsfield, the Mad River Valley, and beyond proved without any doubt that they have the good will, tenacity, skill, and sense of civic responsibility to get through even the toughest of challenges. The hard work of recovery continues. Thank you, Waitsfield volunteers, neighbors, and friends, for all you are doing to make our community whole again.

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 6, 2012.

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:

Elizabeth Cadwell, School Director
Wrenn Compere, School Director
Dr. Francis Cook, Town Health Officer
Dennis Derryberry, Energy Coordinator
David Galfettie, Alternate, Development Review Board
Peter Joslin, Town Moderator, Library Trustee
Stefan Jacobs (Fays.), Waitsfield-Fayston Vol. Fire Department
Adam Magee, Road Department
Michael Munn (Fays.), Waitsfield-Fayston Vol. Fire Department
Delbert Palmer, Fire Chief, Fire Warden
Jared Rouleau (Waits.), Waitsfield-Fayston Vol. Fire Department
Laura Titus, Elected Auditor (resigned)
Vickie Trihy, Planning & Zoning Administrator

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 6, 2012

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 6, 2012 at **9:00 A.M.** to transact the following business and to vote by Australian Ballot between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. for the Various Town Officers and the Articles so noted.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the Town.

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

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

ARTICLE 4: Will the Town vote to collect taxes on real estate by two (2) equal payments made to the Treasurer as follows: half (50%) of taxes to be paid without discount not later than Monday, September 10, 2012, with the remaining half (50%) to be paid without discount not later than Thursday, November 15, 2012?

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

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

ARTICLE 7: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$400,000, less any grants or other reimbursements, to be paid over a period not more than five years and on such other terms as the Selectboard shall negotiate to refinance the balance of the one-year line of credit utilized to cover expenses related to the May 20, 2011 and August 28, 2011 federally-declared disasters?

ARTICLE 8: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$50,000, less any additional grants or reimbursements, to be paid over a period not more than five years and on such other terms as the Selectboard shall negotiate, to cover costs associated with the repair and renovation of the Waitsfield Historic Covered Bridge?

ARTICLE 9: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$200,000, less any grants, to be paid over a period not more than five years and on such other terms as the Selectboard shall negotiate for repair or replacement of the culverts, catch basins, and associated stormwater infrastructure on Bridge Street and to repave the street from its intersection with Main Street to the Covered Bridge?

ARTICLE 10: Will the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to establish a reserve fund for the expansion or relocation of the Town Office facility and to appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to establish such fund in 2012?

ARTICLE 11: Will the Town authorize the expenditure of a sum not to exceed \$10,000 to the Waitsfield Cemetery Commission for the maintenance of Waitsfield cemeteries?

ARTICLE 12: Will the Town vote to exempt the Masonic Lodge, located at 4376 Main Street, from real estate taxes for a period of ten (10) years pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. Section 3840?

ARTICLE 13: Will the voters designate the Town of Waitsfield as a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) District to enable participating property owners to access funding for eligible energy efficiency and renewable energy projects and then pay back the cost as a regular municipal assessment on that property owner's property tax or other municipal bill as provided for by 24 V.S.A. Chapter 87 (Section 3261 et seq.) and authorize the Selectboard to enter into an agreement with Vermont Energy Investment Corporation d/b/a Efficiency Vermont to operate the PACE program?

ARTICLE 14: In light of the United States Supreme Court's *Citizens United* decision that equates money with speech and gives corporations rights constitutionally intended for natural persons, shall the Town of Waitsfield vote on March 6, 2012 to urge the Vermont Congressional

Delegation and the U.S. Congress to propose a U. S. Constitutional amendment for the States' consideration which provides that money is not speech, and that corporations are not persons under the U.S. Constitution, that the General Assembly of the State of Vermont pass a similar resolution, and that the town send its resolution to Vermont State and Federal representatives within thirty days of passage of this measure?

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

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

Dated at Waitsfield, Vermont, this 30th day of January, 2012 by:

Waitsfield Selectboard

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

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD

WARNING FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 6, 2012

The legal voters of the Town of Waitsfield, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Waitsfield Elementary School in the Town of Waitsfield on **Tuesday, March 6, 2012** between the hours of seven o'clock in the forenoon (7:00 a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock in the afternoon (7:00 p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article of business:

ARTICLE I

Will the Town of Waitsfield borrow from the Vermont State Revolving Fund an amount up to \$250,000 for the purpose of funding loans for the construction, repair, replacement or expansion of privately-owned on-site wastewater systems, with said loans to be repaid by the individuals or associations receiving funds therefor pursuant to agreements approved by the Town and Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. Said loans would be secured in full faith and credit of the Town by the bonding authority.

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

The legal voters of the Town of Waitsfield are further notified that an informational meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 29, 2012** at seven o'clock in the afternoon (7:00 p.m.) at the Big Picture Theater, 48 Carroll Road, in the Town of Waitsfield, for the purpose of explaining the proposed improvements and the financing thereof.

Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Waitsfield duly called, noticed, and held on January 30, 2012. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Waitsfield on the *2nd* day of *February*, 2012.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Peterson, Town Clerk

SELECTBOARD:

Kate Williams, Chair

Charles Hosford, V. Chair

Paul Hartshorn

William Parker

Salvatore Spinosa

**CONDENSATION OF MINUTES
TOWN OF WAITSFIELD ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 1, 2011**

Following are the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Waitsfield of March 1, 2011 pursuant 1 V.S.A. § 312(b)(1).

In the absence of resigned Moderator, Peter Joslin, Selectboard Chairperson Kate Williams called the Annual Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Those present (approximately 200 people) joined Ms. Williams in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Williams recognized the dedication, expression of appreciation and special appreciation. Ms. Williams introduced the Selectboard, Town Administrator Valerie Capels and Town Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Peterson.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator Pro-Tempore for the Town.
Article 1 was passed over by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Moderator for the Town. Brian Shupe was elected by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 3: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers. Various reports were discussed and accepted.

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 4 was approved by a majority voice vote.

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 5 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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 6 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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

The Moderator introduced State Representative, Adam Greshin, who updated the assembly of the legislative highlights. Discussion followed.

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. A motion to object to consider Article 8 was approved by 131 standing yes votes 63 standing no votes.

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

FUND	AMOUNT
Equipment – Road Dept. Truck Reserve	\$40,000
Equipment – Road Dept. Heavy Equip. Res.	15,000
Equipment – Fire Dept. Truck Reserve	18,000
Fire Dept. Roof Repair Reserve	5,000
Covered Bridge Maintenance Reserve	10,000
Reappraisal Reserve	15,000
Restroom, Recreation & Conservation Reserve	10,000
Route 100 Transportation Path Reserve	20,000
Street Trees Reserve Fund	2,500
Total	\$135,500

Following a 2/3 vote to end discussion, Article 9 was amended and approved with an additional \$20,000 appropriate to the Fire Department Roof Repair Reserve bringing the total appropriation of Article 9 to \$155,500 by a unanimous voice vote.

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 10 was approved by a majority voice vote.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:58 p.m.

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 11 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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? Following discussion, Article 12 was approved by a majority voice vote.

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 13 was approved by a majority voice vote.

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 14 was passed over by a unanimous voice vote.

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 15 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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 16 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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? The Moderator announced that the correct address in the Article should have been 4254 Main Street. Article 17 was approved by a majority voice vote.

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? Following discussion, Article 18 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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? Following discussion, Article 19 with a budget of \$1,675,429 was approved passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 20: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Michael Sharkey suggested that Town bury wires on Bridge Street during the sidewalk project. Marie Leotta expressed a desire for the Town to improve sidewalks on Bridge Street. Kate Williams thanked Charlie Goodman and the Road Crew for doing a great job plowing to the church. Laura Caffry expressed appreciation for the civil behavior at Town Meeting and thanked Brian Shupe. Darryl Forrest thanked Charlie Goodman and the Road Crew for a job well done and thanked the Budget Task Force.

The Moderator recessed the meeting at 2:55 p.m. until the closing of the polls for Australian ballot items at 7:00 p.m.

TOWN OFFICERS 2011

Elected by Australian Ballot

Selectboard:

Paul Hartshorn Mar. 2012
 Kate Williams, Chair Mar. 2012
 Charles Hosford Mar. 2013
 Salvatore Spinosa Mar. 2013
 William Parker Mar. 2014

Waitsfield School Directors:

Rob Williams Mar. 2012
 Helen Kellogg Mar. 2012
 Scott Kingsbury Mar. 2013
 Eve Frankel Mar. 2013
 Todd White Mar. 2014

Town Clerk:

Jennifer Peterson Mar. 2014

Harwood School Director:

Stephen Sands Mar. 2013

Town Treasurer:

Jennifer Peterson Mar. 2014

Waitsfield School Treasurer:

Wendy Gilbert Mar. 2012

Auditors:

Laura Titus Mar. 2012
 Leo Laferriere Mar. 2013
 Jim Leyton Mar. 2014

Cemetery Commissioners:

Eric Haskin Mar. 2012
 Robert Danaher Mar. 2013
 Victoria Kingsbury Mar. 2014
 Marion Turner Mar. 2015
 Paul Hartshorn Mar. 2016

Listers:

Blaine Laskowski Mar. 2012
 John Simko Mar. 2013
 Neil Johnson Mar. 2014

Trustees of Cemetery Funds:

Gib Geiger, Jr. Mar. 2012
 John "Jack" Smith Mar. 2013
 Andrew Baird, Jr Mar. 2014

Collector of Delinquent Taxes:

Janet Smith Mar. 2012

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

Grand Juror:

Dana Haskin Mar. 2012

Library Trustees:

Art Conway, Chair Mar. 2012
 Peter B. Joslin (res.) Mar. 2013
 Ken Felderman Mar. 2013
 John Reilly Mar. 2014
 Jean Joslin Mar. 2015
 Joyce Travers Mar. 2016

Elected from the Floor

Town Agent:

Ted B. Joslin Mar. 2012

Moderator:

Brian Shupe Mar. 2012

TOWN OFFICERS 2011

Appointed by the Selectboard

M.R.V. Planning District Reps:

William Parker Mar. 2012
Steve Shea Mar. 2012

Constable:

Peter Laskowski Mar. 2012
Mark Walker Mar. 2012

Planning Commission:

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
Steve Shea, Chair Mar. 2015

C.V. Regional Planning

Commission:

Harrison Snapp May 2012

Development Review Board:

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
Eleanor D'Aponte (res.) Mar. 2014
Gib Geiger, Jr. Mar. 2014
Eleanor D'Aponte (Alt.) Mar. 2014

Tree Warden:

Leo Laferriere Mar. 2012

Tree Board:

Charles Hosford Mar. 2012
Jean Sherman Mar. 2013
Vince Gauthier Mar. 2014

Zoning Administrator:

Vickie Trihy (res.) May 2011
Susan Senning, Esq. May 2014

Fire Warden:

Delbert Palmer (res.) June 2012

Waitsfield/Fayston Fire Department:

Fire Chief:

Delbert Palmer Jan. 2012

Assistant Chiefs:

Paul Hartshorn Jan. 2012
Bub Burbank Jan. 2012

Captain:

Travis Michaud Jan. 2012

Lieutenants:

Lester Miller, Jr. Jan. 2012
Jack Corliss Jan. 2012

Moderator:

Eric Haskin Jan. 2012

Treasurer:

Gordon Eurich Jan. 2012

Secretary:

Shannon Young Jan. 2012

Service Officer:

Jessie Graham Apr. 2012

Emergency Management:

Frederick Messer, Dir. Mar. 2012
Carla Straight, Coord. Mar. 2012

Energy Coordinator:

Dennis Derryberry (res.) Mar. 2012
Christopher Badger Mar. 2013

Health Officer:

Dr. Francis Cook Nov. 2011
Kelvey R. Wilson Nov. 2014

Road Commissioner:

Charles Goodman, III Mar. 2012

Dog Warden:

Marie Leotta Mar. 2012

Conservation Commission:

Ted Joslin Mar. 2012

Leo Laferriere, Chair Mar. 2012

Spencer Potter Mar. 2012

VACANT Mar. 2012

Peter Boynton Mar. 2013

Mark Haberle Mar. 2013

Paul Hartshorn Mar. 2013

Phil Huffman Mar. 2013

Chris Loomis Mar. 2013

Inspector of Lumber:

Andrew Baird, Jr. Mar. 2012

Fence Viewers:

Allen Gaylord Mar. 2012

Douglas Kenyon Mar. 2012

Bryan Neill Mar. 2012

Weigher of Coal:

Charles Hosford Mar. 2012

M.R.V. Recreation District Reps.:

Helen Kellogg Mar. 2012

Dean Hamel Mar. 2012

Green Up Coordinators:

Valerie & Harrison Snapp Mar. 2012

Mad Bikes of Waitsfield:

Laura Brines (Wts) Mar. 2012

Peter Lazorchak (Wts) Mar. 2012

Sue Frechette (Wm) Mar. 2013

Kari Dolan (res.) Mar. 2014

Bobbi Rood (res.) Mar. 2014

Taz Squire (Wts) Mar. 2014

VACANT (Alt.) Mar. 2014

Troy Kingsbury (Wts) Mar. 2014

Liz Weller (Alt., Mrtm) Mar. 2014

Energy Committee:

Dennis Derryberry Mar. 2013

Paul Hartshorn Mar. 2013

Charles Hosford Mar. 2013

Brian Shupe Mar. 2013

M.R. Solid Waste Alliance:

Salvator Spinosa Mar. 2012

Valerie Capels (alt.) Mar. 2012

WAITSFIELD SELECTBOARD 2011 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 encouraged to attend. We are also pleased that most of our meetings are filmed for broadcast by Mad River Valley TV on channel 45.

This past year was defined in many ways by water: too much of it, not enough of it, how to manage it, how to protect it, how to supply it.

At the same time, it was defined by emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and resilience.

"Water, water every where,
And all the boards did shrink;
Water, water every where,
Nor any drop to drink."
~ *"The Rime of the Ancient
Mariner"* by Samuel Coleridge

May 20 Flash Flood. Friday, May 20, 2011 began as a beautiful, warm, sunny, blue sky day. Angry clouds moved in quickly late in the afternoon and unleashed a powerful hail and rain storm that dropped about four inches in less than an hour. This microburst storm overtook many culverts, carried debris that plugged others, and caused extensive damage to numerous driveways and roads. Hardest hit was the northeast



Brook Road, 05/21/2011

(Photo: V. Capels)

area of town and some pockets in Fayston. Long Road, East Road, Brook Road, Common Road, North Road, Tremblay Road, Palmer Hill Road, Old Center Fayston Road, and others, suffered extensive damage. None of these areas are in the floodplain. The Selectboard convened the Incident Command Structure of our Rapid Response/Emergency Operation Plan and declared a state of emergency on Sunday, May 22. The Road Department and others worked tirelessly and had driveways and roads restored to

passable form within days. The storms in Chittenden and Washington counties from April/early May and those of May 26-28 became

federally-declared disasters and eligible for FEMA reimbursement. Our storm received its federal declaration in November and efforts to obtain FEMA and State reimbursement will continue into 2012.

August 28 Tropical Storm Irene. Although we were given plenty of warning of a storm headed our way, the impact of Tropical Storm Irene exceeded most of Vermont's expectations. When waterways continued to rise and gain energy, many people were not prepared for its destructive forces. The Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department did see it coming and mobilized earlier in the day to haul the entire contents of the Town vault and other vulnerable records upstairs into the Joslin Library and out of harm's way. The Fire and Road Departments also worked quickly to close roads and minimize hazards to citizens throughout the town.

Losses. Much has been reported about the extensive losses suffered in Waitsfield, neighboring towns, and elsewhere in Vermont. Many individuals suffered severe losses and continue to wrestle with hardship. Among the hardest hit were the entire Bridge Street business district, Fiddlers Green, American Flatbread, and a group of homes on Shepard Brook. Many residences adjacent to the Mad River and feeder streams were also severely damaged.

Agricultural Impacts. Impact on Waitsfield's agricultural lands was significant. Several farms lost dozens of acres of prime crops and arable soils; baled hay was spoiled or swept away; productive fields were gouged into new configurations; greenhouses and their contents were ruined; loads of debris was deposited. In addition to the direct impacts on the farmers, these losses will be felt in many ways by everyone in the Valley.

Town Office. The Town Office flooded. Thanks to the quick action of the Fire Department and many volunteers, records were removed from the vault and carried up to the Library; file cabinet drawers were removed; and equipment was elevated prior to the high water. About 3 inches



Waitsfield Town Office, 09/01/2011.

(Photo: V. Capels)

of flood water came into the Town Office through the side and front doors. Efforts to dry out the floor led to the replacement of the carpet. Despite being upheaved well into October until the office could be put back in order, the Town Office remained open every business day.

Covered Bridge. The Covered Bridge took a beating but held its ground. A resident was overheard to say, “It must have been built well.” Work was initiated immediately to assess the damages and develop a plan for repair. Because the Selectboard opted for the short-term repair option, the bridge opened by mid-November in time for the holidays. The more permanent repairs will be included in the rehabilitation project that was underway before the storm. Construction is expected to begin in late summer and will require the bridge and Bridge Street be closed again. Every effort will be made to provide ample advance notice and to minimize the inconvenience.



Flood water pummeling the Covered Bridge, 08/28/2011. (Photo: Jeff Knight)



Bridge Street cleanup, 08/30/2011. (Photo: Jeff Knight)

Volunteers. Words cannot capture the power of our broader community’s generosity of spirit. The convergence of people who came to help during and well after the waters receded has been truly remarkable. Many jumped to action doing what they do best without being directed. Others stepped into leadership positions to help identify the needs and direct people and material resources to them. Bridge Street was an obvious focal point, but similar acts were also playing out in other areas of town.

Volunteer Headquarters. Under the swift leadership of a number of people, organizational and response efforts were launched in those first days that led to formation of the MRV Hurricane Headquarters in space donated by the Masonic Lodge. A

Facebook page was developed that quickly reached hundreds of people and became a vital source for sharing late-breaking information. It was integrated into www.mrvhurricaneirene.com, a Web site that continues to provide valuable information. There is not enough space to list all the individuals who stepped up to continue to provide leadership and support through the HQ and beyond. To all of them we express our gratitude.



Volunteers begin to mobilize and organize. 08/29/2011.

(Photo: V. Capels)

River Gravel. The storm deposited significant amounts of sediment in the Mad River. Removal of some of this material in six locations drew much attention and mixed messages about whether it was the right thing to do. It was undertaken with the authority and direction of the ANR Stream Alteration Engineer to restore channel capacity and reduce threats to infrastructure. It has also prompted much dialogue over proper river management that will be on-going. The material that was removed will be used only for public purposes, such as base material for road reconstruction and culvert work.

Cash Flow. Following the May flood, the Selectboard authorized a one-year line of credit up to \$500,000 through Merchants Bank. Approximately \$260,000 was spent to repair roads and culverts from the May flood. Little did we know this would continue to serve us for the event in August. At the close of 2011, approximately \$188,000 had been spent on the Tropical Storm Irene recovery, bringing the total spent for the two events to over \$448,000. ARTICLE 7 on the warning for Town Meeting asks voters to approve borrowing up to \$400,000 to refinance this line of credit to a longer term loan when it comes due in May. The final amount to be refinanced is expected to be much less, as reimbursements through our insurance and FEMA will be applied against the principal.

Lessons. Tropical Storm Irene provided us a lesson about why flood regulations, hazard planning, and river management are essential for the well-being of our community. The dynamics of waterways need to be understood and respected. And the floodplains need to be able to do their job of holding and slowing high waters. The May 20 flash flood provided a lesson that the threat of flooding is not limited to the floodplains or along waterways and of the importance of properly sizing and maintaining our transportation infrastructure. We cannot prevent these events from occurring, but we can—and need to—prepare ourselves for when they do.

We also learned – and keep learning – that we are a resilient Valley. We support each other in times of need, and work hard to learn from the challenges that affect us and our neighbors. While we would never wish these hard times upon ourselves or anyone else, we cannot help but be grateful that the floodwaters receded on a town and broader Valley community that has what it takes and then some to weather hard times.



Volunteer HQ, 09/02/2011.

(Photo: V. Capels)

Thank you to the Waitsfield Planning Commission, Friends of the Mad River, and the Mad River Valley Planning District for providing valuable technical support and leadership on these issues. And thank you to Emergency Management Director Fred Messer and Emergency Management Coordinator Carla Straight-Messer for their guidance and support before, during, and after these major events. And special thank you to the MRV Flood Relief Headquarters volunteers and the Masons of Lodge #77 for their contributions to the immediate response and the ongoing recovery.

Municipal Water Project. Anyone who traveled through Waitsfield between May and December knows construction on the water project continued in full swing through 2011. Successes: the 400,000 gallon

water storage tank was completed; water main installation and fire hydrant installations were completed from the tank into Irasville. A water ordinance was adopted that will require the formation of a Water Commission in this coming year to oversee its implementation.

Waitsfield has never seen an infrastructure project of this scale and disruptions were inevitable. We are grateful for people's patience through the traffic delays, dust, and noise. What helped us get through it was looking ahead to when the project is complete: yards and peace have been restored, fire hydrants are at the ready to protect us, and Waitsfield Village, Irasville, and other areas are supplied with safe, reliable, abundant drinking water.

We are not there yet. Flood recovery and legal conundrums contributed to delays that will carry construction into 2012. Final water main installation will be focused in the Bragg Hill area of Irasville. Another next step will be the installation of the service lines from the curb stop at the right-of-way to the properties that have signed up to connect to the system as well as final restoration of front yards.

The Water Task Force and Municipal Project Manager Henry Erickson continued to work with property owners, the funding agencies, the Selectboard, and others on the numerous details associated with moving the project forward.

The November 2010 Washington Superior Court determination that Reed Road was not a Town highway required the Selectboard to proceed with acquisition of the well site and access to it through a dual track of eminent domain and landowner negotiations. Agreement with Damon/Richards family was reached. Efforts to negotiate with Virginia Houston, however, have not been successful, despite significant investment of time and care on the part of the Selectboard and our attorneys.

We anticipate completion of the project by late 2012.

VCDP Grant for Verd-Mont Mobile Home Park

The Town of Waitsfield and the Central Vermont Community Land Trust collaborated on a grant application this summer through the Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP). A grant of \$165,000 was awarded to the Town, which will be passed through to the CVCLT to help fund infrastructure improvements to the park, including:

- Improvements to the stormwater management system;
- Installation of slabs on an as-needed basis;
- Improvements to the main driveway and landscaping; and
- Preparation of the park for hookup to the community water system.

