
DEDICATION



We dedicate this year's Town Report to Jane and Al Hobart. Jane and Al have made their home in the Mad River Valley since the 1960's and they have resided in Fayston since the 1970's. Despite their formal attire in the photo above, the Hobarts are decidedly unpretentious folks. Jane's sharp intellect, compassion and "can-do" attitude have contributed to the Fayston School Board, the Valley Swim Program, the Mad River Chorale and the Green Mountain Valley School. She is a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Al's passion for alpine ski racing led to the founding of the Green Mountain Valley School, an internationally recognized leader in the training and development of alpine and nordic student/athletes. Jane and Al remain actively involved with numerous community endeavors. The Valley is a better place because of them. Cheers to Jane and Al!

Photo Courtesy of Alison Hobart

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 2, 2010. The meeting will be called to order at 9:30 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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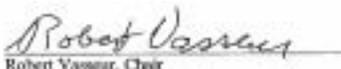
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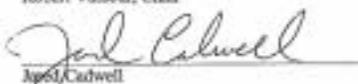
WARNING OF TOWN MEETING - MARCH 2, 2010

The legal voters of the Town of Fayston are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Fayston Elementary School on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 9:30 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 2009.
- 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. Robert Vasseur's term expires.
- Article 9. To elect a Lister for a three year term. Tony Egan's term expires.
- Article 10. To elect a Second Constable for a one year term. Allen Tinker's term expires.
- Article 11. To elect a Tax Collector for a one year term. Virginia Vasseur's term expires.
- Article 12. To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a three year term. Tom Bisbee's term expires.
- Article 13. To elect a Trustee of Public Money for a three year term. Debbie Jones's term expires.
- Article 14. To elect a Grand Juror for a one year term. David Jones' term expires.
- Article 15. To elect a Town Agent for a one-year term. David Olenick's term expires.
- Article 16. 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, 2010?
- Article 17. Shall the voters approve a sum of money not to exceed \$50,000 to be drawn from the fund balance of year ending 2009 for the purpose of culvert replacements on Town Highways?
- 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?
- Article 19. Shall the Town of Fayston continue to fill the office of first constable by appointment of the Selectboard rather than by election in accordance with Statutes, Title 17 V.S.A. Section 2651a?
- Article 20. Shall the Town vote to cease mailing the Town Report but rather have it available for pick up at the Town Clerk's Office and available electronically via the Fayston Town Website?
- Article 21. Shall the Town vote to start next year's Town Meeting at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon at the Fayston Elementary School?
- Article 22. To transact any other business which may properly come before the meeting?

Selectboard;


 Robert Vasseur, Chair


 Joel Caldwell

Edward Read

Dated this 26 day of January, 2010, at Fayston, Vermont


 Virginia Vasseur, Fayston Town Clerk

Received and recorded this 26 day of January 2010.

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING - MARCH 3, 2009

9:38 A.M.

David Jones called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He acknowledges Ann Day for this being her 50th Town Meeting!

Announcements were as follows:

- If the assembly approved, Adam Greshin would speak after Article 1.
- The PTO provides lunch and asked that the assembly allow them to set up the lunch tables.
- All eligible voters need to check in and receive an orange tag in order to participate in the meeting including division of the house, paper ballots or show of hands. Asked if there were any unregistered voters, there was none.
- Reviewed Roberts Rules of Order.

At this point David Jones asked Robert Vasseur to take over for Article 1.

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

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

David Jones then asked the assembly if there was any objection in allowing Adam Greshin to speak at this time. There was no objection.

Adam Greshin spoke for about ten minutes on topics such as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Medicaid, Dr. Dinosaur, S13, Education & Property Reform, Vt. Yankee, Energy Alternatives and the current and future deficits of Vermont State budget.

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

Ann Day nominated Virginia Vasseur, no second needed. 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 2008.

Freddie Graves made a motion to hear and act upon the reports for the Town Officers for the year 2008, duly seconded by Michael Quenneville. No further discussion, so moved by voice vote in the affirmative, motion carried.

Jared began by asking everyone to turn to page 13 of the Town Report. He noted the smooth transition of the road crew from Michael Quenneville to Stewart Hallstrom and the fact the Selectboard appreciated everyone's patience while the crew had been down one truck and thus running at only 2/3 force. He noted committees that the Town depends on such as the DRB, PC and FNRC and the continued need for volunteers. Currently there is one opening on the DRB. He noted the tri-town Selectboard meeting that happens each year with Warren and Waitsfield and some of the topics of discussion at that meeting. The assembly had no questions for the Selectboard.

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.

Freddie Graves made a motion that the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of general revenue and with short-term notes fund the Capital Budget, seconded by Michael Quenneville.

Robert Vasseur commented that this past year we had not had to borrow money but that if necessary in 2009 this would allow them to do so.

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?

Freddie Graves made a motion to continue to pay each of the Selectboard \$750.00/year, duly seconded by Nancy Mongeur.

Discussion followed as to if this was enough for the Selectboard Members and Robert Vasseur responded that since the rest of the Town officers and employees have not received a raise for 2009 and the Board felt they could not either. Arthur Williams commented that while he appreciates all that the Selectboard does, he believes to raise this issue of salaries from the floor was a dangerous thing to do.

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 NOVEMBER1).

Tony Egan made a motion to set a delinquent tax date of November 1st, duly seconded by Karl Klein.

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.

Peter Forbes nominated Patti Lewis, no second needed. So moved by voice vote in the affirmative. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Patti Lewis elected as Treasurer for a one-year term.

Article 8. To elect a Selectman for a three year term. Jared Cadwell's term expires.

Dona Egan nominated Jared Cadwell, no second needed. So moved by voice vote in the affirmative. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Jared Cadwell elected Selectman for a three-year term.

Article 9. To elect a Lister for a three year term. Fred Spencer's term expires.

Arthur Williams nominated Fred Spencer, no second needed. So moved by voice vote in the affirmative. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Fred Spencer elected as Lister for a three-year term.

Article 10. To elect a Second Constable for a one year term. Allen Tinker's term expires.

Rick Rayfield nominated Allen Tinker, no second needed. 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 11. To elect a Tax Collector for a one year term. Virginia Vasseur's term expires.

