

DEDICATION



The dedication ceremony re-created Mad River Glen's opening day in 1948, Dignitaries included (from left to right); MRG President Jamey Wimble, Vermont Commissioner of Tourism Bruce Hyde, Miss Vermont 2007 Rachel Ann Cole, General John Stark (portrayed by Alan Moats) and Miss Vermont 1948 Jean Peatman.



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AN INVITATION

TO ALL CITIZENRY AND OTHER INTERESTED PEOPLE

The registered voting residents of the Town of Fayston welcome any interested Fayston landowner or winter residents to our annual town meeting to be held at the Fayston Elementary School on Tuesday, March 4, 2008. The meeting will be called to order at 10:00 A.M. A break in the proceedings will be made at approximately Noon for a shared potluck lunch.

The agenda/warning of Town Meeting can be found on page 4 of this report.

Although only residents on the legal checklist are allowed to vote on the issues, we hope you will come, meet your neighbors and become better acquainted with your town and its officers.

For more information about Town Meeting, contact the Municipal Offices at 496-2454
(9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.)



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WARNING OF TOWN MEETING - MARCH 4, 2008

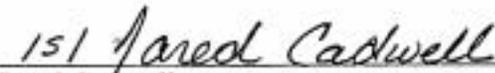
The legal voters of the Town of Fayston are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Fayston Elementary School on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. to transact the following business:

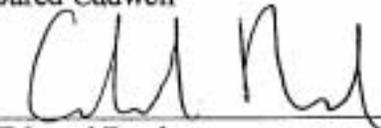
- Article 1. To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing. David Jones' term expires.
 - Article 2. To elect a Town Clerk for the year ensuing. Virginia Vasseur's term expires.
 - Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year 2007.
 - Article 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of general revenue and with short term notes fund the Capital Budget.
 - Article 5. Shall the Town pay the Board of Selectmen's expenses, and if so, how much?
 - Article 6. To assess a time of payment of several taxes (PROPERTY TAXES ARE DELINQUENT ON NOVEMBER 1).
 - Article 7. To elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing. Patti Lewis' term expires.
 - Article 8. To elect a Selectman for a three year term. Edward Read's term expires.
 - Article 9. To elect a Lister for a three year term. Augusta Graves's term expires.
 - Article 10. Shall the Town vote to fill the office of Constable by appointment of the Selectboard rather than by election, in accordance with State statutes, Title 17 V.S.A. Section 2651a.
 - Article 11. To elect a First Constable for a one year term. David Cain's term expires.
 - Article 12. To elect a Second Constable for a one year term. Allen Tinker's term expires.
 - Article 13. To elect a Tax Collector for a one year term. Virginia Vasseur's term expires.
 - Article 14. To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a three year term. Zelda LaVanway's term expires.
 - Article 15. To elect a Trustee of Public Money for a three year term. Judy DiMario's term expires.
 - Article 16. To elect a Grand Juror for a one year term. David Jones' term expires.
 - Article 17. To elect a Town Agent for a one-year term. David Olenick's term expires.
 - Article 18. Shall the voters authorize a sum of money to pay debts, if any, and expenses of the Town of Fayston for the year ending December 31, 2008?
 - Article 19. Shall the voters authorize the Selectmen to set the necessary tax rate after the Grand List has been completed and lodged in the Office of the Town Clerk?
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- Article 20. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$8,500.00 to the Joslin Memorial Library for the year 2008?
- Article 21. Shall the voters adopt a policy that the municipal building no longer be used by the public for classes, functions or events but rather be used strictly as office and meeting space?
- Article 22. Shall the voters of the Town of Fayston resolve to support the "10 by 10" carbon reduction initiative, as proposed by the Mad River Valley based group Carbon Shredders, through active participation in the "10 by 10" program. This participation would include calculating current CO2 footprint and using tools made available for free by Carbon Shredders, and pledging a 10% reduction in energy usage and CO2 emissions by 2010. This resolution would pledge participation by the Town institutions and facilities within the restrictions of the town's resources.
- Article 23. Shall the voters of the Town of Fayston support the implementation of full bike lanes on Route 100 from Bragg Hill Road in Waitsfield to Warren Village when it is repaved, currently scheduled for 2010. Safety, health and wellness, recreation and tourism are all benefits of the state fulfilling the requirements of Vermont Statutes Chapter 19 Section 2310(a) and (b) that states "it is the policy of the state to provide paved shoulders on major state highways with the intent to develop an integrated bicycle route system."
- Article 24. Shall the Town vote to start next year's Town Meeting at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Fayston Elementary School?
- Article 25. To transact any other business which may properly come before the meeting?

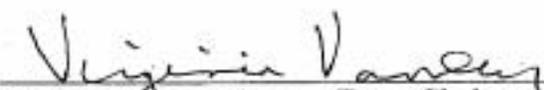
Selectboard;


Robert Vasseur, Chair


Jared Cadwell


Edward Read

Dated this 30th day of January, 2008, at Fayston, Vermont


Virginia Vasseur, Fayston Town Clerk

Received and recorded this 30th day of January 2008.

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING MARCH 6, 2007

10:00 A.M.

David Jones began the meeting by welcoming all and proceeded with announcements as follows:

There is to be a blood drive at Waitsfield Telecom as noted on poster behind him.

Carol Hosford would not be attending the meeting this year due to a hearing loss issue.

The Fayston Historical Society and PTO booths were set up in the hall.

Lunch would be at approximately noon. If the Town Meeting was not finished it could be recessed and continued after lunch.

Article 1. To elect a moderator for the year ensuing. David Jones' term expires.

Robert Vasseur read Article 1. Arthur Williams nominated David Jones, duly seconded by Reed Henry. So moved by voice vote in the affirmative. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. David Jones elected as moderator for a one-year term.

Article 2. To elect a Town Clerk for the year ensuing. Virginia Vasseur's term expires.

Arthur Williams nominated Virginia Vasseur, duly seconded by Ann Day. So moved by voice vote in the affirmative. Moderator instructed to cast one ballot. Virginia Vasseur elected as Town Clerk for a one-year term.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year 2006.

Arthur Williams made a motion to hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year 2006, duly seconded by Virginia Vasseur.

Jared welcomed all and reviewed the Selectboard Report (page 11 of Town Report). Other topics noted were;

Fayston is working on its own website (faystonvt.com) with the help of resident Darlene McCormick. If anyone had any ideas to share about this site they should contact Patti Lewis.

Fayston is changing its legislative and regulatory processes from its current PC/ZBA to PC/DRB.

Fayston is in the process of researching ancient roads and trails. The State has mandated that towns identify once and for all, town right of ways. In order for property owners to get clear title and title insurance they must demonstrate there are no town right of way or encumbrances on their property. A call to snow mobiliers, hikers or anyone who might enjoy the outdoors and might be able to identify trails that previously have not been protected or identified to please assist by contacting Patti Lewis, project administrator.

No further discussion, so moved by voice vote in the affirmative, motion carried.

Article 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of general revenue and with short term notes fund the Capital Budget.

Robert Vasseur made a motion that the Town authorizes the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of general revenue and with short term notes fund the Capital Budget, duly seconded by Ann Day.

Robert noted that the Town has had to borrow monies in the past couple of years because of the re-appraisal and the fact that tax bills have gone out later. It does not cost the Town much but the Selectboard does need authorization to do so.

Question was asked about giving discounts as incentive to pay taxes early. Robert agreed this was talked about but that that meant the rest of the Town had to make up the difference. It was noted that folks can pay any portion of their taxes at any time.

No further discussion, so moved by voice vote in the affirmative, motion carried.

Article 5. Shall the Town pay the Board of Selectmen's expenses, and if so, how much?

Arthur Williams made a motion that the Town pay the Selectboard's expenses in the amount of \$750.00 each, duly

seconded by Reed Henry, no further discussion, so moved by voice vote in the affirmative, motion carried.

No further discussion, so moved by voice vote in the affirmative, motion carried.

Article 6. To assess a time of payment of several taxes (PROPERTY TAXES ARE DELINQUENT ON NOVEMBER 1).

Robert Vasseur made a motion to leave the Delinquent tax date of November 1st, duly seconded by Tony Egan.

No further discussion, so moved by voice vote in the affirmative, motion carried.

Article 7. To elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing. Patti Lewis' term expires.

Arthur Williams nominated Patti Lewis, duly seconded by Robert Vasseur. So moved by voice vote in the affirmative. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Patti Lewis elected as Town Treasurer for a one-year term.

Article 8. To elect a Selectman for a three year term. Robert Vasseur's term expires.

Freddie Graves nominated Robert Vasseur. David Jones explained that this did not require a second (ns). So moved by voice vote in the affirmative. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Robert Vasseur elected to Selectboard for a three-year term.

Note: Robert Vasseur has completed 48 years of service, all applauded.

Article 9. To elect a Lister for a three year term. Tony Egan's term expires.

Freddie Graves nominated Tony Egan (ns). So moved by voice vote in the affirmative. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Tony Egan elected as Lister for a three-year term.

Article 10. To elect a First Constable for a one year term. David Cain's term expires.

Arthur Williams nominated David Cain (ns). So moved by voice vote in the affirmative. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. David Cain elected as First Constable for a one-year term.

Article 11. To elect a Second Constable for a one year term. Allen Tinker's term expires.

Judy Dimario nominated Allen Tinker (ns). So moved by voice vote in the affirmative. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Allen Tinker elected as Second Constable for a one-year term.

Article 12. To elect a Tax Collector for a one year term. Virginia Vasseur's term expires.

Ann Day nominated Virginia Vasseur (ns). So moved by voice vote in the affirmative. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Virginia Vasseur elected as Tax Collector for a one-year term.

Article 13. To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a three year term. Arthur Williams' term expires.

Before this Article went to the floor Arthur Williams spoke saying that he would like another to take over his position on the Commission as the one in charge of finances. Robert Vasseur spoke saying that Arthur has done a tremendous job of taking care of the finances as this is the first year the Commission has not asked for \$3000.00 support from the town. Therefore;

Ned Kelly nominated Tom Bisbee (ns). So moved by voice vote in the affirmative. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Tom Bisbee elected as Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term.

Article 14. To elect a Trustee of Public Money for a three year term. Debra Jones, term expires.

Ed Read nominated Debra Jones (ns). So moved by voice vote in the affirmative. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Debra Jones elected as Trustee of Public Money for a three-year term.

Article 15. To elect a Grand Juror for a one year term. David Jones' term expires.

Ed Read nominated David Jones (ns) So moved by voice vote in the affirmative. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. David Jones elected as Grand Juror for a one-year term.

Article 16. To elect a Town Agent for a one-year term. David Olenick's term expires.

Jared Cadwell nominated David Olenick (ns). So moved by voice vote in the affirmative. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. David Olenick elected as Town Agent for a one-year term.

Article 17. Shall the voters authorize a sum of money to pay debts, if any, and expenses of the Town of Fayston for the year ending December 31, 2007?

Tony Egan made a motion to authorize the sum of \$846,000.00 to pay debts, if any, and expenses of the Town of Fayston for the year ending December 31, 2007, duly seconded by Peter Forbes.

Ed Read then went over the budget report in the town report starting on page 39.

No further discussion, so moved by voice vote in the affirmative, motion carried.

Article 18. Shall the voters authorize the Selectmen to set the necessary tax rate after the Grand List has been completed and lodged in the Office of the Town Clerk?

Robert Vasseur made a motion to authorize the Selectmen to set the necessary tax rate after the Grand List has been completed and lodged in the Office of the Town Clerk, duly seconded by Jessie Murphy. No further discussion, so moved by voice vote in the affirmative, motion carried.

Question was asked where are CLA is currently and when can we expect a re-appraisal. Answer was that we are currently at 88%, 2004 re-appraisal we were at 120% and can expect a re-appraisals in 2-3 years.

Article 19. Shall the Town vote to start next year's Town Meeting at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Fayston Elementary School?

Ann Day made a motion to start next year's Town Meeting at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Fayston Elementary School, duly seconded by Nicole Migneault. No further discussion, so moved by voice vote in the affirmative, motion carried.

Article 20. Shall the Town of Fayston engage the Washington County Sheriff's Department from April 1, 2007 until December 31st, 2007 for six hours a week for the amount not to exceed \$8,000.00?

Arthur Williams made a motion for the Town of Fayston to engage the Washington County Sheriff's Department from April 1, 2007 until December 31st, 2007 for six hours a week for the amount not to exceed \$8,000.00, Peter Forbes seconded.

Lengthy discussion followed about this issue with some of the points being;

The Sheriffs' primary roles would be traffic control and first response to accident or domestic situations. State Police are responsible for state highway enforcement and Route 17 as well and property violations, detective work, robberies and drug related situations. Why the article read from April 1 until December 31st, 07 which was explained that the Town runs on a calendar year and thus we were already into March and that we would have to have a special town meeting in November to cover Jan. – March if the town desired this. Would speeding fines go to the Town which was answered that a majority portion yes. The number of hours for Fayston and the Valley as a whole, speed trap scenarios vs. moving sheriff presence, first responder duties vs. traffic control, would the Town be the employer and therefore the sheriffs go where mandated, the financial aspect of this article, the understaffed or not question of state police, the past history and attitude of the sheriff officers, etc.

After about an hour Freddie Graves asked to call the question. By majority vote the questions was called.

By voice vote the yea and nays could not be determined. David Jones called for a show of hands. Finding this also too close for accuracy. With no further objections David Jones called for a paper ballot. BCA handled the voting and counting of the ballots which returned with 45 yes and 54 no.

Article 20 is defeated.

At this point David Jones asked the body if they wished to recess for lunch or were in favor of finishing the meeting. By a show of hands the body wished to finish.

Article 21. To see if the Town of Fayston will vote to increase the Veteran's exemption for disabled veterans, his or her surviving spouse or dependent, from the current \$10,000.00 exemption of property value to a specific amount not to exceed, \$40,000.00.

Judy Dimario made a motion that the Town of Fayston vote to increase the Veteran's exemption for disabled veterans, his or her surviving spouse or dependent, from the current \$10,000.00 exemption of property value to a specific amount not to exceed, \$40,000.00 Freddie Graves seconded.

There was discussion about how many in Town might qualify and the wording of the Article itself.

No further discussion, so moved by voice vote in the affirmative, motion carried.

Article 22. To see if the Town of Fayston will vote to create a Fayston Natural Resources Committee pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 4501-4506.

Russell Beilke made a motion for the Town of Fayston to create a Fayston Natural Resources Committee pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 4501-4506, Ann Day seconded.

Discussion followed regarding the title of the committee and its potential responsibilities.

Freddie Graves called the questions.

No further discussion, so moved by voice vote in the affirmative, motion carried.

Article 23. To transact any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

David Jones asked the body to approve reconvening for the school portion of the meeting until 2pm. All agreed.

Allen Tinker, the Emergency Management Coordinator spoke briefly.

Ned Kelly recognized the loss of his dear friend Eliza Van Hollen.

Chuck Martel wished to recognize Gussie Graves and Tony Egan who were stepping down from the PC of which they had been members for years. All applauded.

Nicole Migneault wished to recognize the Road Crew once again for their tireless work. All applauded.

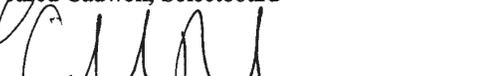
Robert Vasseur made a motion to adjourn, duly seconded by Arthur Williams. No further discussion, so moved by voice vote in the affirmative, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patti Lewis

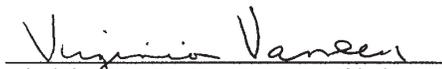

Robert Vasseur, Selectboard Chair


Jared Cadwell, Selectboard


Edward Read, Selectboard


David Jones, Moderator

Dated this 9th day of April, 2007, at Fayston, Vermont


Virginia Vasseur, Fayston Town Clerk

Received and recorded this 10th day of April, 2007.

TOWN OFFICIALS ELECTED AT TOWN MEETING

Selectman	Robert Vasseur, Chair	496-2384	175 Kew-Vasseur Road	Fayston	3 year	2010
Selectman	Edward Read	496-3052	P.O. Box 848	Waitsfield	3 year	2008
Selectman	Jared Cadwell	496-3295	P.O. Box 691	Waitsfield	3 year	2009
Town Clerk	Virginia Vasseur	496-2454 x 21	866 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2008
Town Treasurer	Patti Lewis	496-2454 x 23	866 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2008
Tax Collector	Virginia Vasseur	496-2454	866 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2008
School Director	Susan Daley	496-6008	973 Center Fayston Road	North Fayston	2 year	2009
School Director	Bob Lockett	496-2653	1444 German Flats Road	Fayston	2 year	2008
School Director	Michael Riddell, Chair	496-2070	1508 Bragg Hill Road	Fayston	3 year	2008
School Director	Jean Wry	496-9797	52 Mansfield Road	Fayston	3 year	2010
School Director	Russ Beilke	406-3224	P.O. Box 501	Waitsfield	2 year	2009
Union School Director	Freddie Graves	496-4644	439 Big Basin Road	North Fayston	3 year	2010
Lister	Augusta Graves	496-3230	P.O. Box 936	Waitsfield	3 year	2008
Lister	Fred Spencer	496-2426	1912 Mill Brook Road	Fayston	3 year	2009
Lister	Tony Egan	496-3927	589 Glen View Road	Fayston	3 year	2010
First Constable						
Second Constable	Allen Tinker	496-4013	700 Rankin Road	Fayston	1 year	2008
Cemetery Commissioner	Krietta Phillips	496-6731	P.O. Box 12	Waitsfield	3 year	2009
Cemetery Commissioner	Zelda LaVanway	496-4201	2913 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	3 year	2008
Cemetery Commissioner	Tom Bisbee	496-2784	930 Dunbar Hill Road	Fayston	3 year	2010
Trustee of Public Money	Debbie Jones	496-2106	P.O. Box 88	Waitsfield	3 year	2010
Trustee of Public Money	Judy DiMario	496-3367	P.O. Box 617	Waitsfield	3 year	2008
Trustee of Public Money	Ronald Graves, Jr.	496-4644	439 Big Basin Road	North Fayston	3 year	2009
Grand Juror	David Jones	496-2106	P.O. Box 88	Waitsfield	1 year	2008
Town Agent	David Olenick	496-2267	P.O. Box 25	Waitsfield	1 year	2008
Moderator	David Jones	496-2106	P.O. Box 88	Waitsfield	1 year	2008

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Road Foreman	Michael Quenneville	496-8827	866 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	2008
Assistant Town Clerk	Patti Lewis	496-2454 x 23	866 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	2008
Selectboard Assistant	Patti Lewis	496-2454 x 23	866 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	2008
Zoning Administrator	Patti Greene-Swift	496-2454 x 25	866 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	2008
Dog Catcher	Michael Quenneville	496-8827/2190	866 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	2008
Fence Viewer	Jared Cadwell	496-3295	P.O. Box 691	Waitsfield	1 year	2008
Fence Viewer	Ed Read	496-3052	P.O. Box 848	Waitsfield	1 year	2008
Fence Viewer	Kevin Wry	496-9797	52 Mansfield Road	Fayston	1 year	2008
Shingle Inspector	Larry Garrard	496-4175	P.O. Box 545	Waitsfield	1 year	2008
Tree Warden	Michael Quenneville	496-8827	866 No. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2008

Service Officer	Nicole Migneault	496-2083	3685 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	4/14/08
Health Officer	Alison Hobart	496-2070	1508 Bragg Hill Road	Fayston	1 year	4/14/08
Energy Coordinator	Gary Belknap	496-3346	1376 N. Fayston Road	Fayston	1 year	2008
Emergency Management	Allen Tinker	496-4013	700 Rankin Road	Fayston	1 year	2008
Fire Warden	Bob Lockett	496-2653	1444 German Flats Road	Fayston	5 year	2009
Planning Commission	David Koepele	583-1799	3400 Ctr. Fayston Rd.	Fayston	4 year	2008
Planning Commission	Laura Kingsbury	496-2200	P.O. Box 1476	Waitsfield	4 year	2009
Planning Commission	Geoff Slater	496-6793	116 Pine Tree Lane	Fayston	4 year	2009
Planning Commission	Fred Gilbert	496-3615	1702 Ctr. Fayston Rd.	N. Fayston	4 year	2010
Planning Commission	Shayne Jacquith	496-7915	P.O. Box 1337	Waitsfield	4 year	2010
Planning Commission	Kevin Wry, Chair	496-9797	52 Mansfield Road	Fayston	4 year	2011
Planning Commission					4 year	2011
Planning Commission	Polly McMurtry, Altern.	496-2922	2807 N. Fayston Rd.	Fayston	1 year	2008
Planning Commission	Chuck Martel, Altern.	496-5932	713 Randall Road	N. Fayston	1 year	2008
Develop. Review Board	Paul Sipple	496-4406	P.O. Box 418	Waitsfield	1 year	2008
Develop. Review Board	Al Molnar	496-7441	P.O. Box 148	Waitsfield	2 year	2009
Develop. Review Board	Michael Quenneville	496-2190	353 Murphy Road	N. Fayston	2 year	2009
Develop. Review Board	Chuck Martel	496-5932	713 Randall Rd.	N. Fayston	3 year	2010
Develop. Review Board	Jonathon Shea, Chair	496-7038	4296 Ctr. Fayston Rd.	N. Fayston	3 year	2010
Natural Resource Comm.	Ky Koitzsch	496-5784	P.O. Box 953	Waitsfield	3 year	2010
Natural Resource Comm.	Jane Lazorchak	496-2101	396 Mill Brook Road	Fayston	3 year	2010
Natural Resource Comm.	Mary O'Leary	496-6445	P.O. Box 511	Waterbury	2 year	2009
Natural Resource Comm.	Peter Forbes	496-5690/5685	700 Bragg Hill Road	Fayston	2 year	2009
Natural Resource Comm.	Stellan Wollmar	496-3428	P.O. Box 1567	Waitsfield	1 year	2008
Natural Resource Comm.	Ned Kelley	496-9420	576 Smith Road	N. Fayston	1 year	2008
Natural Resource Comm.	Patti Greene-Swift	496-6816	152 Moulton Road	Fayston	1 year	2008
MRVPD	Jared Cadwell	496-3295	P.O. Box 691	Waitsfield	1 year	2008
MRVPD	Ed Read/Alternate	496-3052	P.O. Box 848	Waitsfield	1 year	2008
Recreation District	John Stokes	496-2170	916 Phen Basiin Road	Fayston	3 year	2008
	Kelly Lewis	496-3278	Kew Vasseur Road	Fayston	3 year	2009
	Lisa Koitzsch	496-9419	P.O. Box 953	Waitsfield	At Large	
Cntrl. Vt. Reg. Planning					1 year	2008
TAC					1 year	
Camel's Hump	Doug Wilson	496-3836	1169 Kew Vasseur Road	Fayston	1 year	2008
Solid Waste Rep.	Robert Vasseur	496-2384	175 Kew-Vasseur Road	Fayston	1 year	2008
Solid Waste Rep.	Jared Cadwell/Alternate	496-3295	866 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2008

ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION

Justice Of The Peace	Ann Day	496-3527	700 Bragg Hill Road	Fayston	2 year	Feb 2009
Justice Of The Peace	Thomas Bisbee	496-2784	930 Dunbar Hill Road	N. Fayston	2 year	Feb 2009
Justice Of The Peace	Jared Cadwell	496-3295	P.O. Box 691	Waitsfield	2 year	Feb 2009
Justice Of The Peace	Lisa Koitzsch	279-2173	P.O. Box 953	Waitsfield	2 year	Feb 2009
Justice Of The Peace	Richard Schattman	496-2353	P.O. Box 455	Waitsfield	2 year	Feb 2009

FAYSTON SELECTBOARD REPORT 2007

The Selectboard will use this opportunity to provide a summary of significant town government related activities that occurred during the year 2007. The Town's land use planning and regulatory functions have successfully transitioned to a Planning Commission (for long range planning purposes and responsibility for development of the Town Plan) and Development Review Board (for review, evaluation, regulation of land use permits) system. The Selectboard thanks the two boards and their administrator, Patti Greene-Swift, for making a smooth and effective transition.