The 1833 Covered Bridge Rehabilitation. As noted above, what was underway as a rehabilitation project became a repair and rehabilitation project after Tropical Storm Irene. The rehab plans were almost complete when the storm hit. The project is back on track and we remain hopeful we will receive all necessary clearances to allow for late summer construction. At a public meeting in June, there was much discussion about options for supporting the cantilevered sidewalk and the roofline of the bridge. DuBois & King provided a preliminary construction estimate of up to \$324,532. See page 65 for more information about the project costs. The actual cost of construction and any shortfall will not be known until the project is put out to bid. The Town will apply to the VTrans Construction Contingency Fund for the maximum allowable to cover costs over available funds. ARTICLE 8 seeks voter authorization to borrow up to \$50,000 for up to five years to address a potential funding shortfall.

Bridge Street Culvert and Stormwater Project. DuBois & King was hired to evaluate the condition of the culverts under Bridge Street. Though plans have not yet been finalized, they have recommended replacement of the culverts and the addition of measures to improve stormwater treatment. Work is expected to be coordinated with the Covered Bridge project and closure of Bridge Street. Because replacement of these culverts and the repaving of Bridge Street are a high priority, especially to the extent they can be coordinated with the Covered Bridge project, ARTICLE 9 asks voters to authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to \$200,000 over five years to get this done. More information about this project can be found on page 65.

Route 100 Transportation Path Project. The final design plan was completed and bid documents were under development as 2011 came to a close. The project is expected to be advertised for bid in March of 2012 for construction in the summer. Careful coordination will be necessary with the water service construction also slated for this summer. More information about this and other projects can be found on page 63.

Waitsfield Village West Sidewalk. With funds from the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission, Lamoreux & Dickinson conducted a feasibility study and conceptual alignment analysis for a sidewalk on the west side of Main Street in Waitsfield Village. They showed it is possible to balance an improved sidewalk from Bridge Street to Old County Road with green space and on-street parking. This will be included in the capital improvement plan for continued development.

Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Project. The Williston engineering firm Stantec was hired by VTrans through the SRTS grant to design the following components of the SRTS project: (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.” Implementation of these projects is expected in 2012.

Mad Marathon, Stage Race, Special Events. Though the Mad Marathon and other events are not Selectboard initiatives, we want to recognize the collaboration that exists between the organizers of such events and the Town. We are fortunate events such as the Mad Marathon, the Green Mountain Stage Race, 100 on 100 Relay, Craft Fair, Mad Dash, and others bring participants, spectators, and others to the community. They come here not only because of the phenomenal landscape and recreational opportunities, but because of the sense of community. The best planning could not anticipate two floods in the same year that would alter the event course. But they forged ahead. And many stayed to help.

Wait House Energy Efficiency Improvements. Work was completed this year on weatherizing the General Wait House. With funds from ARRA stimulus money in the form of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), a new Energy Star gas boiler was installed that is expected to increase efficiency from 79% to 95%. New exterior storm windows were installed, more foam insulation was added in the basement, and new programmable thermostats will further help manage energy use.

PACE and Energy Audits. Voters authorized the Town to participate in the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program and we received an EECBG grant to launch it, but legislative changes to the program

prevented it from going forward as planned. Instead, we used the money to provide rebates for homeowners toward an energy audit. Fourteen households received \$250 rebates. Voters will be asked to vote again on an updated version of the PACE program. Passage of ARTICLE 13 would authorize the Town of Waitsfield to contract with the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation to administer a PACE program. See the Energy Committee's report on page 35 for more information

Law Enforcement. Law enforcement services continued to be provided through the Washington County Sheriff's Department. Waitsfield and Warren contracted together for 40 hours of patrol coverage per week. Waitsfield Constable Peter Laskowski has provided 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 has allowed for quicker law enforcement response for serious complaints and provides first aid in emergency situations. Deputy Sheriff/Constable Laskowski will be scaling back his hours with the WCSD and may retire altogether in 2012. As more of the patrol is expected to be provided by WCSD officers in their own vehicles, it will no longer be practical for the Town of Waitsfield to own and maintain its cruiser. The increased costs for WCSD patrol will be offset by the lack of debt service, maintenance, insurance, and fuel costs for the cruiser. Mark Walker was appointed as Constable in 2011. Funds are budgeted this year for Constable training.

Management of Dogs. Dogs running at large continued to draw attention and ire. Amendments were initiated to the Waitsfield Dog Ordinance to address this as well as other nuisances, and to strengthen enforcement provisions. Consideration of these amendments will continue into this coming year.

Fire Station Roof Replacement. As soon as weather allowed, Burrell Roofing replaced the Fire Station roof in the spring. The project included removal of asbestos and the addition of 3" ISO board insulation.

Town Office Task Force. The need for more Town Office space has been known for many years. Flooding of the Town Office in August punctuated the need not only to create new space for Town Office operations, but to ensure the records are protected from future disasters. Maclay Architects was hired to analyze three sites for their suitability and cost-effectiveness and Town Office options. Next steps in 2012

include soliciting public input; refining findings and cost estimates; presenting a recommendation to the Selectboard; and determining next steps for moving forward with the selected site. Regardless of which option is selected, additional design and engineering will be necessary in order to bring a project forward for a bond vote. If the preferred site is not already owned by the Town, funds may also be necessary to purchase an option for acquisition. ARTICLE 10 asks whether voters will vote to establish a Town Office reserve fund and allocate \$35,000 to it to ensure resources are available for continued progress. See page 68 for more information about the need for more Town Office space.

Members of the TOTF include Sandra Gallup, Charlie Hosford, Jennifer Peterson, John Reilly, Brian Shupe, Brian Voigt, and Valerie Capels.

Emergency Preparedness. When Waitsfield amended and readopted its Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan (PDMP) and its Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) in 2010, little did we know how important those documents will prove to be. Flooding is one of the many potential hazards identified in the plan and strategies for response are outlined. The EOP lays out lines of responsibility and communication to be applied in an actual emergency and establishes the Incident Command structure, which was put into action with both events. In November, after we had moved beyond response and were well into the recovery mode, Emergency Management Director Fred Messer and Emergency Management Coordinator Carla Straight-Messer walked us through an “after action” review to assess what worked well and what needs improvement. We will continue to apply these lessons as we go forward.

Waitsfield on the Web. Though keeping the Web site updated was a challenge this year with so much going on, 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 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. The number of people who “like” Waitsfield’s Facebook page reached 298 by the end of the year. It was launched in an effort to increase citizen outreach and promote Waitsfield events, businesses, and other activities.

2012 Budget. Looking back, 2011 was characterized by infrastructure improvements and flood recovery. This trend will continue into 2012 with the anticipated completion of the water project, the bid and construction of the sidewalk project, completion of the Covered Bridge rehabilitation project, replacement Bridge Street culverts, continued investment in culvert replacements, continued study of new Town Office space, evaluation of Town Garage space needs, Safe Routes to School improvements, and further exploration of renewable energy.

Highlights of the proposed 2012 budget include:

- The operating budget is increased by almost \$16,000, largely due to an increase in Road Dept. material costs and operations.
- The jump in Allocations to Reserve Funds is due to the proposed increase to the Culvert Reserve Fund from last year's \$18,000 to \$50,000. Operating and capital funds are increased to address culvert replacement and maintenance.
- Funds are allocated for repairs to the existing Town Garage facility as well as to study options for increased space.
- Because it is already within the budget on page 45 and can be discussed from the floor under ARTICLE 15, what had been traditionally considered "Special Articles" in the budget has been renamed "Contributions to Reserve Funds" and is no longer listed on the warning as a separate article. Instead, a new line item has been added on page 47 that does reflect the special articles. This line item shows what the budget affect would be if all special articles are approved.
- A new one-time item for repayment of the Fire Department FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant program is included at \$12,000. This is the result of \$56,236 AFG grant in 2002 of which only \$43,585 was spent, but the full amount was requisitioned.
- Costs for mowing the triangles at the Common have been moved from Sidewalk Mowing into the Maintenance of Parks line item.
- The Roadside Mowing line item has been moved to the Capital and One Time Expenses section because in 2011 it became an 8-year lease to own arrangement.
- The Conservation Commission budget now has its own section rather than being a line in the Miscellaneous section.
- The \$32,242 difference between the budgeted and actual 2011 Contributions to Reserve Funds reflect the payout from the closure of the Gravel Pit Reserve Fund and the TIF District Reserve Fund, which is accounted for as revenue in Other/Miscellaneous Revenues.

- \$49,000 of the Budget Stabilization Fund has been applied to reduce the impact on the tax rate—exactly as it was intended to do.

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 level of service. Special thanks to all the citizens who volunteer countless hours of time and other resources serving on boards, committees, commissions, and task forces.

The events of this summer helped bring to the fore what a remarkable community we live in, with so many people willing to give of themselves to help neighbors in need, even when they themselves had suffered losses. Through this Town Report, we take the opportunity to reflect on this significant and unique collaborative effort and express our gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

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



Governor Shumlin at the Volunteer HQ. 09/03/2011.

(Photo: David Garten)

PLANNING COMMISSION 2011 Annual Report

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

Planning & Zoning Administrator Vickie Trihy worked tirelessly for the town from 2008-2011. This summer, she left to pursue other work and was replaced by Susan Senning as of August 1, 2011.

Town Plan Update. The Planning Commission spent most of the year working on an update of the 2005 Town Plan for adoption in 2012. The Commission took more time than originally planned in order to incorporate clear Community Standards for energy-related projects which are reviewed by the Public Service Board. The commission plans to present to the Selectboard an updated town plan for adoption in the spring of 2012. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing prior to the Selectboard's review of the plan.

Wastewater Committee. The Planning Commission established a wastewater committee to investigate the possible options with 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 was made in 2011. The resulting proposal will be presented to the public and discussed at Town Meeting.

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 Planning & 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 as well as at the town office on Bridge Street or our blog at planwithus.blogspot.com.

WAITSFIELD DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD 2011 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.

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.

As was the case the previous two years, permit activity was slow in 2011. Two minor subdivision applications were approved by the Board, and two additional applications have undergone sketch plan review. The DRB issued 10 conditional use approvals, mostly involving modifications to buildings and site plans. The only new commercial space approved was a replacement greenhouse and a four-unit apartment building that is not yet built. One application for a variance was denied.

In addition to the projects approved by the DRB, the Zoning Administrator issued 44 zoning permits in 2010, including one permit for a new single-family home (compared with 79 and three, respectively, the prior year). The Zoning Administrator also administers the flood hazard regulations (which are incorporated into the zoning bylaws), so was very busy post-Irene assisting owners of flood-damaged properties to rebuild in compliance with the regulations.

Eleanor D'Aponte resigned from the board last year, although she agreed to remain as an alternate member. Eleanor's regular contributions will be missed, but her willingness to remain involved on a limited basis is greatly appreciated. In addition, Vickie Trihy – who has served as Zoning Administrator since 2008 – resigned her position to pursue other career goals. Vickie served the town well during her tenure, and we thank her for her professionalism and good humor.

While Vickie will be a hard act to follow, we are fortunate that Susan Senning accepted the challenge. Susan, who assumed the role of Zoning Administrator this summer, is a recent graduate of Vermont Law School. All indications are that she will perform the job with impartiality and exceptional competence – welcome aboard Susan!

The DRB meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office. Notices of public hearings are published in the Valley Reporter and on-line at www.waitsfieldvt.us. Our meetings are frequently televised on Mad River Television's Channel 45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Cook
John Donaldson
Gib Geiger
Christopher Jernigan

Mike Kingsbury
Brian Shupe
Eleanor D'Aponte (alternate)
Mark Sinclair (alternate)



Bridge Street Block Party, 09/02/2011.

(Photo: David Garten)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2011 Annual Report

As a primer describing our work, the Conservation Commission is composed of up to nine appointed members, with responsibilities regarding the natural resources of the municipality, and lands within the municipality which have historic, educational, cultural, scientific, architectural or archaeological values in which the public has an interest. It may make recommendations regarding acquisition of land and receive appropriations, gifts (to include land or other property) and grants for the purposes of carrying out its responsibilities. It may assist other elements of town and regional government on matters affecting the local environment or the natural resources of the municipality. It may also prepare and distribute relevant information, and encourage through educational activities the public understanding of local natural resources and conservation needs.

Regarding administration of municipal lands, properties and other rights, the commission is charged with management of 793 acres of public land in three parcels located adjacent to Scrag Mountain (Scrag Town Forest), alongside the Mad River (Wu Ledges Town Forest) and alongside Brook Road (Woliner Parcel), plus easement monitoring on 10 acres behind the Valley Professional Center (Dowdell / Baked Beads).

Our primary focus has been on the Scrag forest, through construction of a public access trail and development of a long-range management plan. Funded by a grant from the VT Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation and a generous contribution from the Entrust Foundation, a small group of VT Youth Conservation Corps personnel have partially prepared a trail leading from the trailhead at the end of Bowen Road to a point joining an old logging road on private land. In 2012, this project will be finished, to include construction of a small bridge over Folsom Brook. Upon completion, this route will replace a former path on land now closed to public use. Many thanks to commission member Peter Boynton for his organization of this activity and to landowners Mark and Polly Kiesel for enabling the VYCC workers to use their property.

Our vision statement for Scrag reads: *The Waitsfield Scrag Forest is a remote, public forest valued by the residents of Waitsfield and the broader Mad River Valley Community. Our vision is to conserve these lands for scenic, educational and non-commercial, non-motorized recreational purposes, and to maintain its value for forestry, watershed*

protection and habitat and biodiversity conservation. The long-range planning process is being managed by the commission with the assistance of Kristen Sharpless, a local consulting ecologist. Findings of three prior analyses conducted by VT Audubon, Arrowwood Environmental, and the Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation Washington county forester Russ Barrett are being consolidated to form a description of the property and its attributes. We have developed proposed management policies and guidelines, and are preparing for a public meeting in February. Upon receipt of public input, we will revise the draft plan and forward it to the Selectboard for their approval. We look forward to finalizing this plan and starting its recommended projects.

A note regarding the effects of spring and summer storms on town-owned lands:

- * On the Scrag forest, tropical storm Irene caused the main trail (an old logging road) leading up to the beaver pond to be severely eroded at its lower elevations. This road was last used for logging operations in the late 1950s and early 1960s. At that time, little was done regarding erosion control and subsequently the road slowly deteriorated. While still usable as a hiking path, its condition is very unsatisfactory, and we intend to accomplish needed repairs as part of a future timber sale operation.
- * On Wu Ledges, heavy rains in May caused blockage of a newly-installed culvert, and we thank Jon and Amy Jamieson and Charlie Goodman for their work in restoring the site to a functioning level. Irene caused very little damage to the road system, and necessary repairs were made using only hand tools. Frontage along the Mad River however was substantially altered by the rushing high water and associated debris. The Austin Walk trail between the river and Route #100 was promptly restored by the Mad River Path Association, and their work was part of a valiant and much-appreciated volunteer effort throughout the Valley. We commend the Path Association for their sense of responsibility and diligent follow up.

As demonstrated by the response to Irene's flooding, volunteers are an integral part of our quality of life here. Community service is an ongoing need, beyond that caused by unusual weather events. If you like working in, and for, the great outdoors, we have a vacancy in our group. Motivated members are always appreciated – and our future projects are fine opportunities to participate.

WAITSFIELD ENERGY COMMITTEE 2011 Annual Report

The Town of Waitsfield's Energy Committee, with the support of the Selectboard, Town staff and others, continued efforts in 2011 to address weatherization and fuel efficiency in Waitsfield's municipal buildings, as well as laying the groundwork for a property-assessed financing initiative for energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements for Waitsfield homeowners.

The Town received Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant (EECBG) funding in 2010 to assist the development of a program by which Waitsfield homeowners could access funding for eligible energy efficiency and renewable energy projects and then pay back the cost as a regular municipal assessment on that property owner's property tax or other municipal 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.

During 2011 the state of Vermont took additional steps to advance PACE, addressing concerns from the mortgage industry and permitting Vermont Energy Investment Corporation, d/b/a Efficiency Vermont, to act as a statewide administrator for participating Vermont towns. Chris Badger, Waitsfield's Energy Coordinator, participated in a day-long informational workshop hosted during the fall of 2011. More information is available on the VEIC website at: www.veic.org/resourcelibrary/PACE.aspx

The role of Efficiency Vermont as an administrator for the program allowed the Town to reallocate a portion of the EECBG funds to promote PACE by pre-qualifying homes for energy improvements with a \$250 subsidy for a residential energy audit by qualified efficiency contractors. As part of this initiative, the Energy Committee also organized an energy efficiency skillshop, where Waitsfield residents could receive training on performing Do-It-Yourself efficiency improvements on their own homes. Nearly 20 Waitsfield homes and 14 residents participated in the energy audit and skillshop as part of the 2011 PACE EECBG initiative.

The Town of Waitsfield, as well as the Mad River Valley, was fortunate to have a PACE initiative selected as a topic area for UVM's Local

Community Initiative, in which three graduate students in applied economics reviewed the opportunities and impact the initiative could have on reducing the cost of energy for the local housing stock. More information on the collaborative project can be found at:
<http://www.mrvpd.org/documents/PACE%20MRV%20Final%20Presentation%20LCI.pdf>

The Town of Waitsfield is positioned as one of the leading communities in the state in promoting the advancement of PACE, and the Energy Committee continues to look for opportunities to support cost-effective renewable energy and energy efficiency improvements to residential homes, businesses and the Town's municipal facilities.

Chris Badger, Energy Coordinator

Committee Members: Sal Spinosa, Valerie Capels, Charlie Hosford, Brian Shupe, Dennis Derryberry

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
January 1 - December 31, 2011

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Grand List		
Municipal Grand List	3,655,692	3,664,994
State Education Grand List	3,669,788	3,680,232
Tax Rates		
Homestead Municipal	0.2940	0.2940
Homestead Education	1.3138	1.2684
Total Homestead Tax Rate	<u>1.6078</u>	<u>1.5624</u>
Non-Residential Municipal	0.2940	0.2940
Non-Residential Education	1.3987	1.3390
Total Non-Residential Tax Rate	<u>1.6927</u>	<u>1.6330</u>
Taxes Billed		
Municipal	1,067,462	1,070,173
Homestead Education	2,381,448	2,317,279
Non-Residential Education	2,589,566	2,472,358
Local Agreement	7,311	7,330
Total Taxes Billed	6,045,787	5,867,140
Plus late filed Homestead Decl.fees	635	91
+/- Corrections, Abatements Adjustments	0	-7,416
Net Taxes Due	<u>6,046,422</u>	<u>5,859,815</u>
		-
Less tax collections through Dec. 31		<u>5,760,345</u>
Total 2011 taxes due on December 31		99,470

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES

Beginning Delinquent Taxes Receivable (previous years)	120,869
Amt turned over to Collector of Del.Taxes on Nov. 18	<u>215,446</u>
Total Delinquent Taxes to be accounted for	336,315
Delinquent Tax Collections	-220,547
Abatements/Adjustments	<u>0</u>
Balance of Delinquent Taxes on Dec. 31	115,768

DELINQUENT TAX LIST
As of December 31, 2011

	2011	2010	
BARGERSTOCK ROBERT	416.41		
BIRDY ENTERPRISES	4,146.18 *		
BISBEE ROBERT	325.43		
BOMBARD ANDREW	2,707.40		
BORDONARO ANNE	1,861.56		
BRIDGEWATER JOHN	1,291.58 *		
BURBANK ROBERT	649.76		
CANNEY JOHN	3,024.32		
CLARK CAROLINE	238.10		
CLARK CHRISTOPHER	382.12	321.38	
COOKE CHRISTINE	355.98	354.01	
EURICH ELAINE	2,259.22		
FARNHAM TODD	310.24		
FITZGIBBONS BRYANT	4,887.56 *		
FOUR D & K COMPANY	9,701.64	2,521.95	
FREEMAN ALBERT	2,299.26	142.26 *	
FREEMAN ALBERT	2,180.06		
GAYLORD ALLEN	1,631.28		
GRAHAM JESSIE	1,277.95 *		
HASTINGS MEADOW LLC	43.30 *		
IENTILE JAMES	12,502.24		
KERR CATHY	247.46		
KOEPELE DAVID ERIC	1,433.76		
KOEPELE DAVID ERIC	1,242.70		
KOEPELE DAVID ERIC	6,402.98		
LANPHERE VICKI JO	292.30		
LEE VIRGINIA JOHNSON	4,304.75		
MAD RIVER EQUITIES	1,469.70	1,523.43 *	
MAGOUN LISABETH	1,506.20		
MARQUARDT HELEN	655.84		
MERIDIAN RESOURCES	10.79		
MESSIER LORI	228.62		
MILLER LESTER	277.60		
MILLSTONE HOLDINGS	6,430.73 *		
MOULTON CAROLYN	204.66		
NAPOLI TRAVIS	126.94		
PITT HOLDINGS LLC	1,579.54		
SMITH JASON	554.64		

**DELINQUENT TAX LIST
As of December 31, 2011**

	2011	2010	
SONN STEFANIE	5,287.64		
SPAULDING MAURICE	2,601.44		
TARDIF JERRY	579.72		
VON TRAPP BERNHARD	5,424.82	5,423.17	
WERON LLC	6,695.30		
WILSON JOAN	5,023.10		
YOUNG DAVID	409.34		
TOTALS AS OF 12/31/11	105,482.16	10,286.20	
* Paid since December 31, 2011			

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2012 PROPOSED BUDGET	ACTUAL 2010	BUDGET 2011	ACTUAL 2011	BUDGET 2012	% Chg '11-'12
EXPENSES					
TOWN MEETING					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Board of Auditors	100	0	0	0	0.0%
Elections	216	100	131	450	350.0%
Town Report	2,711	2,100	2,271	2,300	9.5%
TOT. TOWN MEETING EXP.	3,028	2,200	2,403	2,750	25.0%
LEGAL & AUDITING					
Legal Services	20,284	20,000	3,654	7,500	-62.5%
Audit Services	3,875	4,275	4,700	5,950	39.2%
TOT. LEGAL & AUDITING	24,159	24,275	8,354	13,450	-44.6%
TOWN OFFICE OPERATIONS					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Insurance & Bonds	8,844	9,214	8,654	12,607	36.8%
Office Rent/Utilities	22,267	22,246	23,326	22,460	1.0%
Office Repairs	1,786	1,000	0	1,000	0.0%
Postage	4,014	3,600	3,847	3,850	6.9%
Supplies	9,231	8,000	7,211	8,000	0.0%
Computer Services	1,970	1,550	1,632	1,600	3.2%
Training	984	1,000	512	1,000	0.0%
Cleaning	2,238	2,300	1,967	2,300	0.0%
Equipment Maint. & Contracts	5,053	6,465	5,614	6,175	-4.5%
Telephone	2,378	2,300	2,490	2,500	8.7%
New Office Equipment	2,000	4,000	35	4,000	0.0%
Public Notice Expense	4,067	3,500	2,666	3,500	0.0%
Great Escape Tx	-	-	140	-	NA
TOT. TOWN OFFICE EXP.	64,832	65,175	58,093	68,992	5.9%
TOWN CLERK & TREASURER					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Town Clerk/Treasurer & Assistant	73,309	74,292	74,363	76,639	3.2%
Tax Anticipation Interest	3,096	4,000	9,269	4,000	0.0%
Ballot Clerks	472	300	242	900	200.0%
Subtotal Expenses	76,877	78,592	83,875	81,539	3.7%
NET CLERK/TREASURER EXP.	40,973	37,092	53,062	45,239	22.0%
SELECTBOARD					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Selectboard Stipends	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	0.0%
Town Web site	350	750	749	750	-0.1%
Town Administrator	57,564	58,460	58,450	60,299	3.1%
Training	133	275	584	440	60.0%
Mileage Reimbursement	-	-	-	200	NA
Recording Secretary	2,061	3,300	2,219	2,400	-27.3%
Communications	200	400	-	200	-50.0%
TOT. SELECTBOARD EXP.	63,558	66,435	65,253	67,539	1.7%