Gamal Buhaina nominated Virginia Vasseur, no second needed. 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 12. To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a three year term. Krietta Phillips' term expires.

Tom Bisbee nominated Ken Amann, no second needed. So moved by voice vote in the affirmative. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Ken Amann elected as cemetery commissioner for a three-year term.

Article 13. To elect a Trustee of Public Money for a three year term. Ronald Graves, Jr.'s term expires.

Patti Lewis nominated Ron Graves, no second needed. So moved by voice vote in the affirmative. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Ron Graves elected as trustee of public money for a three-year term.

Article 14. To elect a Grand Juror for a one year term. David Jones' term expires.

Michael Quenneville nominated David Jones, no second needed. 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 15. To elect a Town Agent for a one-year term. David Olenick's term expires.

Robert Vasseur nominated David Olenick, no second needed. 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 16. 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, 2009?

Freddie Graves made a motion to hear Ed Read speak on the budget, Michael Quenneville seconded. No further discussion, motion carried.

Ed Read explained the budget and took questions or explained line items including, but not limited to; #4040 other income, #4049 zoning fines, #4052, delinquent tax interest, #5320 legal fees, \$5325, public safety, #5920 loan interest, #5050 health insurance (questions were asked as to deductibles/employee contribution/and the VLCT group policy in general), #5470 municipal building maintenance, and #5706 FNRC.

David Jones restated the question; 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, 2009 in the sum of 937,676.00?

Freddie Graves made the motion to authorize a sum of money to pay debts, if any, and expenses of the Town of Fayston for the year ending December 31, 2009 in the sum of 937,676.00. Michael Quenneville seconded. No further discussion, so moved by voice vote in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Article 17. 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 the motion to authorize the Selectmen to set the necessary tax rate after the Grand List had been completed and lodged in the Office of the Town Clerk. Freddie Graves seconded, no further discussion, so moved by voice vote in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Article 18. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$8,550.00 to the Joslin Memorial Library for the year 2009?

Freddie Graves made a motion to authorize the sum of \$8,550.00 to the Joslin Memorial Library for the year 2009. Tony Egan seconded.

There followed discussion. Selectboard questions the Fayston contribution to the library vs. the Waitsfield contribution. Others asked if Fayston was paying for heat and electric in the Waitsfield Town Clerk's office and if a Fayston resident could get on the Joslin Library Board. Both questions were unanswerable at this point.

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

Article 19. Shall the Town of Fayston engage the Washington County Sheriff's Department from April 1, 2009 until December 31, 2009 for an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00?

Peter Forbes made a motion to that the Town of Fayston engage the Washington County Sheriff's Department from April 1, 2009 until December 31, 2009 for an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00. Holliday Rayfield seconded.

Discussion followed. Tom Clark told of his situation with the theft of his work trailer and tools and his support of the article. Muriel Griffin told of a situation she had with theft and her non-support of the article. There were many other comments from the assembly including, but not limited to; the level of involvement that the Sheriff would have, the fact they would do traffic control, could respond to emergencies, would interact with the State Police and might be helpful in petty crime situations, hours of availability, what percentage of traffic fines might come to the Town (unanswerable at this time), if fines might cover the cost of the contract (anticipate that it would cover the first year but not subsequently), speed on our roads, why pay for the Sheriffs to sit on German Flats and Route 17 (Hyde Away) when they are already there, could we prioritize the duties of the Sheriffs for protection of households, business and emergencies, were we considering this just to "play nice" with the other Towns, the thought that this was a cooperative effort to join all Valley Towns, the calculation of the \$8000.00 to 12 minutes per day of coverage, as this article reads to cover April - December what would happen from January to March of 2010 (Selectboard noted that if it were working that next year it would go as a line item in the budget), the understanding that there is currently no State Police coverage between 2 and 6 a.m., (Sheriffs would not be either), and would the Sheriff's department (like the State Police) become spread too thin.

Arthur Williams made a motion to call the question. David Jones asked for a show of 2/3 hands in order to call the question. So moved by 2/3 show of hands.

Shayne Jaquith asked for a process clarification. If this article passes this year, it would not have to come to town meeting next year. The answer was yes it would not have to come to town meeting next year as an article.

David Jones restated the questions: Shall the Town of Fayston engage the Washington County Sheriff's Department from April 1, 2009 until December 31, 2009 for an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00?

Voice vote and division of the house processes were inconclusive.

Kevin Wry made a motion to go to a paper ballot. Michael Quenneville seconded. No further discussion, so moved by voice vote, motion carried.

At 11:30 the assembly voted by paper ballot. Results were 59 in favor of the article, 54 opposed. Article 19 carried.

David Jones then asked if they wish to have Sheriff Peter Laskowski speak as he had just arrived. All agreed. Peter noted that Waitsfield currently contracts 16 hours and Warren 24. Moretown also contracts for a number of hours. He believes the benefit of Fayston contracting as well is for cross-town patrolling for about 50 hours a week Valley wide. Susan Klein asked the Town to explore a tri-town Sheriffs agreement.

At this point David Jones asked if the assembly would vote to move the School portion of the meeting from 1:00 o'clock to 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. So moved by Freddie Graves, seconded by Tony Egan. No further discussion, so moved by voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 20. Shall the voters exempt alternate energy sources from real and property taxation per VSA Title 32. Taxation and Finance Chapter 125: Exemptions 3845. Alternate energy sources?

Peter Forbes made a motion to exempt alternate energy sources from real and property taxation per VSA Title 32. Taxation and Finance Chapter 125: Exemptions 3845. Alternate energy sources. Nancy Mongeur seconded.

Discussion followed. Jared read the statute language. Questions and comments included, but not limited to, private domestic use vs. net metering, the thought that net metering is not a sale, does not qualify for a commercial use and the individual does not get paid for it but that if a utility company does not have to produce as much power then everyone's utility bill goes down (for this discussion GMP was referenced only), this is the first step in renewable energy, the ½ acre possible property tax exemption, concern that the language in the statute is very loose, existing credits and grants from the state and federal levels, is this the year to offer tax credits, the town does not tax personal property therefore solar panels on existing buildings would not qualify, can we change the language of the statute (Towns can not change statute language), is there a way to see the cost to customers vs. increased tax bills for property owners, the fact not all the Town is on GMP, and possible unintended consequences (such as what happened with Act 60).