Town roads and culverts continue to receive the high level of maintenance and upkeep that we've come to expect under the supervision of our 35-year veteran Road Foreman, Michael Quenneville. Therefore, it is with bitter-sweet emotion that we formally acknowledge that Mike is retiring from the Fayston road crew in July. Mike has worked for the town road crew since he turned age 17 and graduated from Winooski High School. We have been truly blessed to have such a multi-talented (welder, builder, mechanic, ace heavy equipment handler, driver) and dedicated (ever noticed his early a.m. runs with the road grader or road checks?) individual. Please take the opportunity to thank him in the remaining months of his service to the town.

The Town Garage is now heated by a super efficient Central Boiler. This boiler is located outdoors and is wood-fired. As we all know oil and gas prices continue to rise and our road crew continues to find ways to save on fuel costs and increase efficiencies. The road crew with assistance from Dick Migneault, Bob Mongeur and Kerry Hale added a 12x12 foot lunch room/office space. The wooden structure was built with lumber sawn from Town Forest trees. Now, the town crew can have their lunch breaks away from the gas/oil fumes of the interior garage.

The Selectboard is deeply concerned about the state of Vermont's education property tax program. The recent decision to retract a property tax reduction promise due to less than predicted state and federal revenues, is only the latest in a long series of undelivered promises. The board has endorsed (at the encouragement of its association board, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns) the Coalition of Municipalities resolution that requests a public discussion and meaningful debate with the goal of moving to a public education that is governed managed and primarily financed locally, or; a public education system that is governed, managed, and financed by the state.

The Town's Capital Budget/Purchase program is highlighted for two prospective purchases and its support for on-going road and bridge maintenance. One, the town's truck fleet will require a new truck in 2008. The capital equipment reserve fund has \$67K now and will raise another \$60K toward the purchase of the truck. Also, the Capital Budget budget calls for \$10K to be raised each year for the next 5 years to be set aside for the purchase/share of a new Waitsfield/Fayston Fire Department water pumper truck. The current fire equipment fund balance is \$27K. The road and bridge capital funds each hold \$157K. We will add another \$50K and \$8K respectively to these funds in the coming year. Road re-treatment will occur on portions of the North Fayston, German Flats and Hill #9 roads. Citizens should know that the Vermont Agency of Transportation's budget is woefully underfunded. More and more, the financial burden of repairing and improving road infrastructure is falling upon the town's municipal budget.

The Selectboard and Town Listers have been in regular communication and discussions about an imminent (within the next two years) town wide re-appraisal. The Selectboard plans that the re-appraisal will be done by the Listers, with contracted support from a firm such as Tom Vickery and Associates. Our current common level of appraisal (aka, CLA) is 76.28%. The State mandates a re-appraisal when the town rate falls below the state threshold of 80% of the statewide CLA.

The town's management of its state and town owned parcels (namely, Phen Basin, Chase Brook, Turkey Lane and Bassett Hill) has been greatly enhanced by the work of town's Natural Resource Committee (see their report elsewhere in the Town Report). This working group was established at last year's Town Meeting. The Selectboard greatly appreciates the energy and expertise that the NRC has brought to its work on town's land use, ancient roads, wildlife habitat and recreation trail matters.

Currently, the town would appreciate volunteers that could fill openings on its Planning Commission, Develop-

ment Review Board, Natural Resource Committee and the Washington County Regional Planning Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee. Remember, strong local government and representation is the foundation of a vibrant representative democracy!

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Vasseur
Jared Cadwell
Ed Read



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of Chris Dodge*



PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT- 2007

The year of 2007 brought significant change to the Planning Commission. The Select Board decided to create a Development Review Board. The change was to bring us more in line with other surrounding municipalities and hopefully streamline the subdivision review process as well as the zoning regulatory process. This change required shuffling of personnel, some from the Planning Commission decided to go to the DRB. Some others, most noticeable Tony Egan and Gussie Graves, decided to resign/retire after many years of faithful service. We also welcomed five new commissioners.

This change enables the Planning Commission to concentrate its efforts exclusively to rewriting the Town Plan. In July we were allowed an extension to complete our work. By Town Meeting the plan should be completed in draft form with a public meeting warned for review. This has been a very long and arduous process and we are anxiously looking to put this to bed.

The next challenge will be to rewrite the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations, which were last revised in 2004 and need to be completed by 2009. The Planning Commission will be looking into securing a municipal grant to assist us on this next endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Wry, Chair
Laura Kingsbury

Geoff Slater
Fred Gilbert

David Koepele
Shane Jaquith

Polly McMurtry
Chuck Martel

LISTERS REPORT TOWN MEETING 2008

This calendar year we processed just over one hundred new and follow up building permits and had about 83 property transfer returns.

Again we would like the public to know that we start our exterior reviews in the early fall prior to the snowy weather. We do not make telephone calls for this review. During this fall we will also be doing a complete inspection of all home that have had less than 100 percent completion over the past few years. We believe this will get us a jump start on our reappraisal process. **We will be calling you for the interior review.** We hope everyone understands the process and will not have any objections to our procedure.

In December we received our equalization study from the State. Our CLA dropped from 88.12 % to 76.28 % and the COD changed from 16.87 to 18.75. As you can see from the CLA and COD we will be starting a new reappraisal very soon.

Always feel free to call one of us with any questions you may have.

Do not forget to file your Declaration of Vermont Homestead. Form HS-122

HS 122 is an annual filing. Don't be caught with the PENALTY

Respectfully Submitted
Board of Listers

Augusta Graves
Fred Spencer
Tony Egan



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John Williams*

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The Zoning Administrator, worked closely with the Planning Commission, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the newly created Development Review Board to review a total of 16 subdivision and 11 Conditional Use applications (3 withdrawn). Additionally, 79 Zoning permits were reviewed for new buildings, additions, wastewater systems, and certificates of occupancy for a grand total of 106 permits reviewed in 2007.

Type of Zoning Permit:	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Subdivision & amendments	16	13	12	17	7	5
Single-family homes	10	13	17	18	20	28
Additions/Other structures	35	31	37	60	54	41
Wastewater Permits	11	24	25	32	28	25
Certificates of Occupancy	23	28	26	42	50	35
Conditional Use	11	11	10	28	17	19

The Zoning Administrator's responsibility is to attend to all zoning permit activities, enforce the zoning regulations, keep detailed records of permit activity, provide guidance to permit applicants, and provide administrative support to the Planning Commission and the newly formed Development Review Board that now handles all Conditional Use and Subdivision applications. The Zoning Administrator is also charged with interpreting the Land Use Regulations (2004) for the Town of Fayston.

In July of 2007 the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Wastewater Management Division began the implementation of the new statewide wastewater permit program. Fayston citizens are now required to apply for state wastewater permits, and are no longer required to apply for a wastewater permit from the Town of Fayston. The town continues to require that a Certificate of Occupancy be applied for once a new wastewater system is constructed. The Certificate of Occupancy is applied for through the Zoning & Planning office, and forms can be obtained at the office, by mail, or by visiting the website www.faystonvt.com and looking under permits in the left column.

Fayston Zoning Permits are required for all new buildings, additions, decks, sheds, barns, garages, accessory buildings, home occupations, accessory apartments, ponds, subdivisions, and other uses detailed in the Fayston Land Use Regulations (2004). **Certificates of Occupancy are required for use or occupancy of land or a principal structure (or part thereof), and new or substantially altered septic systems.**

Zoning applications are available at the Town of Fayston offices. Applications, minutes of public hearings, zoning regulations, agendas and notices of decisions are all available at www.faystonvt.com. Residents with questions are encouraged to contact the Zoning Administrator on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Patricia Greene-Swift
 Fayston Zoning and Planning Administrator
 802-496-2454 ext. 25
faystonzoning@madriver.com



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Chris Dodge*

TOWN CLERK

INFORMATION & STATEMENT OF FEES COLLECTED 2007

LIQUOR LICENSES	\$900.00
DOG LICENSES (NET OF STATE FEES)	\$1,071.00
MARRIAGE/CU LICENSES (NET OF STATE FEES)	\$200.00
RECORDING/SEARCH/FEES/COPIES	\$23,854.29
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED	\$26,025.29

Please remember all owners or keepers of domestic dogs, ferrets and wolf-hybrids who are 6 months of age or older must obtain a license on or before April 1st. To obtain a license the animal must have a valid rabies vaccination and a copy of the certificate filed with the town clerk. If you license by mail, please enclose a self-addressed envelope.

DOG LICENSE FEES	NEUTERED	UNNEUTERED
On or before April 1 st	\$7.00	\$9.00
After April 1 st	\$11.00	\$15.00

Three dollars go to the State of Vermont.

VITAL RECORDS

BIRTHS	6
DEATHS	11
MARRIAGES	10
CIVIL UNIONS	0

DATES TO REMEMBER

1. Dogs over 6 months must be registered by April 1st.
2. Taxes are due 30 days after the bills go out and delinquent November 1st.
3. Office closed for holidays and educational classes.

QUESTION FOR 2008

Q. Have you ever wondered why the birth, death, marriage, and civil union information are not in this report? Identity theft!

A. Identity theft is a serious crime and occurs when someone uses your personal information, such as a name, social security number, cc number or other identifying information, without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes. If you would like more information on identity theft visit the Federal Trade Commission website at www.consumer.gov/idtheft. Identity theft crimes are on the rise so the Federal Government enacted legislation entitled the "Intelligence Reform" law which directly impacts how Fayston will secure, store and determine who will or will not have access to the vital records in our possession. How, when, and what will be required of a municipality is still being worked out at the federal level.

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

CASH RECEIPTS	
Deed Recording Fee	\$14.00
Monies Transferred from CD	\$4,200.00
Interest on CD	\$97.75
Lot Sales	\$250.00
Grave Openings	\$515.00
Perpetual Care Fund	\$4,000.00
Total	\$9,287.88
EXPENDITURES	
Grounds Care	\$5,000.00
Memorial Day Flags	\$60.00
Grave Openings	\$515.00
Corner Stones (2 Sets)	\$210.00
Northfield Savings Bank CD Purchase	\$3,200.00
Setting Corner Stones	\$50.00
Deed Recording Fee	\$14.00
Total	\$9049.00
TOTAL ASSETS	
Checkbook Balance	\$238.88
CD in Northfield Savings Bank	\$3,200.00
Perpetual Care	\$47,156.00
Restricted Funds	\$97,309.00
Total	\$147,903.88

Arthur Williams turned the reins over to Tom Bisbee after doing an admirable job of keeping our assets on the upward swing for over 10 years. Tom was in the thick of things soon having a burial in June.

One lot was sold, 2 cremations, 1 full burial and 3 monuments erected in South Fayston and 3 cremations and 1 ground stone in North Fayston. Agnes Dunbar and Isobel Parker, 2 of our 90+ residents departed their earthly bonds this year and are sadly missed.

Tom Bisbee
Krieta Phillips
Zelda LaVanway

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2007

While Fayston did not experience any major emergencies in 2007, many Vermont communities were not so lucky. Two separate flood events resulted in federal disaster declarations, the "Tax Day" storm in April and the flooding in central Vermont in July. Both caused millions of dollars in damage to public infrastructure and private property.

We all remember the threat of flooding in Montpelier by an ice dam forming at the Winooski and Dog Rivers as ice upstream melted in the spring. The horrific winds that assaulted Rutland in April and Grand Isle in August passed us by. In addition, a potential catastrophic explosion in Middlebury when gasoline tank cars derailed in October fortunately did not occur.

The key to successfully weathering an extreme situation is "Be Prepared." This is the Boy Scout's marching song, but it is also sage advice when nature assaults us with ice, heavy-deep snow, torrential rainfall, flooding, lightning, high winds, sub-zero temperatures, hail the size of hen's eggs or some human caused calamity like fuel and chemical spills, forest fire, house fire or extended power outages in the dead of winter. The state made in through the Valentine's Day storm without a single fatality or serious injury largely because the public was well prepared.

Plan your response to any emergency. Remember the basics: food, clothing, shelter. Be ready to hunker down, be gloriously independent in situ for at least three days and be prepared to evacuate a Mad River tributary flood plane or the Valley itself if instructed to do so.

An informative, well-written and free "Family Preparedness" workbook, published by Vermont Emergency Management, is available for pick up at Town Meeting and at any time in the lobby of the Municipal Building. Why not obtain a copy and read it at your leisure? It could save your life.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen A. Tinker, Emergency Management Director Fayston, VT Photographs courtesy of Vermont Emergency Management



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FAYSTON NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE TOWN REPORT

The creation of the Fayston Natural Resources Committee was approved at our last town meeting and we met for the first time on July 12, 2007. Working closely with the Select Board, the Fayston Natural Resources Committee focused this past year on researching Fayston's historic roads for the Ancient Roads project. Many of these historic roads were created years ago during the formation of our towns. In some cases, these ancient roads were ways to pass across town from one farm to another. A great deal of uncertainty currently exists about these roads because many are not depicted on town highway maps, and they have not been used for many years now. Some exist only as paths through the woods and some not at all. Neither the towns nor the property owners whose land contains an ancient road have a clear understanding about the legal status of these roads. As a result, the state passed legislation requiring towns to evaluate which roads are still being used in some fashion and to choose which roads they want to retain. All roads that are not identified as a priority by the town to keep will be "thrown-up" or discontinued in 2015.

As a hilly town lacking a large road network, the Select Board and the Natural Resources Committee decided that we would evaluate these roads from a recreational and scenic perspective and not as potential new transportation corridors. Old maps, such as Beers Atlas, Scott, and H.F. Walling can be helpful first steps in determining the existence of ancient roads. These resources, as well as parcel maps, helped Patti Lewis provide the Committee with a list of 16 potential ancient roads distributed across the town that were thought to have recreational value. Through field exploration, local knowledge and landowner contacts, the Committee evaluated these roads to determine if they still exist and if they are being utilized. The Committee met with the Select Board on December 10 to discuss their findings and to propose next steps to engage the public around this topic. The Committee will work with the Select Board, the public and private landowners through 2009 to broaden the discussion and to finalize a list of ancient roads that the town supports maintaining as trail corridors.

In other activities the Committee set a number of other priorities to focus on in the upcoming months and has only recently begun to discuss them. Priorities include: 1) Revising a management plan and developing educational opportunities for Fayston's new town forest, the Chase Brook parcel, located along German Flats Road across from Fayston Elementary School; 2) Evaluating the natural heritage inventory recently completed in Fayston by Arrowood and considering how to further this initial work; and 3) Providing public education and outreach on our town's natural resources. An important goal of the FNRC is to be a resource for the residents of Fayston, and to this end, we have begun to provide periodic updates and informal educational articles in the Valley Reporter. We invite interested residents to visit the Town of Fayston website to review minutes from our meetings, attend an FNRC meeting, or to contact us with any ideas, concerns, or information that would help us meet our objectives.

Ky Koitzsch-Chair, Jane Lazorchak, Mary O'Leary, Patti Greene-Swift, Ned Kelley, Stellan Wollmar and Peter Forbes



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John Williams*

TOWN OF FAYSTON, VERMONT
COMPILATION REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2007

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FOTHERGILL SEGALE & VALLEY

Certified Public Accountants



January 26, 2008

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We have compiled the accompanying financial statements of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Fayston, Vermont, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, as listed in the Table of Contents in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them. We are, however, aware of departures from generally accepted accounting principles, as described in the following paragraphs. The effects of these departures on the financial statements, if any, have not been fully determined.

Management has not presented government-wide financial statements to display the financial position and changes in financial position of its governmental activities. U.S. generally accepted accounting principles require the presentation of government-wide financial statements. The amounts that would be reported in government-wide financial statements for the Town's governmental activities is not reasonably determinable.

Management has not presented expenditures, in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances, categorized by function as required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matters discussed in the above paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the financial position of the Town of Fayston, Vermont, as of December 31, 2007, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended.

Management has not presented the management's discussion and analysis information that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is required to supplement, although not required to be a part of, the basic financial statements.

We have compiled the supplementary information in Schedules 1 through 4 from information that is the representation of management, without audit or review. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on the supplementary information.

Respectfully submitted,

Fothergill Segale & Valley, CPAs

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

EXHIBIT A

	Major fund		Total
	General	Nonmajor Funds	Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash - checking and savings	\$ 1,386,787	\$ 17,919	\$ 1,404,706
Investments	0	140,979	140,979
Delinquent taxes receivable	125,587	0	125,587
Other receivables	4,000	0	4,000
Due from other funds	0	480,298	480,298
	<u>\$ 1,516,374</u>	<u>\$ 639,196</u>	<u>\$ 2,155,570</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Accrued payables	\$ 12,604	\$ 0	\$ 12,604
Due to State Education Fund	947,328	0	947,328
Deferred revenue - taxes	93,000	0	93,000
Deferred revenue - grants	9,512	0	9,512
Due to other funds	469,171	11,127	480,298
	<u>1,531,615</u>	<u>11,127</u>	<u>1,542,742</u>
Fund Balance			
Reserved - Capital Project Funds	0	430,062	430,062
Reserved - Special Revenue Funds	0	159,138	159,138
Reserved - Permanent Funds	0	38,869	38,869
Unreserved	(15,241)	0	(15,241)
	<u>(15,241)</u>	<u>628,069</u>	<u>612,828</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 1,516,374</u>	<u>\$ 639,196</u>	<u>\$ 2,155,570</u>

TOWN OF FAYSTON, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

EXHIBIT B

	Major fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	General		
REVENUES			
Property taxes	\$ 601,011	\$ 0	\$ 601,011
Fees, licenses and permits	42,208	0	42,208
State of Vermont - highway funds	65,382	0	65,382
State of Vermont - reappraisal grant	0	11,058	11,058
Investment income	18,796	6,301	25,097
Other	67,552	834	68,386
Total revenues	<u>794,949</u>	<u>18,193</u>	<u>813,142</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries - road crew	130,765	0	130,765
Employee benefits	86,045	0	86,045
Highway equipment	72,789	0	72,789
Highway supplies	40,009	0	40,009
Town garage	3,712	0	3,712
Officers' salaries	101,903	0	101,903
Officers' supplies	21,349	0	21,349
Taxes and assessments	59,715	0	59,715
Fire protection	20,273	0	20,273
Insurance	19,439	0	19,439
Town meeting and election	4,908	0	4,908
Municipal building	39,456	0	39,456
Planning / Board of Adjustment	56,659	0	56,659
Administrative	47,953	0	47,953
Cemetery	0	5,899	5,899
Road construction	0	18,818	18,818
Furnishings	0	4,226	4,226
Construction equipment	0	14,331	14,331
Total expenditures	<u>704,975</u>	<u>43,274</u>	<u>748,249</u>
EXCESS REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)	89,974	(25,081)	64,893
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers from (to) other funds	<u>(160,000)</u>	<u>160,000</u>	<u>0</u>
EXCESS REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(70,026)	134,919	64,893
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, 2007	<u>54,785</u>	<u>493,150</u>	<u>547,935</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31, 2007	<u>\$ (15,241)</u>	<u>\$ 628,069</u>	<u>\$ 612,828</u>

TOWN OF FAYSTON, VERMONT EXHIBIT C
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance
REVENUES			
Property taxes	\$ 631,300	\$ 601,011	\$ (30,289)
State of Vermont - highway funds	66,000	65,382	(618)
GM Valley School	4,000	4,000	0
Fees, licenses and permits	37,600	42,208	4,608
Interest on taxes	10,000	7,283	(2,717)
Interest on investments	13,000	18,796	5,796
Grant income	0	13,792	13,792
Miscellaneous	39,100	42,477	3,377
Total revenues	<u>801,000</u>	<u>794,949</u>	<u>(6,051)</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries			
Road crew	<u>125,000</u>	<u>130,765</u>	<u>(5,765)</u>
Employee Benefits			
Hospitalization	46,000	45,574	426
Retirement	12,200	12,608	(408)
Social Security	22,300	19,999	2,301
Uniforms	2,600	2,596	4
Dental	<u>5,400</u>	<u>5,268</u>	<u>132</u>
Total employee benefits	<u>88,500</u>	<u>86,045</u>	<u>2,455</u>
Highway Equipment			
Blades	5,000	4,576	424
Diesel	23,000	25,665	(2,665)
Repairs	15,000	23,923	(8,923)
Gasoline	3,800	4,291	(491)
Oil	1,200	1,701	(501)
Other parts	5,000	6,790	(1,790)
Rentals	5,000	4,800	200
Tires	<u>2,500</u>	<u>1,043</u>	<u>1,457</u>
Total highway equipment	<u>60,500</u>	<u>72,789</u>	<u>(12,289)</u>
Highway Supplies			
Calcium	10,000	7,055	2,945
Sand	7,000	7,501	(501)
Other supplies	1,000	509	491
Salt	<u>20,000</u>	<u>24,944</u>	<u>(4,944)</u>
Total highway supplies	<u>38,000</u>	<u>40,009</u>	<u>(2,009)</u>

See Accountant's Compilation Report and
Notes to Financial Statements.