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2012 PROPOSED BUDGET	ACTUAL 2010	BUDGET 2011	ACTUAL 2011	BUDGET 2012	% Chg '11-'12
CONSERVATION COMMISSION					
<i>Expenses</i>					
Special Projects		700	700	1,000	
Subtotal Expenses	0	700	700	1,000	42.9%
NET CONS. COMM. EXPENSES	0	700	700	1,000	42.9%

PLANNING & DEVEL. REVIEW

<i>Expenses</i>					
Recording Secretary	747	900	1,031	1,000	11.1%
Special Planning Projects	5,285	14,000	21,004	7,500	-46.4%
Town Plan	5,936	0	1,809	0	0.0%
Zoning Administrator	38,376	38,966	33,451	39,516	1.4%
Training (for staff and boards)	311	700	394	700	0.0%
Computer Equipment/Services		960	0	960	0.0%
Mileage Reimbursement	40	300	112	250	-16.7%
Subtotal Expenses	50,695	55,826	57,802	49,926	-10.6%
NET PLAN. & DEV. REV. EXP.	(580)	44,756	50,061	43,926	-1.9%

BOARD OF LISTERS

<i>Expenses</i>					
Assessor's Contract	10,800	10,800	10,800	10,800	0.0%
Computer Equipment/Services	2,226	1,000	232	1,000	0.0%
Training & Meetings		200	0	200	0.0%
Subtotal Expenses	13,026	12,000	11,032	12,000	0.0%
NET LISTERS' EXP.	2,135	2,000	496	2,000	0.0%

COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES

<i>Expenses</i>					
Collector's Fees	21,534	19,000	17,114	19,000	0.0%
NET DEL. TAXES EXP.	45	0	(1,138)	0	0.0%

ROAD DEPARTMENT

<i>Expenses</i>					
Labor	113,113	121,375	115,908	131,960	8.7%
Equipment Operations & Repairs					
Insurance	6,433	5,048	5,146	6,548	29.7%
Gas, Oil, Grease	3,872	3,000	5,616	5,000	66.7%
Diesel	18,112	28,300	35,477	30,000	6.0%
Int'l Dump Truck 2005 (Josh's)	7,795	7,500	12,150	7,500	0.0%
2008 Pickup Truck (repairs)	787	1,000	317	1,500	50.0%
Int'l Low Profile Truck 2010	4,112	500	1,323	1,500	200.0%
Int'l. Dump Truck 1997	293	500	0	1,000	100.0%
Int'l. Dump Truck 2008	1,447	4,200	7,600	4,000	-4.8%
John Deere Loader 2009	806	500	1,523	750	50.0%
Galion Grader 1998	2,659	2,500	1,158	3,000	20.0%
Cat Backhoe 2008	1,025	1,000	3,064	2,500	150.0%
Roadside Mower		0	222	280	NA

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2012 PROPOSED BUDGET	ACTUAL 2010	BUDGET 2011	ACTUAL 2011	BUDGET 2012	% Chg '11-'12
Steel pole / chain saw	207	300	65	300	0.0%
Garage Repairs		0	851	500	NA
Garage Trash Removal	1,598	2,000	1,689	2,000	0.0%
Uniforms	2,625	2,500	2,693	3,000	20.0%
Garage Heat	3,969	2,000	4,140	4,000	100.0%
Garage Telephone	1,140	1,000	1,124	1,100	10.0%
Garage Electricity	1,347	1,500	1,547	1,500	0.0%
Garage Supplies & Hardware	2,704	3,000	3,190	3,000	0.0%
Garage Misc. Other	1,409	1,500	1,473	1,500	0.0%
Chipper & Rake	144	750	417	750	0.0%
Garage Alarm System	487	500	838	500	0.0%
Water service	250	300	0	300	0.0%
Plow Blades/Shoes/Chains	9,750	7,000	6,767	7,000	0.0%
<i>Subtotal Equipment Operations Exp.</i>	<i>72,971</i>	<i>76,398</i>	<i>98,388</i>	<i>89,028</i>	<i>16.5%</i>
Hired Equipment & Labor					
Sidewalk Mowing	3,770	4,000	1,250	1,875	-53.1%
Sidewalk Plowing	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.0%
Personnel Mileage	32	0	0		NA
Other Equipment Rental	2,303	3,000	183	3,000	0.0%
Contracted Plowing	2,410	2,000	1,980	2,000	0.0%
Grading	1,128	2,200	240	1,000	-54.5%
<i>Subtotal Hired Equip. & Labor Exp.</i>	<i>14,642</i>	<i>16,200</i>	<i>8,653</i>	<i>12,875</i>	<i>-20.5%</i>
Materials					
Salt	22,847	20,000	25,740	20,000	0.0%
Sand	41,717	39,000	32,774	42,000	7.7%
Chloride	4,200	8,000	7,485	8,000	0.0%
Crushed Gravel	14,250	15,000	16,292	15,000	0.0%
Stone (ditch)	1,523	3,000	1,982	3,000	0.0%
Culverts	3,032	7,000	13,202	7,200	2.9%
Guardrails		2,000	82	1,000	-50.0%
Tools	3,226	3,000	3,636	3,000	0.0%
Signs	2,094	2,000	884	1,500	-25.0%
Fabric	0	0	294	500	NA
Cold Patch, Hay & Seed	1,793	2,000	214	2,000	0.0%
<i>Subtotal Materials Exp.</i>	<i>94,681</i>	<i>101,000</i>	<i>102,587</i>	<i>103,200</i>	<i>2.2%</i>
Miscellaneous					
Fayston Winter Agreement	4,000	4,800	4,800	4,800	0.0%
Garage Furnace		0	56	0	NA
Bridge Repairs	462	500	0	500	0.0%
Gravel pit management		1,000	1,991	4,000	300.0%
Pavement Crack Sealing	6,000	6,000	0	6,000	0.0%
Line Painting	300	750	525	750	0.0%
Street lights	4,794	5,500	5,430	5,500	0.0%
Bridge lights	543	500	243	250	-50.0%
Radios & Pagers	865	750	859	750	0.0%
Training	90	500	205	500	0.0%

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2012 PROPOSED BUDGET	ACTUAL 2010	BUDGET 2011	ACTUAL 2011	BUDGET 2012	% Chg '11-'12
<i>Subtotal Miscellaneous</i>	17,054	20,300	14,110	23,050	13.5%
Subtotal Road Department Exp.	312,461	335,273	339,645	360,113	7.4%
NET ROAD DEPT. EXP.	242,735	269,698	254,468	311,538	15.5%

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Expenses

FICA/Medicare	18,580	18,351	18,875	19,342	5.4%
Medicare	4,352	4,293	4,415	4,479	4.3%
Retirement	15,813	14,655	14,876	15,421	5.2%
Unemployment	1,658	2,283	2,282	2,826	23.8%
Workers Compensation	7,746	5,536	5,536	5,695	2.9%
Health Insurance	65,383	66,317	64,316	73,564	10.9%
Flexible Benefits Plan	4,326	0	0	0	0.0%
Life & Disability Insurance	2,437	2,520	2,574	2,160	-14.3%
Vision Plan	26	0	94	0	0.0%
Subtotal Expenses	120,320	113,955	112,967	123,488	8.4%
TOT. EMP. BENEFITS EXP.	119,936	113,955	112,583	123,488	8.4%

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Expenses

Gas, Oil, Grease	1,348	2,000	2,400	2,200	10.0%
Insurance	5,312	4,928	4,928	6,504	32.0%
Telephone & Communications	21,430	17,000	16,079	17,000	0.0%
Electricity	2,349	2,000	1,832	2,000	0.0%
Heat	3,705	5,000	6,135	5,000	0.0%
Water	250	500	9	500	0.0%
Building Repairs/Supplies	2,269	2,500	618	2,000	-20.0%
Fire Alarm	345	250	360	250	0.0%
Truck Repairs	2,671	6,650	6,739	6,650	0.0%
Equipment Repairs	3,016	3,000	1,785	3,000	0.0%
Bottled Gas	1,834	1,000	957	1,000	0.0%
Training	2,844	3,250	3,002	3,250	0.0%
Hose & Equipment	3,748	3,500	4,006	3,500	0.0%
Gear	3,551	2,620	3,200	3,200	22.1%
Fire Prevention	471	400	414	100	-75.0%
Miscellaneous	272	500	492	500	0.0%
Dues	560	600	391	400	-33.3%
Physical Exams	1,320	2,000	1,760	2,000	0.0%
Fire Dept. Labor	16,170	14,000	16,198	15,000	7.1%
FICA/Medicare	1,237	1,071	0	1,300	21.4%
Subtotal Expenses	74,701	72,769	72,543	75,354	3.6%
NET FIRE DEPT. EXP.	48,759	43,661	42,247	45,212	3.6%

POLICE PROGRAM

Expenses

Sheriff's Department Billings	23,511	23,500	20,452	31,308	33.2%
Gasoline	1,968	2,500	2,816	0	-100.0%
Repairs/Maintenance	250	500	113	0	-100.0%

Insurance	683	516	516	1,899	268.0%
TOWN OF WAITSFIELD	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% Chg
2012 PROPOSED BUDGET	2010	2011	2011	2012	'11-'12
Training	-	-	-	800	NA
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Equipment	1,600	2,500	1,620	0	-100.0%
Subtotal Expenses	28,012	29,516	25,518	34,007	15.2%
NET POLICE PROG. EXP.	8,097	9,216	13,112	8,007	-13.1%

DUES & ASSESSMENTS*Expenses*

CVRPC	1,866	1,866	1,866	1,805	-3.3%
Joslin Memorial Library	24,158	33,115	32,043	32,847	-0.8%
MR Resource Mgmt Alliance	3,366	3,420	3,366	3,420	0.0%
MRV Planning District	21,010	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	2,299	2,358	2,358	2,474	4.9%
Washington County Tax	29,586	23,353	23,353	25,069	7.3%
TOTAL DUES & ASSESS.					
EXPENSES	94,785	97,622	96,495	99,125	1.5%

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS*Expenses*

Circle (formerly BWSS)	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	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	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	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	0.0%
Northern Vermont RC&D Council	75	75	75	100	33.3%
People's Health & Wellness Clinic	100	500	500	500	0.0%
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	300	300	300	300	0.0%
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	300	250	250	250	0.0%
VT Center for Independent Living	620	620	620	620	0.0%
Wash. County Youth Services	750	750	750	750	0.0%
TOT. SPECIAL APPROP. EXP.	22,818	23,168	23,168	23,193	0.1%

MISCELLANEOUS*Expenses*

Dog Warden Salary & Fees	720	1,000	735	1,000	0.0%
Dog Pound Fees	55	100	50	100	0.0%
Administrative Fees	23	300	10	600	100.0%
Maintenance of Parks	9,127	9,150	9,237	11,410	24.7%
Trail Maintenance	1,500	3,000	2,260	1,500	-50.0%

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD 2012 PROPOSED BUDGET	ACTUAL 2010	BUDGET 2011	ACTUAL 2011	BUDGET 2012	% Chg '11-'12
Fire Hydrant Maintenance	-	-	-	1,000	NA
Generator Expense	7,470	1,350	756	1,350	0.0%
Memberships & Dues	140	255	125	185	-27.5%
Community Share School Maint.	56,000	56,006	56,000	56,006	0.0%
Cemeteries - Veteran's Flags	363	100	63	100	0.0%
MRVTV Hearing Coverage	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.0%
Energy Efficiency Improvements	12,250	21,000	32,361	0	-100.0%
Tax Adjustments	0	10,000	23,854	10,000	0.0%
Other	1,930	500	819	500	0.0%
Subtotal Expenses	92,579	105,761	129,270	86,751	-18.0%
NET MISC. EXP.	(17,951)	7,085	(4,471)	(11,949)	-268.6%

CONTRIBUTIONS TO RESERVE FUNDS*Expenses*

Equipment Res. Fund - Truck	55,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	0.0%
Heavy Equipment Res. Fund	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	0.0%
Fire Dept. Res. Fund - Truck	15,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	0.0%
Fire Dept. Roof Res. Fund	6,000	25,000	25,000	0	-100.0%
Restroom/Rec./Cons.	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	0.0%
Joslin Library Repair Res.Fund	2,500	0	0	0	0.0%
Rt. 100 Transportation Path Res.	5,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	0.0%
Gravel Pit Reserve Fund	0	(17,870)	0	0	-100.0%
Culvert Replacement Res. Fund	-	18,000	18,000	50,000	177.8%
Reappraisal Reserve	0	15,000	15,000	15,000	0.0%
Covered Bridge Repair Res.	10,000	10,000	10,000	5,000	0.0%
Energy Reserve Fund	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.0%
TIF District Applic. Res. Fund	0	(14,372)	0	0	-100.0%
Street Tree Planting & Maint.	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%
Budget Stabilization Res.Fund	50,000	0	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL RES. FUND EXP.	171,000	146,258	178,500	180,500	43.9%

CAPITAL & ONE-TIME EXPENSES

2007 Int'l. Dump Truck	31,275	0	0	0	0.0%
2009 John Deere Loader	13,573	13,664	13,660	13,298	-2.7%
2010 International Dump Truck	-	21,071	21,071	20,687	-1.8%
Roadside Mowing	4,631	11,500	12,064	12,065	4.9%
Paving Bond Payment (debt svc)	99,453	97,233	97,226	0	-100.0%
Brook Road Culvert	-	177,782	0	177,782	0.0%
North Road Culvert	91,166	0	0	0	NA
Woodruff catch basin	-	-	-	4,400	NA
Palmer Hill ditching (flood repair)	-	-	-	7,500	NA
Bridge St. storm drain. design	-	14,000	0	16,900	20.7%
Pine Brook Bridge Re-decking	-	-	-	3,000	NA
Town Garage Furnace Repl.	11,741	0	0	0	NA
Town Garage Rep./Impr.	1,741	25,000	25,566	15,000	-40.0%
Town Office Task Force	-	10,000	8,303	10,000	0.0%
Police Cruiser Purchase	7,674	7,674	7,674	0	-100.0%
Town Pond Rehabilitation	7,930	0	0	0	NA
Village Flood Control Project	-	-	-	36,115	NA

Village Streambank Stabilization	-	-	-	144,460	NA
TOWN OF WAITSFIELD	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% Chg
2012 PROPOSED BUDGET	2010	2011	2011	2012	'11-'12
Flood Expenses Debt Service	-	-	-	40,000	NA
Fire Station Energy Impr.	12,295	0	0	0	NA
Fire Dept. FEMA AFG grant repayment	-	-	-	12,000	NA
Gravel Pit Purchase	51,231	49,056	50,106	48,960	-0.2%
Gravel Pit Access/Development	17,393	0	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL CAP. & ONE TIME EXP.	350,102	426,980	235,669	562,167	31.7%
NET CAP. & ONE TIME EXP.	238,817	251,705	235,669	179,089	-28.8%
Percent Total Expenses	22.10%	25.48%	15.52%	29.79%	16.9%

REVENUES

<i>Town Clerk Revenues</i>					
Town Clerk Fees	31,532	38,000	26,487	32,000	-15.8%
Money Market Interest	1,762	1,200	2,091	2,000	66.7%
Great Escape Tix Sales	-	-	140	-	NA
Beverage Sale Permits	2,610	2,300	2,095	2,300	0.0%
Subtotal Revenues	35,904	41,500	30,812	36,300	-12.5%
<i>Conservation Commission Revenues</i>					
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Gifts	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal Revenues	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Planning Revenues</i>					
Grants	10,475	5,070	2,535	0	-100.0%
Zoning Fees	40,800	6,000	5,206	6,000	0.0%
Subtotal Revenues	51,275	11,070	7,741	6,000	-45.8%
<i>Listers Revenues</i>					
Act 60 Annual Support	10,498	10,000	10,536	10,000	0.0%
Misc.	394	0	0	0	0.0%
Subtotal Revenues	10,892	10,000	10,536	10,000	0.0%
<i>Road Dept. Revenues</i>					
State Aid for Highways	67,258	65,000	83,949	48,000	-26.2%
Misc. Road Dept. Income	2,373	575	1,228	575	0.0%
Bridge Repair-Reimbursements	95	0	0	0	0.0%
Subtotal Revenues	69,726	65,575	85,177	48,575	-25.9%
<i>Insurance Revenues</i>					
Insurance Audit Refunds	0	0	0	0	0.0%
VLCT Health Leader Program	384	0	384	0	0.0%
Subtotal Revenues	384	0	384	0	0.0%
<i>Fire Dept. Revenues</i>					
Fire Department Income (Fayston)	25,942	29,108	30,296	30,142	3.6%
Sale of Equipment	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0.0%

<i>Subtotal Revenues</i>	<i>25,942</i>	<i>29,108</i>	<i>30,296</i>	<i>30,142</i>	<i>3.6%</i>
TOWN OF WAITSFIELD	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% Chg
2012 PROPOSED BUDGET	2010	2011	2011	2012	'11-'12
<i>Police Revenues</i>					
Traffic Control Income	18,315	18,000	10,975	10,000	-44.4%
Sale of Cruiser	0	0	0	15,000	NA
Misc. Income	1,600	2,300	1,431	1,000	-56.5%
Subtotal Revenues	19,915	20,300	12,406	26,000	28.1%
Dog Fine & Impoundment Fees	205	200	161	200	0.0%
State Forest Land Payment	6,237	5,500	5,862	5,500	0.0%
Current Use Hold Harmless Paymt	77,005	75,000	68,750	75,000	0.0%
Delinquent Tax Interest	19,027	15,000	17,888	15,000	0.0%
Library insurance reimbursement	-	2,976	2,976	3,000	
Other / Misc.	8,056	0	38,105	0	0.0%
Subtotal Revenues	110,530	98,676	133,741	98,700	0.0%
<i>Del. Tax. Collector Revenues</i>					
Penalty Fees	21,489	19,000	18,252	19,000	0.0%
<i>Capital & One-Time Revenues</i>					
North Road Culvert	83,335	-	0	-	NA
Village Flood Control Project	-	-	-	36,115	NA
Village Streambank Stabilization	-	-	-	144,460	NA
Energy Efficiency Grant	27,950	22,049	0	31,500	42.9%
Transportation Grant Proceeds	-	153,226	0	171,004	11.6%
Subtotal Revenues	111,285	175,275	0	383,079	118.6%
TOTAL REVENUES	457,341	470,504	329,346	657,795	39.8%
2012 BUDGET					
Total Operating Budget Exp.	1,063,385	1,102,267	1,104,231	1,118,226	1.4%
Total Reserve Fund Allocations	171,000	146,258	178,500	180,500	23.4%
Total Capital & One-Time Exp.	350,102	426,980	233,413	562,167	31.7%
Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund				(49,000)	
SUBTOTAL EXPENSES	1,584,487	1,675,505	1,518,401	1,811,893	8.1%
Total Special Article Expenses	-	-	-	45,000	NA
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,584,487	1,675,505	1,518,401	1,856,893	10.8%
TOTAL REVENUES	457,341	470,504	329,346	657,795	39.8%
NET TOTAL EXPENSES	1,127,146	1,205,001	1,189,055	1,999,098	-0.5%
BEGIN. YR CASH/FUND BAL.	186,861	152,709	152,709	56,648	-62.9%
TAX REVENUES	1,092,994	1,052,292	1,092,994	1,142,451	8.6%
YEAR END SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	152,709	0	56,648	0	

**Town of Waitsfield, Vermont
Capital Budget and Program
2012 - 2017**

TABLE 1. Capital Projects and Funding Sources	Other Funds	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL COST
Financed by Reserve Funds:								
Covered Bridge Rep. & Maint.	Fed-80%	334,500						394,300
Culvert Replacement Projects	State/Fed	70,000	70,000	40,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	390,000
Replace 98 Gallon Grader								200,000
Replace 05 Dump Truck		156,000						156,000
Replace 08 Dump Truck							170,000	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
Replace Fire Tanker	Fayston 40%	250,000						250,000
Replace Fire Pumper	Fayston 40%					250,000	250,000	500,000
Town Office Expansion		35,000						35,000
Financed by Borrowing:								
Paving / Road Recon. Projects			300,000	300,000				600,000
Bridge Street Stormwater		189,000						189,000
Tremblay Road Culvert			150,000					150,000
Municipal Water System	Fed/Users							3,500,000
Centralized Wastewater Design	Fed/Users							672,770
Decentr. Wastewater, Phase 1	Fed/Users	250,000						250,000

TABLE 2. Contributions to Reserve Funds (cont.)

	12/31/11 Balance	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Culvert Replacement Projects	13,430	50,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	238,430
Energy Efficiency Reserve Fund	5,000	5,000						
Fire Dept. Roof Repair	-1,054*							-1,054
Fire Truck Replacement	118,714	18,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	261,714
Lareau Park Reserve	5,443							5,443
Reappraisal Reserve	21,687	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	111,687
Restroom/Recreation/Conservation	58,159	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	118,159
Forest Stewardship Account	5,022							5,022
Road Dept. Truck	147,705	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	387,705
Road Dept. Heavy Equipment	26,097	15,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	141,097
Rt. 100 Transportation Path	152,534	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	272,534
Street Trees	9,128	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	24,128
Town Office Expansion		35,000						35,000
Total Annual Reserve Costs		215,500	172,500	172,500	172,500	172,500	172,500	1,659,786

* The Town of Fayston's 40% share had not yet been requested.