David Jones attempted to move the discussion along while a citizen voiced concern that everyone should be able to speak. This person had spoken a number of times already.

Sandy Macy called the question, Ann Day seconded. Motion carried by voice vote with a 2/3 majority.

David Jones restated the question; Shall the voters exempt alternate energy sources from real and property taxation per VSA Title 32. Taxation and Finance Chapter 125: Exemptions 3845. Alternate energy sources?

Motion carried by voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 21. Shall the Town vote to start next year's Town Meeting at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon at the Fayston Elementary School?

Nancy Mongeur made a motion to start next year's Town Meeting at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon at the Fayston Elementary School. Ann Day seconded, no further discussion, motion carried by voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 22. To transact any other business which may properly come before the meeting?

Ellen Gonnet made a motion to recess the Town Meeting until after the School Meeting in the afternoon. Dona Egan seconded. After discussion, Ellen Gonnet rescinded her motion.

Nicole Migneault then spoke about her position as the Fayston Town Service Officer. Her role to help people in an emergency situation and the fact she is trying to get more organized with the other Town Services Officers as well as meet with the Interfaith Group and citizens to compile a list/plan to handle emergency situations. Hoping people will donate beds and food.

Matt Howes asked if next year the elections of Town Officers could be ballot for the sake of saving time. This would have to be an article on next year's town warning.

Carol Minkiewicz asked for standardization of the Town Clerk office hours. After clarification, it became clear she was asking the Town Clerk to be open longer hours. Virginia Vasseur asked her to call so they could discuss the needs.

12:46 p.m. – Robert Vasseur made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dona Egan. No further discussion, so moved by voice vote in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patti Lewis

Approved: [Signature] Date: 3/24/09
David Jones, Moderator

Approved: [Signature] Date: 3/23/09
Robert Vasseur, Chair

Approved: [Signature] Date: 3.23.09
Jared Cadwell

Approved: [Signature] Date: 3/23/09
Edward Read

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - MAY 20, 2009

Meeting called to order 7:20 p.m.

David Jones opened the meeting with an explanation of procedure. Each person would be allowed to speak once. He cautioned against noise. He explained a yes vote would rescind the previously passed article, a no vote would allow the article to move forward. He read the note from Kathy DeWolf dated 4/15/09 regarding number of votes needed to rescind which was 40 and majority. This is based on the previous passed vote of 59; a need for 2/3 of that number or 39.294 rounded up to 40. He explained that he would start with a voice vote, if this was undeterminable then a division of the house would be called for and if that was undeterminable then a paper ballot would be necessary. Also noted was that the assembly could call for a paper ballot with a motion and supported by at least seven members of the body in support of said motion. Question was asked if one could call the question at any time and the answer was yes as long as 2/3rds of the body voted in favor. David asked that should a paper ballot become necessary that people file out the side door, around the building and back through the front door to help with an orderly vote.

David then read Article 1.

Shall the voters of the Town of Fayston vote to RESCIIND "Article 19, Shall the town of Fayston engage the Washington County Sheriff's Department from April 1, 2009 until December 31, 2009 for an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00?" as lastly voted and passed on March 3, 2009.

Russ Beilke made the motion duly seconded by David Quenneville.

There followed questions and answers including but not limited to;

Q. Does the Town have proper road signage in place for traffic control?

A. No, there would be need for approximately 50 more signs with a cost of more than \$100 each plus labor.

Q. If there is not proper signage how come this was not brought up at Town Meeting?

A. Believe there is proper signage on #9 Hill, Kew Vasseur, North and Center Fayston Roads and German Flats.

Q. The initial vote was for coverage from April 1 – December 31, 2009. Does this mean since it is May 20th that the dollar amount would be less that \$8000.00?

A. The vote is to spend up to \$8000.00 so the amount would likely not change but that it would still be a 12/31/09 end date.

Q. Is this strictly for speed and traffic control.

At this point David Jones asked the assembly if they would like Peter Laskowski to speak.

Arthur Vasseur motioned and stated that he was definitely not in support of allowing Peter to speak. Seconded by Lynda Cummings.

David asked for a voice vote to allow Peter to speak but it was undeterminable. David asked for a show of hands, counted by the BCA. 27 hands were to allow Peter to speak with the remaining against. (131 registered voters were checked in) Peter was not allowed to speak.

Q. Other than traffic control would the Sheriff department respond to emergencies in Fayston while they were on duty in another Town?

A. Yes

A. Their response time could be less than waiting for the State Police Department.

Q. We would like to hear Ed Read's opinion.

A. Ed wanted people to understand that we were voting on the Sheriff's Department services and not just Peter Laskowski. The Sheriffs could come from anywhere. Calculating down the amount of hours possible under the \$8000.00 figure equaled about a 3-4 hour shift per week. He is not in favor of this article and will vote to rescind.

Kevin Viens made a motion to call the question, duly seconded by Michael Quenneville. All in favor, no further discussion, motion carried.

David Jones then read the article again.

He asked for a voice vote for those in favor of rescinding the article. There was a boisterous and majority yes.

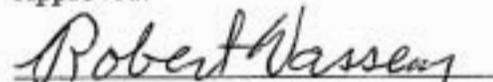
He asked for a voice vote from those not in favor of rescinding the article. There were a handful of nos.

David Jones determined the yes votes had it, Article 1 passed by majority voice vote.