TOWN OF FAYSTON, VERMONT EXHIBIT C
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance
Town Garage			
Electricity & heat	2,000	957	1,043
Maintenance and repairs	3,000	1,772	1,228
Telephone	1,000	983	17
Total town garage	<u>6,000</u>	<u>3,712</u>	<u>2,288</u>
Officers' Salaries			
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	39,500	40,260	(760)
Treasurer/Assistant clerk	39,500	40,260	(760)
Listers	18,000	16,125	1,875
Selectboard assistant	5,000	5,096	(96)
Delinquent tax collector	0	15,227	(15,227)
Penalties collected	0	(15,065)	15,065
Total officers' salaries	<u>102,000</u>	<u>101,903</u>	<u>97</u>
Officers' Supplies			
Computer supplies	2,500	3,062	(562)
Equipment purchase	2,000	674	1,326
Listers	1,500	717	783
Selectmen	2,250	2,250	0
Postage	2,000	1,874	126
Equipment rental	3,000	2,723	277
Supplies	5,000	4,747	253
911 wages	1,100	1,239	(139)
Tax mapping	2,000	1,760	240
Seminars/dues	2,400	2,303	97
Total officers' supplies	<u>23,750</u>	<u>21,349</u>	<u>2,401</u>
Taxes and Assessments			
Joslin Memorial Library	7,250	7,250	0
Washington County	24,700	24,665	35
Recreation district	12,500	12,500	0
Donations	15,300	15,300	0
Total taxes and assessments	<u>59,750</u>	<u>59,715</u>	<u>35</u>
Fire Protection			
Waitsfield contract	22,900	20,273	2,627

TOWN OF FAYSTON, VERMONT EXHIBIT C
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance
Insurance			
Liability, etc.	11,000	10,451	549
Workers' compensation	8,200	8,142	58
Unemployment	900	846	54
Total insurance	<u>20,100</u>	<u>19,439</u>	<u>661</u>
Town Meeting and Election			
Election clerks	1,000	485	515
Supplies	1,000	175	825
Town Report	3,600	4,248	(648)
Total town meeting and election	<u>5,600</u>	<u>4,908</u>	<u>692</u>
Municipal Building			
Cleaning	2,000	1,769	231
Mowing	500	440	60
Electricity	2,200	1,901	299
Heat	4,500	4,811	(311)
Other	2,000	335	1,665
Repairs	30,000	27,528	2,472
Telephone	3,000	2,672	328
Total municipal building	<u>44,200</u>	<u>39,456</u>	<u>4,744</u>
Planning/Board of Adjustment			
Advertising	1,500	1,316	184
CVRPC	1,100	1,084	16
Other	500	283	217
MRVPD	19,100	15,100	4,000
Wildlife assessment grant expenses	0	12,253	(12,253)
Municipal education grants expenses	0	1,539	(1,539)
Planning resources	2,500	1,282	1,218
Town plan survey	0	600	(600)
Supplies and postage	800	694	106
Computer equipment	2,500	1,800	700
Zoning administrator	22,000	19,958	2,042
Zoning assistant	4,000	750	3,250
Total planning/board of adjustment	<u>54,000</u>	<u>56,659</u>	<u>(2,659)</u>

See Accountant's Compilation Report and
Notes to Financial Statements.

TOWN OF FAYSTON, VERMONT EXHIBIT C
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance
Administration			
Pound	2,000	2,000	0
Legal	20,000	35,278	(15,278)
Consulting	1,500	441	1,059
Audit	5,900	5,900	0
Loan interest	600	0	600
Fire warden	300	300	0
MRV solid waste alliance	2,400	2,366	34
Other	1,000	180	820
League of Cities and Towns	2,000	1,488	512
Total administration	35,700	47,953	(12,253)
Total expenditures	686,000	704,975	(18,975)
Transfers to Other Funds			
Road construction	20,000	20,000	0
Equipment reserve	60,000	60,000	0
Town garage reserve	10,000	10,000	0
Fire equipment reserve	10,000	10,000	0
Road retreatment	45,000	45,000	0
Record restoration reserve	10,000	10,000	0
Reappraisal reserve	5,000	5,000	0
Total transfers to other funds	160,000	160,000	0
Total expenditures and transfers to other funds	846,000	864,975	(18,975)
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS	<u>\$ (45,000)</u>	<u>(70,026)</u>	<u>\$ (25,026)</u>
FUND BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 2007		54,785	
FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2007		<u>\$ (15,241)</u>	

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TOWN OF FAYSTON, VERMONT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2007

The Town operates under a three-member Selectboard form of government. The Town's major operations include highways and streets, recreation, planning and zoning, and general administrative services.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Town's financial statements are not prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). Governments are also required to follow the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued through November 30, 1989 (when applicable) that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the Town are discussed below.

The Town's management has elected to present only the financial statements of the major funds and the aggregate remaining fund information, which is not in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, specifically GASB 34 and GASB 37. Therefore, government-wide financial statements that include accounting for capital assets, lease payables and notes payable are not included in the financial statements.

Reporting Entity

The Town's basic financial statements include the accounts of all Town operations. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the Town's reporting entity, as set forth in GASB 14 as amended by GASB 39, and Section 2100 of GASB's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, include whether:

- the organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in its own name), or
- the Town holds the corporate powers of the organization, or
- the Town appoints a voting majority of the organization's board, or
- the Town is able to impose its will on the organization, or
- the organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the Town, or
- there is fiscal dependency by the organization on the Town, or
- the nature and significance of the relationship of the other entity with the primary government are such that the exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Based on the aforementioned criteria, the Town has no component units.

TOWN OF FAYSTON, VERMONT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2007

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of the Town are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenue and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

The emphasis in fund financial statements is on the major funds. Nonmajor funds by category are summarized into a single column. GASB No. 34 sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of the assets, liabilities, revenues or expenditures/expenses of either fund category or the governmental and enterprise combined) for the determination of major funds. The General Fund is the Town's only major fund. The nonmajor funds are combined in a column in the fund financial statements.

The following fund types are used by the Town:

Governmental Funds

The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund financial statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the governmental funds of the Town:

General fund is the operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Capital projects funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by business-type/proprietary funds).

TOWN OF FAYSTON, VERMONT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2007

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Permanent funds account for assets held by the Town pursuant to a trust agreement. The principal portion of this fund type must remain intact, but the earnings may be used to achieve the objectives of the fund.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenue or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Modified Accrual

The governmental fund financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenue is recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end for property taxes and within six months for other revenues. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt, if any, is recognized when due.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Town has defined cash and cash equivalents to include cash on hand, demand deposits, and cash with fiscal agent. Additionally, each fund's equity in the Town's investment pool is treated as a cash equivalent because the funds can deposit or effectively withdraw cash at any time without prior notice or penalty.

Investments

Investments are stated at fair value (quoted market price or the best available estimate).

Fund Balances

Equity is classified in the following categories:

Reserved - Indicates the portion of equity that has been legally segregated or encumbered for specific future uses or not appropriate for expenditure.

TOWN OF FAYSTON, VERMONT
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 DECEMBER 31, 2007

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Unreserved - Indicates the portion of fund equity that is available for appropriation and expenditure in future periods.

Budgetary Accounting

The Town approves a budget for the General Fund at an annual Town Meeting and the Selectboard, based on the budget and Grand List, determines the tax rate. Formal budgetary accounting is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund. The budget for the General Fund is adopted on a basis consistent with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

Interfund Activity

Interfund activity is reported as either loans, services provided, reimbursements or transfers. Loans are reported as interfund receivables and payables as appropriate and are subject to elimination upon consolidation. Services provided, deemed to be at market or near market rates, are treated as revenue and expenditures/expenses. Reimbursements are when one fund incurs a cost, charges the appropriate benefiting fund and reduces its related cost as a reimbursement. All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned to it. The Town does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2007, \$3,487 of the government's bank balance of \$1,428,123 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Uninsured and uncollateralized	\$	<u>3,487</u>
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TOWN OF FAYSTON, VERMONT
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 DECEMBER 31, 2007

NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS

As of December 31, 2007, the Town had the following investments:

Investment	Maturities	Fair Value
U.S. Government securities	2/8/2010	\$ 18,658
Corporate bonds	10/2017-5/2036	24,310
Mutual funds		98,011
		<u>\$ 140,979</u>

Interest Rate Risk – The Town does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk – The Town has no investment policy that would limit its investment choices.

Concentration of Credit Risk – The Town places no limit on the amount the Town may invest in any one issuer.

Custodial Credit Risk – Investments. Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the Town will not be able to recover the value of investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

Investment income includes the following:

	Governmental Funds			Total
	General Fund	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Cemetery Maintenance	
Interest and dividends	\$ 18,796	\$ 3,095	\$ 9,109	\$ 31,000
Realized loss	0	0	(1,630)	(1,630)
Unrealized loss	0	(310)	(3,963)	(4,273)
Total	<u>\$ 18,796</u>	<u>\$ 2,785</u>	<u>\$ 3,516</u>	<u>\$ 25,097</u>

The calculation of realized gains or losses is independent of a calculation of the net change in fair value of investments. Realized gains or losses on investments that have been held in more than one fiscal year and sold in the current year were included as a change in fair value of investments reported in prior years.

TOWN OF FAYSTON, VERMONT
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 DECEMBER 31, 2007

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TOWN OF FAYSTON, VERMONT
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 DECEMBER 31, 2007

NOTE 4 - PROPERTY TAXES

Taxes are billed in June and are payable August 1st. Taxes become delinquent November 1st. The Town bills and collects its own property tax, taxes for the School District, and the School District's share of Harwood Union High School tax assessment. The tax rate for fiscal year 2007 was:

Town	\$	0.2250
School - Homestead		1.5545
School - Non residential		1.5434

NOTE 5 - RETIREMENT PLAN

The Town of Fayston participates in the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System, which is a cost-sharing multiple employer public employees' defined benefit pension plan. The plan provides benefits for disability, death, early retirement, and normal retirement. Vermont state statutes provide the authority under which benefit provisions and the Town's obligation to contribute are established. The System's actuary issues a financial report on the plan for the State of Vermont. Required contributions to the System are determined based upon the report prepared by the actuary. All employees who are regularly employed for at least 24 hours a week and for at least 1,040 hours a year must join the System when hired. During 1995 the Town elected to change from Group C membership to Group B membership. Employees who were participating in the plan at the time of the election have the option to remain in Group C or to change to Group B. Employees joining the program after the election must become Group B members. Members who have Group B coverage are required to contribute 4.5% of compensation, and members who have Group C coverage are required to contribute 9.0%. Members in either plan are vested upon completing 5 creditable years of service.

The Town's 2007 payroll for all employees was \$269,098. Total 2007 covered payroll for the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System was \$230,480. The Town's contribution to the plan is 5.0% of compensation for Group B employees and 6.0% for Group C employees. Total employer contributions to the plan were \$12,608 for 2007, \$11,780 for 2006, and \$11,167 for 2005. All 2007 employee and employer retirement contributions were paid as of December 31, 2007.

The State of Vermont issues an audited Financial Report that includes financial statements and required disclosures. This report may be obtained by writing the State Auditor of Accounts, 132 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602.

TOWN OF FAYSTON, VERMONT
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 DECEMBER 31, 2007

NOTE 6 - COMMITMENTS

From time to time the Town enters into finance and maintenance agreements with the State of Vermont, Agency of Transportation, for various cost sharing arrangements relating to bridge and road projects. Generally, the Town bears certain percentages of the total costs relating to preliminary and construction engineering costs, right-of-way costs, utility costs, and final construction costs.

NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town of Fayston is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town of Fayston maintains insurance coverage through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund, Inc. covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Town of Fayston. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. The Town must remain a member for a minimum of one year and may withdraw from the Fund after that time by giving sixty days notice. Fund underwriting and rate setting policies have been established after consultation with actuaries. Fund members are subject to a supplemental assessment in the event of deficiencies. If the assets of the Fund were to be exhausted, members would be responsible for the Fund's liabilities.

NOTE 8 - RESERVED FUND BALANCES

Fund balances are reserved as follows:

Governmental Funds**Capital Projects Fund**

Town Garage	\$ (2,839)	
Fire Equipment	27,399	
Bridge Reserve	156,072	
Recreation Reserve	12,000	
Road Construction	6,659	
Road Retreatment	157,167	
Other Equipment	67,830	
Record Restoration	5,774	
Total Capital Projects Fund		430,062

Special Revenue Fund

Cemetery maintenance	109,060	
Reappraisal	50,078	
Total Special Revenue Fund		159,138

Permanent Fund

Cemetery perpetual care		38,869
Total reserved - Governmental Funds		\$ 628,069

TOWN OF FAYSTON, VERMONT
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 DECEMBER 31, 2007

NOTE 9 - INTERFUND TRANSFERS

During the year, several interfund transactions occurred between funds. The various operating transfers were made in accordance with budgetary authorizations. Interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2007 are as follows:

Transfers to:	Transfers from: General Fund
Road retreatment	\$ 45,000
Record restoration	10,000
Town garage	10,000
Fire equipment	10,000
Other equipment/assets	60,000
Road construction	20,000
Reappraisal	5,000
Totals	<u>\$ 160,000</u>

NOTE 10 – INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

The Town has combined some of the cash resources of its governmental funds for accounting and reporting purposes. That portion of the pooled cash balance is reported in the specific fund as an interfund balance. Interfund balances at December 31, 2007 are as follows:

	Interfund Receivables	Interfund Payables
General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 469,171
Capital Projects Funds		
Other Equipment/Assets	67,830	0
Town Garage	0	2,839
Fire Equipment	27,399	0
Bridge Reserve	145,103	0
Recreation Reserve	12,000	0
Road Construction	6,659	0
Road Retreatment	157,167	0
Record Restoration	5,774	0
Special Revenue Funds		
Reappraisal	50,078	0
Cemetery Maintenance	8,288	0
Permanent Funds		
Cemetery Perpetual Care	0	8,288
Total	<u>\$ 480,298</u>	<u>\$ 480,298</u>

TOWN OF FAYSTON, VERMONT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2007

NOTE 11 – FUND DEFICITS

The General Fund has a deficit of \$15,241 in unreserved fund balance and the Town Garage Fund has a deficit of \$2,839 as of December 31, 2007. The Town plans to eliminate these deficits in the coming year.

TOWN OF FAYSTON, VERMONT
SCHEDULE OF TAXES RAISED
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

SCHEDULE 1

	<u>MUNICIPAL</u>	<u>HOMESTEAD</u>	<u>NON-RESIDENTIAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Total Grand List	\$ 2,818,206.97	\$ 1,163,709.28	\$ 1,619,269.69	
Tax rate	0.2250	1.5545	1.5434	
Taxes Billed	<u>\$ 634,096.57</u>	<u>\$ 1,808,986.08</u>	<u>\$ 2,499,180.84</u>	\$ 4,942,263.48
Various adjustments				(3,775.96)
Increase in deferred taxes				(38,000.00)
Payment to Fayston School District				(2,404,479.00)
Payment to State of Vermont				<u>(1,894,998.00)</u>
Net property taxes				<u>\$ 601,010.52</u>

Reconciliation of Delinquent Taxes

<u>Years</u>	<u>Delinquent Taxes Due Jan. 1, 2007</u>	<u>Current Taxes Gone Delinquent</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Delinquent Taxes Due Dec. 31, 2007</u>
2006	\$ 72,739.43	\$ 0	\$ 68,137.19	\$ 4,602.24
2007	0	301,647.50	180,662.76	120,984.74
	<u>\$ 72,739.43</u>	<u>\$ 301,647.50</u>	<u>\$ 248,799.95</u>	<u>\$ 125,586.98</u>

TOWN OF FAYSTON, VERMONT
 SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH EXPENDITURES
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

SCHEDULE 2

CASH BALANCE - January 1, 2007		\$ 1,240,408
CASH RECEIPTS		
Delinquent taxes	248,800	
Penalties and interest	22,348	
Taxes collected	4,636,840	
Interest and dividends	20,229	
State of Vermont - highway funds	65,382	
Other miscellaneous receipts	<u>104,311</u>	
Total cash receipts		5,097,910
CASH EXPENDITURES		
Highway	247,275	
Other General Fund	469,074	
Capital expenditures	37,375	
Cemetery maintenance	5,899	
Transfer to School District and State	<u>4,187,781</u>	
Total cash expenditures		<u>4,947,404</u>
CASH BALANCE - December 31, 2007		<u>\$ 1,390,914</u>

SCHEDULE 3

TOWN OF FAYSTON, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Capital Projects										Special Revenue		Permanent Fund	
	Other Equip/Assets	Town Garage	Fire Equipment	Bridge Reserve	Recreation Reserve	Road Construction	Road Retreatment	Record Restoration	Reappraisal	Cemetery Maintenance	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Totals		
Cash	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,969	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,966	\$ 1,984	\$ 17,919		
Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95,806	45,173	140,979		
Due from other funds	67,830	0	27,399	145,103	12,000	6,659	157,167	5,774	50,078	8,288	0	480,298		
Total assets	\$ 67,830	\$ 0	\$ 27,399	\$ 156,072	\$ 12,000	\$ 6,659	\$ 157,167	\$ 5,774	\$ 50,078	\$ 109,060	\$ 47,157	\$ 639,196		
LIABILITIES														
Due to other funds	\$ 0	\$ 2,839	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 8,288	\$ 11,127		
Total liabilities	0	2,839	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,288	11,127		
FUND BALANCES														
Reserved	67,830	(2,839)	27,399	156,072	12,000	6,659	157,167	5,774	50,078	109,060	38,869	628,069		
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 67,830	\$ 0	\$ 27,399	\$ 156,072	\$ 12,000	\$ 6,659	\$ 157,167	\$ 5,774	\$ 50,078	\$ 109,060	\$ 47,157	\$ 639,196		

SCHEDULE 4

TOWN OF FAYSTON, VERMONT
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Other Equip/Assets	Town Garage	Fire Equipment	Capital Projects				Road Retirement	Record Restoration	Special Revenue			Totals
				Bridge Reserve	Recreation Reserve	Road Construction	Road			Roappraisal	Cemetery Maintenance	Cemetery Perpetual Care	
REVENUES													
Investment income	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,516	\$ 2,785	\$ 6,301
State grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,058	0	0	0	11,058
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	834	0	0	834
Total revenues	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11,058</u>	<u>4,350</u>	<u>4,350</u>	<u>2,785</u>	<u>18,193</u>
EXPENDITURES													
Road construction	0	0	0	0	0	18,818	0	0	0	0	0	0	18,818
Construction equipment, vehicles	0	14,331	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,331
Furnishings	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,226	0	4,226	0	0	0	4,226
Cemetery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,899	0	0	5,899
Total expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>14,331</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18,818</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,226</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,899</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>43,274</u>
EXCESS REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)	<u>0</u>	<u>(14,331)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(18,818)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(4,226)</u>	<u>11,058</u>	<u>(1,549)</u>	<u>2,785</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(25,081)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (EXPENDITURES)													
Transfers from (to) other funds	60,000	10,000	10,000	0	0	20,000	45,000	10,000	5,000	4,000	(4,000)	0	160,000
EXCESS REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>60,000</u>	<u>(4,331)</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,182</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>5,774</u>	<u>16,038</u>	<u>2,451</u>	<u>(1,215)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>134,919</u>
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, 2007	<u>7,830</u>	<u>1,492</u>	<u>17,399</u>	<u>156,072</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>5,477</u>	<u>112,167</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>34,020</u>	<u>106,609</u>	<u>60,084</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>493,150</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31, 2007	<u>\$ 67,830</u>	<u>\$ (2,839)</u>	<u>\$ 27,399</u>	<u>\$ 156,072</u>	<u>\$ 12,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,659</u>	<u>\$ 157,167</u>	<u>\$ 5,774</u>	<u>\$ 50,078</u>	<u>\$ 109,060</u>	<u>\$ 38,869</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 628,069</u>

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Accrual Basis

TOWN OF FAYSTON
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through December 2007

		Jan - Dec 07	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Budget 08
Income						
INCOME						
	4000 Æ Town Taxes	601,010.52	631,300.00	-30,289.48	95.2%	
	4002 Æ Abatements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	
	4003 Æ Overpayment of Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	
	4010 Æ State Aid Highway	65,382.04	66,000.00	-617.96	99.06%	66,000.00
	4015 Æ Green Mountain Valley School	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	100.0%	4,000.00
	4020 Æ Liquor licenses	900.00	1,000.00	-100.00	90.0%	1,000.00
	4025 Æ Marriage licenses	200.00	100.00	100.00	200.0%	300.00
	4035 Æ Dog licenses	1,071.00	1,200.00	-129.00	89.25%	1,200.00
	4039 Æ 1% Penalty - HS 131	938.31	0.00	938.31	100.0%	500.00
	4040 Æ Other income	4,409.44	2,000.00	2,409.44	220.47%	2,000.00
	4041 Æ Hall rental	1,595.00	2,100.00	-505.00	75.95%	1,500.00
	4042 Æ Fees	23,854.29	23,000.00	854.29	103.71%	20,000.00
	4043 Æ Permits-EW	300.00	300.00	0.00	100.0%	300.00
	4048 Æ Zoning-fees	15,882.80	12,000.00	3,882.80	132.36%	12,200.00
	4049 Æ Zoning-fines	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
	4050 Æ Waitsfield road work	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	100.0%	4,000.00
	4052 Æ Delinquent tax interest	7,283.10	10,000.00	-2,716.90	72.83%	8,000.00
*2	4054 Æ Delinquent tax penalties	15,065.00	0.00	15,065.00	100.0%	0.00
	4065 Æ Interest-CD	3,497.67	3,000.00	497.67	116.59%	3,000.00
	4070 Æ Interest - Bridge Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
	4075 Æ Interest - General Fund	15,297.81	10,000.00	5,297.81	152.98%	10,000.00
	4550 Æ Fines	913.00	1,000.00	-87.00	91.3%	1,000.00
	4600 Æ Plan Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
*1	Grants	13,792.00	0.00	0.00	100.0%	0.00
	4655 Æ Bank charges	10.00	0.00	10.00	100.0%	0.00
	4700 Æ Current Use	18,148.00	18,000.00	148.00	100.82%	18,000.00
	4701 Æ State Parcel Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
	4750 Æ Civil Unions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
	4755 Æ Tax Overpayments	249.20	0.00	249.20	100.0%	0.00
	4805 Æ PILOT	12,215.20	12,000.00	215.20	101.79%	12,000.00
	Total INCOME	810,014.38	801,000.00	9,014.38	101.13%	165,000.00
	4999 Æ Fund Balance Prior Yr.	54,785.00	45,000.00	9,785.00	121.74%	-15,241.00
	Total Income	864,799.38	846,000.00	18,799.38	102.22%	149,759.00
Expense						
ADMINISTRATIVE						
	5300 Æ Cemetery	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
	5305 Æ Pound	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.0%	2,000.00
	5310 Æ Tax Sale Property Purchase	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
	5320 Æ Legal					
	0701 Æ Trahan Pond Appeal	3,937.50				
	0702 Æ Morris Subdivision	909.00				
	5315 Æ Kolitch - Subdivision	8,105.20				
	5316 Æ Crean - Subdivision	13,717.55				
	5319 Æ Kolitch - Tax Appeal	7,832.69				
	5320 Æ Legal - Other	776.23	20,000.00	-19,223.77	3.88%	30,000.00
	Total 5320 Æ Legal	35,278.17	20,000.00	15,278.17	176.39%	30,000.00
	5321 Æ Consulting	441.00	1,500.00	-1,059.00	29.4%	1,500.00
	5322 Æ Audit expense	5,900.00	5,900.00	0.00	100.0%	5,500.00
	5323 Æ Fire Warden	300.00	300.00	0.00	100.0%	300.00
	5325 Æ Public Safety	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
	5335 Æ MRV Solid Waste Alliance	2,366.00	2,400.00	-34.00	98.58%	2,400.00
	5340 Æ Contingency & miscellaneous	180.00	1,000.00	-820.00	18.0%	1,000.00
	5910 Æ Leagues of Cities & Towns	1,488.00	2,000.00	-512.00	74.4%	2,000.00
	5920 Æ Loan Interest	0.00	600.00	-600.00	0.0%	600.00
	Total ADMINISTRATIVE	47,953.17	35,700.00	12,253.17	134.32%	45,300.00
BENEFITS						
	5050 Æ Hospitalization	45,573.83	46,000.00	-426.17	99.07%	50,200.00
	5055 Æ Retirement	12,608.31	12,200.00	408.31	103.35%	13,100.00