TABLE 3. Debt Service Payments

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
2010 Dump Truck	20,687	20,304	19,921	19,538			80,451
Gravel Pit Purchase	48,960						48,960
New Municipal Building Bond			40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	1,700,000
Garage Addition Bond (\$250,000 @ 4% 30 yrs)		14,460	14,460	14,460	14,460	14,460	250,000
2009 Bucket Loader	13,298	12,932	12,566				38,796

TABLE 3. Debt Service Payments (cont.)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Road Paving Projects Debt	0	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	400,000
Tremblay Road Culvert **			30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	150,000
Covered Bridge Repair & Rehabilitation		10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	50,000
Wastewater Loan RF1-058, 15-yr no interest*		36,484	36,484	36,484	36,484	36,484	547,260
Wastewater Loan #2, 15-yr no interest						13,067	196,000
Phase 1 Decentralized Wastewater SRF (\$250,000 @ 2% 20 yrs)*		6,880	6,880	6,880	6,880	6,880	137,600
Phase 2 Decentralized Wastewater SRF (\$250,000 @ 2% 20 yrs)*			6,880	6,880	6,880	6,880	137,600
Bridge Street Stormwater **		40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	200,000
Non-reimbursed Flood Costs	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000		100,000
Flood-related Gravel Costs	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	17,000	100,000
SRF Decentralized Loan (paid by users)			[15,289]	[15,289]	[15,289]	[15,289]	[250,000]
Rural Devel. Water Loan (paid by connected customers)		[146,000]	[146,000]	[146,000]	[146,000]	[146,000]	[3,014,000]
Total (Loans) Annual Debt Service	122,945	261,060	337,191	324,242	304,704	294,771	4,136,667

* Actual dates for repayment start may be later. ** Conservative estimates. A loan would be sought if grants are not available.

TABLE 4. Operating Expenses

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Municipal Building Committee	10,000						10,000
Town Garage Space Analysis	5,000						
Town Garage Repairs	10,000						10,000
Town Pond Repair/Maintenance			5,000				5,000
Total General Fund Expense	25,000	0	5,000	0	0	0	30,000

TOTAL ANNUAL C.I.P. EXPENSES	363,445	433,560	514,691	496,742	477,204	467,271	5,826,453
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TABLE 5. Grant and Other Non-Debt Revenues

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
Water Project: Rural Development Grant	2,500,000						2,500,000
Water Project: EPA State & Tribal Grant	1,530,356						1,530,356
Phase 1 Decentr. Wastewater SRF Program: EPA STAG		137,500	137,500				275,000
Phase 2 Decentr. WW SRF Program: User Loan Paymts		14,408	28,816	28,816	28,816	28,816	288,160
Brook Road Culvert: VTrans Culvert Grant Program	160,004						160,004
Tremblay Road Culvert: VTrans Culvert Grant Program *	175,000						175,000
Joslin Hill Road Culvert: VTrans Culvert Grant Program *		175,000					175,000
Paving: VTrans Town Highways Grant Program*		240,000					240,000
Covered Bridge Rehab.: VTrans Enhancement Grant	270,000						270,000
Vtrans Construction Contingency Fund*	30,000						30,000
Rte100 Transpin Path: VTrans Enhancement Grant (90%)	108,000						108,000
Bridge Street: VTrans stormwater grant	11,000						11,000
Historic Village Flood Control Project	36,115						36,115
Village Streambank Stabilization	144,460						144,460
Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grant	70,500						70,500
Fire Trucks: Town of Fayston (40%)	14,000				0	0	14,000
Total Grant and Other Revenues	5,049,435	552,500	166,316	28,816	28,816	28,816	5,854,699

* Not yet secured.

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

LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Capital Improvement - Municipal Gravel Pit

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

Loan Balance on December 31, 2010	\$96,000
Principal Repayment on June 15, 2011	(\$48,000)
	\$48,000
Note Balance on December 31, 2011	
	\$48,000
People's United Bank (Due 6/14/12 Interest Rate 2.00%)	

Capital Equipment - Bucket Loader

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

Loan Balance on December 31, 2010	\$48,800
Principal Repayment on June 1, 2011	(\$12,200)
	\$36,600
Note Balance on December 31, 2011	
	\$36,600
People's United Bank (Due 5/31/12 Interest Rate 3.00%)	

Capital Equipment - Dump Truck

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

Loan Balance on December 31, 2010	\$95,775
Principal Repayment on June 30, 2011	(\$19,155)
	\$76,620
Note Balance on December 31, 2011	
	\$76,620
State of Vermont (Due 6/30/12 Interest Rate 2.00%)	

Capital Improvement - Wait House

Original Date of Borrowing - September 13, 2010 (\$20,000)

Loan Balance on December 31, 2010	\$20,000
Principal Repayment on September 13, 2011	(\$4,000)
	\$16,000
Note Balance on December 31, 2011	
	\$16,000
People's United Bank (Due 9/13/12 Interest Rate 3.05%)	

Current Expense Note - Flood Repairs (Line of Credit)

Original Date of Borrowing - June 28, 2011 (\$500,000)

Loan Balance on December 31, 2010	\$0
Amount of Line of Credit	\$500,000
Draw on Line of Credit January 1 - December 31, 2011	(\$447,590)
	\$52,410
Available Funds on December 31, 2011	
	\$52,410
Merchants Bank (Due 6/27/12 Interest Rate 1.74%)	

Bond Anticipation Note - Municipal Water (Line of Credit)*Original Date of Borrowing - August 19, 2010 (\$3,500,000)*

Loan Balance on December 31, 2010	\$3,500,000
Draw on Line of Credit January 1 - December 31, 2011	<u>(\$3,434,661)</u>
Available Funds on December 31, 2011	\$65,339
People's United Bank (Due 8/17/12 Interest Rate 1.85%)	

Bond Anticipation Note - Municipal Water (Line of Credit)*Original Date of Borrowing - May 10, 2011 (\$2,600,000)*

Loan Balance on December 31, 2010	\$0
Amount of Line of Credit	\$2,600,000
Draw on Line of Credit January 1 - December 31, 2011	<u>(\$1,130,081)</u>
Available Funds on December 31, 2011	\$1,469,919
Merchants Bank (Due 5/9/12 Interest Rate 1.91%)	

Municipal Water and Wastewater Planning

VT-EPA State Revolving Loan Fund - loaned to the Town without interest. Two loans for water project planning and design were rolled into the water project construction financing, with 55% paid by the EPA STAG grant. Sewer repayable over 15 years beginning May 2013.

Sewer

Loan Balance December 31, 2010 - Sewer	\$613,386
Amount drawn from \$768,500 Loan for Municipal Sewer	\$0
Correction from 2008 loan balance	<u>\$59,384</u>
Loan Balance December 31, 2011	\$672,770 *

* Without a positive bond vote for the wastewater project, no further activity was authorized by the Selectboard. The previously reported loan balance was provided by ANR; a correction was noted in 2011.

**TOWN RESERVE FUNDS
EQUIPMENT RESERVES**

Road Department--Trucks

Balance December 31, 2010	\$107,626
Deposits	\$40,000
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$79
Balance December 31, 2011	<u>\$147,705</u>

Road Department--Heavy Equipment

Balance December 31, 2010	\$11,089
Deposits	\$15,000
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$8
Balance December 31, 2011	<u>\$26,097</u>

Fire Department--Trucks

Balance December 31, 2010	\$100,640
Deposits	\$18,000
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$74
Balance December 31, 2011	<u>\$118,714</u>

BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND

Balance December 31, 2010	\$50,000
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$34
Balance December 31, 2011	<u>\$50,034</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT ROOF RESERVE FUND

Balance December 31, 2010	\$4,173
Deposits	\$34,164
Withdrawals	(\$39,400)
Interest Earned	\$9
Balance December 31, 2011	<u>(\$1,054)</u>

GRAVEL RESERVE FUND

Balance December 31, 2010	\$17,870
Deposits	\$521
Withdrawals*	(\$18,396)
Interest Earned	\$5
Balance December 31, 2011	<u>\$0</u>

* Closed account per Town Meeting vote

RESTROOM, RECREATION & CONSERVATION RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2010	\$41,690
Deposits	\$17,500
Withdrawals	(\$700)
Interest Earned	\$34
Balance December 31, 2011	<u>\$58,524</u>

ROUTE 100 TRANSPORTATION PATH RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2010	\$152,477
Deposits	\$20,000
2011 State Reimbursements	\$0
Withdrawals	(\$20,301)
Interest Earned	\$358
Balance December 31, 2011	<u>\$152,534</u>

LAREAU PARK IMPROVEMENT RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2010	\$5,439
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$4
Balance December 31, 2011	<u>\$5,443</u>

STREET TREES RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2010	\$6,818
Deposits	\$2,500
Withdrawals	(\$200)
Interest Earned	\$10
Balance December 31, 2011	<u>\$9,128</u>

REAPPRAISAL RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2010	\$6,682
Deposits	\$15,000
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$5
Balance December 31, 2011	<u>\$21,687</u>

TIF DISTRICT APPLICATION RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2010	\$14,372
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals*	(\$14,375)
Interest Earned	\$3
Balance December 31, 2011	<u>\$0</u>

* Closed account per Town Meeting vote

JOSLIN LIBRARY REPAIR RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2010	\$4,629
Deposits	\$6,515
Withdrawals*	(\$11,152)
Interest Earned	\$8
Balance December 31, 2011	<u>\$0</u>

* Closed account and gave proceeds to the library board.

TOWN FOREST STEWARDSHIP RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2010	\$5,019
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	(\$962)
Interest Earned	\$3
Balance December 31, 2011	<u>\$4,060</u>

COVERED BRIDGE REPAIR RESERVE

Balance December 31, 2010	\$44,633
Deposits	\$10,000
Withdrawals	(\$24,746)
Interest Earned	\$33
Balance December 31, 2011	<u>\$29,920</u>

ENERGY PROJECTS

Balance December 31, 2010	\$0
Deposits	\$5,000
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	<u>\$0</u>
Balance December 31, 2011	\$5,000

CULVERT REPLACEMENT

Balance December 31, 2010	\$0
Deposits	\$18,000
Withdrawals	(\$4,571)
Interest Earned	<u>\$1</u>
Balance December 31, 2011	\$13,430

OTHER TOWN FUNDS

GENERAL WAIT HOUSE MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Balance December 31, 2010	\$4,174
Deposits	\$17,894
Withdrawals	<u>(\$20,032)</u>
Balance December 31, 2011	\$2,036

RECORDS RESTORATION

Balance December 31, 2010	\$12,770
Deposits	\$4,250
Withdrawals	<u>(\$2,575)</u>
Balance December 31, 2011	\$14,446

BELDEN FUND

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

Balance December 31, 2010	\$1,853
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	<u>\$5</u>
Balance December 31, 2011	\$1,858

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD CAPITAL PROJECTS

Irasville and Waitsfield Village Community Water System

Previous reports and other documents describe the long planning history, design efforts, and decisions that led to the drilling of a well in the southeast quadrant of town for a municipal water system. The community 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 400,000 gallon storage tank 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. Construction of the water system began in 2010 under the following five separate contracts and will continue into 2012:

1. J.P. Sicard: Though this contract was interrupted by the local and statewide damage caused by Tropical Storm Irene, installation of the transmission main, curb stops, and hydrants is nearly complete in Waitsfield Village and Irasville. Work will continue into 2012 in the Bragg Hill area of Irasville, and completion of curb stops, final restoration of yards, paving of Route 100, and testing.
2. Munson Earth Moving: Construction of the water main and hydrants from Old County Road to the tank site is complete. The lack of a water supply delayed testing, which is planned to occur in 2012.
3. Natgun: Construction of the 400,000 gallon storage tank is complete. A temporary water supply was provided to fill the tank. Final testing will continue into 2012.
4. Kingsbury Companies: Construction of the transmission main from the tank to the well site is nearly complete. Work continues into 2012 to bring the water line and electrical service from Long Road to the well site.
5. NECCO, Inc.: Construction of the well house will begin in the spring of 2012.

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 was 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>
TOTAL	<u>\$7,590,000</u>

Adjoining property owners 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 2010 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 resumed negotiations with the affected property owners and simultaneously initiated condemnation proceedings to secure the land associated with the well and access. Agreement was reached with the Richards/Damon family; however, negotiations failed to progress with Ms. Houston and several appeals remain pending.

The project encountered construction delays due to (1) litigation associated with access to the well source, (2) the May 20 federally-declared flood disaster, (3) unexpected complications with subsurface boring along East Road and (4) the August 28 federally-declared Tropical Storm Irene flood disaster. These contributed to increases to the project cost, though still within the construction cost estimates and contingencies. Town officials will continue to work with the funding agencies regarding the eligibility of costs associated with the on-going litigation.

Irasville and Waitsfield Village Wastewater Management

The big pipe plan is dead. Previous reports and other documents describe the long planning history, design efforts, and decisions that led to the defeat of the bond vote in 2008 for a tertiary wastewater treatment system. The studies that resulted in the big pipe plan were funded through \$768,500 in no-interest revolving loan funds through the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources State Revolving Fund (SRF). To date, \$672,770 of the loan was spent that will need to be paid back over

15 years beginning in May 2013. A balance of \$95,730 remains available for further planning, engineering, permitting, etc., necessary to advance a community wastewater disposal solution.

With funds from a municipal planning grant secured by the Planning Commission in 2010, Stone Environmental, Inc. and Tetra Tech, Inc. were hired to study current wastewater disposal needs and opportunities for dispersed wastewater management systems in Waitsfield Village and Irasville. This re-evaluation is described in the report *Assessment of Decentralized Wastewater Options: A Survey of Needs, Capacity and Solutions for Historic Waitsfield Village and Irasville* (January 2011). The report concluded that existing or new decentralized wastewater systems within the Irasville and Waitsfield Village areas, if upgraded and effectively managed to ensure their performance, would be a feasible option for meeting the community's demonstrated wastewater management needs and may provide some capacity to support future growth, particularly in Irasville. The report noted there are legal mechanisms to use public funds to support the installation, repair or upgrade of privately owned, properly managed decentralized wastewater systems by creating a community-based loan fund. A community-based loan fund can be established that provides low-interest loans to property owners who agree to adhere to proper management guidelines for their systems.

Efforts are currently under way to resume use of the ANR loan funds mentioned above to develop such a voluntary loan program. The Selectboard is in the process of applying \$30,000 of the available balance and rolling over \$125,506.92 from the existing SRF planning loan balance to the new planning advance loan of \$155,506.92. Though repayment of the existing SRF planning advance loan will still be required in May 2013, the balance will be reduced from \$672,770.19 to \$547,263.27, thus reducing the annual repayment to \$36,484. The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources DEC may consider additional information from a future update of the existing Wastewater Facilities Plan and roll over additional balance to the new Planning Advance if the update demonstrates that other components of the existing Facilities Plan are valid for the new Community Wastewater Loan Fund project.

The loan program will enable privately owned wastewater associations to finance the construction costs of new or upgraded town approved

systems using low fixed rate long-term loans from the town. The town will in turn obtain 45% of the loaned funds from the State Revolving Loan Fund and 55% from the remaining \$906,100 in federal grant funds from the EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) program. By financing the loans in this manner, the town will be able to use 55% of the landowner association loan payments to pay down its SRF loan balance.

Use of the State Revolving Fund program for construction requires a bond vote, which is an Australian ballot item at Town Meeting on March 6. A public information meeting will be held Wednesday, February 29, 7:00pm, at the Big Picture Theater.

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 Kevin Russell, municipal project manager, was hired to shepherd it through the next steps of permitting, right-of-way clearances, and construction. Right-of-way acquisition and clearances were completed in 2010 and soon after Kevin Russell resigned to take a full-time position with VTrans. Final engineering was completed in 2011. The project is expected to put out to bid in March 2012 with summer 2012 construction.

The Town began setting aside funds in 1997 in a Transportation Path reserve fund, which totaled \$152,534 at the close of 2011. The project is expected to cost \$1.2 million, with a local match of at least 10%. Although it was originally set up for this specific project, voters agreed that this reserve fund should serve as an on-going fund with a continued annual contribution for planning and design of future sidewalk projects, such as in Irasville on the other side of the street from the Mad River Green shopping center and the west side in Waitsfield Village.

A conceptual design and feasibility study was initiated in 2011 with funds from the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission that showed it will be possible to accommodate an improved sidewalk on the west side of Main Street in Waitsfield Village along with green space

and on-street parking in some areas. Efforts will be pursued to move this project forward.

Culvert Replacement Projects

There are more than 260 culverts in Waitsfield that manage the movement of water under and near Waitsfield's 30 miles of Town roads. Blocked or undersized culverts can result in serious damage to roads and private property—a lesson that was learned many times over in the floods of May and August 2011.

A culvert reserve fund was established in 2011 to plan for and ensure funds will be available to make the needed replacement of inadequate major culverts. The Town has been successful in securing grants through the VTrans culvert grant program, but funding from year to year cannot be guaranteed. Projected over time, approximately \$70,000 per year is recommended to be allocated for culvert replacement projects. The Capital Plan presumes that 50% of the funding will come from grants over time; thus, only \$35,000 is proposed to be appropriated per year. Replacement of a major culvert on Brook Road in 2012, for example, is expected to cost more than \$177,000, with \$160,000 in grant funding. This year the Selectboard proposes increasing this allocation to \$50,000 to ensure funds are available to help address immediate needs and to be available to leverage grants or other resources.

Tremblay Road Culvert. The May 20 and August 28 storms caused extensive damage to Tremblay Road as a result of the inadequately sized and aligned culvert across from the Town Garage. Tremblay Road is the only route in Waitsfield where trucks and oversized vehicles can get from Route 100 to the other side of the Mad River. It is also the main alternative route for residents and visitors between the two sides of the river when the Covered Bridge is closed. Replacement of this culvert with one that is appropriately sized and installed is expected to cost between \$150,000 and \$200,000. The current condition of the road due to the water project and two storms, the need for it to be resurfaced, and the threat of damage from future storms have elevated this project to be a high priority for replacement. VTrans and FEMA grants and will be sought. In the event these are not forthcoming, the capital plan anticipates borrowing up to \$200,000 in 2013 to move the project forward. Funds from the culvert reserve fund would also be used. This

will need to be carefully coordinated with the closure of Bridge Street for the planned Covered Bridge and culvert replacement projects.

Joslin Hill Road Culvert. The Joslin Hill Road culvert at the bottom of Brook Road is 130 feet long and 12 feet high. The August 28 storm scoured material from below the culvert causing it to begin to buckle. If a new bridge or open bottom arch is installed, the bottom of abutment footings should be at least six feet below the channel bottom, or to ledge, to prevent undermining. The preferred alternative has not yet been determined and cost estimates are in the process of being developed. A temporary fix is proposed and replacement will be coordinated with paving of Joslin Hill.

Bridge Street Culverts and Paving

The culverts under Bridge Street, which were installed in 1941 by the State of Vermont, began showing signs of failure, including a subsidence in the center of Bridge Street in 2010. The engineering firm of DuBois & King, Inc. was hired through the assistance of a VTrans stormwater grant to examine this and provide recommendations that include opportunities for improved stormwater management. In January 2012, DuBois & King recommended to the Selectboard that the culverts, catch basins, and associated infrastructure be replaced and that sumps be included in new basins. Different cost alternatives for resurfacing Bridge Street were presented. There was agreement that complete resurfacing of Bridge Street, rather than patching or an overlay, would be the most appropriate investment. The threat of a culvert failure under Bridge Street and the opportunity to coordinate this work—and closure of Bridge Street—with the Covered Bridge restoration and repair work has prioritized this project for 2012. With the uncertainty of grant or other resources available in this time period, ARTICLE 9 asks voters to authorize the Selectboard to borrowing up to \$200,000 for five years. Grants and other resources will be sought to reduce this exposure and will be applied where possible. Opportunities for streetscape enhancements will also be explored.

Covered Bridge

The Town was awarded \$270,000 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. In 2007, the project was estimated to cost \$337,500.

The Covered Bridge Repairs Reserve Fund was re-established to set monies aside to meet the Town’s matching funds obligation of approximately \$70,000.

Based on the current design for repair and rehabilitation of the Covered Bridge, DuBois & King has estimated the construction cost to be \$314,532. Adding in the current contract cost of \$59,822 for design and engineering makes a total project cost of \$374,354 and an additional \$20,000 for construction inspection services brings the total estimated cost to \$394,354. Subtracting out the \$270,000 grant and the \$75,054 that will have been allocated into the Covered Bridge Reserve fund through 2012 (based on the \$5,000 currently budgeted), that leaves a funding shortfall of \$49,300.

	\$314,532 D&K estimated constr. cost
+	\$ 59,822 Current eng. contract cost
+	\$ 20,000 Const. inspection costs
	\$394,354 Total project cost
-	\$270,000 VTrans grant
	\$124,354 Balance of proj. cost
-	\$ 75,054 Allocations to res. fund thru FY12
	\$ 49,300 Balance to be raised

The current balance of the Covered Bridge Reserve Fund is less than \$75,054 because the \$44,962 spent to date on design and engineering has been or will be paid out of it. Eighty percent of these costs will be reimbursed to the fund when requisitioned. It was first established in 2009 with an initial allocation of \$50,000, followed by \$10,000 in 2010, \$10,000 in 2011, \$5,000 currently budgeted in 2012, and \$74 in interest.

ARTICLE 8 asks voters to authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to \$50,000 over five years to address the potential shortfall.

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. Construction of the new access and bridge, in collaboration with AmeriGas, was completed and gravel extraction was underway in 2010. Road repair work following the floods of May 2011 and then August 2011 depleted the material on hand. On-going expenses will include state and local permit compliance and stormwater monitoring and reporting.

Police Cruiser

The Town owns a police cruiser utilized in its police patrol program under contract with the Washington County Sheriff's Department. This was a practical investment to offset the cost of the use of WCS vehicles. In the past, these vehicles have been purchased via lease or note. The 2003 vehicle was replaced in 2008 with a 4-wheel drive vehicle financed with a four year loan. 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. The purchase loan was paid off in 2011.

Long-time Deputy Sheriff and Waitsfield resident Peter Laskowski announced he will be reducing his activities as Deputy Sheriff and may retire altogether in 2012. Consequently, law enforcement officers through the WCS will be utilizing WCS cruisers rather than Waitsfield's cruiser. The increased contract cost for use of WCS cruiser is expected to be offset by the lack of loan payments, maintenance, insurance, and gasoline for the Town-owned cruiser. We also expect to see a one-time revenue from the sale of the vehicle.

Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department Fire Truck

The 1982 GMC tanker truck is slated for replacement in 2012. Depending on the features included, it will cost between \$200,000 to \$300,000. Waitsfield's 60% share (\$120,000 to \$180,000) would be paid from the Fire Truck Reserve Fund. Grant applications submitted in 2010 and 2011 to the FEMA Assistance for Firefighters Grant program were not funded.

Road Department Vehicles

The 2005 International dump truck was scheduled for replacement in 2013, but current conditions may warrant that it be replaced in 2012 to be able to apply a higher traded-in value and avoid increased maintenance costs. The cost of a 2012 dump truck is with an 8-year warranty will be \$156,277. With a trade-in value of \$32,000 for the 2005 truck, the purchase price of \$124,277 would be paid for from the Road Dept. Truck Reserve Fund. The balance of the fund in December 2011 was \$147,705.

Road Department Buildings

Town Garage. The Town Garage was built in 1986 and has suffered from many years of deferred maintenance. In 2011, the metal roof was replaced and insulation added, and the windows and rotted trim were replaced. 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. 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 compounded the tightness of space. Funds are budgeted in 2012 to hire professional assistance to develop a space, site, and cost analysis for the development of plans for an addition to the existing structure. An addition would be paid for through a bond, possibly as soon as 2013.

Salt Shed. The existing salt shed does not meet 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.

New Municipal Building

The Town Office has been located in the lower level of the Joslin Memorial Library building for at least twenty years. The vault—a former bank vault—is nearly out of space to store the Town’s vital, historic, and land records. Space for day-to-day records storage, supplies, and basic operations is increasingly stressed. Prior years’ financial records are stored off-site in a rented, non-heated storage unit. Zoning permits are stored in expensive, free-standing fireproof file cabinets, which are nearly at capacity. Another cabinet will be needed in this coming year, but there is no clear place to put it. The Town Office is not accessible to persons using wheelchairs. In August of this year it received 3 inches of flood water from Tropical Storm Irene.

The need for increased Town Office space was identified as far back as the 1980s with a study of an addition at the Waitsfield Elementary School in 1981. The need for a new vault was first included in the capital budget in 1990 and new Town Office space was has been included every year since 1998.

A Town Office Task Force was formed in 2010 to assess space needs, evaluate the various options, solicit public input, and make recommendations to the Selectboard regarding the expansion or relocation of the Town Office. Following a process of elimination, three sites were selected for further study for feasibility: (1) expansion of the Joslin Memorial Library; (2) a new building between the General Wait House and the Fire Station; and the Flemer barns adjacent to the Town-owned Flemer Field Community Green. Maclay Architects was hired in 2011 to support the work of the Task Force. The Town Office suffered flood damage by Tropical Storm Irene in August 2011. That, combined with lack of septic capacity and increased pressure for parking effectively eliminated the Library as a practical option for Town Office expansion.

Funds are budgeted in 2012 to assist the TOTF and design team in soliciting public input; refining findings and cost estimates; presenting a recommendation to the Selectboard; and determining next steps for moving forward with the selected site. Regardless which site is selected, more in depth design and engineering will need to be undertaken to develop enough information for a bond vote, which could occur as early as November 2012. If the site is not already owned by the Town, funds may also be necessary for an option to purchase. A reserve fund is proposed to be established with an allocation of \$35,000 to ensure resources are available for these next steps and to keep this initiative moving forward.

Fire Department

The Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department building was constructed in 1974. Its roof has been repaired over the years and replaced in 2011 at a cost of \$39,400 which included asbestos removal and the inclusion of 3 inches of ISO board insulation. The 23-year old boiler was replaced with an energy efficient unit and the hot water heater replaced with an on-demand unit with grant funds through the ARRA Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program.

General Wait House

The General Wait House was purchased and renovated in the late 1990s with the help of grants and generous contributions from individuals and organizations. It provides office and meeting space for non-profit and community-based organizations that support the operation of the building through their rents. The building also serves as a visitor center, provides public restroom facilities, and includes storage and display areas for Waitsfield history and artifacts. The Waitsfield Historical Society made substantial progress renovating the carriage barn for meeting, storage, event, and display space. A storage shed was constructed several years ago. Through a grant from the ARRA Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, the following improvements were completed in 2011: insulation was installed in the attic and basement, exterior storm windows were installed, and the boiler was replaced with a more energy efficient system. A loan paid for the replacement of the carriage barn roof and repainting of the buildings and shutters in 2010.

Community Development Fund

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

Evergreen Place Senior Citizens Center:

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

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

Interest Rate: 0%

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

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

Interest Rate: 0%

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

VerdMont Mobile Home Park:

Mortgagee: Central Vermont Community Land Trust

Principal Amount of Note: \$115,000

Interest Rate: 0%

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

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 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. A Reappraisal Reserve Fund established years ago was reactivated in 2011 to prepare for this cost.

**TOWN CLERK
2011 STATEMENT OF FEES COLLECTED**

Recording Fees:	\$21,730
Search Fees:	\$528
Copies:	\$3,804
Permit Fees:	\$183
Marriage/Civil Union Licenses (less state fees):	\$515
Miscellaneous Fees:	\$55
Passport Fees:	\$1,300
Dog Licenses (less state fees):	<u>\$1,393</u>
(Dog Licenses Issued: 324)	
Total Fees Collected:	\$29,508

VITAL STATISTICS

Births:	17
Deaths:	14
Marriages:	<u>46</u>
	77

**WAITSFIELD-FAYSTON VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT
2011 Annual Report**

The Fire Department continues to operate under agreement of the towns of Waitsfield and Fayston with a 60-40% cost share arrangement. The department responded to 75 calls for the year 2011.

(Mut. Aid)

Calls by Type	Waitsfield	Fayston	Moretown	Total
Motor Vehicle Accident	9	8	3	20
Fire Alarm (Smoke)	12	5		17
CO Detector	5	5		10
GMP Assist (Power lines)	4	1		5
Chimney Fire	3	2		5
Structure Fire	1			1
Car Fire	1			1
Gas/ Propane Leak	3	2		5
Ambulance Assist	3			3
Flood Conditions	1			1
Gas Odor	2			2
Kitchen Fire		1		1
Dumpster Fire	1			1
Good Intent	1	1	1	3
TOTALS	46	25	4	75
Percent	61.3%	33.3%	5.3%	100%

Firefighter training continued to be a large part of the activities for 2011. In addition to our monthly in-house trainings, we also participated in a propane emergency preparedness course that was presented by Matt Stevens of Essex along with departments from Moretown, Warren and Granville. It involved 8 hours of classroom work, and 5 hours of practical. Propane for the practical part of the course was generously donated by Bourne's Energy. We were also involved in a mass casualty training at Harwood Union High School, which simulated a school bus/multiple car accident. A joint training with Moretown Fire department in the use of large diameter hose was done in the fall. In addition, Tristan Weide completed certification of Firefighter II, a 100 hour course. Other members participated in weekend courses offered throughout the state.

2011 was the year of flooding, first in May, with flash floods damaging many roads. This necessitated working with road crews to monitor road conditions and assist in traffic control. In August, the massive flooding from Tropical Storm Irene had us lending aid in any way we could--from assisting with road closures, monitoring water conditions, assisting with evacuations, and providing information regarding passable routes, to the pumping out of basements and wash down of Route 100 and nearby areas covered with dried silt.

The department had 24 members as of December 31st as follows:

Officers for 2011 were:

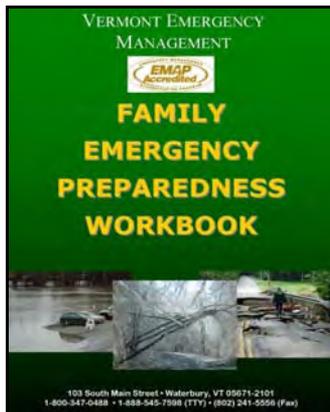
- Chief Delbert Palmer (Waits.)
- 1st Asst. Chief Paul Hartshorn (Waits.)
- 2nd Asst. Chief Bub Burbank (Waits.)
- Captain Travis Michaud (Waits.)
- Lieutenant Jack Corliss (Fays.)
- Lieutenant Lester Miller, Jr. (Waits.)
- Secretary Shannon Young (Waits.)
- Treasurer Gordon Eurich (Waits.)
- Moderator George Garbaree (Waits.)

Active Firefighters:

- Adam Cook (Waits.)
- Todd Farnham (Waits.)
- Jeremy Goff (Waits.)
- Shane Grace (Waits.)
- Eric Haskin (Waits.)
- Andrew Johnson (Waits.)
- Tripp Johnson (Waits.)
- Scott Kingsbury (Waits.)
- Bob Lockett (Fays.)
- Jake Lockett (Fays.)
- Theodore Tremper (Waits.)
- Tristan Weide (Waits.)
- Owen Wimble (Waits.)
- Trey Winnicki (Waits.)
- Jared Young (Waits.)

Respectfully Submitted,
Delbert Palmer, Chief (retired)
Bub Burbank, Chief

A free copy of the Family Emergency Preparedness Workbook can be downloaded from the VEM Web site at <http://vem.vermont.gov>.



WAITSFIELD ROAD DEPARTMENT 2011 Report

It seems that every year we talk about how extraordinary the past year was. Well, this was the year of years. We saw historic snows, and record floods, *twice*.

January arrived and so did winter. The constant weather kept our guys on the roads every day. The month of February set an all-time record for snowfall. When it was not snowing, they were busy maintaining snow banks and parking lots. We always say that you need to keep up with winter, and when the March 1st storm arrived, we were ready. Thirty-two wet inches of snow made for a very challenging storm. All roads were kept open and people were moving. Despite the lack of power, our crew was making their way around the shop with flashlights. It looked like CSI.

When the snow is deep, come spring, you know that if we have a rain event of any kind, it will mean trouble. And, just that happened. Late in March, the rains came and the streams rose, culverts were full, and water had its way. Just the tip of what was to come. So, the snow is now gone and spring is trying to break through. But the clouds persisted and the rain was never ending. One particular day, May 20th, the rain became a problem for a small part of our town. No more than a mile wide piece of our town, got an unprecedented downpour. We heard the total rainfall was up to five inches in forty minutes. Whatever the amount was, we saw water where there had never been water before. Eleven roads were washed out, or, washed away. As the night descended on our town, our crew stayed with getting roads and drives put back. Before their efforts were done that night, with the help of others, only three roads were left closed. Within three weeks, with the help of several contractors that were hired, and our own department efforts, the bulk of the work was done.

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At nearly mid-summer, the Fourth of July, we were finally doing some road maintenance. Our new roadside mower was busy maintaining our roadsides, the grader was grading our roads, and the backhoe was replacing culverts that were part of our regular maintenance.

As the annual maintaining of our roads continued, it was also vacation time for the guys. They need to get their vacation in during this time as they are on call for six months of the winter, which keeps them close to

home. Things were getting back to normal, until one Sunday afternoon, when a gal named Irene came for a visit. By the time she left, not only was our town turned upside down, the entire mountain corridor of the Green Mountains, was forever changed.

Irene took her toll, but our roads fared relatively well, compared to those of our neighbors and other places in Vermont. Though, we did not escape her wrath. Without the help of the Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department, we could not have handled the closing of roads, and, the traffic control. As with all of our surrounding towns, we are very fortunate to have such a group of people willing to be there when you need them. When Irene was finished, we were happy to see that much of the work we had done after May's flood, had held up fine. We had several roads closed, most of which were open within a day or so. We still have some problems out there, and they will get addressed this year.

As fall came along, the days were getting shorter, quickly, and we knew time was running out before winter. Crushed gravel needed to be put up, roads needed fall grading, and the very dry November was just what we needed. So, the crew was able to accomplish most of the summer work that we had planned on. Even with an early taste of winter in October, the crew kept up with the work that needed to be done.

One cannot say enough about our Road Department which is under the leadership of Rodney Jones, our road foreman. He has led his guys day after day, storm after storm, flood after flood. Late in the year, one of the crew resigned, and we hired a new road maintainer. There was not much time before we were again plowing and sanding our roads, and Rodney had to bring him "up to speed" in a hurry. We end the year with Ken Bagley, Josh Rogers, and Foreman Jones, ready for what Mother Nature will bring us!

Charlie Goodman
Road Commissioner



Road Foreman Jones digging out Palmer Hill ditch,
05/21/2011. (Photo: V. Capels)

WAITSFIELD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2011 Annual Report

2011 was a busy year for Emergency Managers in the Valley. Between the May 20 flooding and Tropical Storm Irene on August 28, all phases of our training were put into action: Prepare, Respond, Recover, and Mitigate.

Whenever there are warnings for severe thunderstorms, heavy snowfall, high winds, icy roads, flooding, ice jams, extreme heat or cold and more, local Emergency Managers are monitoring the situation. We communicate with staff and volunteers in Fire, Ambulance, Roads, Town government, Law enforcement, and Vermont Emergency Management (VEM). We attend trainings as well as instruct, and are coaches or consultants for those who make decisions for the town.

Importance is placed on following the Incident Command System structure (ICS) to be eligible to receive state and federal monies for all four phases, especially response, recovery, and hazard mitigation. Emergency Management procedures link our town to outside resources when our own capabilities are overwhelmed, from the Vermont National Guard to FEMA.

We welcome you to learn more about emergency preparedness, and encourage further education and involvement. Take free online courses from the FEMA EMI Independent Study Program (ISP) including Are you Ready? (IS 22), Incident Command System (IS 100), Animals in Disaster (IS 10,11,111), and more.

Take a local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class, join the fire department or ambulance crew, or simply make up a disaster kit for your family and pets with water, food, medications and an emergency plan.

Contact us with questions and suggestions for how we can all be more prepared. Hopefully we won't need it like we did in 2011!

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Straight-Messer, Emergency Management Coordinator
Fred Messer, Emergency Management Director
Fmesser@madriver.com 802-793-2238

WAITSFIELD CEMETERY COMMISSION
2011 Annual Report

Funds available – January 1, 2011

Checkbook balance – TDBank North	8,229.69
Equipment reserve fund (CD) – Northfield Savings Bank	10,760.25

Income – 2011

New perpetual care funds	1,300.00
Lot fund	525.00
Sale of corner markers	525.00
Burials	2,875.00
From Trustees	27,775.00
Interest from CD	349.86
Interest from Checking	12.24
Total Income	33,362.10

Funds available – 2011**52,352.04****Disbursements – 2011**

Tardy Contract	24,999.96
Purchase of corner markers	200.00
To trustees – Perpetual Care Fund	1,300.00
To trustees – Lot Fund	525.00
Treasurer of Commission	1,000.00
Cemetery Supervisors Expenses	1,500.00
VT Cemetery Association Dues & Meetings	61.00
Burials	2,130.00
Waitsfield Cemetery Trustee Fee	225.00
Misc. – Flags, Flowers, Etc.	131.48
Total Expenditures	32,072.44

Funds Available Less Expenses**20,279.60**

Funds Available – January 1, 2012

Checkbook balance – TDBank North	10,169.49
Equipment Reserve Fund CD – Northfield Savings Bank	11,110.11

Total Funds Available January 1, 2012**20,279.60**

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS 2011 Earnings & Expense Statement

EARNINGS:

Stock Dividends	4,423.30	
Mutual Fund Dividends	3,959.98	
Corporate Bond Interest	2,160.96	
Money Market Market Interest	0.63	
Stock Litigations	16.77	
		10,561.64
Total Earnings		

EXPENSES:

Grant to Commissioners	27,775.00	
Total Expenses		(27,775.00)
Loss		(17,213.36)
New Funds		1,300.00
Net Loss		(15,913.36)

ANALYSIS OF CHANGE IN FUNDS:

Individual Funds 1-1-2011		409,216.78
Income	10,561.64	419,778.42
Less Expense	27,775.00	392,003.42
New Funds	1,300.00	393,303.42
Loss from Transactions	(11,634.69)	381,668.73
Individual Funds 12-31-11		

	2010	2011
INDIVIDUAL FUNDS:	409,216.78	381,668.73

CEMETERY LOT FUND:

Linsco/Private Ledger 1-1-11		6,298.34
New Funds	525.00	
Savings Interest	0.73	
Paid to Commissioners		
Linsco/Private Ledger 12-31-11		<u>\$6,824.07</u>

WAITSFIELD CEMETERY TRUST
Investments December 31, 2011

MONEY MARKET FUNDS	6,824.22
MUTUAL FUNDS (at cost)	63,761.22
COMMON STOCKS (at cost)	293,195.29
CORPORATE BONDS (at cost)	17,888.00

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	2010	2011
Common Stock (at cost)	324,123.72	293,195.29
Mutual Funds (at cost)	63,761.22	63,761.22
Money Market Funds	3,443.84	6,824.22
Corporate Bonds (at cost)	17,888.00	17,888.00
Total Assets	<u>\$409,216.78</u>	<u>\$381,668.73</u>

Joslin Memorial Library Report to the Towns of Waitsfield and Fayston

If there was a theme to our work during 2011 at the Joslin Memorial Library it was combining tradition with change. In the long honored tradition of libraries we provided a diverse selection of print books, reading recommendations and a beautiful, (usually) quiet building to spend time in. We are also excited to be completing our first year using an automated catalog. We have added another public computer, seen increased use of downloadable audio and eBooks, and we now offer access to a wide variety of free online classes. You can follow what we're doing on Facebook, or receive our new quarterly newsletter in print or electronically.

We have been actively increasing the number of programs offered at the library. In 2011 we presented local experts on farming and history, authors from out of state and a new way to experience a picture book while walking around the outdoor space surrounding the library. Program attendance totaled over 900 people, more than double what it was in 2010, and attendees' ages spanned from infants to over 90.

This work is made possible by our network of volunteers, the Friends of the Joslin Library and our Trustees. The dedication, creative ideas, and financial and organizational support of these groups sustain the library's core services and provide the support system necessary to try new ideas. And our patrons from throughout the Valley as well as visitors continue to bring energy, ideas and a unique and wonderful character to our library.

Thanks to everyone for another great year.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Worland, Librarian



Waitsfield Town Office files and the contents of its vault were brought upstairs into the Library out of harm's way just before Tropical Storm Irene hit.

(Photo: Joy Worland)

**JOSLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
2011 – 2012 Budget Report**

	2011 Budget	2011 Actual	2012 Budget	Notes
Income				
Rent for Waitsfield Town Office	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	1
-Utilities (2/3 Electric, 1/2 rest)	\$4,260	\$4,280	\$4,260	1
Patrons Contributions	\$1,000	\$80	\$200	
Interest on Endowments	\$300	\$1,039	\$1,500	
Friends of the Library	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$3,000	
Misc. Income (Operational Services)	\$2,000	\$2,071	\$2,000	
Grants	\$200	\$224	\$250	
Total Income	\$28,260	\$28,194	\$29,210	
Transfer of funds				
Transfer from Earmarks, for automation.	\$1,500	\$1,500		
Transfer From Joslin Library Building Fund.				
Carry over from 2011			-\$733	
Operational Income	\$29,760	\$29,694	\$28,477	
Expenses				
Collection Development	\$8,300	\$7,564	\$8,300	
Library Supplies	\$2,000	\$1,554	\$2,000	
Postage	\$1,000	\$1,204	\$1,200	
Mileage	\$150	\$242	\$300	
Periodicals	\$700	\$443	\$700	
Vermont KOHA Project (Automation)	\$2,300	\$2,080	\$300	
Building Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Maintenance & Repairs	\$2,300	\$2,643	\$5,000	2
Extraordinary Maint./Reserve Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	4
Water System hookup	\$220	\$0	\$220	
Electricity	\$2,100	\$2,177	\$2,400	
Fuel	\$5,500	\$5,016	\$5,500	
Telephone	\$1,100	\$1,298	\$1,400	
Insurance (Building)	\$3,000	\$2,976	\$3,000	6
Insurance (Health)	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	
Copier	\$1,000	\$807	\$1,000	
Summer Program	\$500	\$290	\$500	5

Staff Salaries (Gross)	\$32,300	\$34,354	\$37,940	
Payroll Taxes	\$2,500	\$2,628	\$2,883	
Membership & Conference Fees	\$1,500	\$2,010	\$1,500	5
Computers & Supplies	\$2,500	\$2,073	\$1,000	
Misc. Expenses	\$600	\$743	\$800	
Programs	\$500	\$636	\$700	5
Total Expenses	\$76,270	\$76,937	\$77,843	

Town Support

Expenses- Operational Income	\$46,510	\$47,243	\$49,366	
Net Surplus/Deficit		-\$733		
Waitsfield's Share, 71.2%	\$33,115	\$33,112	\$35,149	3
Fayston's Share, 28.8%	\$13,395	\$13,395	\$14,217	3

Notes

- 1 Budget shows Town Office Rent as Income.
- 2 Repair Town Office entrance and Back walk.
- 3 Share determined by town's 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 Reserve Fund.
 - The Library will hold and manage the repair reserve fund.
 - year end Repair Reserve fund is at \$16,151.
- 5 The Friends support will be applied to these line items.
- 6 Paid through the town for coverage.

**JOSLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Bank & Trust Fund Report 2011**

TD BANK

Cash in checking		\$ 10,458.17
Savings (Donations)		6,373.09
Repair Reserve Fund transferred from the town		\$ 16,151.00

Certificate of Deposit	1/1/2011	\$ 20,000.00
Transfer to Edward Jones Acct.		-20,000.00
Balance 12/31/2011		0.00

McGrath Fund	1/1/2011	\$ 1,755.80
Transfer to Edward Jones Acct.		-1,755.80
Balance 12/31/2011		0.00

Joslin Repair Fund Escrow	1/1/2011	\$ 2,594.14
Interest		1.29
Balance 12/31/2011		\$ 2,595.43

NORTHFIELD SAVINGS BANK

Geo. A. Joslin Book Fund CD	1/1/2011	\$ 12,247.43
Interest		42.67
Transfer to Edward Jones Acct.		-12,290.10
Balance 12/31/2011		0.00

Wallis Book Fund CD	1/1/2011	\$ 25,327.73
Interest		147.77
Transfer to Edward Jones Acct.		-25,475.50
Balance 12/31/2011		0.00

Geo. A Joslin Repair Fund	1/1/2011	\$ 970.34
Interest		2.24
Balance 12/31/2011		\$ 972.29

Building Fund	1/1/2011	\$ 5,901.83
Interest		44.78
Balance 12/31/2011		\$ 5,946.60

EDWARD JONES

Combined CD Accounts	\$ 59,521.40
Income	1,039.32
Change in Value	-1,656.01
Balance 12/31/2011	\$ 58,904.71

TOTAL FUNDS & INVESTMENTS \$ 101,401.29

Brief Description of Accounts:

TD Bank Checking.

Balance as of last statement, less the \$5,000 transferred to the Joslin Memorial Library Repair Reserve Fund. This fund was transferred from the Town budget and will now be a line item in the Joslin Memorial Library Budget starting 2012.