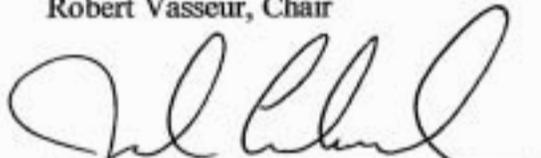
7:48 p.m. - meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:
Patti Lewis

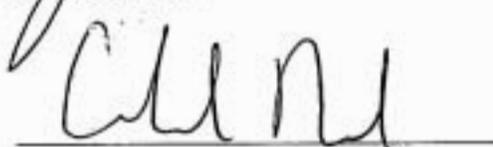
Approved:


Robert Vasseur, Chair

6/8/09
Date


Jared Cadwell

6/8/09
Date


Ed Read

6/8/09
Date


David Jones

6/9/09
Date

Received for Record June 10, 2009
Fayston Town Clerks Office
Attest: Virginia Vasseur

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	2011
Selectman	Jared Cadwell	496-3295	P.O. Box 691	Waitsfield	3 year	2012
Town Clerk	Virginia Vasseur	496-2454 x 21	866 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2010
Town Treasurer	Patti Lewis	496-2454 x 23	866 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2010
Tax Collector	Virginia Vasseur	496-2454	866 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2010
School Director	Susan Daley	496-6008	973 Center Fayston Road	North Fayston	2 year	2011
School Director	Bob Lockett	496-2653	1444 German Flats Road	Fayston	2 year	2010
School Director	Michael Riddell, Chair	496-2070	1508 Bragg Hill Road	Fayston	3 year	2011
School Director	Jean Wry	496-9797	52 Mansfield Road	Fayston	3 year	2010
School Director	Russ Beilke	406-3224	P.O. Box 501	Waitsfield	3 year	2012
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	2011
Lister	Fred Spencer	496-2426	1912 Mill Brook Road	Fayston	3 year	2012
Lister	Tony Egan	496-3927	589 Glen View Road	Fayston	3 year	2010
Second Constable	Allen Tinker	496-4013	700 Rankin Road	Fayston	1 year	2009
Cemetery Commissioner	Ken Amann				3 year	2012
Cemetery Commissioner	Zelda LaVanway	496-4201	2913 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	3 year	2011
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	2011
Trustee of Public Money	Ronald Graves, Jr.	496-4644	439 Big Basin Road	North Fayston	3 year	2012
Grand Juror	David Jones	496-2106	P.O. Box 88	Waitsfield	1 year	2010
Town Agent	David Olenick	496-2267	P.O. Box 25	Waitsfield	1 year	2010
Moderator	David Jones	496-2106	P.O. Box 88	Waitsfield	1 year	2010

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Road Foreman	Stuart Hallstrom	496-4726	524 Sharpshooters Road	North Fayston	1 year	2010
Assistant Town Clerk	Patti Lewis	496-2454 x 23	866 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	2010
Selectboard Assistant	Patti Lewis	496-2454 x 23	866 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	2010
Zoning Administrator	Patti Greene-Swift	496-2454 x 25	866 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	2010
First Constable	Raymond Munn	496-3582	P.O. Box 544	Moretown	1 year	2010
Dog Catcher	Michael Quenneville	496-8827/2190	866 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	2010
Fence Viewer	Jared Cadwell	496-3295	P.O. Box 691	Waitsfield	1 year	2010
Fence Viewer	Ed Read	496-3052	P.O. Box 848	Waitsfield	1 year	2010
Fence Viewer	Kevin Wry	496-9797	52 Mansfield Road	Fayston	1 year	2010
Shingle Inspector	Larry Garrard	496-4175	P.O. Box 545	Waitsfield	1 year	2010
Tree Warden	Michael Quenneville	496-8827	866 No. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2010

Service Officer	Nicole Migneault	496-2083	3685 No. Fayston Road	North Fayston	1 year	4/14/10
Health Officer	Susan Hale	496-9413	190 German Flats Road	Fayston	1 year	4/14/11
Energy Coordinator	Gary Belknap	496-3346	1376 N. Fayston Road	Fayston	1 year	2010
Emergency Management	Allen Tinker	496-4013	700 Rankin Road	Fayston	1 year	2010
Fire Warden	Bob Lockett	496-2653	1444 German Flats Road	Fayston	5 year	2010
Planning Commission	David Koepele	583-1799	3400 Ctr. Fayston Rd.	Fayston	4 year	2012
Planning Commission	Laura Kingsbury	496-2200	P.O. Box 1476	Waitsfield	4 year	2013
Planning Commission	Geoff Slater	496-6793	116 Pine Tree Lane	Fayston	4 year	2013
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	Nancy Spencer Smith	496-5713	1868 Bragg Hill Road	Waitsfield	4 year	2011
Planning Commission	Polly McMurtry	496-2922	2807 N. Fayston Rd.	Fayston	4 year	2011
Planning Commission	Chuck Martel, Altern.	496-5932	713 Randall Road	N. Fayston	1 year	2010
Develop. Review Board	Kevin Wry	496-9797	52 Mansfield Road	Fayston	1 year	2010
Develop. Review Board	Al Molnar	496-7441	P.O. Box 148	Waitsfield	2 year	2011
Develop. Review Board	Michael Quenneville	496-2190	353 Murphy Road	N. Fayston	2 year	2011
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.	Cory Stevenson	496-2671	233 Shady Tree Lane	Fayston	3 year	2012
Natural Resource Comm.	Peter Forbes	496-5690/5685	700 Bragg Hill Road	Fayston	3 year	2012
Natural Resource Comm.	Stellan Wollmar	496-3428	P.O. Box 1567	Waitsfield	1 year	2011
Natural Resource Comm.	Ned Kelley	496-9420	576 Smith Road	N. Fayston	1 year	2011
Natural Resource Comm.	Patti Greene-Swift	496-6816	152 Moulton Road	Fayston	1 year	2011
MRVPD	Jared Cadwell	496-3295	P.O. Box 691	Waitsfield	1 year	2010
MRVPD	Ed Read/Alternate	496-3052	P.O. Box 848	Waitsfield	1 year	2010
Recreation District	John Stokes	496-2170	916 Phen Basiin Road	Fayston	3 year	2011
	Ken Felderman			Fayston	3 year	2012
	Lisa Koitzsch	496-9419	P.O. Box 953	Waitsfield	At Large	
Cntrl. Vt. Reg. Planning	Nancy Spencer Smith	496-5713	1868 Bragg Hill Road	Waitsfield	1 year	2010
TAC	Vacancy				1 year	
Police Advisory Comm.	Mimi Miller	496-4530	German Flats	Waitsfield	1 year	2010
	John Miller	496-4530	German Flats	Waitsfield	1 year	2010
	Raymond Munn	496-3582	P.O. Box 544	Moretown	1 year	2010
Camel's Hump	Doug Wilson	496-3836	1169 Kew Vasseur Road	Fayston	1 year	2010
Solid Waste Rep.	Robert Vasseur	496-2384	175 Kew-Vasseur Road	Fayston	1 year	2010
Solid Waste Rep.	Jared Cadwell/Alternate	496-3295	866 N. Fayston Rd.	North Fayston	1 year	2010

ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION

Justice Of The Peace	Ann Day	496-3527	700 Bragg Hill Road	Fayston	2 year	Feb. 2011
Justice Of The Peace	Thomas Bisbee	496-2784	930 Dunbar Hill Road	N. Fayston	2 year	Feb. 2011
Justice Of The Peace	Jared Cadwell	496-3295	P.O. Box 691	Waitsfield	2 year	Feb. 2011
Justice Of The Peace	Lisa Koitzsch	279-2173	P.O. Box 953	Waitsfield	2 year	Feb. 2011
Justice Of The Peace	Richard Schattman	496-2353	P.O. Box 455	Waitsfield	2 year	Feb. 2011

2009 SELECTBOARD REPORT

We experienced an unusually busy year in 2009. Numerous projects and concerns were addressed over the course of the year. The Selectboard would like to thank our road crew, town clerical staff and various board committees for their dedication and commitment to serving our town in their various capacities and duties. Let's review items of interest:

- 1) The Selectboard exercised its quasi-judicial authority to resolve a neighborhood noise matter on Phen Road, and a poultry killing at Ward Hollow. In the former matter, the Selectboard engaged all parties in a civil discourse on reasonable use of rvs and dirt bikes. In the latter matter, the Selectboard resorted to a 200 year Vermont statute to find restitution for the owner of the slaughtered chickens.
- 2) The Selectboard, in conjunction with the Mad River Valley Planning District and various town officers, has submitted a energy efficiency proposal for conversion of the municipal building's primary heating source to wood pellet furnace and to convert its lighting to more energy efficient systems. The 2010 town budget includes funds for a modest renovation of the planning/zoning/lister's office space to create more energy efficient work space.
- 3) The Road Crew effectively and efficiently handled the repairs and replacement of a stretch of roadway and a culvert at the top of Fayston Farms Road. The damage to this section was due to a flash flood.
- 4) The Selectboard engaged the services of the engineering firm, Dubois & King, to assess bridge # 6 on North Fayston Road and bridge # 19 on Randall Road. No definite plans for replacement of these bridges can be made until state funds are made available.
- 5) The Selectboard has engaged the services of the auditing firm, Fothergill and Segale, for a three year audit. This is a more comprehensive audit of the town finances. We engage Fothergill and Segale, annually, for a routine audit of the town's finances. All audit reports are public records.
- 6) The Selectboard met with the Warren and Waitsfield SBs in November to review and critique the various Valley agencies that request funds from our towns. This is a very useful forum that results in cohesive funding for our worthy community organizations.
- 7) Town records (land/permits/maps/licenses etc) are being steadily restored. This is a multi-year project and we appreciate Ginny Vasseur and Patti Lewis (Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk respectively) attention to this vital initiative.
- 8) The Selectboard is currently engaged in frank and constructive discussions with the Waitsfield Library Trustees and Waitsfield Selectboard on future funding allocations for the Joslin Library. The Selectboard has asked for and has received a fuller accounting of the library's budget and relationship with the town of Waitsfield. Now, the hard work of articulating a fair and equitable financial arrangement is before us.
- 9) The Town completed its road/culvert/bridge inventory for maximum State of Vermont AOT matching qualification. We are now eligible for 90/10 matching for road infrastructure projects. We strongly support the efforts of the Fayston Natural Resource Committee, led by Ky Koitzch. This committee has done terrific research on ancient roads and has implemented a very effective management plan for the Chase Brook parcel across from the Fayston Elementary School. We also strongly support the efforts of Joshua Schwartz, the Mad River Valley Planning District's Executive Director, to further educate and provide necessary assistance to our Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission and Development Review Board.

As always, we encourage you to attend our meetings or to contact us via phone or e-mail with any concerns or questions that you might have about the town's affairs.

Respectfully,
Town of Fayston Selectboard
Robert Vasseur, Chair
Jared Cadwell
Ed Read



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PLANNING COMMISSION

Since September 2008 the Planning Commission has concentrated its efforts on amending Fayston's Land Use Regulations. The current regulations were adopted in 2004 and amended in 2007 and 2008. Our current work to amend the regulations is prompted by the need to, assure the regulations reflect the Town Plan as adopted in 2008, address administrative issues that have been identified over the years, and bring our floodplain regulations into compliance with National Floodplain Insurance Program standards. The Planning Commission hopes to begin the formal adoption process, which will include public hearings held by both the Planning Commission and the Selectboard, this spring. If you are interested in participating in these hearings look for warnings in the paper or contact the town Zoning Administrator for more information.

Respectfully submitted,
Shayne Jaquith, Chair
David Koepele

Geoff Slater
Laura Kingsbury

Fred Gilbert
Nancy Spencer Smith

Polly McMurty
Charles Martel

FAYSTON LISTER'S REPORT 2010

THANK YOU-THANK YOU-THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND CONSIDERATION DURING THE DATA COLLECTION PART OF THIS PROCESS.

It seems only a short time ago when the town did a town wide reappraisal and here we are again trying to finish another one for 2010. Tom Vickery is our Town Consultant for the reappraisal and is very familiar with the Town having been our consultant for the 2004 reappraisal. He will be reappraising the ski areas in the Spring.

During the next few months the data collection will be complete and full attention will be given to finalizing the Grand List. If all goes as planned we will be sending to all taxpayers a list of 2009 values and a list of the 2010 new values, including the homestead and home site values, late June or early July.

I have been asked several times by tax payers "does this reappraisal mean our taxes will be going up again"? My stock answer is I am not sure how much your taxes will be for 2010. I can tell you your appraisal will be higher. The taxes are based on the Town and School spending. I would encourage every resident to make sure they fill out their HS 122. The adjustments can be helpful if you qualify. **QUERY YOUR TAX ACCOUNTANT!!!!** I would also encourage every registered voter to go to the Town and School annual meeting to see where their tax dollars are spent.

Again thank you to all the tax payers for being supportive in this reappraisal.

Respectfully Submitted

The Board of Listers
Gussie Graves
Fred Spencer
Tony Egan

2009 ZONING & PLANNING REPORT

The Zoning & Planning Administrator (ZA) worked closely with the Development Review Board to review a total of 4 subdivisions, and 2 Conditional Use applications, and associated Mylars. Additionally, the Zoning Administrator reviewed 61 Zoning Permits for new buildings, additions, state permitted wastewater systems, certificates of occupancy, and a home occupation for a grand total of 67 permits in 2009. Due to a slow year in the Zoning Office the ZA worked less hours in 2009 than in previous years.