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5060 Æ Taxes - payroll	19,998.65	22,300.00	-2,301.35	89.68%	22,300.00
5065 Æ Uniforms	2,596.27	2,600.00	-3.73	99.86%	2,600.00
5066 Æ Dental	5,267.53	5,400.00	-132.47	97.55%	5,600.00
Total BENEFITS	86,044.59	88,500.00	-2,455.41	97.23%	93,800.00
ELECTIONS					
6000 Æ Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
6005 Æ Election clerks	485.00	1,000.00	-515.00	48.5%	3,300.00
6010 Æ Supplies	175.00	1,000.00	-825.00	17.5%	3,300.00
6015 Æ Town Report	4,248.47	3,600.00	648.47	118.01%	4,100.00
Total ELECTIONS	4,908.47	5,600.00	-691.53	87.65%	10,700.00
FIRE					
5380 Æ Waitsfield contract	20,272.74	22,900.00	-2,627.26	88.53%	28,500.00
Total FIRE	20,272.74	22,900.00	-2,627.26	88.53%	28,500.00
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT					
5090 Æ Blades	4,576.11	5,000.00	-423.89	91.52%	5,000.00
5095 Æ Diesel	25,665.11	23,000.00	2,665.11	111.59%	27,000.00
5100 Æ Repairs	23,922.67	15,000.00	8,922.67	159.48%	15,000.00
5105 Æ Gasoline	4,290.43	3,800.00	490.43	112.91%	4,500.00
5110 Æ Oil	1,701.43	1,200.00	501.43	141.79%	1,200.00
5115 Æ Other parts	6,790.33	5,000.00	1,790.33	135.81%	5,000.00
5120 Æ Rental	4,800.00	5,000.00	-200.00	96.0%	5,000.00
5125 Æ Tires	1,042.75	2,500.00	-1,457.25	41.71%	2,500.00
Total HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	72,788.83	60,500.00	12,288.83	120.31%	65,200.00
HIGHWAY GARAGE					
5130 Æ Electricity	257.73	1,000.00	-742.27	25.77%	1,000.00
5135 Æ Heat	699.71	1,000.00	-300.29	69.97%	1,000.00
5140 Æ Maintenance and repairs	1,771.73	3,000.00	-1,228.27	59.06%	3,000.00
5150 Æ Telephone	982.99	1,000.00	-17.01	98.3%	1,000.00
Total HIGHWAY GARAGE	3,712.16	6,000.00	-2,287.84	61.87%	6,000.00
HIGHWAY SALARIES					
5170 Æ Salaries	130,765.40	125,000.00	5,765.40	104.61%	135,000.00
Total HIGHWAY SALARIES	130,765.40	125,000.00	5,765.40	104.61%	135,000.00
HIGHWAY SUPPLIES					
5070 Æ Calcium	7,055.00	10,000.00	-2,945.00	70.55%	10,000.00
5075 Æ Sand	7,501.20	7,000.00	501.20	107.16%	7,500.00
5080 Æ Other supplies	509.00	1,000.00	-491.00	50.9%	1,000.00
5085 Æ Salt	24,943.54	20,000.00	4,943.54	124.72%	22,000.00
Total HIGHWAY SUPPLIES	40,008.74	38,000.00	2,008.74	105.29%	40,500.00
INSURANCE					
5400 Æ Property and Casualty	7,829.59	8,300.00	-470.41	94.33%	12,424.00
5405 Æ Extra Liability	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.0%	500.00
5410 Æ Public Officials	1,345.00	1,400.00	-55.00	96.07%	1,881.00
5430 Æ Workers' comp	8,142.00	8,200.00	-58.00	99.29%	10,568.00
5435 Æ Employment Practices	776.00	800.00	-24.00	97.0%	1,025.00
5440 Æ VLCT Unemployment	846.00	900.00	-54.00	94.0%	872.00
Total INSURANCE	19,438.59	20,100.00	-661.41	96.71%	27,270.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDING					
5450 Æ Cleaning	1,768.64	2,000.00	-231.36	88.43%	1,800.00
5452 Æ Mowing	440.00	500.00	-60.00	88.0%	500.00
5455 Æ Electricity	1,901.49	2,200.00	-298.51	86.43%	2,200.00
5460 Æ Heat	4,810.89	4,500.00	310.89	106.91%	4,800.00
5465 Æ Other	335.22	2,000.00	-1,664.78	16.76%	1,000.00
5470 Æ Maintenance	27,528.10	30,000.00	-2,471.90	91.76%	30,000.00
5475 Æ Telephone	2,672.10	3,000.00	-327.90	89.07%	3,000.00
Total MUNICIPAL BUILDING	39,456.44	44,200.00	-4,743.56	89.27%	43,300.00

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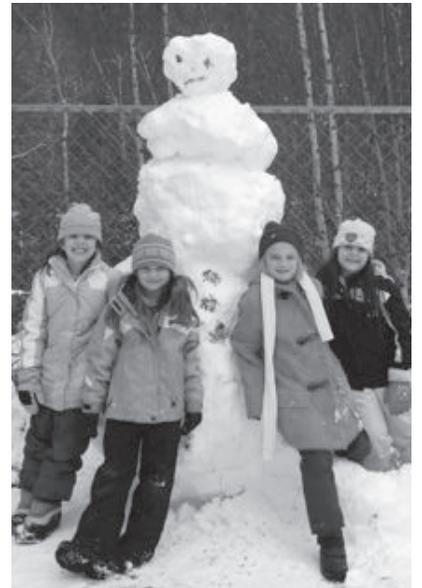
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		Jan - Dec 07	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Budget 08
OFFICE						
	5600 /E Computer expenses	3,061.73	2,500.00	561.73	122.47%	3,000.00
	5605 /E Equipment purchase	674.00	2,000.00	-1,326.00	33.7%	3,000.00
	5610 /E Listers-expenses	717.26	1,500.00	-782.74	47.82%	1,500.00
	5611 /E 911 Wages	1,238.57	1,100.00	138.57	112.6%	1,100.00
	5612 /E Tax Mapping	1,760.00	2,000.00	-240.00	88.0%	2,000.00
	5615 /E Selectmen	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00	100.0%	2,250.00
	5625 /E Postage	1,874.18	2,000.00	-125.82	93.71%	2,000.00
	5630 /E Equipment rental	2,723.34	3,000.00	-276.66	90.78%	3,000.00
	5635 /E Supplies	4,737.25	5,000.00	-262.75	94.75%	5,000.00
	5650 /E Seminars/dues	2,303.00	2,400.00	-97.00	95.96%	2,400.00
	5655 /E Bank fees	10.00	0.00	10.00	100.0%	0.00
	Total OFFICE	21,349.33	23,750.00	-2,400.67	89.89%	25,250.00
PLANNING						
	5700 /E Advertising	1,316.40	1,500.00	-183.60	87.76%	1,500.00
	5705 /E CVRPC	1,083.95	1,100.00	-16.05	98.54%	1,190.00
	5710 /E ZA Exp/Misc	283.01	500.00	-216.99	56.6%	500.00
	5711 /E Planning-supplies	360.45	400.00	-39.55	90.11%	400.00
	5712 /E Planning-postage	333.73	400.00	-66.27	83.43%	400.00
	5714 /E MRVPD	15,100.00	19,100.00	-4,000.00	79.06%	19,100.00
	5715 /E Town Plan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	4,000.00
	5716 /E Town Plan Survey	600.00	0.00	600.00	100.0%	0.00
	5720 /E Planning/DRB Resources	1,282.06	2,500.00	-1,217.94	51.28%	1,500.00
	5725 /E Planning Contract Work	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
	5730 /E Computer Equipment	1,800.00	2,500.00	-700.00	72.0%	1,500.00
	5830 /E Zoning Administration	19,957.51	22,000.00	-2,042.49	90.72%	20,800.00
	5840 /E ZA Asst. 1	750.00	4,000.00	-3,250.00	18.75%	2,000.00
*1	Grants	13,792.00				
	Total PLANNING	56,659.11	54,000.00	2,659.11	104.92%	52,890.00
SALARIES						
	5805 /E Clerk/tax collector	40,259.86	39,500.00	759.86	101.92%	41,100.00
	5806 /E Salary-Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
	5810 /E Treasurer/Assistant TC	40,259.86	39,500.00	759.86	101.92%	41,100.00
	5812 /E Selectboard Assistant	5,095.95	5,000.00	95.95	101.92%	5,300.00
	5815 /E Listers	16,125.06	18,000.00	-1,874.94	89.58%	18,000.00
	5816 /E Salary - Reappraisal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
*2	5826 /E Delinquent tax collector	15,227.00	0.00	15,227.00	100.0%	0.00
	5835 /E Administrative Asst.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
	Total SALARIES	116,967.73	102,000.00	14,967.73	114.67%	105,500.00
TAXES						
	5900 /E Joslin Memorial Library	7,250.00	7,250.00	0.00	100.0%	8,500.00
	5915 /E Bicentennial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
	5925 /E Washington County	24,665.00	24,700.00	-35.00	99.86%	39,542.00
	5930 /E Donations	15,300.00	15,300.00	0.00	100.0%	16,300.00
	5935 /E Recreation District	12,500.00	12,500.00	0.00	100.0%	12,500.00
	Total TAXES	59,715.00	59,750.00	-35.00	99.94%	76,842.00
TRANSFERS						
	5345 /E Transfer to School District	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
	5346 /E Transfer to State Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
	8001 /E Transfer-road retreatment	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	100.0%	50,000.00
	8002 /E Transfer-equipment	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	100.0%	60,000.00
	8003 /E Transfer-bridge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	8,000.00
	8004 /E Transfer-fire equipment	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.0%	10,000.00
	8005 /E Transfer-recreation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
	8006 /E Transfer to road construction	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	100.0%	20,000.00
	8008 /E Transfer re-appraisal reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%	5,000.00
	8012 /E Transfer to Town Garage Reserve	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.0%	5,000.00
	8013 /E Transfer Record Restoration	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.0%	10,000.00
	Total TRANSFERS	160,000.00	160,000.00	0.00	100.0%	168,000.00

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5375 AE AMBULANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
Total Expense	880,040.30	846,000.00	34,040.30	104.02%	924,052.00
Net Income	-15,240.92	0.00	-15,240.92	100.0%	-774,293.00
*1 Wildlife and Genge Grants					
*2 In & Out Account					



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GENERAL/CAPITAL FUND BUDGET 2008

	BUDGET 2007	ACTUAL 2007	BUDGET 2008
GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2008			
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$35,700.00	\$47,953.17	\$45,300.00
BENEFITS	\$88,500.00	\$86,044.59	\$93,800.00
ELECTIONS	\$5,600.00	\$4,908.47	\$10,700.00
FIRE	\$22,900.00	\$20,272.74	\$28,500.00
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	\$60,500.00	\$72,788.83	\$65,200.00
HIGHWAY GARAGE	\$6,000.00	\$3,712.16	\$6,000.00
HIGHWAY SALARIES	\$125,000.00	\$130,765.40	\$135,000.00
HIGHWAY SUPPLIES	\$38,000.00	\$40,008.74	\$40,500.00
INSURANCE	\$20,100.00	\$19,438.59	\$27,270.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDING	\$44,200.00	\$39,456.44	\$43,300.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$23,750.00	\$21,349.33	\$25,250.00
PLANNING *1	\$54,000.00	\$56,659.11	\$52,890.00
OFFICER SALARIES *2	\$102,000.00	\$116,967.73	\$105,500.00
TAXES	\$59,750.00	\$59,715.00	\$76,842.00
TOTAL	\$686,000.00	\$720,040.30	\$756,052.00
CAPITAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2008			
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
ROAD RETREATMENT	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$50,000.00
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
BRIDGE RESERVE	\$0	\$0	\$8,000.00
HIGHWAY GARAGE RESERVE	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
REAPPRAISAL	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
TOWN RECORD RESTORATION	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
TOTAL	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$168,000.00
GENERAL & CAPITAL FUND TOTALS	\$846,000.00	\$880,040.30	\$924,052.00
*1 - Actual includes grants			
*2 - Actual includes del. Tax penalties			



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REVENUE ESTIMATES 2008.xls.1

	A	B	C	D
		ESTIMATE 2007	ACTUAL 2007	ESTIMATE 2008
1				
2				
3	STATE AID - HIGHWAY	66,000.00	65,382.04	66,000.00
4	*STATE AID - REAPPRAISAL		*11,058.00	
5	CURRENT USE	18,000.00	18,148.00	18,000.00
6	INTEREST GENERAL FUND	10,000.00	15,297.81	10,000.00
7	INTEREST DELINQUENT TAX	10,000.00	7,283.10	8,000.00
8	PILOT (PMT IN LIEU OF TAXES)	12,000.00	12,215.20	12,000.00
9	WAITSFIELD ROAD WORK	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
10	LICENSES (DOG/LIQUOR/MARRIAGE)	2,300.00	2,171.00	2,500.00
11	PERMITS (EW & ZONING)	12,300.00	16,182.80	12,500.00
12	FEES (RECORDING/COPIES)	23,000.00	23,854.29	20,000.00
13	MISCELLANEOUS	8,100.00	11,612.62	8,000.00
14	GMVS	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
15				
16	TOTAL ABOVE REVENUE	169,700.00	180,146.86	165,000.00
17				
18	FUND BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	45,000.00	54,785.00	-15,241.00
19				
20	TOTAL REVENUE	214,700.00	234,931.86	149,759.00
21				
22	TOTAL REVENUE NEEDED (Capital and General)	846,000.00		924,052.00
23				
24	TAXES NEEDED TO BE RAISED (Line 22 - Line 20)	631,300.00		774,293.00
25				
26	*Designated Only For Reappraisal Expense			

FIXED ASSETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
REAL PROPERTY					
MUNICIPAL BUILDING & LAND (6.7AC)		\$575,100.00	\$575,100.00	\$575,100.00	\$575,100.00
N. FAYSTON & AIRPORT ROADS (.10AC)		\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00
TOWN GARAGE & LAND (7.2AC)		\$293,700.00	\$293,700.00	\$293,700.00	\$293,700.00
GRAVEL PIT & CAMP (40.6AC)		\$324,900.00	\$324,900.00	\$324,900.00	\$324,900.00
BASSETT HILL ROAD (12.4AC)		\$56,100.00	\$56,100.00	\$56,100.00	\$56,100.00
MILL BROOK ROAD STORE (1AC)		\$38,600.00	\$38,600.00	\$38,600.00	\$38,600.00
MILL BROOK ROAD (.30AC)		\$15,800.00	\$15,800.00	\$15,800.00	\$15,800.00
HENRYS WAY (7.5AC)		\$73,200.00	\$73,200.00	\$73,200.00	\$73,200.00
SCHOOL (7AC)		\$1,307,300.00	\$1,307,300.00	\$1,307,300.00	\$1,307,300.00
GERMAN FLATS ROAD (.25AC)		\$14,100.00	\$14,100.00	\$14,100.00	\$14,100.00
GERMAN FLATS ROAD (73.34AC) CHASE BKOOK				\$170,800.00	\$170,800.00
CEMETERIES (3)					
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$2,708,400.00	\$2,708,400.00	\$2,879,200.00	\$2,879,200.00
ROAD DEPARTMENT					
2006 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK				\$100,000.00	\$90,000.00
2002 MACK TRUCK	\$64,800.00	\$58,320.00	\$56,300.00	\$50,670.00	\$45,603.00
1999 MACK TRUCK	\$36,000.00	\$32,400.00	\$30,400.00	\$27,360.00	\$24,624.00
1995 MACK TRUCK	\$25,200.00	\$22,680.00	\$21,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2004 GRADER	\$36,000.00	\$32,400.00	\$130,000.00	\$117,000.00	\$105,300.00
2003 LOADER	\$98,000.00	\$88,200.00	\$85,000.00	\$76,500.00	\$68,850.00
2001 CHEVROLET PICKUP	\$13,500.00	\$12,150.00	\$10,500.00	\$9,450.00	\$8,505.00
2000 BACKHOE	\$57,600.00	\$51,840.00	\$49,600.00	\$44,640.00	\$40,176.00
MISC. TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
TOTAL	\$341,100.00	\$307,990.00	\$392,800.00	\$435,620.00	\$393,058.00

TOWN OF FAYSTON CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM 2008 - 2013

PURPOSE:

Municipalities are authorized to adopt capital budgets and programs under 24 VSA Section 4401(c), the Municipal and Regional Planning and Development Act, provided a facilities and services plan has been adopted as part of the town plan. Such a plan has been adopted by the Town of Fayston. The purposes of the capital budget and program are:

- to stabilize the tax rate;
- to improve municipal management practices;
- to enable orderly growth and development consistent with the town's fiscal ability to provide facilities and services, in accordance with the town plan; and
- to anticipate facility and service problems and take advantage of opportunities for service efficiencies.

As a planning tool, the expenditures listed in the capital program are not binding on the Town until adopted by the voters as part of an annual budget.

PROCESS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM:

1. Identification of Capital Projects

A capital project is any major, nonrecurring expenditure, such as land or road equipment purchase, or building construction or improvement. These differ from regular, ongoing operating expenses, such as salaries, utilities, road maintenance, etc.

According to Vermont's law, "A capital budget shall list and describe the capital projects to be undertaken during the coming fiscal year, the estimated cost thereof, and the proposed method of financing. A capital program is a plan of capital projects proposed to be undertaken during each of the following five years, the estimated cost thereof and the proposed method of financing." (24 VSA Section 4426 (a))

To develop Fayston's capital program, the Selectmen identified the capital projects they anticipate over the next six years. Among their considerations were condition of present equipment, equipment needs, new growth requirements, and facilities to store additional equipment. The School Board identified capital projects they anticipate. Due to the lack of a capital program at Harwood Union High School, additional capital costs at the High School could not be factored.

2. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

In order to determine Fayston's capacity to finance future capital expenditures, a financial analysis of the Town's expenditures and revenues was developed. Trends in expenditures, both operating and capital since 2002, were studied. Types of expenditures — roads, schools, fire and police, and general administration — were broken out to identify where growth is occurring. Changes in the grand list, tax rate, and other sources of revenue were also analyzed.

Based on past trends, as adjusted, projections were made of the Town's future revenue base and operating expenditures to the year 2013. Capital project costs and grand list growth (the major revenue base) are given in today's dollar. Debt service already committed to by the Town was factored into the projections, as well. A tax rate was applied to the projected grand list to estimate future revenues. By subtracting projected operating costs, an estimate of revenue available for capital expenditures was derived. These calculations are contained in the Appendix.

3. BUDGET AND PROGRAM

Capital projects were programmed according to the expected timing of their need. The method of funding for the projects (outright purchase, short term notes, reserve fund, etc.) was based on municipal financial practices and the ability of the budget to absorb expenditures. In other words, if a project would result in a major increase in the tax

rate for one year, phasing of the expenditure either by funding through a note, depreciation account, or reserve fund was proposed. The result is a more even distribution of annual expenditures by the municipality and a more stable tax rate.

Adoption of the Capital Budget and Program:

The capital budget and program is adopted in accordance with the provisions of 24 VSA Section 4404(a) of the Municipal and Regional Planning and Development Act. This section requires at least one public hearing by the Selectmen and filing of the proposal with the Town Clerk and Secretary of the Planning Commission at least fifteen days prior to the hearing. The Planning Commission may submit a report to the Selectmen on the proposal prior to the hearing. The capital budget and program is then adopted by an act of the legislative body promptly after the final public hearing.

Process for Use and Updating a Capital Budget and Program:

As the Selectmen prepare their budget for Town Meeting, the first year of the capital program is reviewed for inclusion as the capital budget for that year. Adjustments are made as necessary to the capital budget to reflect more recent cost data and any changes in financing.

The projections for operating expenses and grand list used in developing the program should be weighted against actual experience and modified as necessary. At the same time as the budget is prepared, other capital items in the program should be reviewed. If there are any changes in these items, they can be made at this time. Examples of changes are deferral of a project due to unforeseen priority needs or financial constraints, and additions to the program. Each year as the capital budget is finalized, one more year is added to the capital program. Suggestions for new capital projects should be solicited from the planning commission and road commissioner. The school board should prepare their capital projects so they can be factored. As the capital projects are added, consideration should be given to the method of financing them. Projections of operating expenditures and debt service should be extended at the same time to determine the effect of any capital items on the budget for the additional year.

Format for the Capital Budget and Program:

The chart on the following page represents the Fayston Capital Budget and Program for the period 2008- 2013. The chart lists Capital Projects which is a list of the Town's anticipated capital needs, including various road equipment, road and bridge improvements, town buildings, and reserve accounts. A cost is listed for each item in columns representing the years within the program period. A total dollar amount for capital expenditures is provided by year. Contributions to Depreciation Accounts and Reserve Funds present the timing and amount of proposed "deposits" to reserve funds for various anticipated capital projects.