TD Bank Savings.

Serves as a holding account for patron contributions and memorial gifts until it is decided how the contributions and memorial gifts are to be used.

TD Bank Repair Fund Escrow.

Repair fund set up by the library for small emergency repairs. Partially funded by a patron gift that was specifically designated to be used for interior maintenance.

Various CD accounts.

CDs had been purchased using the donated funds from several sources. The McGrath, Wallis, Joslin and a number of other families donated money to be used for the purchase of books. The principal was invested and the interest was used to make the purchases. In 2011 it was decided by the Board of Trustees to cash in the CDs as interest was at a low, and open the Edward Jones Investment Account. It is the hope that with a wider range of investments – we will once again have money being generated for book purchases.

NorthField, George.A. Joslin Repair Fund.

An older fund, the balance of which has been earmarked by the Board to be used to install a hand rail at the entrance of the ground level town offices. It would have been done this past summer, but plans were interrupted by the flood. We are waiting for the sidewalk repair and will install the rail at that time.

Northfield, Building Fund CD.

As far as I can tell, this account was established with a patron gift. It is being used as a savings account towards future library expansion. The interest is accrues is added back to the account.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Travers, Treasurer
Joslin Memorial Library Board



Waitsfield Town Office in the basement of the Library flooded by Irene, 08/29/2011.

(Photo: Jeff Knight)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR REPORT 2011 Annual Report

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

www.waitsfieldvt.us/annualmeeting/2012/independent_auditor_report.cfm.



Cleanup on Bridge Street in Waitsfield after TS Irene (08/29/11) Photo: Genevieve Knight

Volunteers help to take stock, clean up, 08/29/2011

(Photo: Genevieve Knight)

**WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING
WAITSFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT 2012**

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 6, 2012 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, 2013.

ARTICLE V: To have presented by the Board of School Directors the proposed budget for the ensuing year in the amount of \$2,169,090 and to appropriate that sum which the District deems necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

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

Board of School Directors:

/s/ Rob Williams, Chairperson

/s/ Eva Frankel

/s/ Helen Kellogg

/s/ Scott Kingsbury

/s/ Todd White

**WAITSFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 1, 2011**

Following are the minutes of the Annual Meeting for the Waitsfield Town School District of March 1, 2011 pursuant 1 V.S.A. § 312(b)(1).

In the absence of resigned Moderator, Peter Joslin, School Board Chair Rob Williams called the Annual Meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

ARTICLE I: To elect a moderator for the ensuing year. Brian Shupe was elected Moderator by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE II: To hear and act upon reports of the Town School District. Following a presentation by School Principal Kaiya Korb highlighting several aspects of the school including the experienced staff, the school's arts program, the students' work in media and the school's budget needs, Article II was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE III: To set salaries, if any, that shall be paid to the officers of the district. An amendment to Article III to set salaries that shall be paid to the officers of the district at \$300 for School Board members and \$1,200 for the School Treasurer was approved by a unanimous voice vote. Article III as amended was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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. A motion to amend Article IV to correct the date of the fiscal year being June 30, 2012 was approved by a unanimous voice vote. Article IV as amended was approved by a 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 \$2,149,589 and to appropriate that sum which the District deems necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012. Article V was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE VII: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Rob Williams recognized Kaiya Korb. Mr.

Williams thanked resigning board members Elizabeth Cadwell and Wrenn Compere for their work, and he welcomed Todd White and Eve Frankel.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer R. Peterson
Town Clerk



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WAITSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
March 2012 Report



A theme uniting the staff and students of the Waitsfield School this year is moving our fine school from good to great.

Waitsfield Elementary School Mission

- Support students in achievement of high academic standards; we believe that all students can master challenging academic material and we expect them to do so.
- Foster a safe, comfortable and challenging learning environment; help teach children respect for themselves and others, and teach them to accept responsibility for their actions.
- Enhance global awareness and acceptance of diversity.

Jim Collins, author of the book Good To Great, observed that organizations that are highly effective generally don't have a miracle cure or quick-fix ideas, but rather gain their achievements through steadfast focus upon excellence. Greatness is not carried upon the back of one individual, but achieved through collaboration, a willingness to admit errors and adjust what one is doing, and a commitment to doing one's best. As our school addresses the challenges of newly adopted and increasingly rigorous standards, the tumultuous economy that faces the families of our students and the greater community, and the continuing complexity of guiding students in becoming thoughtful, responsible, and

capable individuals, we have numerous opportunities to demonstrate our long-range vision and commitment to greatness.

Waitsfield Elementary is a very good school in many respects:

- Our students are successful on standardized assessments, not only performing above state averages but showing greater than typical growth in their skills over the time that they are at our school.
- We have an experienced, respected staff who are committed both to continuous learning for themselves and their students. All of our staff meet the federally defined expectations of a “highly qualified educator.” Almost half of our classroom teachers have earned masters degrees in math with a focus upon education, and several staff members are working towards degrees in educational leadership. Many of our staff have committed much of their careers to the youth of Waitsfield and continue their own higher education towards serving that population.
- We appreciate that a coordinated, rich literacy and math



curriculum is critical, but by no means is enough to support the whole development of a child. Our students participate in diverse activities that nurture an array of skills and interests:

- Classrooms incorporate, on a daily basis, activities that build self-awareness and self-control, from team-building work to self-reflective writing to yoga and meditation.
- Our winter ski and ride program brings all 1st – 6th grade students to the local mountains on winter Wednesday afternoons.
- Our music program supports over 90% of our 4th- 6th graders learning an instrument and provides all students with the



opportunity to not just learn about, but also to regularly compose and perform music.

- Our foreign language program builds entry level skills in a second language along with appreciation and knowledge of world cultures and languages.
- Our health/guidance program addresses physical, social, and emotional growth and is delivered by our guidance and nurse educators in each classroom weekly.
- Our school garden program engages in all students in understanding what it takes to produce healthy, local food, as well as provides an opportunity to practice the skills necessary to do so. Through PTA funding, students are employed throughout the summer, providing many kids with their first “job” experience, in caring for the gardens that produce food used in our school lunch/breakfast program, our classrooms, and at the local food shelf.
- With mobile laptop carts, a computer lab, digital whiteboards, document cameras, and ipads, along with a technology integrationist educator supporting students and teachers in higher level use of this equipment, we are able to use technology to enhance student learning as well as support students in developing the skills needed to use technology effectively to create, communicate and collaborate.
- In addition to rich classroom instruction, we have a student support system that provides additional instruction to children as needed. For some children, these support services come through special education, but we provide short-term intervention instruction for students who do not qualify for special education as well.



Continuing Towards Greatness. With such a strong foundation, we are well poised to help all of our students move towards the goals spelled out by our school mission statements and the new Common Core Standards (internationally aligned standards that have been adopted by Vermont

and 44 other states): to provide all students the robust and relevant knowledge and skills they each will need for success globally and locally.

Staff Training First and foremost in our focus is attention to the quality of our daily interactions and work with students, as well as the connectedness of the curricula that we deliver. Staff are engaged in constant professional development; for example, last summer a team of our teachers took a “Best Practices in Science Instruction” graduate



course, working collaboratively to bring writing and science instruction to a higher level of effectiveness across all grade levels. This fall, almost half of the teachers participated in a course exploring mindfulness practices and how to help students use them to improve calm, focus, and attention amidst the

busy world around us. This learning feels particularly relevant as diagnoses of ADHD abound and families struggle with the busy-ness and stress of their lives. Our school action plan, which outlines much of the specific professional work we are engaged in, can be found at www.waitsfieldschool.org under the “Administration” tab. Each week, staff meet during and outside school time to insure the connectedness of our curricula and share ideas regarding how to improve student learning. In addition to the NECAP (New England Comprehensive Assessment Program), staff use a variety of common assessments that allow us to talk about student learning and growth over time and regardless of the classroom. With a school of our size, we have the luxury of being able to reflect upon data, but also think about each student individually. Children, and adults, are known for their strengths and challenged to push themselves in those areas that come less easily.

Enrollment./Staffing

In addition to attending to daily practices, we are engaging in long-range planning to meet the dynamic needs of our community. This includes

planning to meet the slightly declining enrollment that our school, along with most others in Vermont, is experiencing.

Enrollment Trends PK-6 (2001-2011)

'01	'02	'03	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11
159	160	170	145	154	171	160	155	169	155	147

Over the past few years, we have reduced paraprofessional support, eliminated one kindergarten classroom and reduced our preschool program all in response to declining enrollment. To this same end, elimination of one classroom teaching position is planned for 2012-2013. As we look for ways to insure that our school programming is sustainable, we are also looking “outside the box”, exploring collaborations with other schools (such as we have in our afterschool program which also serves Fayston School students) to guarantee that our students receive a robust educational that is also financially viable.

Physical Plant

As the Waitsfield School passes the half-century mark, our School Board has focused on insuring that our physical plant is adequately equipped to meet learning needs and function efficiently, reducing long range costs and our use of resources. Through research and prioritization, we have been able to take advantage of a variety of grant opportunities and incentives to update the heating and ventilation systems, refit and replace lighting fixtures, improve insulation, and install more energy efficient windows and doors. Energy and site assessments demonstrate that we are operating below state norms for our use of fuel and electricity. Our long-range capital improvement plan demonstrates a commitment to continuing to keep our building operating in a healthy and efficient manner. This year we created an early education focused playground, again taking advantage of federal funds along with generous



contributions from the Waitsfield PTA and the Mad River Recreation District. We look forward to the next phase of this project slated to occur with the thaw of this spring.

The Bigger Picture

It is much easier to learn if one feels safe, cared for, and assured that one's basic needs can be met. With a growing population living below the poverty line, our school has partnered with the Valley Rotary, the Mad River Community Fund and the Interfaith Council to provide the "Backpack Program", which provides a backpack of food every Friday to families struggling with food security. We continue our relationship with the "Everybody Wins" reading mentoring program, a nationally established mentoring program that matches students with adults in the community for a weekly power lunch focused upon sharing a love of reading and building literacy skills. Over 25 adults join us each week to further foster a love of reading and positive adult relationships with the children in our school. We continue to look for opportunities, like these, to help support the broader health and development of the children of our community.



Following our own Lessons. With our students, we talk about a few traits that are critical to growing and learning: willingness to take on the challenge of things that are hard, acceptance of making mistakes and growing from them, and perseverance. Whether as a staff or a school board, these lessons also guide the adults as we renew our commitment to continue to move the Waitsfield Elementary School from good to great.

Respectfully,
Kaiya Korb, Principal



W.E.S. students perform at “The Big Picture,” sharing a Harry Belafonte song during a tribute to that artist, who joined the performance via Skype.

Waitsfield Elementary Student Data

Support Services		Food Service Program	
Students receiving Special Education Services	19%	Students eligible for Free and Reduced Price Lunch	27%
Students with 504 Plans	4%	Average students served breakfast each day	22%
Students receiving support from our Educational Support Team	5%	Average students served lunch each day	58%

WAITSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

	2010-2011 BUDGET	2010-2011 ACTUAL	2011-2012 BUDGET	2012-2013 PROPOSED	PERCENT CHANGE
<u>REGULAR EDUCATION</u>					
Salaries	727,058	706,821	708,726	743,873	
Benefits & Staff Development	229,452	229,590	230,376	271,436	
Materials and Equipment	64,043	68,358	64,595	64,650	
TOTAL REGULAR EDUCATION	1,020,553	1,004,769	1,003,697	1,079,959	7.6%
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION & ESSENTIAL EARLY EDUCATION</u>					
Salaries	158,020	152,280	171,666	165,883	
Benefits & Staff Development	53,495	45,305	56,104	51,573	
Spec. Ed. Contracted Services	61,440	71,226	62,440	75,265	
Transportation	4,500	-	4,500	-	
Materials and Equipment	1,600	2,156	2,500	2,500	
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	279,055	270,967	297,210	295,221	-0.7%
<u>COMPENSATORY EDUCATION & SCHOOL WIDE</u>					
Salaries	40,452	39,221	37,126	38,046	
Benefits & Staff Development	13,648	12,722	12,005	12,430	
TOTAL COMPENSATORY EDUCATION	54,100	51,943	49,131	50,476	2.7%
<u>GUIDANCE SERVICES</u>					
Salaries	26,054	26,054	26,445	26,975	
Benefits & Staff Development	2,885	2,785	2,872	2,919	
Contracted Services & Supplies	405	517	405	530	
TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES	29,344	29,356	29,722	30,424	2.4%
<u>HEALTH SERVICES</u>					
Salaries	31,256	32,473	38,416	35,171	
Benefits & Staff Development	3,445	3,404	4,014	3,726	
Contracted Services & Supplies	650	809	650	650	
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	35,351	36,686	43,080	39,546	-8.2%
<u>SPEECH SERVICES</u>					
Salaries	72,849	68,932	74,360	64,167	
Benefits & Staff Development	19,995	18,409	20,349	18,856	
Contracted Services & Supplies	750	2,376	750	750	
TOTAL SPEECH SERVICES	93,594	89,717	95,459	83,774	-12.2%
<u>IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</u>					
	4,000	4,125	4,000	8,000	100.0%
<u>EDUCATION MEDIA</u>					
Salaries	28,626	29,249	29,216	29,836	
Benefits & Salary Development	5,248	5,032	5,294	5,423	
Materials & Equipment	7,050	5,432	7,050	7,050	
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MEDIA	40,924	39,713	41,560	42,309	1.8%
<u>BOARD EXPENSE</u>					
	14,683	12,345	11,871	11,871	0.0%
<u>WASHINGTON WEST GENERAL ASSESSMENT</u>					
	40,576	40,576	47,859	49,465	3.4%
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>					
Principal & Secretary Salaries	112,371	110,744	112,405	113,874	
Benefits & Staff Development	28,869	27,231	29,639	30,862	
Postage, Supplies & Equipment	3,550	4,181	3,550	3,550	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	144,790	142,156	145,595	148,287	1.8%
<u>FISCAL SERVICES</u>					
Business Management	8,149	8,149	9,175	8,536	
Payroll & Accounting Services	16,807	16,807	19,293	17,940	
Audit	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	27,956	27,956	31,468	29,476	-6.3%

WAITSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

	2009-2010 BUDGET	2009-2010 ACTUAL	2010-2011 BUDGET	2011-2012 PROPOSED	PERCENT CHANGE
MAINTENANCE					
Salaries	70,883	77,295	77,727	76,188	
Benefits & Staff Development	31,614	29,000	33,296	33,658	
Building Supplies & Operations	87,546	73,465	93,546	94,046	
<i>Contribution to Capital Improvement & Facilities Maintenance Reserve Fund</i>					
	<u>29,500</u>	<u>29,500</u>	<u>34,059</u>	<u>35,578</u>	
TOTAL MAINTENANCE	<u>219,543</u>	<u>209,260</u>	<u>238,628</u>	<u>239,470</u>	0.4%
DAILY TRANSPORTATION					
	<u>60,208</u>	<u>57,934</u>	<u>60,208</u>	<u>47,313</u>	-21.4%
FIELD TRIPS TRANSPORTATION					
	<u>2,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	0.0%
DEBT SERVICE					
Short-Term Interest	8,000	3,899	8,000	4,000	
Principal	30,000	30,000	30,000	-	
Interest	<u>3,150</u>	<u>3,150</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>-</u>	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	<u>41,150</u>	<u>37,049</u>	<u>40,100</u>	<u>4,000</u>	-90.0%
FOOD SERVICE					
	<u>7,500</u>	<u>5,116</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,000</u>	-6.7%
TOTAL WAITSFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COSTS	<u>2,115,826</u>	<u>2,059,658</u>	<u>2,149,589</u>	<u>2,169,090</u>	0.9%
REVENUES:					
Local Revenue					
Interest Earnings	18,000	8,713	12,000	9,000	
Town Reimbursement	56,000	56,000	56,000	56,000	
Pre-Kindergarten Tuition	4,500	8,010	6,408	1,602	
Miscellaneous	-	10,801	-	-	
Prior Year Fund Balance	4,860	4,860	34,059	71,155	
State Categorical & Special Ed Grants					
Medicaid	-	-	-	13,000	
Special Education Reimbursement	111,816	123,924	110,976	114,159	
Transportation Reimbursement	23,681	24,972	25,981	27,229	
Mainstream Block Grant	46,510	46,510	53,224	53,224	
EEE Grant	18,998	18,998	20,333	20,333	
Federal Revenue					
Jobs (one time funding)	-	-	-	30,546	
Title I	32,668	37,798	34,028	15,000	
IDEA-B Grant	26,000	17,093	24,500	25,900	
IDEA-B Grant-Preschool	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,302</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	
Total Budget/Actual Revenues	<u>\$ 344,033</u>	<u>\$ 358,981</u>	<u>\$ 379,509</u>	<u>\$ 439,148</u>	15.7%
Education Spending Grant	<u>\$ 1,771,793</u>	<u>\$ 1,771,795</u>	<u>\$ 1,770,080</u>	<u>\$ 1,729,942</u>	-2.3%
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 2,115,826</u>	<u>\$ 2,130,776</u>	<u>\$ 2,149,589</u>	<u>\$ 2,169,090</u>	0.9%

The Waitsfield School District audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2011 are available online at www.waitsfieldelementary.org, at www.wwsu.org, or by calling the WWSU offices in Waitsfield at 802-496-2272, extension

WAITSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

2011-2012 BUDGET	2012-2013 Proposed	PERCENT CHANGE
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EDUCATION TAX CALCULATION WORKSHEET - Combined Waitsfield Elementary & Harwood Union

Waitsfield Elementary School:

Equalized Pupils	139.72	131.33	
Education Spending per Pupil (PK-6)	\$ 12,669	\$ 13,172	4.0%
Base Education Spending per Pupil**	\$ 8,544	\$ 8,723	
District Spending Adjustment	148.28%	151.01%	
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate**	\$ 0.870	\$ 0.890	
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (PK-6)	\$ 1.290	\$ 1.344	4.2%
% of Waitsfield students at Waitsfield Elementary School	52.66%	50.82%	
Portion of District Equalized Homestead Rate to be assessed by town	\$ 0.679	\$ 0.683	

Harwood Union School District:

Equalized Pupils (Waitsfield 7-12)	125.60	127.09	
Education Spending per Pupil (7-12)	\$ 12,634	\$ 12,793	1.3%
Base Education Spending per Pupil**	\$ 8,544	\$ 8,723	
District Spending Adjustment	147.870%	146.658%	
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate**	\$ 0.870	\$ 0.890	
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (7-12)	\$ 1.286	\$ 1.305	1.5%
% of Waitsfield students at Harwood Union	47.34%	49.18%	
Portion of District Equalized Homestead Rate to be assessed by town	\$ 0.609	\$ 0.642	

Combined (PK-12):

Equalized Pupils (PK-12)	265.32	258.42	-2.6%
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (Combined PK-12)	\$ 1.288	\$ 1.325	
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	101.57%	104.42%	
Estimated Homestead Property Tax Rate **	\$ 1.268	\$ 1.269	0.0%
Base Homestead Income Rate	1.80%	1.80%	
Actual Homestead Income Rate	2.67%	2.68%	
Base Non-Residential Education Tax Rate **	\$ 1.350	\$ 1.380	
Non-Residential Education Tax Rate	\$ 1.329	\$ 1.322	-0.6%

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

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

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

Maintenance Reserve Fund

Audited Fund Balance; June 30, 2011	\$ 4,825
Voter Approved Contribution to Reserve Fund; July 1, 2011	\$ 34,059
Interest Income FY2011 to Date	\$ 19
Expenses paid FY2011 to date	\$(31,305)
Ending Balance January 2011	\$ 7,598

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

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

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

FY2011 School Level Data

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

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
18 out of 43

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchrr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller ->	Brewster Pierce School	PK - 4	140	8,30	1.00	16.87	140.00	8.30
	Deerfield Valley Elementary School	PK - 5	142	19.20	1.00	7.40	142.00	19.20
	Samuel Morey Elementary School	K - 6	148	13.32	0.77	11.11	192.21	17.30
	Waitsfield Elementary School	PK - 6	150	14.30	1.00	10.49	150.00	14.30
	Bethel Elementary School	K - 6	151	9,50	0,50	15,89	302,00	19,00
<- Llarger	Newbrook Elementary School	PK - 6	152	9,30	1,00	16,34	152,00	9,30
	Vernon Elementary School	K - 6	161	14,60	1,00	11,03	161,00	14,60
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			147.40	13.02	1.07	11.32	137.72	12.17

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 supervit 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 SIMILA FILES FOR FY10, FY11, and FY12.

FY2010 School District Data

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

Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs	Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest) 10 out of 33
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School district data (local, union, or joint district)

Smaller ->	Ludlow	K-6	135.94	\$15,751
	North Bennington ID	K-6	139.33	\$11,206
	Middlesex	PK-6	146.03	\$11,862
	Waitsfield	PK-6	146.96	\$11,796
	Wilmington	PK-5	157.30	\$11,899
<- Llarger	Starksboro	K-6	160.36	\$12,279
	Monkton	K-6	163.71	\$13,464
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data			134.29	\$12,290

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.

FY2012 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 Ed tax rate	MUN Common Level of Appraisal	MUN Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
Smaller ->	T136 Newbury	-	126.65	12,949.22	1.3186	1.2724	0.9990	1.2737
	T141 North Bennington ID	-	129.46	13,735.15	1.3986	1.2716	0.8600	2.7578
	T078 Franklin	-	131.61	9,600.91	0.9776	1.0267	0.7518	1.3658
	T217 Waitsfield	-	139.72	12,668.77	1.2900	1.2883	1.0157	1.2684
	T222 Warren	-	147.54	11,033.67	1.1235	1.1957	0.9873	1.2111
<- Llarger	T124 Middlesex	-	151.18	12,701.09	1.2933	1.3533	0.9732	1.3906
	T212 Underhill Town	-	153.03	11,594.54	1.1806	1.2004	0.9521	1.2608

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

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

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

**2010-11 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. Our continued focus remains on the development and design of the sustainable programs and increased capacity, maximizing efficiency and effectiveness.

As a result of the systems analysis completed over the past two years, the WWSU Administrative Team is currently developing a multi-year strategic plan that sets goals, targets, timelines, and measurable outcomes in an effort to implement successful 21st Century educational programs in our PreK-12 system across all seven schools. This plan includes both academic and operations goals for systemic improvement.