Type of Zoning Permit:	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Subdivision & amendments	4	9	16	13	12	17	7
Single-family homes	6	5	10	13	17	18	20
Additions/Other structures	27	43	35	31	37	60	54
Wastewater Permits (Vermont)	16	12	11	24	25	32	28
Certificates of Occupancy	11	12	23	28	26	42	50
Conditional Use	2	6	11	11	10	28	17
Home Occupation	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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 interpret the Land Use Regulations for the Town of Fayston. The Zoning Administrator also provides administrative support to the Planning Commission for town plan, and land use regulation work, and assists the Development Review Board with preparing Conditional Use and Subdivision applications.

The Town of Fayston requires that upon completion of a building project the landowner apply for a Certificate of Occupancy for the permitted project. As well, the town allows that once a state approved wastewater system has been constructed the permittee may obtain a Town of Fayston Certificate of Occupancy for that system. Certificate of Occupancy forms can be obtained at the Zoning Office, by mail, or by visiting the Fayston Town 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 (2008). Applications, minutes of public hearings, zoning regulations, agendas, and notices of decisions are all available at the town office, and at www.faystonvt.com. Residents with questions are encouraged to contact the Zoning Administrator to avoid future problems.

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

TOWN CLERK INFORMATION & STATEMENT OF FEES COLLECTED 2009

LIQUOR LICENSES	\$900.00
DOG LICENSES (NET OF STATE FEES)	\$1,090.00
MARRIAGE/CU LICENSES (NET OF STATE FEES)	\$45.00
RECORDING/SEARCH/FEES/COPIES	\$29,778.47

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 1, 2010. 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	\$8.00	\$11.00
After April 1 st	\$10.00	\$16.00

VITAL RECORDS

BIRTHS	8
DEATHS	2
MARRIAGES	10

CEMETERY COMMISSION'S REPORT

Zelda LaVanway and Tom Bisbee have been greatly helped by the addition of Ken Amman to the commission. His interest, energy, and curiosity has been a great help. News of note:

1. We had three internments in the South Fayston Cemetery and one internment in the North Fayston Cemetery.
2. Zelda and Ken attended a Vermont Cemetery Association meeting in Barre and found a less expensive supplier of corner stones. They also learned more about cleaning headstones, but we still need to learn more.

Here is the financial summary for the year:

Income:

Sale of CD at Northfield Savings Bank	\$2,500.00
Interest on \$2,500 CD at NSB	49.95
Sales of lots	1,025.00
For perpetual care	125.00
Grave openings	225.00
From investment accounts at Edward Jones	<u>7,000.00</u>
	\$ 10,924.95

Expenditures:

Memorial flags	\$ 48.00
Grave openings	225.00
Corner stones	249.84
Setting corner stones	75.00
Clearing grave site	75.00
Grounds care	5,500.00
Deposited in Perpetual Care Fund	500.00
VT Cemetery Association membership	25.00
Purchasing CD at NSB	<u>4,400.00</u>
	\$ 11,097.84

Total Assets:

Checkbook balance:	\$ 598.81
CD at NSB	4,400.00
Perpetual Care Fund at Edward Jones	32,198.88
Fayston Cemetery Fund at E. Jones	<u>86,538.71</u>
	\$ 123,736.40

For the Fayston Cemetery Commission: Zelda LaVanway, Tom Bisbee, Ken Amann

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2010

In 2009 Vermont Emergency Management asked every town in the state to revise their 2006 Rapid Response Plan and to adopt a new Basic Emergency Operations Plan for handling any major community emergency. Our select board has revised our plan and has adopted a new plan that follows the logical steps that any town would take to cope with and recover from a major incident.

Vermont law also requires that our elected officers designate emergency interim successors for themselves and all appointed officials in order to insure the continuity of government during emergencies or health pandemics. Local

governments have also been asked to review the critical services that they or others provide to their communities and to insure that those groups also have a continuity of operations plan in place.

The purpose of this effort is to establish policies, procedures, and an organizational structure for responding to a major emergency in our town. Nothing in our plan should be construed in a manner that limits the use of good judgment and common sense in matters not foreseen or covered by the plan. Should state or federal authorities make a disaster declaration for our area, our plan and organization will be subordinate to those authorities.

The best way for any community to cope with an unexpected major emergency is to ask its citizens to be prepared for any emergency. Have a plan that every member of the family knows and shares. Be prepared to “shelter in place” for up to four days if necessary with adequate provisions for water, food, shelter and clothing. Essential items include a manual can opener, a battery powered radio with an extra supply of batteries, flashlight, first aid kit and a fire extinguisher.

Vermont lies within a “moderate” earthquake zone and thankfully we don’t have to worry about volcanoes and tsunamis. We experience occasional tornados, hurricanes, wildfires and landslides, but we are always exposed to severe winter snow and ice storms, flooding, power outages due to ice, wind, thunderstorms and lighting.

As I write this report it is now the sixth day after the great earthquake struck Haiti. While our hearts go out to those citizens for the enormous loss of life, injury and damage they have suffered, we commend them for the way neighbor helped neighbor in the initial shock and aftermath of the calamity. When and if our community must cope with and recover from a major emergency, we can know that our neighbors both near and far will also be there for us. For that is the way we do things in Vermont.

Respectfully submitted:

Allen Tinker

Emergency Management Director

FAYSTON NATURAL RESOURCES TOWN REPORT 2009

Throughout this past year the Fayston Natural Resources Committee (FNRC) met on the second Monday of each month to work on natural resource priorities for the Town of Fayston, and valley-wide initiatives pertaining to Fayston. Members also attended valley wide conservation commission meetings to connect with our neighboring towns, and learn about the work they have planned for the future that may intersect with our own as we plan for the future. As well, FNRC members participated in the Forests Communities and Wildlife initiative, a collaborative effort between the Vermont Natural Resources Council (VNRC), Forests Parks and Recreation, Fish & Wildlife, Friends of the Mad River, and the Mad River Valley Planning District. VNRC’s goal in this initiative is to connect resources to landowners for education, direction, and assistance in keeping large blocks of forested land intact for wildlife and people.