The capital projects for 2008 in the Town Report will show the NET total amount of capital expenditures proposed and represent the year's capital expenditures, minus revenues taken from existing reserve funds, plus revenues deposited in reserve funds.



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TOWN OF FAYSTON FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	Budget <u>2007</u>
REVENUE						
GRAND LIST	1,430,391	1,496,154	2,607,326	2,664,312	2,750,633	2,818,728
TAX RATE	2.37	2.40	1.61/1.67	1.66/1.58	1.734/1.672	1.7795/1.7684
TAX REVENUE	\$ 3,285,078	\$ 3,589,972	\$ 4,230,198	\$ 4,255,752	\$ 4,671,015	\$ 5,017,336
STATE AID - TOWN	68046	70768	72316	65289	65509	66000
STATE AID-REAPPRAISAL	0	0	0	0	10963	0
FEDERAL/STATE-SCHOOL	275086	333676	295602	339383	208483	194709
OTHER - TOWN	122796	107210	106353	128766	105525	103700
OTHER - SCHOOL	25500	22000	22000	22000	22000	22000
FAYSTON ED FUND	100000	200000	0	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 3,876,506	\$ 4,323,626	\$ 4,726,469	\$ 4,811,190	\$ 5,083,495	\$ 5,403,745
EXPENDITURES - OPERATING						
ROADS	183645	194335	199329	231998	206276	229500
POLICE & FIRE	19412	19244	20837	19530	19455	22900
GENERAL ADMN	292145	332511	353457	341756	367551	379600
PLANNING	46880	46514	46009	42611	46464	54000
DEBT SERVICE	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOWN TOTAL	\$ 542,082	\$ 592,604	\$ 619,632	\$ 635,895	\$ 639,746	\$ 686,000
SCHOOL - ELEM.	950813	1001631	1084293	1250372	1336381	1446820
HARWOOD	902943	981064	990927	1224001	1131678	1076731
DEBT SVCE - ELEM	58007	55886	54080	51540	48938	46642
SCHOOL TOTAL	\$1,911,763	\$2,038,581	\$2,129,300	\$2,525,913	\$2,516,997	\$2,570,193
TOTAL OPERATING - BOTH	\$ 2,453,845	\$ 2,631,185	\$ 2,748,932	\$ 3,161,808	\$ 3,156,743	\$ 3,256,193
CAPITAL						
TOWN	126000	139000	142000	154000	155000	160000
SCHOOL	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING & CAPITAL	\$ 2,579,845	\$ 2,770,185	\$ 2,890,932	\$ 3,315,808	\$ 3,311,743	\$ 3,416,193
LONG TERM DEBT						
TOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0
SCHOOL	335000	300,000	265000	230000	181062	134420
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT	335000	300,000	265000	230000	181062	134420
Payment to State Education Fund		\$ 967,229	\$ 1,077,654	\$ 1,352,969	\$ 1,676,631	\$ 2,011,957

FAYSTON CAPITAL PROJECTS

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
PURCHASES & EXPENSES						
TOWN:						
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	20000	20000	20000	20000	20000	20000
ROAD RETREATMENT	50000	50000	50000	50000	50000	50000
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	60000	60000	60000	60000	60000	60000
FIRE EQPT RESERVE	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000
BRIDGE RESERVE	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000
HIGHWAY GARAGE	5000	0	0	0	0	0
TOWN RECORDS RESTORATION	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000
REAPPRAISAL	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
TOTAL TOWN CAPITAL	\$168,000	\$163,000	\$163,000	\$163,000	\$163,000	\$163,000

FIVE YEAR TREND ANALYSIS
COMPOUND ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE

REVENUE

GRAND LIST	2.5% (2004 to 2007)
TAX RATE	2.5% (2004 to 2007)
TOTAL TAX REVENUE	6.0% (2004 to 2007)
FED/STATE AID	-5.5%
OTHER REVENUE	-3.5%
TOTAL REVENUE	6.5%

OPERATING EXPENDITURES

ROADS	4.5%
POLICE & FIRE	4.5%
GENERAL ADMN/PLANNING	5.0%
SCHOOLS	6.5%
SCHOOL DEBT SERVICE	-4.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6.0%
Payment to St. Ed'n. Fund	20.0% (2003 to 2006)

**STABLE TAX RATE
OF \$1.78**

PROJECTED REVENUE FIVE YEAR TREND
COMPOUND ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE

2007 Budget as base

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
GRAND LIST	\$2,889,196	\$2,961,426	\$3,035,462	\$3,111,348	\$3,189,132	\$3,268,860
TAX RATE	1.78	1.78	1.78	1.78	1.78	1.78
TAX REVENUE	\$5,142,769	\$5,271,338	\$5,403,122	\$5,538,200	\$5,676,655	\$5,818,571
FED/STATE	246,370 \$	232,820 \$	220,015 \$	207,914 \$	196,479 \$	185,672
OTHER REVENUE	125,700	125,700	125,700	125,700	125,700	125,700
TOTAL REVENUE	\$5,514,839	\$5,629,858	\$5,748,837	\$5,871,814	\$5,998,833	\$6,129,944

PROJECTED OPERATING EXPENDITURES
COMPOUND ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE

2007 Budget as base

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
ROADS	239,828	250,620	261,898	273,684	285,999	298,869
POLICE & FIRE	23,931	25,008	26,133	27,309	28,538	29,822
GEN'L ADMN/PLANNING	455,280	478,044	501,946	527,044	553,396	581,065
SCHOOLS	2,687,582	2,862,275	3,048,323	3,246,464	3,457,484	3,682,220
TOTAL OPERATING	3,406,620	\$3,615,947	\$3,838,300	\$4,074,500	\$4,325,417	\$4,591,977
BALANCE FOR CAPITAL, DEBT SVCE & STATE	\$2,108,219	\$2,013,911	\$1,910,536	\$1,797,314	\$1,673,416	\$1,537,966
TOWN CAPITAL	168,000	163,000	163,000	163,000	163,000	163,000
DEBT SERVICE/SCHOOL	43,843	41,213	38,740	36,416	34,231	32,177
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	\$1,896,375	\$1,809,698	\$1,708,796	\$1,597,898	\$1,476,186	\$1,342,789

Projected Payment to State Education fund	\$ 2,414,348	\$ 2,897,218	\$ 3,476,662	\$ 4,171,994	\$ 5,006,393	\$ 6,007,671
Surplus/Deficit at \$1.78 tax	(\$517,973)	(\$1,087,520)	(\$1,767,866)	(\$2,574,096)	(\$3,530,207)	(\$4,664,882)
Tax rate to fully fund budget	\$ 1.96	\$ 2.15	\$ 2.36	\$ 2.61	\$ 2.89	\$ 3.21

DONATIONS

BATTERED WOMEN'S SERV & SHELTER	\$300.00
BOY/GIRL CLUB WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$100.00
CENTRAL VT. COUNCIL ON AGING	\$500.00
CTRL. VT. COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCL	\$100.00
CTRL. VT. COMMUNITY LAND TRUST	\$250.00
CTRL. VT. CRIME STOPPERS	\$100.00
CTRL. VT. HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE	\$1,000.00
CTRL. VT. ECONOMIC DEVELOP. CORP.	\$200.00
FAMILY CTR. OF WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$100.00
GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AGENCY	\$600.00
GREEN UP VERMONT	\$100.00
MAD RIVER SENIORS	\$6,000.00
MAD RIVER VALLEY HC, INC.	\$5,000.00
MRV PUBLIC ACCESS TV - CHANNEL 44	\$1,000.00
PEOPLE'S H&W CLINIC	\$100.00
RETIRED & SENIOR VOL. PROGRAM	\$200.00
SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISES TEAM	\$100.00
VT. ASSOC. BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED	\$300.00
VT. CTR. FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING	\$100.00
VT. TRAILS & GREENWAYS COUNCIL	\$30.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY DIVERSION PROG	\$150.00

TOTAL

\$16,330.00



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WAITSFIELD-FAYSTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

Calls by type:

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

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

Calls by town:

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

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

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

Officers for 2007 were:

Chief	Delbert Palmer (Waits.)
1 st Asst. Chief	Gordon Eurich (Waits.)
2 nd Asst. Chief	Paul Hartshorn (Waits.)
Captain	Arnold Burbank (Waits.)
Lieutenant	Jack Corliss (Fays.)
Lieutenant	Travis Michaud (Waits.)
Secretary	Shannon Young (Waits.)
Treasurer	Gordon Eurich (Waits.)
Moderator	Eric Haskin (Waits.)

Respectfully Submitted,
Delbert Palmer, Chief

Active Firefighters:

Robert Aldred (Waits.)
George Gabaree (Waits.)
Andrew Johnson (Waits.)
Trip Johnson (Waits.)
Alison Kernan (Waits.)
Bob Lockett (Fays.)
Lester Miller, Jr. (Waits.)
Michael Munn (Fays.)
Ramsey Orr (Waits.)
Jared Rouleau (Fays.)
Theodore Tremper (Waits.)
Owen Wimble (Waits.)
Shannon Young (Waits.)
Mason Zegler (Waits.)

MAD RIVER VALLEY HEALTH CENTER, INC.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sue Frechette, Warren, President
 Chuck Martel, Fayston, Vice President
 Adam Greshin, Warren, Treasurer
 Dara Torre, Moretown, Secretary
 Barbara Christie-Garvin, Waitsfield
 Connie Colman, Warren
 David Ellison, Warren
 Marta Marble, Waitsfield
 Carlene Ramus, Waitsfield



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

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

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

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

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

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



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MAD RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

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

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

Select Board Funding Forum

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

Continuing Work from 2006

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

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

Mad River Path

The Mad River Path completion continues to be a high priority of the Planning District. The Steering Committee and Executive Director continue to work with the Path Association in the areas of grants, landowner contacts and public awareness of the benefits of the Mad River Path. In May, the PD hosted a very beneficial Mad Path Summit with representatives from the Select Boards, Planning Commissions, Conservation Commissions, Chamber and Planning District Steering Committee.

Municipal Education

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

Regional Activities

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

Kingsbury Community Farm

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

and educational uses. Sustainable Agriculture is a Planning District priority.

Mad River Valley Housing Coalition

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

Energy Self-sufficiency

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

Crime and Police Protection

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

Valley Futures Network

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

2008 Activities

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

Budget

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



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Chris Dodge*

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.

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

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

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

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

Ken Felderman, Warren – President	Jon Hammond, Waitsfield
Dayna Lisaius, Warren	Lisa Koitzsch, Fayston
Doug Bergstein, Warren – Treasurer	Dean Hammel, Waitsfield
Kelley Lewis, Fayston – Secretary	John Stokes, Fayston

Beginning Balance (Jan. 1, 2007)	\$49,029.73
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Income:

Funding from towns	\$37,500.00
Interest	\$54.67
Total Income	\$37,554.67

Expenditures:

Children First	\$7,000.00
Fertilizer for Mad River Park	\$1,460.50
Mad River Park	\$2,000.00
Mad River Path	\$5,750.00
Open Hearth	\$5,362.00
Skatium	\$8,000.00
Waitsfield Couples Club	\$10,000.00
Phone	\$100.02
PO Box	\$40.00
Advertising	\$217.00
Website Work	\$55.00
Total Expenditures	\$39,984.52

Ending Balance (Dec. 31, 2007)	\$46,599.88
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Projected Grants for 2008	\$65,000.00
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MAD RIVER SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE

P.O. Box 210, Waterbury Center VT 05677

(802) 244-7373 / fax (802) 244-7570

January 7, 2008

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

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

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

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

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

The eleventh truckload sale of compost bins was successful with the distribution of 72 compost bins and 36 kitchen collectors. It is estimated that each compost bin can compost 500 pounds of garden and kitchen waste annually. This means rich soil to add to your garden and less waste to go to the landfill. We will hold our Twelfth Compost Bin Sale this spring. The Alliance held two car and pickup truck tire and metal collection events at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. and at the Earthwise Transfer Station during 2007. A total of ~ 1929 tires and ~14 tons of metal were collected during these events. We are planning to hold two tire and metal collection events during 2008.

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

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

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

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

MAD RIVER SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE BUDGET REPORT

	Budget	Actual	Acct Rec	Budget
INCOME	2007	2007		2008
Town Assessments Per Capita Based on 2003 Population Estimate	(\$2.00)			
Duxbury (1341)	2,682	2,682		2,682
Fayston (1183)	2,366	2,366		2,366
Moretown (1695)	3,390	3,390		3,390
Waitsfield (1686)	3,372	3,372		3,372
Warren (1697)	3,394	3,394		3,394
Waterbury (5138)	10,276	10,276		10,276
Subtotal Assessments:	25,480	25,480		25,480
MLF Education	21,820	13,884	3,477	22,930
Subtotal Education Income	21,820	13,884	3,477	22,930
Household Hazardous Waste:				
MLF HHW	13,680	12,980	700	13,680
Ag. Pest. Grant	3,000		3,428	3,384
Small Quantity Generators	1,000	3,057		1,500
DEC SWIP HHW Grant	8,270	8,757		8,796
Subtotal HHW Income:	25,950	24,794	4,128	27,360
Miscellaneous Income:				
Compost Bins	2,568	3,431		3,276
Tires	5,000	5,398		5,000
Electronic Waste	1,950	3,627		1,950
Web Site Development Grants	500		500	500
Subtotal Misc. Income	10,018	12,456	500	10,726
Total Income:	83,268	76,614	8,105	86,496
EXPENSES:				
Administration:				
Administration:616 Hours	21,560	17,780		21,560
Travel/Office	1,160	3,267		3,286
Insurance	1,200	1,095		1,200
Solid Waste Manager Association	200	200		200
Subtotal Administration:	24,120	22,342		26,246
Education:				
Administration:341 Hours	11,935	9,258		11,935
Travel/Office	2,105	2,240		3,215
Newsletter/Printing/Mailing	2,000	1,125		2,000
School Programs	3,500	3,250		3,500
GreenUp/Homeshow/Special Events	1,000	375		1,000
N.R.R.A. Membership	180	180		180
Conference	600	280		600
Web Site	500	653		500
Subtotal Education	21,820	17,361		22,930.00
Household Hazardous Waste:				
Administration:243 Hours	8,505	8,479		8,505
Travel/Office	3,155	3,634		3,155
HHW Contractor	15,700	14,546		15,700
Subtotal HHW:	27,360	26,659		27,360
Misc. Expenses:				
Equipment Maintenance	100			100
Tire Collection	5,000	4,113		5,000
Electronic Waste	2,160	3,504		2,160
Compost Bins	2,700	3,371		2,700
Subtotal Miscellaneous:	9,960	10,988		9,960
TOTAL EXPENSES:	83,260	77,350		86,496

MAD RIVER VALLEY PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION CHANNELS 44 & 60 ANNUAL REPORT

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

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

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

MRVTV broadcasts local town, district and school board meetings, and events such as the Warren Fourth of July celebration, the VT festival of the Arts, Harwood Union concerts, and many other school and community events. MRVTV encourages community members to learn to tape events and is working with Harwood Union to train students to cover local happenings. Additionally, MRVTV airs locally produced talk shows, political debates, special shows and other programs generated by members of the community.

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

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

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



*Photo Courtesy of
John Williams*

MAD RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE (MRVAS)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Nancy Mongeur
President
Mad River Valley Ambulance Service
MRVAS

FRIENDS OF THE MAD RIVER ANNUAL REPORT TO MAD RIVER WATERSHED TOWNS

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

2007 ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE:

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

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

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

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

17th Annual Clean Water Week Poster Contest - Every spring, local elementary school students draw posters on watershed-related topics and enter them in FMR's annual Vermont Clean Water Week Contest. The contest gives students an opportunity to think about a specific aspect of the watershed and win great prizes from local sponsors. This year's theme was "Nutrients & Sediments – Clean Water Starts With You". Students reflected on what happens when it rains and how run-off affects streams, rivers, lakes and ponds. Caleb Kessler, a 5th grader from Fayston Elementary School won first prize.

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

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

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

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

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

Website: www.FriendsoftheMadRiver.org • Phone: 496-9127 • Email: friends@madriver.com

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

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Directors:

Kinny Perot, Warren

Jack Byrne, Moretown

Elizabeth Walker, Duxbury

Mary Gow, Warren

John "Sucosh" Norton, Warren

Brian Shupe, Waitsfield

Kari Dolan, Waitsfield

Jay Meadows, Waitsfield

Nancy Spencer, Fayston

Shayne Jaquith, Fayston

Lisa Koitzsch, Fayston

WAITSFIELD LIBRARY 2007 REPORT/2008 REQUEST FOR FUNDS

Funds provided by the town of Fayston continue to be used to fund the general operation of the Waitsfield Library.

The town of Fayston would like to welcome the new librarian to the Waitsfield Library, Jessica Joyal who replaced Betty Howlett in her retirement.

New Expenses in 2007:

The good news was that there were no major expenses for the Waitsfield Library in 2007. The largest expenses remain with the electric and heating bills.

No grants are on the horizon at this point in time. However, some time in 2008 there may be money available through the Vermont Public Library Initiative of up to 10% of the Library's total operating budget.

Fayston Total Patron Count:

As of the end of 2007, total patrons to the Waitsfield Library have been adjusted down since 2006. Total number of patrons is 829 versus the 1558 reported in 2006. This is because there has been a real "cleansing" of the data in 2007. Fayston patrons continue to represent 21% of the total patrons at 176 of the 829 total (versus the 308 reported in 2006).

No data was provided on the number of baby books that went out to Fayston in 2007.

Fayston Use of Children's Programs:

As of November 2007 Fayston has made up 32% of the total attendance for all children's programs. Total children in attendance were 334 and 107 of those were from Fayston. This is down 1% from 2006.

Circulation/Inventory:

Total circulation remains difficult to predict for each town. No data was provided for 2007.

In 2006, a total of 432 Adult books and 104 juvenile books were added to the library for a total of 536 books. There is no data for 2007.

2007 Request for Funds:

The total budget for the Waitsfield Library for 2008 will be \$55,000, up from \$53,0909 in 2007.

At this point in time I would kindly ask the town of Fayston to consider \$8550 to be allocated to the Waitsfield Library to go towards the Library's total 2008 budget. This figure is up significantly from 2007 by just over 16%.

Ultimately the Waitsfield Library would like Fayston's percent contribution to be more in line with our patron count of approximately 21% of the library's total budget. Our patron count has remained between 18%-20% consistently over the last 4 years.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Brown
Fayston Representative to Waitsfield Library



*Photo Courtesy of
Chris Dodge*

VT DEPT. OF TAXES - EDUCATION TAX RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

Town of Fayston Education Tax Rates

Non-Residential: 1.5434 Homestead: 1.5545

All properties on the education grand list are classified as either homestead or non-residential. A statewide education tax, imposed at different rates, is applied to those two classes of property. Questions on these rates can be addressed to the Department of Taxes at (802) 828-5860.

NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. This year, the base rate for non-residential property is \$1.36. It is adjusted to reflect the common level of appraisal (CLA) in your town. The CLA is the ratio of the assessed value of taxable property in Fayston to the latest Tax Department estimate of the fair market value. It is used to bring the assessments to the same level of appraisal as assessments in other Vermont towns and cities. It corrects for the fact that not all towns reappraise properties in the same year. For towns that completed a reappraisal this tax year, the CLA is determined by dividing the reappraised grand list by the Tax Department's prior year estimate of fair market value for the town. (The CLA following a reappraisal generally is over 100% due to use of prior year fair market value and the appreciating real estate market in Vermont.) The CLA for Fayston is 88.12%. The non-residential rate in Fayston is \$1.5434 (\$1.36 divided by CLA).

HOMESTEAD PROPERTY. The base rate for homestead property this year is \$0.87. It is increased by your district spending adjustment of 1.57446 and adjusted by the CLA of 88.12%. The Fayston homestead rate is \$1.5545. The Department of Education established the district spending adjustment as follows:

A. Statewide base education payment per equalized student:	\$7,736.00
B. Excess spending base (FY 2007 statewide spending per pupil less eligible capital costs):	\$10,075.00
C. Excess spending threshold (125% of the excess spending base):	\$12,594.00
D. Fayston per pupil education spending for FY 2008:	\$12,180.02
E. Fayston capital costs per equalized pupil:	\$501.74
F. Fayston education spending less capital costs per equal pupil (D minus E):	\$11,678.28
G. "Excess spending" (spending over threshold in C above):	\$0
H. Adjusted per pupil spending (D plus G):	\$12,180.02
I. District spending adjustment (H divided by A):	1.57446

The district spending adjustment of 1.57446 is multiplied by the base rate to determine the effective homestead education tax rate ($1.57446 \times \$0.87 = \1.3698). The effective homestead rate is then adjusted by the CLA. The resulting rate is levied against homestead properties in Fayston.

J. Homestead Education Tax Rate (\$1.3698 divided by 0.8812):	\$1.5545
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EDUCATION TAXES BASED ON INCOME. Eligible Vermonters can receive an income-based adjustment to their school taxes. To receive an adjustment—or education property tax payment—a qualified resident must file prescribed forms (i.e. HI-144 and HS-138) with the Tax Department by September 1, 2007. The Tax Department will calculate whether school taxes on your housesite (dwelling and up to two acres) exceed a threshold percentage of your income. Your payment is equal to excess taxes above the threshold.

The education property tax payment is also affected by per-pupil spending. A higher spending level results in a higher threshold. For payments in fiscal year 2008, the threshold level of household income is 1.8% multiplied by the Fayston district spending adjustment, resulting in an income threshold of 2.83%.

ANCIENT ROADS

In May 2006, Governor Douglas signed into law Act 178, known as the Ancient Roads Bill. This bill establishes a process by which municipalities can determine the legal status of their older, unmapped, and often unobservable roads. It allows towns the opportunity to identify and add to their town highway map all town highways and trails that they choose to retain as public rights-of-ways. The law also allows for mass discontinuance for roads the town chooses not to retain for public rights-of-way.

Act 178 requires that if municipalities choose to retain these rights-of-way they must formally declare their existence to the State of Vermont by February 10, 2009 and add them to their official town highway map. Those ancient roads that are not added to the official town map by that date will become “unidentified corridors” on July 1, 2009, and may be used by the public consistent with its use within the last 10 years. However, Act 178 specifies that these same “unidentified corridors” will cease to exist as of July 1, 2015 and will legally belong to the owners of the adjoining land.