Act 153, the legislation around consolidating school districts and changing the responsibilities of the WWSU Board, still remains center stage. Administrators and board members continue to spend time evaluating the law as it relates to the potential for increased student success or cost savings. The delivery and financial implications for Special Education appear to be one of the most complex aspects of the law. We continue to analyze and compare our present local delivery model against the concept of the centralized system specified in the law. At the present time, moving to a centralized model in the WWSU does not appear to yield improved services for students and/or cost savings. Therefore, we will most likely exercise our right to apply for a waiver to

the Vermont Department of Education to continue operations under our current local delivery model. Further analysis and considerations of centralized services are ongoing in the areas of transportation, purchasing, and operations and maintenance.

Significant work has been done in the areas of teacher and support staff negotiations, technology, transition to the Common Core Standards for literacy and mathematics, and policy revision and development. After many years of consideration, the WWSU School Board approved the addition of a position, a Systems Administrator of Technology. This centralized position allows us to minimize higher cost contracted technology services, maintain, manage and maximize performance of technology throughout the district, bring a skill set level to the WWSU that we have not had in the past that will allow for centralized purchasing and long-term planning. 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. Posts of interest include financial information, curriculum documents, student assessment results, policies, board information including meeting minutes, and labor agreements.

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.

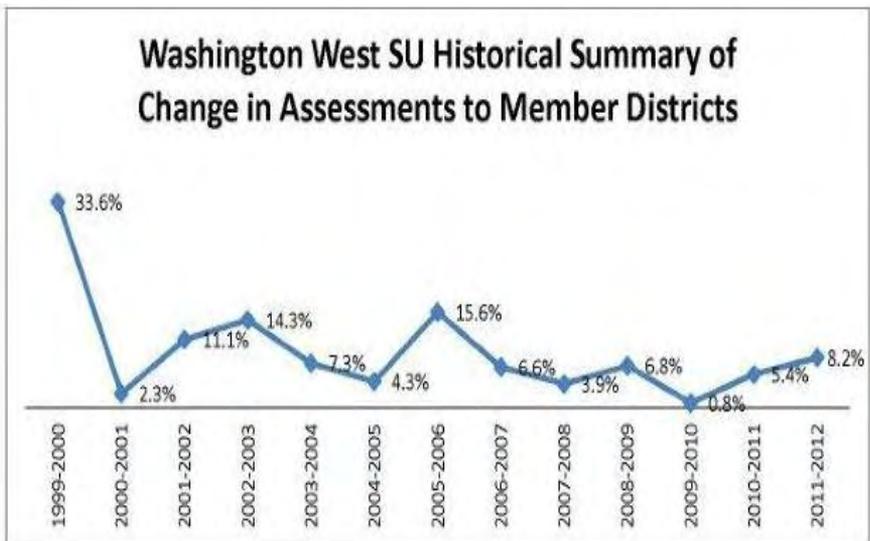
Business Manager Report

The Washington West Supervisory Union FY2013 budget is a budget increase of 9.8% over FY2012. Of this increase, 6.4% is associated with shifting the funding for the Systems Administrator position from local school district budgets (HUHS, Fayston and Moretown) to the Supervisory Union budget. The Total Washington West Assessment for 2012-2013 is \$1,042,337, an 8.2% increase, and is 3.6% of overall school district budgets as shown below.

	FY2012 General Fund Expense	FY2013 Estimated SU Assessment	% WWSU Assessment to FY2012 GF Budget
Fayston	\$1,654,503	\$56,048	3.9%
Moretown	2,033,715	59,072	2.9%
Waitsfield	2,149,589	75,914	3.5%
Warren	2,137,388	83,711	3.9%
Waterbury- Duxbury	9,237,345	366,033	4.0%
Harwood Union	12,005,768	401,559	3.3%
Total	\$29,218,308	\$1,042,337	3.6%

The following is a summary of costs per equalized pupil based on proposed budgets for each school district.

	2011-2012 Cost/Pupil	2012-2013 Cost/Pupil
Fayston	\$13,199	\$14,199
Moretown	\$14,484	\$14,992
Waitsfield	\$12,669	\$13,172
Warren	\$11,034	\$11,461
Waterbury-Duxbury	\$12,503	\$12,870
Harwood Union	\$12,634	\$12,793
Statewide Average	\$12,288	



WASHINGTON WEST SUPERVISORY UNION
Summary Budget

	FY2011 Budget	FY2011 Actual	FY 2012 Budget	FY2013 Proposed
Expenditures				
General (Includes Superintendent's Office, Curriculum & Assessment and Technology)				
Salaries	\$ 243,246	\$ 259,935	\$ 278,728	\$ 355,611
Benefits	74,389	59,336	75,397	94,479
Contracted Services, Supplies, and Operating Costs	152,506	133,864	132,796	132,564
	<u>\$ 470,141</u>	<u>\$ 453,135</u>	<u>\$ 486,921</u>	<u>\$ 582,654</u>
Special Education				
Salaries	\$ 102,049	\$ 93,481	\$ 107,660	\$ 100,087
Benefits	30,124	26,434	30,178	29,652
Contracted Services, Supplies, and Operating Costs	3,160	2,916	1,515	1,515
	<u>\$ 135,333</u>	<u>\$ 122,831</u>	<u>\$ 139,353</u>	<u>\$ 131,254</u>
Business Office				
Salaries	\$ 82,500	\$ 82,500	\$ 83,738	\$ 86,250
Benefits	30,032	25,711	28,513	29,347
Contracted Services, Supplies, and Operating Costs	5,132	5,035	5,102	5,100
	<u>\$ 117,664</u>	<u>\$ 113,246</u>	<u>\$ 117,353</u>	<u>\$ 120,697</u>
Fiscal Services				
Salaries	\$ 165,311	\$ 163,768	\$ 167,790	\$ 172,618
Benefits	68,296	64,152	68,725	70,766
Contracted Services, Supplies, and Operating Costs	9,089	11,652	10,260	10,300
	<u>\$ 242,696</u>	<u>\$ 239,572</u>	<u>\$ 246,775</u>	<u>\$ 253,684</u>
Total SU Expenditures	<u>\$ 965,834</u>	<u>\$ 928,784</u>	<u>\$ 990,402</u>	<u>\$ 1,088,289</u>
Revenue				
Interest	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,083	\$ 500	\$ 500
Grants	19,000	14,303	14,019	14,019
Prior Year Fund Balance	25,649	-	6,932	31,434
General Assessment	437,682	437,682	449,248	468,494
System Administrator Assessment	-	-	20,000	83,043
Special Education Assessment	131,460	131,460	138,308	127,403
Business Manager Assessment	114,295	114,295	116,472	117,157
Fiscal Services Assessment	235,748	235,748	244,923	246,240
Total Assessments to Member Districts	919,185	919,185	968,951	1,042,337
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 965,834</u>	<u>\$ 934,571</u>	<u>\$ 990,402</u>	<u>\$ 1,088,290</u>
Assessments to Member Districts (Based on Prior Year ADM)				
				2011 ADM
Fayston	\$ 57,785		\$ 58,077	\$ 56,048
Moretown	59,343		64,005	59,072
Waitsfield	65,532		76,326	75,914
Warren	59,773		75,184	83,711
Waterbury-Duxbury Union #45	310,509		321,645	366,033
Harwood Union HS #19	366,153		373,714	401,559
				723.62
Total Assessments	<u>\$ 919,095</u>		<u>\$ 968,951</u>	<u>\$ 1,042,337</u>
				1,878.32

WAITSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In 2011 the Waitsfield Historical Society was able to use the restored Wait Barn for a summer entertainment program. The program was in conjunction with “Old Home Day” in August. Many people attended to enjoy free ice cream, games and the program “Old Time Fiddler” which was held in the barn.



Event in the renovated carriage barn. (Photo: Sandra Reilly)

In October the Annual WHS dinner was held at the Barn Door restaurant. Members of the board read letters written by members of the Bushnell family to Civil War soldier, Henry Bushnell. These letters were dated between 1861-1865. Another program in March also remembered the Civil War with Donald Wickman presenting “George Houghton; Civil War Photographer.” All programs were free.

The WHS board meets once a month at the Wait House. There are now 11 members of the Board. They are: Bob Burley, Peter Laskowski, Jack Smith, Chuck Allen, Judy Dodds, Lois DeHeer, Ilene Joslin, Sue Dillon, Shirley Viens, Barbara Mansfield, and Sandra Reilly. Board member Cathy Hadden passed away much too soon in 2011. She will always be remembered as a hard working, very special lady. 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 2012, please join us. Membership envelopes are available at the Wait House.

MAD BIKES OF WAITSFIELD

2011 Report of the Community Bike Project

The Mad Bikes of Waitsfield, a free, community bike program, is now four years old. An assortment of bikes are dispersed seasonally throughout Waitsfield and stored inside for the winter. The bikes are free for anyone to ride, located at racks throughout town. The Mad Bikes of Waitsfield mission:

“Mad Bikes of Waitsfield 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.”

Hurricane Irene left her mark on the Mad Bikes. Until the flood, the unused bikes, parts, and tools were stored under a barn on a dirt floor. In the wake of the flood, the owner asked that the bikes be relocated and are now stored at the Kingsbury Farm barn. Some tools were lost in the flooding and marginal bikes were scraped in the process of relocating.

The Mad Bikes project continues to be a work-in-progress with moderate activity during 2011. The project relies solely on volunteer efforts to maintain and manage the bikes and as such, the strength of project varies according to time available to provide upkeep. We encourage anyone wanting to help with this work to join us.

The project's success to date is largely due to the important partnerships with other organizations and businesses. Most importantly, the Waitsfield Selectboard brought the project under the auspices of the Town, allowing for liability coverage. Additionally, The Mad Bikes of Waitsfield has received funding from the Mad River Valley Rec District.



VYCC and Mad Bikes

(Photo: L. Brines)

Aside from its primary service of providing bikes to those who choose to use them within Waitsfield, the project seeks to enhance Waitsfield as a

bike-friendly community and set 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

Mad River Valley Planning District 2011 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 2011, the Planning District continued its work on a broad range of projects, including building relationships with and between the MRV's various municipal boards, volunteer groups, and business community. Highlights of the year include engaging the community through the MRV Renewable Energy Series, supporting the creation of the Mad River Food Hub, developing and funding the MRV Trail Collaborative, connecting local leaders with UVM students to address community challenges, and providing support and coordination for Tropical Storm Irene recovery and resiliency.

Following is a summary of MRVPD projects and initiatives during 2011.

Grants

- Obtained \$2,938 through the VT Energy Climate Action Network (VECAN) to undertake a series of MRV Renewable Energy forums.
- Obtained an EPA Smart Growth Implementation Assistance grant in conjunction with the State of VT focusing on disaster recovery and long-term resilience planning.
- MRV received funding for all three of its requests through the Community Local Government Grant Program, totaling \$17,016: Mad River Glen for Historic District nomination (\$7,920), Warren Blair Barn restoration/preservation project (\$7,116), and update Warren's Historic District Register to include the Timber Crib dam (\$1,980).
- Obtained a second technical assistance grant through the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program in support of the MRV Trails Collaborative.
- Submitted a \$15k consortia grant application to undertake a baseline economic analysis of the MRV through the VT Dept. of Economic, Housing & Community Development's Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) program.
- Provided grant writing assistance and letters of support to various groups that applied for grants, such as Friends of the Mad River (National Life River Restoration Program), Town of Warren (Transportation Enhancement Grant), Town of Fayston (VYCC Trail Transportation Enhancement Program), Mad River Path Assoc.

(New England Grass Roots Environmental Fund, FP&R's Recreation Trail Grant, VYCC Trail Transportation Enhancement Program), Central VT Regional Planning Commission (HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Project, VVDH Food Systems Planning Grant), Mad River Food Hub (VT Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, VHCB Farm Viability Enhancement Program, VT Sustainable Jobs Fund, USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program, Agency of Ag's Agricultural Innovation Center Infrastructures Development Program).

Selectboard Funding Forum

MRVPD organized the sixth annual Three Town Selectboard Meeting in November. The Valley-wide meeting proved to be an effective means for local groups and organizations to present their annual funding requests and for coordination between the three Selectboards.

Data

As specified by its Memorandum of Understanding, MRVPD maintains a database and develops an annual data report. The updated Valley Data Report is available at www.mrvpd.org.

Energy

MRVPD developed a five-part MRV Renewable Energy Discussion presentation series focusing on: Local Energy History & The Foundation for our Energy Future, Residential & Community Solar Projects, Financing Energy Projects & VT's Energy Plan, Biomass, and Energy Conservation, Efficiency, & Weatherization. Summaries and presentations are available at www.mrvpd.org.

Recreation

MRVPD hosted a third Mad River Valley Trails Summit designed to enhance networking and connections between MRV trail organizations. The Trail Summits spurred the creation of the MRV Trails Collaborative, focusing on developing a trail inventory, MRV-wide trail map, and coordinated trail projects. This work will continue through 2012 with the help of a technical assistance grant recently received from the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program.

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 the towns' 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. Build-out analysis and coordinated maps have been created for the three MRV towns.

Mad River Path

The Steering Committee continues to hold the Path as one of its top priorities. MRVPD attends Path Board meetings, holds a seat on the Land Owner Committee, and provides general assistance, especially in regards to working on specific properties, fundraising opportunities, securing grants, and exploring opportunities for collaboration with municipalities.

UVM Course

Now in its third year, the MRV served as the focus of a fall UVM Service Learning Class entitled *Local Community Initiatives*. Twenty UVM students took active roles in MRV projects addressing a variety of essential community issues. The students broke into groups with resident partners focusing on four projects throughout the semester: Compost Power, Waitsfield Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program, Mad Rive Valley Health Center, and MRV Solar Farm. Final reports and presentations are available at www.mrvpd.org.

Budget

For FY13, 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, oversee 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.

Additional information may be found at MRVPD's website:

www.mrvpd.org.

Mad River Valley Planning District Steering Committee

Jared Cadwell (Fayston), Chair

Steve Shea (Waitsfield)

Jim Sanford (Warren), Vice Chair

Jim Halavonich (MRV Chamber)

Chuck Martel (Fayston)

Margo Wade (Sugarbush)

Bob Ackland (Warren)

Laurie Emery (CVRPC)

Bill Parker (Waitsfield)

Respectfully Submitted,
Joshua Schwartz, Executive Director



Tropical Storm Irene debris in through Neill Farm field.

(Photo: NRCS)

MAD RIVER VALLY RECREATION DISTRICT 2011 Annual Report

Mad River Valley Recreation District Annual Report Submission
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.

This was a demanding year for MRVRD funds! The MRVRD continued the yearly support of the Skatium, the Mad River Path Association, and the Mad River Park to help maintain the soccer and lacrosse fields as well as to lease the field for public use. MRVRD contributed to Brooks Field to get the softball field lights back in working order, to the Fayston School for trail work, and to 4th grade Girls on the Run participants.

MRVRD provided scholarships to various camps around the MRV in support of struggling families in addition to contributing towards a barn raising that will serve as an educational station at the trail head across from the Fayston School. Tropical Storm Irene brought in a few big requests in order to put things back to where they were at Couples Field and parts of the Mad River Path.

MRVRD is requesting funds for the fiscal year 2012 in the amount of \$12,500 from each contributing town, which is the same amount as last year. We have projected grants of \$35,000 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 are usually held at the Fayston Elementary School. Please visit MRVRD's website to view the proposal guidelines at www.madriverrec.com.

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

MAD RIVER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE 2011 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 2011, the Alliance held two regular Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day events at the Harwood Union High School in Duxbury on May 14, 2011 and on October 1, 2011. A total of 334 households participated in the regular events this year which represents 4.2% of our population. We collected over 1,030 gallons, 1,525 pounds and 3,736 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. A special five day collection following Tropical Storm Irene was held at the Moretown Landfill between September 2 and September 6, 2011. An additional 2,890 gallons, 3,463 pounds and 1,680 feet of fluorescent bulbs were collected at this event. 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 2012 at Harwood Union High School. They are scheduled for May 12 and October 6, 2012.

Over 787 gallons of used crankcase oil was collected within the Alliance at our Used Oil Collection Tanks during 2011. 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 fifty 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 is working with The Highfields Institute to provide training and educational programs that results in the composting of food scraps that have been diverted from Washington West Supervisory Union school waste streams. 5.94 tons of food scraps from Harwood were collected between September and December, 2011, for composting at the Grow Compost of Vermont facility in Moretown. Grow Compost waived their tipping fee for WWSU to encourage their participation in the program. Thanks for Grow Compost's support of the school program. Grow Compost diverted over 923 tons of food scraps and other organic waste in 2011 which became a rich organic compost or soil amendment. The Alliance textile recycling program at the Moretown Landfill continues 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 3.4 Tons were collected in 2011. You can recycle books with the electronic waste at the Moretown Landfill. Visit our web site at madriverrma.org. You will find information on solid waste issues on this web site.

The fifteenth truckload sale of compost bins resulted in the distribution of 26 compost bins and 11 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 Sixteenth 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 2011. A total of ~ 1,133 tires and ~3 tons of metal were collected during this event. In the fall the Alliance participated in the Wheels for Warmth Program held on October 29. We are planning to hold a spring tire and metal collection in conjunction with Green Up Day on May 5, 2012. 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.

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. As a result of new Vermont legislation, after July 1, 2011, computers, printers, monitors and televisions could be recycled at no charge. A total of all e-waste collected in 2011 was 51.30 tons. Additional information on this program is found on our web site. The Alliance is a member of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (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.

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 12 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.



Cleanup volunteers filling a roll off on Bridge Street, 08/29/20. (Photo: V. Capels)

MAD RIVER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE

INCOME

	Budget 2012	2011 difference
Town Assessments Per Capita	(\$2.00)	
2010 population		
Duxbury	2,674	64
Fayston	2,706	216
Moretown	3,316	(-144)
Northfield	12,414	934
Roxbury	1,382	280
Waitsfield	3,438	72
Warren	3,410	(-60)
Waterbury	10,128	(-570)
Subtotal Assessment	39,468	792
 MLF Education	 24,769	 721
Subtotal Education Income	24,769	721
 Household Hazardous Waste:		
MLF HHW	14,856	433
Ag. Pest. Grant	5,000	1,089
Small Quantity Generators	2,500	
DEC SWIP HHW Grant	12,723	31
Subtotal HHW Income:	35,079	1,553
 Miscellaneous Income:		
Compost Bins	2,213	(-1263)
Tires	2,750	
Electronic Waste	1,000	(-750)
Subtotal Misc. Income	5,963	(-2013)
 Total Income:	 105,279	 1,053

EXPENSES

Administration:

Administration	783 hours	28,188	2,638
Travel/Office		3,755	
Insurance		1,208	8
Solid Waste Manager Association		1579	647
Subtotal Administration:		34,730	3,293

Education:

Administration 444 hours		15,984	1,809
Travel/Office		3,218	
Newsletter/Printing/Mailing		7,740	
School Programs		3,700	
GreenUp/Website/Special Events		2,500	
N.R.R.A. Membership		180	
Conference		600	
Product Stewardship Institute		250	25
Subtotal Education		34,172.00	1,834

Household Hazardous Waste:

Administration 275 hours		9,900	555
Travel/Office		2,500	
HHW Contractor		18,750	(-1250)
Subtotal HHW:		31,150	(-695)

Misc. Expenses:

Equipment Maintenance		150	
Tire Collection		2,500	
Electronic Waste		2,500	
Compost Bins		100	(-3356)
Subtotal Miscellaneous:		5,350	(-3356)

TOTAL EXPENSES:		105,302	1,076
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CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 2011 ANNUAL 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 continued its focus 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 hazard mitigation plans, population and housing growth, and river and stream assessments to support transportation and water quality improvements. The Commission has also been actively involved in assisting towns with the development or updates of BEOP's (Basic Emergency Operations Plans).



Route 100 south in Irasville along the Mill Brook, 08/29/11. (Photo: David Garten)

Continuing with its energy work from 2010, CVRPC is providing assistance to local energy committees with implementing the building energy audit recommendations for weatherization of municipal buildings. The Commission's work expanded this year to include assistance to towns on flood issues from Tropical Storm Irene. Assessment and mapping services were provided to those towns impacted, and work is ongoing as it relates to procuring

grant funds for repairs to local infrastructure. CVRPC received a grant to develop a regional broadband plan that will direct where infrastructure is needed to support the technology and provide access.



The Waitsfield Town Garage had an energy audit completed through the CVRPC's Energy Program. (Photo: CVRPC)

This year, the Commission supported the efforts of the Town by providing administrative assistance to the Mad River Resource Management Alliance and the Mad River Valley Planning District, assisted in

the development of the Mad River Valley byway program, provided traffic counts, assistance with the sidewalk study and the Safe Routes to School program, assisted the energy committee with the PACE program, town building energy retrofits and net metering solar project, updated GIS maps for the Town Plan, and provided input on town plan issues. CVRPC also made funding available for weatherization of municipal buildings.

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, you can reach us at (802) 229-0389, or visit our website www.centralvtplanning.org.

Susan M. Sinclair,
Executive Director

Harrison Snapp,
Commissioner

**MAD RIVER VALLEY SENIOR CITIZENS INC.
AND MEALS ON WHEELS
EVERGREEN PLACE
2011 TOWN REPORT**

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 made possible in a large part through the generous financial support of the four Valley towns. Our annual fund raising efforts also help to cover any shortfall in funding that is part of all senior centers.

We also could not survive without the very dedicated corps of community volunteers who so generously give their time to deliver Meals on Wheels or serve lunch every Tuesday and Thursday at our congregate meals site at Evergreen Place.

This year, 2011, we served over 5450 meals to seniors either at Evergreen Place or to our Meals on Wheels (MOW) recipients. We average 15 to 25 MOW each week.

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 films. A popular program is our "Arm-Chair Travel" with lunch and food typifying the country presented. We travel the world once a month! Central Vermont Home & Health Hospice holds various clinics, such as the Flu clinic, and the well attended foot clinic every six weeks. Our volunteer nurse offers monthly Blood Pressure screenings.

We appreciate that the Valley Community recognizes the importance of providing meals to seniors in the congregate setting or in their residences when needed. Attendance at a congregate meals improves the participants' 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 community rather than being institutionalized at a much greater cost to society.

The coming year, 2012, we will enter into another program sponsored by the Central Vermont Community Land Trust: SASH (Support and Services at Home) facilitates health services to support aging at home. The SASH team coordinates transitions from hospital, rehab, and general health services to enable seniors to remain in their homes.

In 2011, we received a grant from Senator Bernie Sanders that enabled us to purchase a commercial dishwasher and other needed upgrades to the kitchen.

We continue to develop the Emergency Preparedness Plan as mandated by the National Meals on Wheels Association and FEMA Management Institute. This will enable our Board of Directors and various emergency people throughout our community to respond and recover from an emergency that could impact our seniors. The relevance and necessity for such a plan can not be over stated, as having suffered Hurricane Irene this past August, it is absolutely essential to have an effective and efficient plan in place. Our Board is working with the Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) to complete this plan.