In 2009 the FNRC completed the Ancient Roads research with recommendations for the Select Board that three of the potential Ancient Roads be retained for use by residents: Baird in the Bush trail, Marble Hill Road, and Sharpshooters Road extension into Duxbury. The Select Board met regarding the Ancient Roads findings and decided it was in the town’s best interests to keep Marble Hill extension and Sharpshooters Road, and research Baird in the Bush to determine ownership. Once research concluded Baird in the Bush was found to be owned by the State of Vermont. Other candidate Ancient Roads were investigated and determined to be unidentifiable (completely grown in), or currently used as driveways. In 2010 the FNRC will work with the Central VT Trail Finder Initiative to map Fayston’s walking trails for greater access by residents and the public.

The Chase Brook Town Forest was a prime focus in 2009 with FNRC members working with the Fayston Elementary School to teach students mammal tracking and monitoring skills, as well as forest floor ecology. A public wildlife tracking workshop for all ages was held in March and our Town Forest markers have been posted along the boundary of the 72 acre parcel. Members of FNRC are now working on rewriting the Chase Brook Town

Forest Management Plan, knot weed removal, wetland delineations, and this spring the 5/6 students will be mapping forest trails. As well, plans for the barn near the parking lot to be used as a seasonal classroom and meeting space are being developed.

In the spring of 2009, FNRC members explored possible vernal pool habitat crossing sites. German Flats road was found to have spotted salamander, wood frog, and spring peepers crossing, Route 17 was found to have wood frogs, and Bragg Hill Road before its intersection with Moulton Road had wood frogs and newts crossing. In 2010 there will be an organized effort inviting members of the public to assist with crossing amphibians in busy road areas in the Mad River Valley—look for this soon!

Lastly, FNRC lost 2 members in 2009 and is actively recruiting new members. We are hoping some of you would like to join us! Please contact any member for information.

Ky Koitzsch-Chair, Jane Lazorchak, Patti Greene-Swift, Ned Kelley, Cory Stephenson, and Stellan Wollmar

**FOTHERGILL SEGALE & VALLEY
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

**COMPILATION REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

PLEASE NOTE:

AS OF 2009

**THE SELECTBOARD MADE THE DECISION TO NO LONGER
REPRODUCE THE AUDIT/COMPILATION REPORTS FOR THE
FAYSTON TOWN REPORT.**

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TOWN OF FAYSTON

PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET VS. ACTUAL JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2009

		Jan - Dec 09	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Budget 2010
Income						
INCOME						
	4000 Æ Town Taxes	774,573.99	734,942.00	39,631.99	105.39%	0.00
	4010 Æ State Aid Highway	62,785.61	65,000.00	-2,214.39	96.59%	62000.00
	4015 Æ Green Mountain Valley School	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	100.0%	4000.00
	4020 Æ Liquor licenses	900.00	900.00	0.00	100.0%	900.00
	4025 Æ Marriage licenses	115.00	200.00	-85.00	57.5%	200.00
	4035 Æ Dog licenses	1,328.00	1,000.00	328.00	132.8%	1000.00
	4036 Æ Restoration	1,122.00	0.00	1,122.00	100.0%	2000.00
	4040 Æ Other income	4,819.95	2,000.00	2,819.95	241.0%	2000.00
	4041 Æ Hall rental	1,325.00	2,000.00	-675.00	66.25%	1500.00
	4042 Æ Fees	29,778.47	20,000.00	9,778.47	148.89%	22000.00
	4043 Æ Permits-EW	348.00	300.00	48.00	116.0%	300.00
	4048 Æ Zoning-fees	5,198.00	8,000.00	-2,802.00	64.98%	4500.00
	4050 Æ Waitsfield road work	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	100.0%	4000.00
	4052 Æ Delinquent tax interest	19,754.37	10,000.00	9,754.37	197.54%	14000.00
	4054 Æ Delinquent tax penalties	19,640.69	0.00	19,640.69	100.0%	0.00
	4065 Æ Interest-CD	10,221.51	3,500.00	6,721.51	292.04%	6500.00
	4075 Æ Interest - General Fund	8,659.15	10,000.00	-1,340.85	86.59%	8000.00
	4550 Æ Fines	101.50	0.00	101.50	100.0%	0.00
	4700 Æ Current Use	24,863.00	20,000.00	4,863.00	124.32%	20000.00
	4805 Æ PILOT	15,727.20	15,000.00	727.20	104.85%	15000.00
	Total INCOME	989,261.44	900,842.00	88,419.44	109.82%	167900.00
	4999 Æ Fund Balance Prior Yr.	36,835.07	36,834.00			162249.33
	Total Income	1,026,096.51	937,676.00	88,420.51	109.43%	330149.33
Expense						
ADMINISTRATIVE						
	5305 Æ Pound	2,275.00	2,200.00	75.00	103.41%	2200.00
	5320 Æ Legal					
	5315 Æ Kolitch - Subdivision	700.50				
	5316 Æ Crean - Subdivision	2,937.89				
	5317 Æ Zoning & Planning	33.00				
	5320 Æ Legal - Other	9.10	30,000.00	-29,990.90	0.03%	
	Total 5320 Æ Legal	3,680.49	30,000.00	-26,319.51	12.27%	15000.00
	5321 Æ Consulting	500.00	1,000.00	-500.00	50.0%	1000.00
	5322 Æ Audit expense	5,225.00	5,500.00	-275.00	95.0%	9500.00
	5323 Æ Fire Warden	300.00	300.00	0.00	100.0%	300.00
	5325 Æ Public Safety	389.20	1,000.00	-610.80	38.92%	500.00
	5335 Æ MRV Solid Waste Alliance	2,502.00	2,500.00	2.00	100.08%	2500.00
	5340 Æ Contingency & miscellaneous	80.00	500.00	-420.00	16.0%	500.00
	5910 Æ Leagues of Cities & Towns	1,621.00	1,600.00	21.00	101.31%	1883.00
	5920 Æ Loan Interest	0.00	600.00	-600.00	0.0%	600.00
	Total ADMINISTRATIVE	16,572.69	45,200.00	-28,627.31	36.67%	33983.00
BENEFITS						
	5050 Æ Hospitalization	68,485.12	68,400.00	85.12	100.12%	71870.00
	5055 Æ Retirement	11,769.41	13,100.00	-1,330.59	89.84%	13100.00
	5060 Æ Taxes - payroll	18,271.64	22,300.00	-4,028.36	81.94%	22300.00
	5065 Æ Uniforms	2,543.37	2,600.00	-56.63	97.82%	1800.00
	5066 Æ Dental	7,003.38	5,900.00	1,103.38	118.7%	8000.00
	Total BENEFITS	108,072.92	112,300.00	-4,227.08	96.24%	117070.00
ELECTIONS						
	6005 Æ Election clerks	572.50	1,000.00	-427.50	57.25%	3500.00
	6010 Æ Supplies	186.69	1,000.00	-813.31	18.67%	3500.00
	6015 Æ Town Report	3,561.57	4,300.00	-738.43	82.83%	4000.00