Since the last town meeting, the Fayston Select Board, with the help from the newly formed Fayston Natural Resources Committee, has been working to identify Fayston’s “ancient roads”, so that a decision can be made to either preserve them or discontinue them. The goal of the Select Board is not to create any new roads through this process, but to identify and preserve as trails those “ancient roads” that are currently used for recreation. Many of these “ancient roads” have been identified but need to be researched further as to their official status before a decision whether to preserve them or not can be made. As this research can be very time consuming and costly, we are asking for your help in this effort. If you would like to assist us please contact one of the Select Board members.

BATTERED WOMEN’S SERVICES AND SHELTER

P.O. Box 652, Barre, VT 05641 • **24-Hour Toll Free Hotline 1-877-543-9498**

BWSS continues to evaluate and improve upon existing services available to victims of domestic violence. In fiscal year 2007, services were modified and expanded in order to better accommodate the increased needs of victims living in a rural community. Throughout all of these modifications, BWSS staff and volunteers were kept extremely busy providing the following services:

- Over the past year, staff and volunteers responded to 4,497 hot line calls, an increase of over 15% from last year’s calls numbering 3,846.
- Shelter services were provided to 19 women and 20 children for a total of 1,595 bed nights. Last year, BWSS was able to offer shelter to 17 women and 16 children.
- Our schools program, “*Violence-Free Relationships Project*” reached a total of 716 students in Washington County through the 46 presentations given. BWSS had the opportunity to present to 2 new schools this year; the Community High School in Barre and the Maple Hill School in Plainfield.
- BWSS provided community presentations to 684 individuals through the 39 presentations offered to community members and professionals.
- Advocates provided support to 192 plaintiffs during Final Relief from Abuse Hearings, and assisted 112 individuals file for temporary orders.
- Court Education Program was presented to 270 individuals, offering information to 12% more individuals.
- A total of 1,647 people received direct services from BWSS, which are maintained by trained staff and volunteers.
- BWSS offered an on-going support group to the women at Dale, reaching 83 women. An additional evening support group was offered to community members, reaching a total of 5 women.
- Our organization continues to rely heavily on the vast support of our board members and hotline, shelter, and community events volunteers. Our 15 dedicated and generous volunteers contributed over 7,500 hours to the work of BWSS.

Our services include:

- **SHELTER:** Emergency Shelter for women and children fleeing from domestic abuse
 - **SHELTER YOUTH PROGRAM:** Available to children staying in shelter
 - **Toll Free 24-HOUR HOT LINE (1-877-543-9498)**
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- EMERGENCY, CIVIL and CRIMINAL COURT ADVOCACY
- SUPPORT GROUPS
- VIOLENCE-FREE RELATIONSHIP PROGRAM: offered to middle and high school students across Washington County.
- EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS: offered to civic organizations and businesses.
- INFORMATION AND REFERRAL: information about domestic violence and community resources, as well as individualized advocacy and referral to social service, legal, employment, counseling, and housing options.

CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (CVCAC)

Report to the Citizens of Fayston

Fall 2007

Since 1965, the Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc. has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. CVCAC's programs and services assist families working toward creating better lives and to improve the overall quality of community life. This year, CVCAC served 10,193 individuals in 4,940 central Vermont households through Head Start/Early Head Start, our Child Care Food Program, Community Economic Development programs, Family & Community Support Services, Weatherization assistance, Crisis Fuel resources, and Community Action Motors.

- This past year CVCAC provided free business counseling and technical assistance to a Fayston entrepreneur who was planning to start/expand a small business.

CVCAC thanks the residents of Fayston for their generous support this year!

CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

Empowering Seniors

October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2007

The Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is a private, nonprofit organization that assists elders to remain independent as long as possible in their homes and communities. The Council uses federal, state, and local funds to provide a variety of programs and services for elders, either directly or under contract with local groups and organizations.

CVCOA requests funding from the communities it serves in order to support its case management department. Case managers are trained to work with elders in their own homes to assess needs and develop individualized care plans. By connecting them with public benefits programs and other community and state resources, case managers aid elders in making life choices. The case manager for Fayston is Don Brown, who can be reached at 802/476-0116. In fiscal year 2007, four residents of Fayston benefited directly from CVCOA case management services.

Other services provided directly or under contract include community and home delivered meals; food stamp outreach; transportation to doctors, grocery stores, and a variety of essential destinations; legal services; health insurance counseling; home sharing; companionship; assistance with household tasks; nutrition education; caregiver support services and grants; successful aging initiatives; support for senior center activities; and mental health services. CVCOA involves a number of community volunteers by sponsoring programs such as Neighbor to Neighbor Ameri-Corps, Senior Companion, Home Share, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

More information on all CVCOA initiatives can be obtained by calling the toll-free Senior Help Line at 1-800-642-5119. Please do not hesitate to call for more information or assistance.

The Central Vermont Council on Aging recognizes and appreciates the valuable support for older central Vermonters provided by the Town of Fayston.

CENTRAL VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CVEDC)

Although our unemployment rate continues to rank below the State and National averages, the economic vitality of Central Vermont also experiences the pressures of the ever-changing global economy. To address those pressures, The Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation (CVEDC) works diligently with the business community and the municipalities to identify solutions. We provide a suite of programs and services that include assisting existing businesses, assisting businesses planning an expansion; promoting our region to those businesses considering relocation to Vermont, and working on improving the infrastructure necessary for economic growth in Vermont. CVEDC has and will continue to work in partnership with all the Central Vermont municipalities, and community stakeholders to advance those initiatives identified by the Towns and Cities as important to their residents and the economic well-being of the community. The topics of energy, housing and workforce development remain top priorities for CVEDC.

As fuel costs continue to rise the topic of energy has become increasingly important. Although Vermont's electric costs are currently the most competitive in New England, the fact that the Hydro Quebec and Yankee Nuclear contracts will start to expire in 2010 presents the state with a significant challenge to identify its future power sources. CVEDC will work diligently with the business community and municipalities to address energy costs and supply.

The housing shortage also continues to be an issue in Central Vermont. The demand for housing exceeds the supply and our area employers report that their employees are having difficulty finding affordable housing. This challenge spans both the rental and ownership markets and all price-points. Working with our region's partners including the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce, Community Action, the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and the Central Vermont United Way a collaborative has been formed to address this issue as well as other pressing areas of concern for our region.

Workforce development is still at the forefront of CVEDC's efforts and we are working closely with area businesses and the Central Vermont Workforce Investment Board (WIB) on this issue. Partnering with the WIB, CVEDC has co-sponsored two Summits to identify the workforce training and corporate development needs in Central Vermont. Over 56 people attended the first Summit and based on the input given at the event, four sub-committees were formed to further investigate the areas that the summit participants asked to be explored. The second Summit reported out the findings and recommendations from the four sub-committees and also presented the results of a survey of businesses in our region. Those recommendations will be pursued as we continue to assist the business community with their workforce training needs.

CVEDC is also focusing on the issue of Telecom infrastructure. In order for our businesses to remain competitive in the global marketplace, telecommunications in Central Vermont must be strengthened. Our infrastructure must extend into our rural communities in order to maintain our viability and to preserve our landscape. Through our active Business/Municipal Visitation Program, CVEDC continues to assess our telecom needs and will look in the upcoming year to propose initiatives and partnerships that will address these issues.

We encourage you to visit our website at www.central-vt.com/cvedc <<http://www.central-vt.com/cvedc>> . One of the features is the ever expanding commercial/industrial sites data base. CVEDC will post all available commercial/office/industrial space for lease or sale that is submitted to us.

The Small Business Development Center Specialist, John Brennan, is co-located with CVEDC and continues to provide Town of Fayston residents with information and assistance regarding starting a new business or providing assistance to an existing business with marketing, financing or other information. In addition, the 'How to Start Your Own Business' seminars is offered on a monthly basis to the residents of Central Vermont.

We greatly appreciate the continued support given to the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation by the Town of Fayston and we look forward to continuing and strengthening our relationship in the future.

Thanks,

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CENTRAL VERMONT HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE

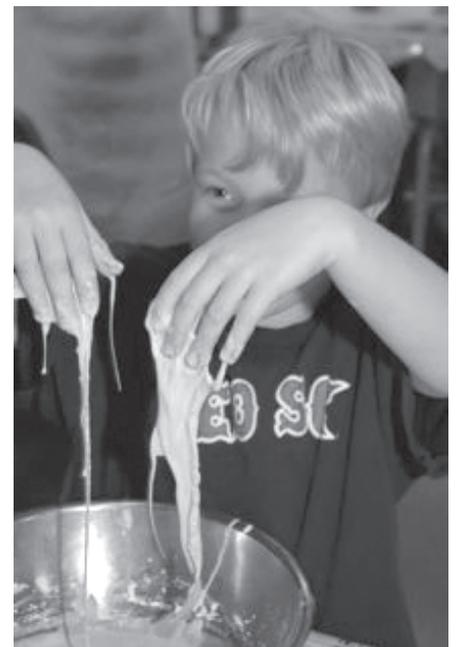
TOWN OF FAYSTON January 16, 2008

Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice (CVHHH) is a 97-year-old not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association governed by a local voluntary Board of Directors. Serving the residents of 23 Central Vermont towns in the comfort and privacy of their own homes, CVHHH is committed to providing comprehensive, high-quality home health and hospice care to all Central Vermonters regardless of their ability to pay, geographic remoteness or complexity of health care needs. The agency also promotes the general welfare of local community members with long term care and health promotion activities including flu and pneumonia vaccinations, health screenings, foot care clinics, international travelers' health clinics, and caregiver support. In addition to direct patient care, our hospice program offers comprehensive bereavement services and volunteer training.

CVHHH Services to Fayston January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007

Program	# of Visits
Home Health and Hospice Care	
Skilled and High-Technology Nursing	72
Home Health Aide Service	99
Physical Therapy	33
Occupational Therapy	5
Speech Therapy	1
Medical Social Service	12
Bereavement	3
Long Term Care	
Care Management	33
Aide and Attendant Care	488
Maternal Child Health	9
TOTAL VISITS	755
TOTAL PATIENTS	22

Town funding will help ensure CVHHH continues these services in Fayston through 2008 and beyond. For more information contact Judy Peterson, President/CEO, or Barbara Butler, Community Relations Director, at 223-1878.



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CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

2007 ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF FAYSTON

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

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

CVRPC assisted the Town with review of the flood hazard bylaws, with pre-disaster mitigation planning and mapping, reviewed Act 250 projects, provided zoning bylaw assistance and information on affordable housing, reviewed the draft zoning bylaws, assisted with the development of the capital budget, assisted with the wildlife habitat study, managed the Route 100 Byway Corridor study, and continued to provide administrative assistance to the Mad River Valley Planning District and the Mad River Solid Waste Alliance.

CVRPC continues to work with local officials to provide GIS mapping, including planning maps for a variety of projects and municipal plans, bicycle and pedestrian path suitability maps, and maps of the Region's natural resources. The Commission also provides model bylaws and assists municipalities in the administration of grants, particularly for the Vermont Community Development Program. Additional information on the Commission can be found at www.centralvtplanning.org.

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

Susan M. Sinclair, Executive Director



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Chris Dodge*

GREEN UP VERMONT

Green Up Day, May 5, 2007

Thirty-seven years strong, “Green Up Day” is a special day when Vermonters clean and spruce up their communities. We were the first state in our nation to designate a day for such cleaning of the entire state. Working together, we can keep our unique Green Up spirit growing for Vermont.

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501© (3) organization that works to enhance our state’s natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and educating about the benefits of a litter free environment.

Well over 15,000 Vermonters participated in Green Up Day 2007, using over 42,000 Green Up bags, collecting hundreds of tons of trash, piles of mixed metals and tires. Green Up Vermont continued providing widespread promotional support in excess of \$30,000.

The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients. One is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups who volunteer to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont

With your town’s help, we can continue our unique annual Vermont tradition of, taking care of our beautiful landscape and promoting civic pride so our children grow up with Green Up.

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up’s costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 10 percent of our budget. The rest comes from gifts from towns, individuals and businesses. These funds pay for supplies including thousands of Green Up trash bags, promotion and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to keep Green Up growing for Vermont.

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Mark your calendars May 3, 2008 is the next scheduled “Green-Up Day”! Get your boots, grab your gloves, invite a few friends and come join us in your community to make Vermont even more GREEN!



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Patti Lewis*

GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AGENCY

The Green Mountain Transit Agency enhances the quality of life in Vermont by delivering safe, convenient and more environmentally efficient transportation.

ELDERLY AND DISABLED SERVICE

GMTA provides medical transportation service to those who qualify for either Medicaid, Elderly and Disabled funds, or both. We offer those in need the scheduling and payment of rides and provide service through volunteer drivers or bus and/or cab service. GMTA collaborates with area organizations, such the Central Vermont Council on Aging, to offer rides for medical treatment, meal site programs, senior center and shopping trips. GMTA not only provides the means of transportation, but also the administration and operational skills required to coordinate service.

For FY07, GMTA provided Medicaid and Elderly and Disabled transportation service to **3** Fayston residents totaling **25** trips equaling **1,352** miles!

Medical Transportation- GMTA provides medical transportation service which offers residents a ride to local health care facilities for regular medical services, pharmacy visits and in some cases, vital acute care transportation for radiation and dialysis treatments. Local trips for Fayston residents can include transport to the Mad River Valley Health Center, Central Vermont Medical Center and various Montpelier and Berlin medical facilities.

Given the possible array of a person's medical care needs, we do not limit transportation to local area facilities. When requested, we also provide transportation to larger and more distant facilities such as White River Veterans Association, Fletcher Allen, Dartmouth Hitchcock and various locations in Boston Massachusetts. GMTA believes that one's ability to obtain professional health care services should not be hindered by an obstacle of transit dependency.

Senior Center & Meal Sites Programs- GMTA provides transportation service to senior center meal site programs which not only provide a hot and nourishing meal, but allow the individual to be part of a social event. We currently provide Fayston residents with transportation to Evergreen Place in Waitsfield twice a week to attend senior activities and receive well-prepared meals. Those accessing senior and meal site programs might not otherwise be able to engage in a variety of social activities while supporting a healthy quality of life.

Weekly Shopping Trips- GMTA shopping trips offer the means in which the need for a larger purchasing choice can be met, thus supporting an independent lifestyle. Fayston residents typically travel each week to Meheron's market for food and other regularly needed items. On certain occasions, residents will take a shopping trip to the Burlington area for a broad choice of various retail stores, including Wal-Mart, Taft's Corner in Williston and the Burlington Mall. GMTA believes that services such as this allow people to maintain a level of self-reliance which in turn supports the ability to remain within their own homes.

For FY07, GMTA provided on average **2** residents of Fayston service to weekly meal site programs and shopping trips.

MAD BUS SERVICE

GMTA provides service to the Mad River Valley through the Mad Bus winter ski season route operations. The numerous Mad Bus routes, all being free of charge except for the SnowCap Commuter, serve those who visit or reside in the Mad River Valley that seek alternative transportation to work, play or shop. For FY07, the Mad Bus saw a total increase of **6%** of ridership with rides equaling **49,164** for the ski season. This includes a **29%** increase for the Mount Ellen service, serving **22,318** riders for FY07. This growth clearly demonstrates the increasing initiative to incorporate alternative transportation into work and play travel needs.

The funds requested by GMTA assist the agency by meeting match requirements to draw federal and state funds that support the operations and capital needs of the agency. GMTA draws approximately 80% state and federal funds with the local funds provided by municipalities and local businesses in our service area. These funds are vital to support the services listed in this document.

Please contact GMTA for additional information at 802-223-7BUS or www.gmtaride.org.

Thank you for allowing us to continue supporting the transportation needs of the Fayston community.

PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

Serving the Uninsured and Underinsured of Central Vermont
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The Mission of the People's Health & Wellness Clinic is to provide primary health care and wellness education to uninsured and underinsured central Vermont residents who could not otherwise afford these services.

Patients must have income at or below 225% of the federal poverty level. However, for individuals over our income guidelines, we can assist you with enrollment in any of the state health insurance programs – especially the new Catamount Health Plan – even if you are not our patient.

In calendar year 2007, we provided a total of 1459 visits to 620 central Vermont residents. Most of these patients also required assistance paying for laboratory and other diagnostic testing, including x-rays, and referrals to specialists and other follow-up care. In many cases, we also provided them with free prescription medications.

We also assist with enrollment in health programs such as the new Catamount Health Plan, VHAP, Ladies First, prescription drug assistance programs, and smoking cessation and diabetes education classes. Over 60 volunteers of both traditional and complementary medicine provided their clinical services free of charge.

For information, to schedule an appointment, or to become a volunteer, call the Clinic at 479-1229. The Clinic's business hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Evening clinics are held Monday and Thursday evenings. Patients are seen during business and clinic hours by appointment only.

We are very grateful to have had the support of every town in central Vermont. This helps us leverage other funding from foundation and corporation grants. Thank you again for continuing to support the efforts of the People's Health & Wellness Clinic.

VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) is grateful for the support of the residents of Fayston. In Vermont, approximately 8,000 residents are visually impaired and another 3,000 people are legally blind. Vision problems interfere with an individual's ability to manage daily tasks, travel to places outside the home, and enjoy leisure activities. In addition, the rural nature of the state makes it less likely for those with visual impairments to encounter others who are experiencing similar impairments, and thus feel isolated and alone.

Last year, our agency provided services to 99 adults and 25 children in Washington County.

VABVI, a non-profit organization founded in 1926, is the only private agency to offer free training, services and support to visually impaired Vermonters. Our mission is to enable individuals with vision problems to achieve and maintain independence. Services include Rehabilitation (adapting daily living tasks to allow those with low vision to live independently); Orientation and Mobility (providing white cane and guide dog instruction, allowing individuals to navigate through their home and community independently); Assistive Technology (adaptive aids allow clients to successfully perform most activities they desire); Social Networking (improving social skills and providing a support network); and Statewide Transportation (volunteer drivers provide rides to medical appointments, grocery stores and for personal visits)

VABVI offices are located in Burlington, Brattleboro, Montpelier and Rutland, with training rooms in our Montpelier Mini Center to showcase the latest technology in assistive aids for individuals with visual impairment.

For more information about VABVI's services, or to volunteer, please contact us at 1-800-639-5861, email general@vabvi.org or visit us on the web at www.vabvi.org.

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

SUMMARY FOR THE TOWN OF FAYSTON ANNUAL REPORT

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) teaches people with significant disabilities how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. We also conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of disabled people into community life.

An estimated one in five Vermonters has a disability. VCIL, a private not-for-profit corporation, is Vermont's first and only cross-disability center for independent living and the first organization in the state to be directed and staffed by a majority of people with diverse disabilities.

Preliminary data for FY '07 show that VCIL responded to over **2,500** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referrals and program services for individuals living with a disability. We provided one-on-one peer counseling to **277** individuals which helps increase their independent living skills and life opportunities; we provided **373** households with financial and technical assistance for making their bathrooms and entrances accessible to a disabled family member; VCIL provided **275** individuals with personal assistance and/or assistive technology; and provided **514** individuals with home-delivered meals through VCIL's Meals On Wheels program for Individuals Under the age of 60 with Disabilities.

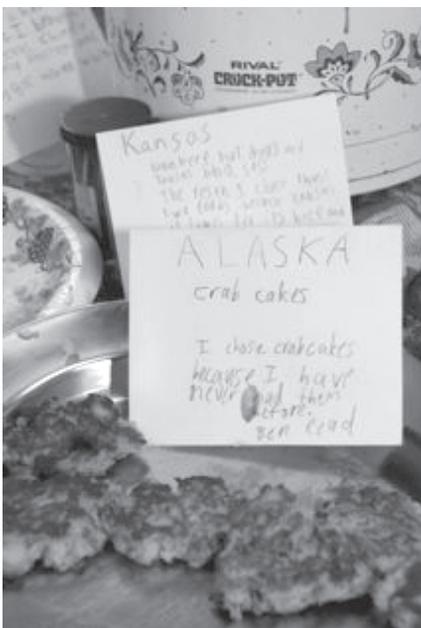
VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier with three smaller regional offices in Bennington, Brattleboro and Chittenden Counties. Our locally based Peer Advocacy Counselors are available to people with disabilities in every municipality in Vermont.

During FY '07, VCIL provided direct services to Vermont residents utilizing the following programs/services:

- Information & Referral (I&R)
- Home and Community Access Program (HAP)
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
- Peer Advocate Counseling (PAC)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fun (SWFF)

All programs and services will continue to be available to the residents of **Fayston** throughout FY '08.

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at: **1-800-639-1522**, or visit our web site at www.vcil.org.



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WASHINGTON COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT - FY 2007

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

- We are a local program that addresses unlawful behavior, supports victims of crime & promotes a healthy community.
- Court Diversion is the community alternative to court for first offenders in Washington County.
- Our volunteer boards hear both adult and juvenile cases referred from court by the state's attorney.
- We also administer the Alcohol Safety Program (ASP), a program created by the legislature in 2000 to deal with a crackdown in enforcement of underage drinking laws.

Our philosophy is that ordinary citizens who volunteer their time and energy are more effective in confronting those who have committed crimes than our court system can be, especially the first time an offender is charged with an illegal act. Our volunteers have the same perspective as those who are victimized by illegal acts, and they are committed to:

OUR GOALS, WHICH ARE TO:

- see that the victim is made whole to the extent possible through the offender's restitution, apology or service.
- see that the community is compensated through service by the offender for the harm it has suffered;
- help the offender realize the true human consequences and impact of his or her actions; and
- direct the offender toward activities that will increase his or her chances of being crime free in the future.

IN FY 07 (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007):

- We received 205 referrals to Diversion and 369 referrals to ASP, for a total of 574 clients served in the period.
- Our clients performed 5466 hours of community service to various non-profit organizations in this county, including but not limited to the Kellogg Hubbard Library, Montpelier Food Pantry, Heaton Woods Assisted Living, Hubbard Park, Washington County Youth Service Bureau, and local faith organizations and school systems..
- Restitution paid back to crime victims totaled \$7841, while donations to charities amounted to \$3351, which comes to **\$11,192** for the year.

SINCE THE BEGINNING

- Since Diversion's inception in this county in 1982, Diversion clients have successfully paid back their victims and the community for their offenses and have been given a fresh start with a clean record, with a total of **1383 crime victims having received compensation totaling over \$340,000.**

FUNDING

As a community based, non-profit program and United Way Agency in FY 07, Diversion got 50% of its funds from the Attorney General's office, 32% from client fees, 6% from United Way and the remaining 12% from other local sources like towns and cities. Our total cost per case last year was \$290.00 for each of 574 referrals. That is hundreds of dollars less per case than any alternative where the offender goes to court.