Thanks to all Valley residents for supporting us!

Carole Crossman , President MRVSC
Kathie Friedman Vice President
Val Hale Treasurer
Kathy Koepele Secretary
Fran Plewak Activities Director
Helmut Hietzker
Vince Gauthier
Alice Tenbeau Meals on Wheels Coordinator



Bridge Street Block Party, 09/02/2011.

(Photo: David Garten)

MAD RIVER VALLEY HEALTH CENTER 2011 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.

There were two overriding objectives for the Mad River Valley Health Center during the 2010-11 fiscal year. The first was focused on **fund raising**. The renovations to the second floor of the Health Center last year, required to create a Mental Health Suite, cost approximately \$60,000. A generous donation of \$20,000 from the Valley Rotary Club left us with \$40,000 to raise. The second focused on **establishing a framework for long term board operations**. Board responsibilities have moved through the building construction and office space rental phases, and now needed a structure for long term operations as a landlord and Community Health Promotion organization.

Key accomplishments

- Applied for & received a \$17,500 Grant from the State of Vermont
- Applied for & received a \$30,000 Grant from the Alice Schwendler Charitable Trust
- Co-organized the third Valley Walk and Roll Festival
- Held the third annual Bike & Trike Sale, netting approximate \$800
- 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
- Sponsored Kid's Fun Run at Mad Dash for 3rd year
- Hosted flu clinic with Central VT Home Health & Hospice
- Applied for & was selected to participate in the UVM Community Initiatives Program. The focus will be a community health care needs/resources assessment
- Held an Open House (Grand Re-opening) to celebrate the second floor renovations, as well as the 5th anniversary of the opening of the new Health Center building
- Redesigned the Rt. 100 sign to accommodate more tenants. Received approval from Town of Waitsfield and completed installation.

- Assisted the Central VT Hospital Medical Practices Group in recruiting a new primary care physician
- Painted entire building exterior using grant money
- Updated MRVHC web site
- Stored & distributed bike racks throughout the Valley

In addition to our fund raising efforts and rental income, the Health Center relies heavily on contributions from the Valley towns in our operating budget. This allows us to offer competitive rents to our tenants, which allows us to attract the health care providers needed in The Valley. We respectfully request the following amounts, which are the same as last year:

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
 Duncan Brines, Vice President, Waitsfield
 Dara Torre, Secretary, Moretown
 Suzanne Chamberlain, Treasurer, Waitsfield
 Connie Colman, Warren

Dave Ellison, Warren
 Jack Miner, Warren
 Gene Scarpato, Waitsfield
 Patty Smith, Fayston

MAD RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE 2011 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 57 members, MRVAS operates with four disciplines: Medical Team (comprised of First Responder/Emergency Care Attendants, Emergency Medical Technicians – Basic and Advanced), Dispatchers, Drivers, and Rescue personnel, all volunteers from valley communities:

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

Two of our members who 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 412 calls that were transported:

- Fayston --- 59
- Moretown --- 52
- Waitsfield --- 160
- Warren --- 141

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

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

Tumultuous year at MRVTV- Mad River Valley Television 2011 Town Report

Mad River Valley Television (MRVTV), The Mad River Valley's public access television station is reorganizing in a new space in Irasville after its studios in the Bridge Street Market Place were destroyed by flooding from Tropical Storm Irene.

Windows and doors were broken, and virtually all of the station's equipment (except one CPU) was ruined. As with many flooded businesses on Bridge Street, MRVTV was awash with volunteers who helped with clean up and help salvage as many of the station's archives as possible. As luck would have it, several MRVTV cameras were out with community producers the weekend of the flood so MRVTV staff was able to cover the first post-flood meeting of the Waitsfield Select Board, at the Valley Players Theater as the town offices were flooded.

For the first time since it went on the air in 2000, MRVTV was off the air in the days following the flood as the staff and board of directors of the station regrouped and began the process of rebuilding the equipment, finding new space, handling insurance and federal loan programs.

A small space was found next to the Mad River Valley Festival of the Arts studio and staffers Tony Italiano and Alex Maclay got organized and back on the air in 12 days. That space led to the larger space next door, formerly the location of The Blue Toad where MRVTV is located today and is retrofitting the space for the station.

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 will soon have a studio available for tapings and accepts prepared programs for broadcast.

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

To learn more how you can be involved with MRVTV, please contact Alex Maclay, our Station Manager, or Tony Italiano, our Technical Director/Media Manager, at 583-4488 (44TV) or by email- tv@mrvtv.com. You also can just stop by studio offices at the north end of the Village Square Shopping Center. And you can find us, selected programs, and our schedules on the Web at 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!



MRVTV studio destroyed by Tropical Storm Irene, 08/29/2011.

(Photo: David Garten)

Friends of the Mad River**2011 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-one** 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
- 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
- stormwater planning in Waitsfield
- completion of a watershed-wide road erosion assessment to characterize and prioritize water quality threats

2011 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 2011, volunteers collected water samples throughout the summer at thirty-six sites along the Mad River and its tributaries. As in past years, in 2011 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.

River Clean Up—Spring and Post-Irene

Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who came out to help during the annual River Clean Up on Green Up Day. Unfortunately, an ENORMOUS amount of trash and debris was mobilized and deposited during Tropical Storm Irene. Volunteers from the Mad River Valley and around the state worked throughout the fall to begin cleaning up, filling an entire 30 yard dumpster and more. There is still much to be done, so

look for ongoing river clean up events starting on Green Up Day (Saturday, May 5th, 2012) and continuing throughout the summer months.

Flood Resiliency

While “Flood Resiliency” has become a popular buzz-phrase since Irene, the strategies outlined are nothing new; FMR has been working on these strategies for many years. Strategies include: avoiding flooding and erosion hazards (getting out of the way), improving transportation infrastructure (building larger bridges and culverts and better ditches to accommodate floodwaters) and properly managing stormwater, among others.

Avoid Hazards

By limiting development in the river corridor and the floodplain, we allow the river to be a river, and avoid flooding and erosion conflicts all together. This is the most cost-effective, sensible approach. FMR partnered with the DEC in 2008 to complete the Upper Mad River Corridor Plan, which focuses conservation efforts on the most important areas to increase flood resiliency. FMR has been reaching out to and working with landowners in these areas to protect the corridor.

Improve Transportation Infrastructure

Properly sized bridges and culverts and properly designed ditches are more resilient against flood and erosion damage. FMR completed a Road Erosion Assessment in 2011 and is working with watershed towns to address problem areas.



Failed culvert under Tremblay Road, 05/21/2011.

(Photo: V. Capels)

Address Stormwater

Stormwater is runoff from impervious surfaces such as roads and rooftops. Developed watersheds have a lot of impervious surface, resulting in lots of stormwater. Untreated stormwater runoff can pollute our waterways and change the hydrology of an area such that river can become more “flashy”; a flashy river rises more quickly and to a higher peak flow. By infiltrating stormwater into the soil instead of letting it

runoff (closer to how an undeveloped forest would operate), flashiness can be avoided, and flood peaks reduced. In 2011 FMR partnered with the University of Vermont and the Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District to complete a stormwater assessment in Waitsfield. With additional funding, the project hopes to implement at least one stormwater solution in 2012.

Fluvial Erosion Hazards

Tropical Storm Irene highlighted the vulnerability of our community to flooding and erosion, and the need to protect future development from these hazards. Fluvial Erosion Hazard zoning limits development in areas that are prone to damage from erosion, when a river moves in the corridor and erodes land. Erosion damage is catastrophic; structures can be entirely washed away. Waitsfield has adopted Fluvial Erosion Hazard Zoning. FMR plans to work with the Warren Planning Commission towards implementing similar protections in the Town of Warren.



Mad River at the Bridge Street Marketplace.

(Photo: V. Capels)

Riparian Tree Planting Projects

In 2011, volunteers planted hundreds of trees and shrubs at the Kingsbury Farm in Warren, and on the town-owned Austin parcel in Waitsfield. Riparian buffers improve river habitat by shading the river and providing a food source for critters. They also help protect water quality by preventing erosion and filtering run off. In some areas, healthy riparian buffers slowed Tropical Storm Irene's floodwaters, but in other areas narrow buffers were completely washed away. In 2012, FMR plans to ramp up planting efforts and work with volunteers to plant several hundred trees to replace lost buffers and strengthen existing ones.

Outreach and Education

FMR worked with the Harwood Middle School 7th grade class on a comprehensive river unit, called Mad River Matters. Students completed river assessments and mapped their data online using Google maps. Students also researched a current events river topics and made

presentation at the event “It’s a Mad River: a look at flooding and erosion in the Mad River Valley and the evolution of river management.”

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
Cyndee Button, Fayston

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

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Mad River at the Covered Bridge. 08/28/2011.

(Photo: Chris Stecher)

MAD RIVER PATH ASSOCIATION 2011 Town Report

2011 was a challenging year for the Mad River Path Association (MRPA)! It was also 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 11 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.*

In 2011, the MRPA was challenged by: the closure of the east Greenway, damage to most of the Path sections by Irene, and the resignation of our executive director, Autumn Foushee. The MRPA board wishes Autumn great success and is grateful to have had her as the Executive Director of the MRPA for nearly two years. The search for a new Executive Director for the MRPA is underway. The MRPA continued to receive funding from the Mad River Valley Rec District to support operating costs. MRPA also received a generous grant from the Alice R. Schwendler CLAT. With these funds from the Alice Schwendler CLAT, the MRPA hired a seasonal trail worker, Tom Welter, to help maintain the Path.

The MRPA put on a Landowner Appreciation dinner and community party, the Path Pizza Party, following the MRPA's Annual Meeting, on May 27th. MRPA also hosted 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. MRPA will be partnering with Sugarbush again in 2012. The 16th annual Mad Dash was re-routed to be a road race and it was a success, in spite of the Mad River Valley community being in a state of recovery from Irene. Nearly 200 participants showed up on Sept. 18th, it was a race to remember. The 17th annual Mad Dash will be held on September 16, 2012. We look forward to collaborating with the Mad River Valley Health Center to make the 17th Mad Dash the most special one yet. Come out and DASH for the MRPA! The MRPA was a beneficiary of the SIPtemberfest, which is a beer tasting event held at Mad River Glen. It was a lot of fun—all thanks to Meg's Events, Mad River Glen and the many brewers who participated.

Some MRPA 2011 highlights include:

- Completing the bridge over Clay Brook, which connects the Path from Riverside Park to the Sugarbush Snowmaking Pond Path and the Kingsbury Farm Path. This bridge was made possible due to the Vermont Department of Forests and Parks Recreation Trails Grant Program (RTP). The RTP awarded the MRPA \$18,671. 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! Happily this bridge withstood Irene's wrath.
- Successful Sugarbush Adventure Games and Mad DASH fundraisers. MRPA collaborated with Harwood teachers and Harwood Middle students to support SAG Kid's Triathlon. A new MRPA fundraising committee has been formed with representation from all four Valley towns.
- The Valley Dog Network, originally an ad hoc committee of the MRPA formed to address dog issues on the MRP, hosted the Wags for Bags Dog Show and Festival at Lareau Farm on July 16th to celebrate the Path and Pets, and to raise awareness about the new dog waste stations that have been installed on all Path sections! The funding for the 10 stations came from the Rotary Club, and several Valley dog lovers.
- Restoration & reopening, following Irene, of the following Path sections: The Austin Walk, the Snowmaking Pond Path, the Bridge Street Connection, the Millbrook Trail, and the west Greenway in



Norwich cadets working on the Millbrook Trail.

(Photo: Rocky Bleier)

Waitsfield. The Kingsbury Farm Path literally disappeared in the flood. It will be rebuilt in the spring of 2012.

- Several work parties throughout the year, and especially after Irene, helped to build and maintain Path sections, as well address flooding damage and invasive species removal. Special thanks to all the volunteers that helped out!
- The MRPA web site was redesigned and launched in December of 2011. www.madriverpath.com
- A successful membership drive that resulted in our largest membership base ever! In 2011, over 400 members supported MRPA's efforts to build and sustain the Mad River 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.

Please contact us if you would like to get involved with the MRPA by joining a committee or helping with one of our special events or perhaps you're a landowner who would like to meet with a MRPA board member to discuss hosting the Path on your land. We welcome your comments and ideas. The MRPA office is in the General Wait House in Waitsfield.

Respectfully submitted by:
Laura Brines, MRPA Board President

MRPA Board of Directors:
Laura Brines (Pres.), Mac Rood (Vice Pres.), Betsy Jondro
(Treasurer/Secretary), Rocky Bleier, Tara Hamilton, Dinsmore Fulton,
John Atkinson, Dori Ross, Fred Gilbert, Harrison Snapp, and Mike
Ware.

The MRPA is a membership organization. Donations and membership support can be sent to our mailing address: PO Box 683, Waitsfield, VT 05673.

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MRPA volunteers rebuilding Greenway after Irene.

(Photo: Autumn Foushee)

The Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce

Report for 2011

221 members



Come for the Mountains.
Stay for the Valley.

The Chamber embarked on many divergent paths in 2011 - refocusing its energy and funding. The following is a highlight of those changes and initiatives:

Marketing:

- Funded local events via a grant process in the amount of \$30,000. Organized and ran the Warren 4th of July Events.
- Ended its 10 year "Community Sponsorship Marketing Program" (local businesses adding a small service charge to customers' bills on a voluntary basis) method of funding marketing and events in favor of a flat fee per participating business.
- Changed the allocation of marketing funds **from** 10% event support and 90% marketing **to** 80% event support and 20% marketing.
- Moved toward a more local-marketing focus versus out-of-state marketing with agreements that Sugarbush and Mad River Glen do the "heavy lifting".
- Ran an Ultimate Winter Vacation giveaway on Facebook.
- Improved the *Ski The Valley Passport* (www.skithevalley.net) product for increasing midweek winter visits with value-added offers by local merchant members.
- Ran a successful Facebook giveaway campaign for 2 Grace Potter Flynn Theater performance tickets in October.

Member Benefits:

- Changed the chamber group insurance to Blue Cross/Blue Shield effective 1/1/12.
- Hosted social and networking mixers each month in 2011.
- Staffed and maintained the Wait House Visitor Center.
- Offered a substantial savings on a Sugarbush All Mountain Pass.

- Continued improvements on MadRiverValley.com including display of Sugarbush events on the community calendar. Anyone can enter events on the event page.
- Improved tracking and reporting for individual member pages on the chamber site.

Economic Development:

- Was awarded a \$50,000 USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant for benefit of the Mad River Food Hub.
- Participated in two business expos with the Mad River Business Builders (Feb and Aug)



Tropical Storm Irene:

This event was one of the defining moments of our state and our community. What we found was that the Valley thinks of “Community” as a verb. The outpouring of money, time, support and care was incredible and inspiring. On that rainy Sunday

afternoon and realizing there was going to be significant damage, board director Steve Butcher made a Facebook page called MRV-post-Irene. Steve and I hit the ground running on Monday morning and for several days following, posting road closures, photos, information and matching urgent need with available help. The Facebook page quickly became the go-to source for current info. Over the coming weeks the page was taken over by the Flood Headquarters staff for day-to-day management.

I am proud of the chamber’s role in the Irene recovery period, and proud of the chamber’s role in our community overall. It is only as strong and effective as the members make it- so if you’re interested in local business and local economy, please call Susan Klein at 496-3409.

Jim Halavonich, Bridges Resort (Chair)	Doug Hall, Hall & Holden (Treas.)
Lisa Lang, Weathertop Mountain Inn (Sec.)	Peter Hans, Discovery Map
Jim Westhelle, Sugarbush Resort	Kurt Gruending, WCVT
Rosemarie White, Northfield Savings	Steve Butcher, VickeryHill.com
Tom Mehuron, Mehuron’s Market	Lisa Loomis, Valley Reporter
Vickie Walluck, Waitsfield Inn	

Susan Klein, Executive Director

Robbie Chula, Assistant

**MAD RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY FUND
Flood Relief 2011**

The Mad River Valley Community Fund was established in 1989 to provide interim and confidential assistance to residents of the community who found they needed help, through no fault of their own, but whose needs were not covered by existing assistance programs. Any resident of Waitsfield, Warren, Moretown and Fayston is eligible to apply for and receive help in obtaining the necessities of life. For the past 24 years, the Fund has assisted hundreds of individuals and families throughout the Mad River Valley.

The Community Fund was overwhelmed with donations and requests for help. A full time administrator was hired to manage their flood relief activities and expedite relief efforts and a three-round process was established for providing flood relief grants to the community.

Emergency Relief grants of \$1,000 were written within days of the flood and put into the hands of victims up and down the Valley. The second round of funding focused on making homes habitable, putting businesses back to work and helping farmers overcome crop losses. Round Two consisted of grants of up to \$10,000 and no-interest, short-term loans of up to \$25,000. Round Three will be announced just before town meeting.

The amount spent so far on Flood Relief is \$1,028,561. The table below summarizes the distributions as of Feb 1. Requests for assistance continue, more work is needed, more donations are needed.

COMMUNITY FUND DISTRIBUTION

	Round 1	Round 2 Grants	Round 2 Loans	Other*	TOTALS
Business	\$31,000	\$150,200	\$113,000		\$294,200
Community	\$2,000	\$10,000		\$18,000	\$30,000
Farmers	\$9,000	\$39,000			\$48,000
Homeowners	\$157,000	\$345,661	\$153,700		\$656,361
TOTALS	\$199,000	\$544,861	\$266,700		\$1,028,561

*To support cleanup efforts, the Fund financed dumpsters at many locations at a cost of \$18,000.

The MRVCF Board of Directors wants to thank all the friends, neighbors, second home owners, volunteers, contributors, and in particular the coordinators of the Waitsfield and Moretown Flood Relief Headquarter operations, who brought aid to our community. The goal of raising \$1 million would not have been possible without the generosity of Win Smith and Grace Potter.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

Over 1,880 individual donations received totaling \$1,084,490.

COMMUNITY FUND DISTRIBUTION BY TOWN

Fayston	\$ 23,000	Berlin	\$11,000
Moretown	\$507,300	Duxbury	\$ 8,000
Waitsfield	\$366,040	Granville	\$11,000
Warren	\$ 63,221	Hancock	\$ 1,000
		Rochester	\$ 2,000
		Stockbridge	\$ 1,000
		Waterbury	\$17,000

These are people who work or own businesses in the Valley, or live here but their business is in another town and they have suffered damages relating to the flood.



Riverhouse Condos at Folsom Brook and Mad River. Notice the vehicle in the river. (Photo: www.mansfieldheliflight.com)

**WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT
2011 Report for Waitsfield Activities
July 01, 2010 – June 30, 2011**

The Washington County Sheriff Department historically has been a very busy department, receiving a high volume of requests for service. During FY11 we transported over 700 persons, received over 2000 requests to serve civil process, provided traffic control during road construction, provided blue light escorts and worked security details, as well as staffing patrol contracts in ten towns.

To enhance safety within the County the department searches out wanted persons, operates patrols and motor vehicle check points, snowmobile patrols, and responds to complaints of underage drinking parties, as well as preemptive underage drinking patrols. We continue to offer hunter safety classes, assist 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. During the Christmas and New Year Holiday we placed signs at high traffic areas around the County reminding drivers to have a safe and happy holiday season.

In the spring of 2011 the Sheriff’s Department was once again honored by Vermont’s Governor Highway Safety Program. Our Department placed 2nd in the Sheriff’s division of the Vermont Law Enforcement Challenge, being recognized for our efforts in keeping the roadways safe within Washington County in 2010

County wide, our patrol efforts during FY11 generated 376 incidents and 1400 Vermont Traffic Citations. The Department arrested 29 persons for DUI, 26 persons for driving with a criminally suspended license and arrested 14 persons on arrest warrants.

In the course of our patrol efforts in Waitsfield 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):

23V1007A	LOCAL SPEED TOWN HIGHWAY	185
23V1007F	LOCAL SPEED-SAME SPEED LIMIT	1
23V1008	REGULATIONS IN MUNICIPALITIES	1
23V1035	LIMITATIONS ON PASSING	1

23V1048	STOP/YIELD INTERSECTIONS	1
23V1081A	BASIC RULE	2
23V1081B	BASIC RULE >50 MPH	24
23V1125	OBSTRUCTING WINDSHIELDS	1
23V1134A	CONSUME ALCOHOL WHILE DRIVING	1
23V1222	INSPECTION OF REGISTERED VEH	15
23V1244	ILLUMINATION REQUIRED	1
23V301	NO REGISTRATION	9
23V3202	UNREGISTERED SNOWMOBILE	1
23V3206B#18C	FAILURE DISPLAY COMM TMA >2003	4
23V3206B#19	SM-LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIRE	1
23V513	MISUSE OF PLATES	2
23V601	OPERATING WITHOUT A LICENSE	4
23V614A	JUNIOR OPERATOR VIOLATION	1
23V676AB	DRIVING LICENSE SUSPENDED	11
23V800A	INSURANCE CERTIFICATE	2
23V800B	OPERATING W/O LIABILITY INSURA	2
Report Totals		271

The Sheriff's Department also dealt or assisted several incidents in Waitsfield.

1802	Regulated Drugs-Possession of	1
2115	Driving Under the Influence	4
2240	OTHER LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	1
2607	Condition of Release Violation	1
2621	TRESPASSING VIOLATION	1
2634	ARREST ON WARRANT - POLICE CHK	1
3200	Accident-Damage - DMV Report	1
3607	MOTOR VEHICLE, DISTURBANCES	2
3619	DLS Criminal	1
ASST	Agency Assist	18
ATL	Attempt to Locate	2
CDIS	Citizen Dispute	2
CITA	Citizen Assist	1
FALS	False Alarm	1
MAST	Motorist Assistance	3
PSC	Suspicious Person/Circumstance	6
THAZ	Traffic Hazard	3
UNSP	Unsecure Premises	1
WELF	Welfare Check	1
Total Incidents for This Agency:		51

We at the Sheriff's Department are proud of the work we do and hope to continue serving the Town of Waitsfield.

W. Samuel Hill, Sheriff



The Mad River overtaking Bridge Street and the Covered Bridge, 08/28/2011.

(Photo: Jeff Knight)

Did you know the Waitsfield
Elementary School is a Red
Cross Emergency Shelter?



North Fayston Road property washed out by Shepard Brook.

(Photo: V. Capels)

NOTES



Washout of driveway culvert on North Fayston Road from Shepard Brook, 08/28/11 and 08/29/11. (Photos: Brad Long)

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	Bub Burbank 279-2846
Fire Station (non-emergency)	496-2403
Fire Warden	to be appointed -
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.

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