Many thanks to the Town of Fayston for your consistent support for Diversion over the years. We continue to need — and deeply appreciate — your assistance!

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2007-08 REPORT FROM THE WASHINGTON WEST CENTRAL OFFICE

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Change in Leadership at Washington West Supervisory Union (WWSU)

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

Focusing and Coordinating Improvement Efforts

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

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

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

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

Data-Driven Decision Making

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

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

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, and Professional Development

Two hundred and fifty PreK-12 educators jointly participate in professional development work eight times throughout

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

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

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

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

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

Special Education

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

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

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

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

Business and Finance

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

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

**Washington West Supervisory Union
Summary Budget**

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

HARWOOD UNION BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS REPORT

January 17, 2008

It is amazing but each year Harwood gets better! The administration has taken hold at the school and we are now able to focus on the future.

We hired Chef Paul Morris and the change in our food program has contributed greatly to a change for the better in our school climate. We serve healthy, often locally grown food and the waste and discipline issues have dropped markedly. We are still not breaking even but are taking steps to move to a cost neutral position while continuing to provide the best quality food to our students.

We have money in the 2008/2009 budget to replace many light fixtures at the school that have been in place since 1967. Efficiency Vermont has worked with students evaluating the current lighting and has provided a \$10,000 grant toward this work. Our share of this is \$58,000. The payback is about 6.5 years with a cost savings of approximately \$7400 each year.

We have had delays with the woodchip boiler. This was caused by a last minute policy change by the state in permitting. We should receive the last permit on the 28th of January. We are now scheduled to begin as soon as possible in the spring and plan to be able to heat next season with wood chips!

We are asking for \$75,000 again in our five year plan to catch up on deferred maintenance. This is our third request and it is responsible planning. We recently realized we have three other properties that we own and I failed to add them in to the plan for maintenance. We will be analyzing them and developing a plan to ensure we protect our assets. To systemize the process we are developing a pamphlet that each board member will receive that will list each physical asset, age, square footage, condition and the maintenance plan for it. These will be updated at finance meetings. One of these buildings we rent out and had not reviewed the contract in any meaningful way in quite some time. A review will be done at the end of each contract period and we will include escalators to ensure we are receiving a fair rent as well a time to evaluate and process building needs.

Our curriculum and policy committee is working to stay up to date on policy changes and to maintain classes that will provide our students with the education necessary to open doors of opportunity to college or the work force as they choose. Our Special Education director has evaluated the program and developed plans for reorganization and delivery of services. He has been able to recognize area of significant efficiencies and we are only going to see a \$3000.00 increase in special education next year.

The sense of trust and collaboration in the district has allowed an evaluation of our math curriculum district wide and a plan to improve the math outcomes for all our kids. Writing is another area that is being reviewed to plan for improvement. These are two areas that have slipped nationwide.

Our total budget increase is 4.77%, the local piece of this 3.89%. This keeps our cost per student increase under 5% and though it is not in effect this year, next year if we were above the 6.13% student cost increase we would need the second vote. Our administration and staff worked very hard to ensure quality and maintain current initiatives. The only planned increase was in technology. This actually results in a 3.35% decrease in the property tax rate attributable to Harwood but with the CLA we, of course will see an increase.

We still meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 5:30. Come join us!

Please call or e-mail me.

Freddie Graves

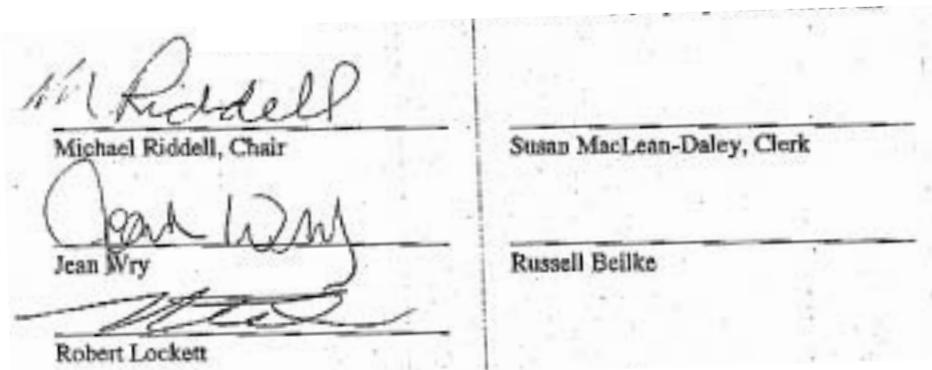
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WARNING OF 2008 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Town of Fayston School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Fayston Elementary School on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at 1:00 PM, to transact the following business:

- Article 1** To elect a moderator for the year ensuing.
- Article 2** To hear and act upon the reports of the Town School District Officers.
- Article 3** To see if the Town School District will authorize the School Board to borrow money in anticipation of general revenues.
- Article 4** Shall the School District pay the School Directors' expenses, and if so, how much?
- Article 5** To elect a School Director for a three-year term. Michael Riddell's term expires.
- Article 6** To elect a School Director for a two-year term. Robert Lockett's term expires.
- Article 7** To elect a treasurer for the School District for a one-year term. Nicole Belknap's term expires.
- Article 8** To see if the Town School District shall transfer any fund balance to the School District's Capital Fund.
- Article 9** To vote a sum of money to pay debts, if any, and expenses of the Town School District, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.
- Article 10** To discuss any other business which may properly come before the meeting.



*Photo Courtesy of
Chris Dodge*

WARNING
ANNUAL MEETING OF
HARWOOD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 19

February 23, 2008

The legal voters of Union High School District No. 19 (Harwood Union High School), consisting of the Town School Districts of Duxbury, Fayston, Moretown, Waitsfield, Warren, and Waterbury, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Harwood Union High School Library on Saturday, February 23, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in the morning to act upon the following business to wit:

ARTICLE I: To elect the officers of the District: a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, each to serve for one year; and an Auditor to serve for three years.

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

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

ARTICLE IV: To have presented by the Board of the Union School District their estimate of expenses for the ensuing year. This is a public informational hearing regarding the budget. (See Articles VIII).

ARTICLE V: To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by the issuance of short term notes to pay debts and expenses, of the District, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, in anticipation of and pending receipt of revenues.

ARTICLE VI: To authorize the Board of School Directors to employ a public accountant to audit the financial affairs of the School District and prepare the Annual Financial Report.

ARTICLE VII: To transact any other business within the scope of the Warning for this meeting.

The meeting will then be recessed to March 4, 2008, (Town Meeting Day), for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot at the usual polling places in the member districts on the following business, said ballots being brought to the Harwood Union High School cafeteria, following the closing of polls in the members districts, where they will be commingled and counted.

ARTICLE VIII: Shall the voters of the Harwood Union High School District appropriate \$11,799,536 necessary for the support of its school for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008? (Australian ballot)

ARTICLE IX: Shall the voters of the Harwood Union School District authorize the establishment of a capital improvement and facilities maintenance reserve fund, pursuant to the provisions of 24 V.S.A. §2804, for the purposes of capital improvement and facilities maintenance projects and to appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to said reserve fund? (Australian ballot)

Dated this _____ day of January, 2008, at Duxbury, Vermont.

 Mike LaRock, Clerk, Harwood Union Board of School Directors

Received and recorded this _____ day of January, 2008.

 Laura Guion, Clerk, Union High School District No. 19

MINUTES OF THE FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL MEETING 2007

MARCH 6, 2007 AT 2 PM

David Jones called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. The Voters had voted earlier in the day to delay the School Meeting until 2:00 PM due to the long Town Meeting.

David Jones noted that there would be a Special Town Meeting on April 5, 2007, at 6:00 PM, to elect the Fayston representative to the Harwood Board. This meeting will take place at Fayston Elementary School.

David Jones thanked the Town of Fayston for participating in Democracy by attending the Town Meeting.

Thank you to the PTO for a great lunch. All clapped.

David Jones turned the meeting over to Jean Wry for nomination of a school moderator.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year. David Jones term expires.

Motion by Hanne Williams, and duly seconded by Kevin Wry, that the name of David Jones be placed in nomination.

Carried by voice vote. David Jones elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town School District Officers.

Motion by Freddie Graves, and duly seconded by Ann Day, opened the floor for the reports.

Mike Riddell presented a slide show of the F.E.S. students and staff at work and play.

Chris Dodge, F.E.S. Principal, gave his report on educational initiatives, including the Action Plan/goals, school celebrations, staff celebrations, community celebrations, student celebrations, and the NECAP results, which were outstanding.

Freddie Graves gave an abbreviated report on the Harwood Union High School Board.

Reports accepted as presented.

Article 3: To see if the Town School District will authorize the school board to borrow money in anticipation of general revenues.

Motion by Hanne Williams, and duly seconded by Ellen Gonnet, that they so be authorized.

Carried by voice vote.

Article 4: Shall the School District pay the School Director's expenses and if so, how much?

Motion by Paul Sipple, and duly seconded by Ann Day, that they are each paid \$750 in expenses.

Carried by voice vote.

Article 5: To elect a School Director for a three-year term. Jean Wry's term expires.

Ellen Gonnet moved that the name of Jean Wry be placed in nomination.

Carried unanimously, by voice vote. Jean Wry elected School Director for a term of three years.

Article 6: To elect a School Director for a two-year term. Susan MacLean Daley's term expires.

Ann Day moved that the name of Susan MacLean Daley be placed in nomination.

Carried unanimously, by voice vote. Susan MacLean Daley elected School Director for a term of two years.

Article 7: To elect a School Director for the last two years of a three-year term. Russell Beilke's interim appointment expires.

Ed Read moved that the name of Russell Beilke be placed in nomination.

Carried unanimously, by voice vote. Russell Beilke elected School Director for the remaining two years of a three-year term.

Article 8: To elect a treasurer for the School District for a one-year term. Nicole Belknap's term expires.

Russell Beilke moved that the name of Nicole Belknap be placed in nomination.

Carried unanimously, by voice vote. Nicole Belknap elected School District Treasurer for a one-year term.

Article 9: To see if the Town School District shall transfer any fund balances to the School District's Capital Fund.

Motion by Rick Rayfield, and duly seconded by Hanne Williams, that such funds shall be transferred.

Carried by voice vote.

Article 10: To vote sum of money to pay debts, if any, and expenses, of the Town School District for the year ending June 30, 2008.

Motion by Ed Read, and duly seconded by Cindy Seckler, that the sum of \$1,493,462 be voted for the purpose.

Jean Wry presented the budget, and the board members and the Principal, Chris Dodge, fielded questions.

Carried unanimously by voice vote in the amount of \$1,493,462.

Article 11: To discuss any other business, which may properly come before the meeting.

Paul Sipple inquired about the food service and its status.

Freddie Graves asked if the Board generally budgets for a food service "short-fall." The Board budgets \$3,000, but has needed only a small portion last year.

Arthur Williams inquired about the dental health of the students, particularly those in financial need. Betty McCaffrey, the school nurse, responded that it is of concern to the school. Arthur Williams offered community help.

Motion to adjourn by Hanne Williams, was duly seconded by Ellen Gonnet.

Carried by unanimous voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Susan MacLean Daley, Clerk, Fayston School Board of Directors.

Jan Wry
Russell Beilke
M. Roddell

Susan MacLean Daley
[Signature]



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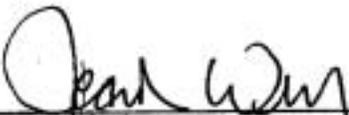
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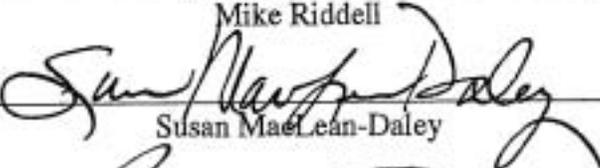
WARNING OF SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Fayston School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Fayston Elementary School on Thursday, April 5th, 2007, at 6:00 PM, to transact the following business:

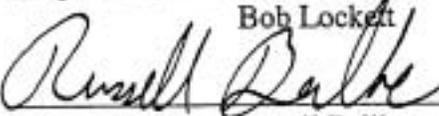
1. To elect a representative to the Harwood School Board for a term of three years. Freddie Graves' term expires.



 Jean Wry, Chair

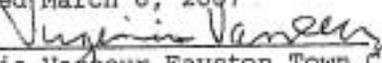

 Mike Riddell


 Susan MaeLean-Daley


 Bob Lockett


 Russell Beilke

Received March 6, 2007

Attest 
Virginia Vasseur Fayston Town Clerk

SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FAYSTON APRIL 5, 2007 AT 6 PM

David Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Articles 1: To elect a representative to the Harwood School Board for a term of 3 years.
Freddie Graves term expires.

Freddie Graves was duly nominated by Spike Vasseur, and seconded by Ann Day.

David Jones called for a motion to cast 1 ballot for Freddie Graves.

Russell Beilke made the motion to cast 1 ballot for Freddie Graves, and Susan MacLean Daley seconded the same.

The motion to adjourn was moved by Jean Wry, and seconded by Russell Beilke at 6:03.

Respectfully submitted by Susan MacLean Daley, Clerk, Fayston School Board of
Directors

M. Riddell
Susan MacLean Daley
Russell Beilke

Jean Wry
[Signature]

Fayston Town Clerk's Office
Received for Record 05/10/2007.

Attest [Signature]
Town Clerk

FAYSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Message from the Principal

Dear Fayston Families,

It's hard to believe that another year has passed since I last had the opportunity to report on the many exciting and successful initiatives taking place here at the Fayston School. Like any other, this year is abuzz with excitement as we continue our social and academic learning. Here are a few highlights:

In the fall, we welcomed to our school *Open Hearth at Fayston Elementary*, a completely redesigned after-school program. The program has 22 registered participants and averages 10-15 children in attendance each day. Incorporating the school's Responsive Classroom approach to teaching and learning has been a priority for the program. This promotes consistency, with common expectations and adult behavior, for children between the school day and after-school care. With a masters-level director, the program offers a variety of developmentally appropriate outdoor games and activities as well as arts and crafts, snack, time for homework and a group meeting each day that promotes a sense of community and belonging through a greeting, sharing, activity and news and announcements.

Helping those less fortunate, both locally and abroad, has been the theme of many classroom and school projects in recent months. Students collected spare change totaling \$1,116.89 to benefit premature infants in the neonatal unit at Fletcher Allen Health Care. Additionally, students set reading goals and read their way to raising \$300 for internationally needy families through the Read to Feed Program. The funds were used to buy livestock for families, promoting self-sustainability. Locally, Kindergarteners collected money for the food shelf and students after school created holiday ornaments and cards for senior citizens. Many families donated good-quality used toys for those less fortunate through the Toy Joy program once again this year, and basic needs supplies were collected for Harwood's *Gifts for Giving*. Most recently, sixth grade students have been taught a process for completing service learning projects, beginning with recognizing a community or global need or problem. Many students are continuing this work by completing long-term service learning projects that address the need or problem identified. Students will report on their projects in May.

Our technology and art programs received a boost from two Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Grants and, last April, our school received a \$2,000 Envision grant from the Association of Vermont Recyclers to improve indoor air quality at the school. The grant was used to help defray the cost of removing carpeting from some classrooms and installing tile, a much healthier alternative. Following this first step, we transitioned to many environmentally friendly and more child-safe cleaning products. And, in keeping with the environmental theme, in June students in grades three and four joined parent volunteers to help refurbish the school's nature trail, which was originally built by students and volunteers in 1978-79. In October, students continued to look out for our environment by becoming the only group in Vermont to register as a testing site for World Water Testing Day. Students analyzed water from the Chase Brook for clarity, acidity, oxygen and temperature levels. The students reported their findings electronically on a worldwide database.

In the fall, we began offering a weekly playgroup for children up to age five. The playgroup meets each Tuesday morning and has successfully introduced several prospective students and their families to our school. The weekly playgroups offer a variety of activities that include fine and gross motor development and hand-eye coordination. Facilitated by our staff speech and language pathologist, the playgroup also emphasizes language development.

We have continued our school-wide work with the Responsive Classroom approach to teaching and learning, with a focus on teacher language. As you may recall, the approach is based on seven Guiding Principles including:

The social curriculum is as important as the academic curriculum.

How children learn is as important as what they learn.

The greatest cognitive growth occurs through social interaction.

There is a specific set of social skills that children need to learn and practice in order to be successful academically and socially. They are: cooperation, assertion, responsibility, empathy and self-control (CARES).

Knowing the children we teach – individually, culturally, and developmentally – is as important as knowing the content we teach.

Knowing the families of the children we teach is as important as knowing the children we teach.

How we, the adults at school, work together is as important as our individual competence.

Last summer, the Fayston School was chosen as one of only four schools nationwide to be showcased at the Responsive Classroom Schools Conference in Amherst, MA. During our school showcase, a team from our school discussed strategies for successful implementation of the approach school-wide. Additionally, we held a successful parent night at the school to further educate families on the techniques and thinking behind the approach. Virtually all staff members have been trained in the Responsive Classroom approach and we continue our long-standing work on the topic with our consulting teacher who visits our school each February and during the summer. In between, we attend as many workshops as possible and coordinate building-level professional development. Most recently, we had a whole-staff book group using *The Power of Our Words*, a book that outlines successful teacher language.

Committee work is much of the driving force behind progress at our school. This year, both safety and wellness committees have been meeting. The Wellness Committee has set it's sights, in conjunction with our Foodservice Program, on educating students on safe and healthy choices, particularly food choices. The Wellness Committee also worked with the Department of Health to identify strengths and needs within our health services. We have implemented strategies to promote staff wellness as a result. Finally, the Early Education Committee continues to focus on early education and ensures that our youngest children and their families form strong connections with the school and younger students' developmental needs are considered when making school decisions.

Our school continues to be the center of the community. During the past year we have hosted evening volleyball, basketball, community meetings and, of course, a bounty of school meetings and functions including a rock band performance, a presentation by the Vermont Symphony Orchestra's percussion trio, a free workshop series for parents on children's literature, a series of parenting workshops, two artists-in-residence: a poet and the Shidaa African Cultural Troupe, professional theater performances and PTO family movie nights.

In December, our school was proud to bring best-selling author and child psychologist Dr. Ross Greene to the area. Dr. Greene is Associate Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and Founding Director of the Collaborative Problem Solving Institute at Massachusetts General Hospital. His book, *The Explosive Child*, outlines strategies for understanding, parenting and teaching easily frustrated and chronically inflexible children. Our entire school staff was able to attend Dr. Greene's lecture and add to their repertoire of strategies to support children.

In closing, I would like to recognize the many dedicated volunteers who enrich and enlighten the lives of the children at Fayston. So many of the wonderful activities and opportunities that exist here are the result of tireless hours by volunteers. I would like to dedicate my *Principal's Message* this year to Chris Crowell and Trish Read. Chris is instrumental in coordinating our Winter Sports Program, which is no small task. Trish is the president of our generous PTO. Both Chris and Trish devote countless volunteer hours to the school that result in amazing experiences for children. Thanks to you both for your tireless efforts.

Thanks to all of you, too, for your unwavering support of our school. It does, as they say, take a whole village to raise a child.

Respectfully,
Chris Dodge
Principal

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FAYSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Enrollment as of January 14, 2007

Grade	PK/3	PK/4	K	1	2	3	4	5	6
Enrollment	10	6	12	10	19	12	16	22	15

The average class size is 14 students, the same as last year. There are 57 boys and 65 girls enrolled. Collective enrollment in our four-year-old preschool through sixth grade remained the same in 2007 as 2006, at 112 students. Three-year-olds attending preschool through the WWSU Preschool Partnership, at other preschools, but on our Fayston School roster, increased by two students this year, bringing the combined total enrollment up two students to 122.

Special Services as of January 14, 2007

Students with Individualized Education Plans: 11

Pending Special Education Evaluations: 4

An Individualized Education Plan (IEP) is created for students who qualify for Special Education under Vermont Law. To qualify, a student must have a disability, the disability must impact his or her learning, and special services or accommodations are deemed necessary so that the child may access the curriculum. The plan specifies the type, frequency and duration of services, student goals and how and when they are assessed, and the person responsible for providing those services. Students are reevaluated every three years to determine if they continue to qualify for an IEP.

504 Plans: 4

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is a federal law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability. Section 504 is a civil rights act. A 504 Plan is typically written for a child that has a disability, but does not qualify for special education. A short-term 504 Plan might be written for a child with a physical disability such as a broken leg or arm, for example. A longer-term 504 Plan might be written for a child with an ongoing physical challenge or continued academic struggles that do not reach the level of special education.. Like an IEP, students must have a diagnosed disability to qualify for a 504 Plan, however, that disability in this case does not impact the child's learning to the degree necessary to qualify for special education.

Act 117 Plans: 3

The goal of Act 117 of the 2000 Legislative Session is to serve students outside of the realm of special education by identifying students with learning challenges early and providing support that will allow the child to avoid becoming a special education student. Students with an Act 117 Plan may need close monitoring in a particular subject area, or classroom accommodations, however, with support they can successfully access the regular education curriculum.

Current EST Caseload: 15

All Vermont schools are required to have an Educational Support Team (EST) to assist children, when necessary, with the regular education curriculum. Referrals to the team may be generated by any adult concerned about a child. The school-based team consists of teachers, special educators, and other specialists who brainstorm ways to support children in need. The team's work generally results in an Act 117 Plan.

Length of the School Day and School Year

Student School Year: 180 Days

Length of Teacher Year: 190 Days

Preschool: 10 hours per week (5 hours each of two days)

Kindergarten: 21 hours per week (7 hours each of three days)

Grades 1-6: 35 hours per week (7 hours each of 5 days)

Staff: 7.75 hours per day

Staffing

Professional Staff:	17 (12.5 FTE)
Para-Educators:	6 (4.38 FTE)
Administrator:	1
Admin. Asst.:	1
Hot Lunch Chef:	1
Lunch Asst:	1
Custodian:	1 (.5 FTE)
Director of Maint.	1
Nurse:	1 (.30 FTE)

Faculty and Staff

Name	Alma Mater	Credentials	Position
Professional Staff			
Beth Abbott-Koch	VT College of Norwich	BA Ed.	Pre-K/K Teacher
Carolyn Adams	SUNY / Crane School of Music	BA Music Ed.	Music Teacher
Doug Bergstein	UVM / Lesley College	BS (Business), M.Ed.	5/6 Teacher
Justina Boyden	UVM	BA Ed. / M.Ed. Special Ed.	1/2 Teacher
Nancy Coombs	JSC / Trinity	BA, Special Ed.	Special Educator
Sharon Cote	Boston U. / UVM	BS, MS Comm. Disorders	Speech / Language
Jean Goldhammer	Univ. of NE / JSC	BS	1/2 Teacher
Erin Koch	UVM / Boston College	BS Ed., M.Ed.	3/4 Teacher
Carla Kotas Lewis	Univ. of Nebraska / UVM	BA, M.Ed.	3/4 Teacher
Nicole Krotinger	UVM	BA, English MS, Counseling	Counselor and Family Support Coordinator
Erika Lindberg	Boston Univ./St. Michael's College	BA, French Language & Lit./Ed.	French Teacher
Betty McCaffrey	St. Vincent's/Hunter College/ Pace Univ.	BSN, MS Nursing	School Nurse
Nora McDonough	Union Institute & Univ.	M.Ed. Art	Art Teacher
Tricia O'Regan	UVM / Plymouth State	BS (Phys. Ed.), MA (Special Ed.)	P.E. Teacher
Robin Twombly	Vermont College	BA	Librarian
Cristal Vasseur	UVM / JSC	BA Ed. Psych.	5/6 Teacher
Mary Jane Wright	U. of Denver / SUNY New Paltz / UVM	BS Psych., M.Ed., CAGS, Lit./Language Arts	Literacy Teacher
Support Staff			
Michele Ballard	Johnson and Wales	AS, BS, Hotel Restaurant / Hospitality Mgt.	Inst. Asst.
Mary Hoyne	Univ. of New Brunswick	BA, Office Mgt.	
Bill Johnson			Custodian
Cheryl Joslin	Newbury College	AS	Food Svc. Mgr.
Jean Joslin	UVM	BS	Inst. Asst.
Linda Moulton			Inst. Asst.
Jean Thompson	Keene State	BS Ed.	Inst. Asst.
Leslee Torsell	Penn. State University	BS, Recreation and Parks	Inst. Asst.
Arthur Washington			Asst. Chef
Ted Withey			Dir. of Maint.
Administration			
Chris Dodge	JSC / UVM	BA Ed., BA Art Ed., MA Counseling, CAGS School Admin.	Principal
Caroline Schober			Admin. Asst.

School Board

Michael Riddell, Chair
Susan MacLean-Daley, Clerk

Jean Wry
Bob Lockett

Russell Beilke

The School Board holds monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month unless otherwise posted. Meetings begin at 6:00 PM at the school and are open to the public. Kindly call the principal to be placed on the agenda if you wish to address a particular topic. The Board welcomes input and feedback. Please consider attending a meeting and becoming part of your school.

ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE

A Word About Assessments

It is important to remember that assessments capture a “snapshot” of student performance on a given day. Assessment scores may be impacted by many factors, such as social interactions, personal health and emotional wellness, various learning issues, whether or not a child has had breakfast or lunch, etc. Assessments are one piece of information and must be combined with classroom observations, review of daily work and close communication with families in order to gain an accurate and complete profile of any student.

Our assessment data is being used in two important ways. The first is to publicly hold ourselves accountable to taxpayers. The second is to have a reliable means of evaluating our programs and practices. In this way, we are also able to monitor individual student growth and more effectively adjust instruction to meet particular needs. Measuring student achievement is an important way of determining the quality of a school. In addition to that measure, a school is successful when all children are held to high expectations in their learning as well as their behavior. School quality means competent, committed teachers and staff who consistently seek more effective ways to engage students in thinking and learning.

The New England Common Assessment Program

In the fall of 2005, the Vermont Department of Education introduced a new state-wide testing program for students in grades three through eight. The New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP), a series of custom-designed tests developed in collaboration with the Rhode Island and New Hampshire Departments of Education, measures student proficiency in reading, math and writing Grade Level Expectations (GLEs). Reading and math are assessed at every grade level three through eight and writing will be assessed in grades five and eight. For the past three years, these assessments have been administered at Fayston in October. More information on the NECAP is available at: http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_assessment/necap.html or by speaking to your child’s teacher.

2006-2007 School Year NECAP Results – Math

	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
Proficient and Proficient with Distinction	12/12	14/20	12/15	14/17

2005-2006 School Year NECAP Results – Reading

	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
Proficient and Proficient with Distinction	11/12	18/20	11/15	13/17

2005-2006 School Year NECAP Results – Writing (Grade 5 only)

	Grade 5
Proficient and Proficient with Distinction	12/15

What are the Grade Level Expectations (GLE's)?

The Grade Level Expectations provide specific benchmarks for Vermont's Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities. They provide guidance for the design of local curriculum, instruction and assessment. Specifically, they address student expectations in math, reading and writing skills required for state assessments. In addition, other areas of the general curriculum are governed by the GLE's. More information on the Grade Level expectations is available at: http://www.state.vt.us/educ/new/html/pubs/framework.html#grade_expectations or by speaking to your child's teacher.

The Developmental Reading Assessment

The Vermont DRA is a standards-based reading assessment administered individually to each second-grade student. Each student reads a short book and retells the story in his or her own words. Using uniform methods and guidelines, teachers score the student's oral reading for accuracy and the retelling for comprehension. Students must show real understanding of the text, not simply pronounce the words. As books become more difficult, visuals such as illustrations and type size vary along with vocabulary and text complexity.

D.R.A. Results

Achieved the Standard	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Or Achieved the Standard With Honors	75%	85%	83%

The Handwriting Without Tears Assessment

Handwriting Without Tears is a developmentally-based curriculum that teaches the mechanics of writing, including writing readiness, printing and cursive, when appropriate. The goal is to make handwriting legible, fluent, easy and automatic for all children.

The program incorporates multi-sensory techniques and consistent habits for proper letter formation. Handwriting Without Tears provides activities to help improve a child's self-confidence, pencil grip, body awareness, posture and much more. In addition, it helps prevent letter reversals, accommodates both left and right-handed individuals, introduces letters strategically in a way that supports early reading, uses meaningful lesson themes such as geography and music, and takes a short amount of classroom time to implement.

Beginning in 2006, both first and second grade classes piloted a comprehensive handwriting assessment that measures a child's placement, size, control and spacing of letters. It allows teachers to identify long and short-term goals for handwriting, as well as provides strategies for teaching specific skills.

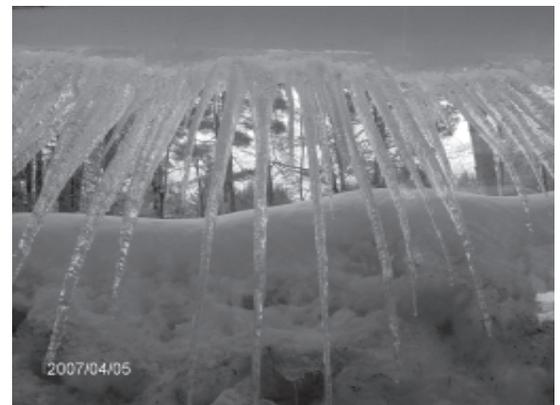
Gates-MacGinitie Reading Test, 4th Edition

This past fall we began a new reading assessment program here at Fayston Elementary School. This school initiative was implemented to monitor each student's reading vocabulary development, particularly his or her reading comprehension and reading fluency for Grades three through six. The assessment that was administered is the Gates-MacGinitie Reading Test, 4th Edition.

The use of the Gates-MacGinitie Reading Test each fall will now allow us to track each child's reading progress from third through sixth grade. This, in combination with our assessments at the first and second grade levels (Primary Observation Assessment given in first grade and the DRA at second grade) will allow us to have a more comprehensive view of each student's reading development here at FES. Scores from the Gates-MacGinitie assessment were sent home to families, along with a letter of explanation, several weeks ago.

2006-2007 Gates-MacGinitie Reading Test Results

	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
Scored	8/11	13/14	17/21	13/15
Average or Above Average				



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT FOR THE FAYSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Independent Auditors' Report

To The School Board
Fayston School District

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

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Fayston School District as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each nonmajor governmental, nonmajor enterprise, and fiduciary fund of Fayston School District, as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year

then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 20, 2007 on our consideration of Fayston School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 5 and 31 through 38 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise Fayston School District's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, and statistical tables are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The introductory section and statistical tables have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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November 20, 2007

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

EXHIBIT III

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Project Fund	Enterprise Fund	Agency Fund	
ASSETS:						
Current Assets:						
Cash	\$ 135,646				\$ 3,764	\$ 139,410
Accounts Receivable - State		\$ 2,003		\$ 6,160		8,163
Accounts Receivable - Other LEAs	686					686
Accounts Receivable - Other	5,570			254		5,824
Due From Other Funds		174	\$ 15,541			15,715
Inventory				1,785		1,785
Prepaid Expenses	943	-	-	-	-	943
Total Current Assets	<u>142,845</u>	<u>2,177</u>	<u>15,541</u>	<u>8,199</u>	<u>3,764</u>	<u>172,526</u>
Other Assets:						
Fixed Assets - Net	-	-	-	3,332	-	3,332
Total Other Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,332</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,332</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 142,845	\$ 2,177	\$ 15,541	\$ 11,531	\$ 3,764	\$ 175,858
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES:						
Liabilities:						
Cash Overdraft	\$ 24,915					\$ 24,915
Accounts Payable - State	26,827					26,827
Accounts Payable - Other LEAs	8,469					8,469
Accounts Payable - Other	14,977		\$ 1,818	\$ 730		17,525
Due To Other Funds	10,131	\$ 2,003		3,581		15,715
Deferred Revenue				2,694		2,694
Amount Held for Agency Funds	-	-	-	-	\$ 3,764	3,764
Total Liabilities	<u>85,319</u>	<u>2,003</u>	<u>1,818</u>	<u>7,005</u>	<u>3,764</u>	<u>99,909</u>
Fund Equity:						
Fund Balances:						
Unreserved	28,849					28,849
Reserved	28,677	174	13,723			42,574
Retained Earnings	-	-	-	4,526	-	4,526
Total Fund Equities	<u>57,526</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>13,723</u>	<u>4,526</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,949</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES	\$ 142,845	\$ 2,177	\$ 15,541	\$ 11,531	\$ 3,764	\$ 175,858

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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

EXHIBIT IV

	Governmental Fund Types				Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Debt Service Fund	
REVENUES:					
Interest on Investments	\$ 49,276				\$ 49,276
Town Rental	20,000				20,000
Private/Local		\$ 4,197			4,197
State	2,474,890				2,474,890
Federal	16,016	6,270	-	-	22,286
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>2,560,182</u>	<u>10,467</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>2,570,649</u>
EXPENDITURES:					
Direct Services	1,949,045	10,467			1,959,512
Support Services:					
Students	78,496				78,496
Instructional Staff	53,926				53,926
General Administration	40,351				40,351
Area Administration	109,066				109,066
Fiscal Services	35,795				35,795
Operation & Maintenance of Building	125,580				125,580
Transportation	75,240				75,240
Construction Services			2,223		2,223
Debt Service:					
Interest Charges				13,938	13,938
Principal Retirement	-	-	-	35,000	35,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>2,467,499</u>	<u>10,467</u>	<u>2,223</u>	<u>48,938</u>	<u>2,529,127</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	92,683	-	(2,223)	(48,938)	41,522
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Transfers In				48,938	48,938
Transfers Out	(48,938)	-	-	-	(48,938)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	43,745	-	(2,223)	-	41,522
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2006	<u>13,781</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>15,946</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,901</u>
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2007	<u>\$ 57,526</u>	<u>\$ 174</u>	<u>\$ 13,723</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 71,423</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
2008-2009 BUDGET PROPOSAL**

	2005-2006		2006-2007		2007-2008 BUDGET	2008-2009 PROPOSED	PERCENT CHANGE
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL			
<u>REGULAR EDUCATION</u>							
Salaries	372,892	372,883	429,196	410,385	456,708	522,898	
Benefits & Staff Development	134,254	133,511	137,863	143,711	160,799	196,706	
Contracted Services	46,337	46,758	41,386	40,722	37,438	29,591	
Materials and Equipment	24,200	25,616	30,800	36,410	32,050	35,550	
TOTAL REGULAR EDUCATION	577,683	578,768	639,245	631,228	686,995	784,745	14.2%
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION / EEE</u>							
Salaries	117,789	100,306	115,817	98,429	105,807	110,613	
Benefits & Staff Development	20,298	17,744	20,800	17,573	20,154	29,990	
Spec. Ed. Contracted Services	22,380	23,199	29,900	36,581	47,300	20,300	
Materials and Equipment	3,500	2,904	2,000	2,063	3,000	3,000	
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	163,967	144,153	168,517	154,646	176,261	163,903	-7.0%
<u>COMPENSATORY EDUCATION</u>							
Salaries	28,426	27,859	29,314	29,314	40,152	43,151	
Benefits & Staff Development	3,404	3,262	3,535	3,446	4,740	5,215	
TOTAL COMPENSATORY EDUCATION	31,830	31,121	32,849	32,760	44,892	48,366	7.7%
<u>GUIDANCE SERVICES</u>							
Salaries	9,853	9,854	10,364	11,802	8,125	8,666	
Benefits & Staff Development	3,500	1,235	1,153	1,100	961	1,037	
Contracted Services & Supplies	300	249	300	1,467	1,000	1,000	
TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES	13,653	11,338	11,817	14,369	10,086	10,703	6.1%
<u>HEALTH SERVICES</u>							
Salaries	13,268	11,154	11,696	12,239	11,828	12,628	
Benefits & Staff Development	1,429	1,492	1,316	1,479	1,509	1,651	
Contracted Services & Supplies	700	640	700	684	700	700	
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	15,397	13,286	13,712	14,402	14,037	14,979	6.7%
<u>SPEECH SERVICES</u>							
Salaries	33,642	33,642	35,532	35,532	36,746	39,249	
Benefits & Staff Development	12,428	12,472	13,350	13,207	14,250	15,236	
Contracted Services & Supplies	1,000	986	1,000	986	1,000	1,000	
TOTAL SPEECH SERVICES	47,070	47,100	49,882	49,725	51,996	55,485	6.7%
<u>IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</u>							
In-service	2,500	2,500	3,300	4,146	6,000	6,000	
TOTAL IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION	2,500	2,500	3,300	4,146	6,000	6,000	0.0%

FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
2008-2009 BUDGET PROPOSAL

	2005-2006		2006-2007		2007-2008	2008-2009	PERCENT
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED	CHANGE
<u>EDUCATION MEDIA</u>							
Salaries	19,433	20,138	21,792	22,877	22,577	23,313	
Benefits & Staff Development	6,791	6,507	7,384	6,955	7,878	8,355	
Materials & Equipment	19,865	18,618	19,500	19,948	21,000	21,200	
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MEDIA	45,889	43,263	48,676	49,780	51,455	52,868	2.7%
<u>BOARD EXPENSE</u>	12,300	11,442	12,750	16,276	12,000	12,000	0.0%
<u>WWSU GENERAL ASSESSMENT</u>	22,103	22,103	24,102	24,075	24,832	28,657	15.4%
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>							
Salaries	92,867	81,684	89,082	88,447	93,825	99,489	
Benefits & Staff Development	14,751	14,919	20,790	18,296	21,660	27,538	
Postage, Supplies & Equipment	3,250	1,763	3,250	2,333	3,400	3,300	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	110,868	98,366	113,122	109,066	118,885	130,327	9.6%
<u>FISCAL SERVICES</u>							
WWSU Business Office Assessment	4,429	4,429	4,821	4,817	5,266	5,811	
WWSU Fiscal Assessment	10,592	10,593	10,405	10,391	10,174	11,975	
Audit	2,750	2,500	2,750	2,500	2,750	2,750	
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	17,771	17,522	17,976	17,708	18,190	20,536	12.9%
<u>MAINTENANCE</u>							
Salaries	27,560	27,405	29,224	31,944	48,110	48,630	
Benefits & Staff Development	4,403	5,607	9,653	9,342	13,122	17,363	
Building Supplies & Operations	74,000	101,232	82,700	84,294	89,700	99,887	
TOTAL MAINTENANCE	105,963	134,244	121,577	125,580	150,932	165,880	9.9%
<u>DAILY TRANSPORTATION</u>	71,378	71,392	75,856	73,973	77,259	41,158	-46.7%
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>							
Principal	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	
Interest	16,540	16,190	13,838	13,938	11,842	9,347	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	51,540	51,190	48,938	48,938	46,842	44,347	-4.9%
<u>FOOD SERVICE</u>	3,000	1,627	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	0.0%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COSTS	\$ 1,292,912	\$ 1,279,415	\$ 1,365,319	\$ 1,366,672	\$ 1,493,462	\$ 1,552,934	6.0%

FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
2008-2009 BUDGET PROPOSAL

	2005-2006 BUDGET	2005-2006 ACTUAL	2008-2007 BUDGET	2008-2007 ACTUAL	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 BUDGET	2008-2009 PROPOSED	PERCENT CHANGE
TOTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COSTS								
Fayston Special Article	\$ 1,292,912	\$ 1,279,415	\$ 1,385,319	\$ 1,366,672	\$ 1,493,462	\$ 1,582,934		6.0%
VOCATIONAL TUITION	75,000	75,000	-	-	28,677	28,849		
	9,000	8,177	-	-	-	-		
TOTAL FAYSTON REQUEST	\$ 1,376,912	\$ 1,362,592	\$ 1,385,319	\$ 1,366,672	\$ 1,522,139	\$ 1,611,783		5.9%
Harwood Union - Assessment	1,220,684	1,220,684	1,122,596	1,122,596	1,059,622	-		-100.0%
Harwood Union - Special Article	3,337	3,349	9,082	9,082	8,279	-		-100.0%
Gross Act 68 Budget	\$ 2,600,933	\$ 2,586,625	\$ 2,516,997	\$ 2,498,350	\$ 2,590,040	\$ 1,611,783		-37.8%
Revenues								
Local	42,785	68,340	7,104	36,293	50,677	50,849		
State Categorical & Special Ed Grants	323,421	318,507	192,047	173,480	178,795	193,372		
Federal Grants	15,962	17,132	16,436	16,016	15,914	18,323		
Total Revenues	\$ 382,168	\$ 403,979	\$ 215,587	\$ 225,789	\$ 245,386	\$ 262,544		7.0%
EDUCATION SPENDING (Act 68 definition)	\$ 2,218,765	\$ 2,182,646	\$ 2,301,410	\$ 2,272,561	\$ 2,344,654	\$ 1,349,239		-42.5%



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FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
2008-2009 BUDGET PROPOSAL

	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	PERCENT CHANGE
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED	
EDUCATION SPENDING (Act 68 definition)	\$ 2,218,765	\$ 2,182,646	\$ 2,301,410	\$ 1,349,239	-42.5%

Fayston Elementary School:

Equalized Pupils	103.49
Education Spending per Pupil (PK-6)	\$ 13,037
Base Education Spending per Pupil	\$ 8,210
District Spending Adjustment	158.794%
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate	\$ 0.85
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (PK-6)	\$ 1.350
% of Fayston students at Fayston Elementary School	55.61%
Portion of District Equalized Homestead Rate to be assessed by town	\$ 0.751

Harwood Union School District:

Equalized Pupils (Fayston 7-12)	82.61
Education Spending per Pupil (7-12)	\$ 11,848
Base Education Spending per Pupil	\$ 8,210
District Spending Adjustment	144.312%
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate	\$ 0.85
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (7-12)	\$ 1.227
% of Fayston students at Harwood Union	44.39%
Portion of District Equalized Homestead Rate to be assessed by town	\$ 0.545

Combined (PK-12):

	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	PERCENT CHANGE
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED	
Equalized Pupils (PK-12)	202.75	198.63	192.50	186.10	-3.3%
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$ 10,943	\$ 11,586	\$ 12,180	\$ 12,180	
Base Education Spending per Pupil	\$ 6,975	\$ 7,330	\$ 7,736	\$ 7,736	
District Spending Adjustment	156.889%	158.063%	157.446%	157.446%	
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate	\$ 1.02	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.87	
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (Combined PK-12)	\$ 1.600	\$ 1.502	\$ 1.370	\$ 1.296 #	-5.4%

Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)

Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	110.99%	98.53%	88.12%	76.28%	
Homestead Property Tax Rate	\$ 1.442	\$ 1.524	\$ 1.555	\$ 1.699	9.3%

Base Homestead Income Rate

Base Homestead Income Rate	1.85%	1.80%	1.80%	1.80%	
Actual Homestead Income Rate	2.90%	2.85%	2.83%	2.74% #	-3.2%

Base Non-Residential Education Tax Rate

Base Non-Residential Education Tax Rate	\$ 1.510	\$ 1.440	\$ 1.360	\$ 1.340	
Non-Residential Education Tax Rate	\$ 1.360	\$ 1.461	\$ 1.543	\$ 1.757	13.9%

- Combined Tax Rates for FY2008-09 are calculated by adding the proportional share (based on equalized pupils) of the tax rate for each school district

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

School: **Fayston 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/>

FY2007 School Level Data

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

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

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller >	Newport Town School	K - 6	112	11.90	1.00	9.41	112.00	11.90
	Cavendish Town Elementary School	PK - 6	114	9.90	1.00	11.52	114.00	9.90
	Currier Memorial UESD #23	K - 6	114	9.10	1.00	12.53	114.00	9.10
	Fayston Elementary School	PK - 6	114	10.40	1.00	10.96	114.00	10.40
< Larger	Whitingham School	PK - 5	117	9.10	0.38	12.86	307.69	23.95
	Barnes Memorial Elementary	K - 5	118	11.70	1.00	10.09	118.00	11.70
	Lincoln Community School	K - 6	118	11.01	1.00	10.72	118.00	11.01
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			143.64	13.08	1.03	10.98	139.48	12.70

School District: **Fayston**
LEA ID: **T075**

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

FY2005 School District Data

Cohort Description: **Elementary school district, FY2004 FTE < 100**
(47 school districts in cohort)

Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest)
2 out of 47

School district data (local, union, or joint district)		Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs
Smaller >	Shelburne	K-6	92.92	\$11,501
	Jamaica	K-6	95.99	\$8,116
	Shoreham	K-6	96.36	\$8,144
	Fayston	PK-6	96.66	\$11,838
< Larger	Cavendish	K-6	95.73	\$10,755
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data			92.31	\$10,295

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.

FY2006 Municipal School District Data

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

LEA ID	School District	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
T075	Fayston	\$12,180	\$1.370	88.12%	\$1.555

Use these tax rates to compare town rates.

These tax rates are not comparable due to CLAs.

The Legislature has required the Department of Education to provide this information per the following statute:
16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2) The school, at least annually, reports student performance results to community members in a format selected by the school board. . . . The school report shall include:

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