TOWN OF FAYSTON

PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET VS. ACTUAL JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2009

		Jan - Dec 09	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Budget 2010
	Total ELECTIONS	4,320.76	6,300.00	-1,979.24	68.58%	11000.00
	FIRE					
	5380 Æ Waitsfield contract	26,221.22	27,200.00	-978.78	96.4%	29000.00
	Total FIRE	26,221.22	27,200.00	-978.78	96.4%	29000.00
	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT					
	5090 Æ Blades	4,489.98	5,000.00	-510.02	89.8%	5000.00
	5095 Æ Diesel	25,906.56	35,000.00	-9,093.44	74.02%	35000.00
	5100 Æ Repairs	9,185.94	12,000.00	-2,814.06	76.55%	15000.00
	5105 Æ Gasoline	1,448.73	5,000.00	-3,551.27	28.98%	2000.00
	5110 Æ Oil	1,258.91	1,500.00	-241.09	83.93%	1500.00
	5115 Æ Other parts	4,579.40	5,000.00	-420.60	91.59%	5000.00
	5120 Æ Rental	4,707.10	5,000.00	-292.90	94.14%	7000.00
	5125 Æ Tires	3,927.13	5,000.00	-1,072.87	78.54%	6000.00
	Total HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	55,503.75	73,500.00	-17,996.25	75.52%	76500.00
	HIGHWAY GARAGE					
	5130 Æ Electricity	238.12	500.00	-261.88	47.62%	500.00
	5140 Æ Maintenance and repairs	2,204.60	3,000.00	-795.40	73.49%	3000.00
	5150 Æ Telephone	1,109.35	1,100.00	9.35	100.85%	1200.00
	Total HIGHWAY GARAGE	3,552.07	4,600.00	-1,047.93	77.22%	4700.00
	HIGHWAY SALARIES					
	5170 Æ Salaries	115,389.11	135,000.00	-19,610.89	85.47%	135000.00
	Total HIGHWAY SALARIES	115,389.11	135,000.00	-19,610.89	85.47%	135000.00
	HIGHWAY SUPPLIES					
	5070 Æ Calcium	3,915.00	8,000.00	-4,085.00	48.94%	6000.00
	5075 Æ Sand	8,044.20	10,000.00	-1,955.80	80.44%	10000.00
	5080 Æ Other supplies	1,747.94	1,000.00	747.94	174.79%	1000.00
	5085 Æ Salt	22,968.25	30,000.00	-7,031.75	76.56%	30000.00
	Total HIGHWAY SUPPLIES	36,675.39	49,000.00	-12,324.61	74.85%	47000.00
	INSURANCE					
	5400 Æ Property and Casualty	12,998.00	14,530.00	-1,532.00	89.46%	15743.00
	5405 Æ Extra Liability	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.0%	0.00
	5410 Æ Public Officials	2,163.00	2,163.00	0.00	100.0%	2914.00
	5430 Æ Workers' comp	11,079.00	11,079.00	0.00	100.0%	9117.00
	5435 Æ Employment Practices	1,214.00	1,214.00	0.00	100.0%	1526.00
	5440 Æ VLCT Unemployment	638.00	640.00	-2.00	99.69%	882.00
	Total INSURANCE	28,592.00	30,126.00	-1,534.00	94.91%	30182.00
	MUNICIPAL BUILDING					
	5450 Æ Cleaning	1,830.00	1,900.00	-70.00	96.32%	1900.00
	5455 Æ Electricity	2,377.90	2,500.00	-122.10	95.12%	2500.00
	5460 Æ Heat	4,812.12	5,600.00	-787.88	85.93%	5600.00
	5465 Æ Other	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%	500.00
	5470 Æ Maintenance	1,040.18	7,500.00	-6,459.82	13.87%	7500.00
	5475 Æ Telephone	2,593.34	3,000.00	-406.66	86.45%	3000.00
	Total MUNICIPAL BUILDING	12,653.54	21,000.00	-8,346.46	60.26%	21000.00
	OFFICE					
	5600 Æ Computer expenses	3,806.84	3,200.00	606.84	118.96%	4000.00
	5605 Æ Equipment purchase	3,292.00	3,000.00	292.00	109.73%	3000.00
	5610 Æ Listers-expenses	854.53	1,500.00	-645.47	56.97%	1500.00
	5611 Æ 911 Wages	1,906.32	500.00	1,406.32	381.26%	1000.00
	5612 Æ Tax Mapping	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	100.0%	2050.00
	5615 Æ Selectmen	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00	100.0%	2250.00

TOWN OF FAYSTON

PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET VS. ACTUAL JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2009

		Jan - Dec 09	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Budget 2010
	5625 AE Postage	1,623.30	2,000.00	-376.70	81.17%	2000.00
	5630 AE Equipment rental	3,024.00	3,100.00	-76.00	97.55%	3100.00
	5635 AE Supplies	5,096.57	4,800.00	296.57	106.18%	5000.00
	5650 AE Seminars/dues	2,309.59	2,800.00	-490.41	82.49%	2800.00
	5655 AE Bank fees	-5.00				0.00
	Total OFFICE	25,358.15	24,350.00	1,008.15	104.14%	26700.00
	PLANNING					
	5700 AE Advertising	532.40	1,000.00	-467.60	53.24%	700.00
	5705 AE CVRPC	1,189.40	1,200.00	-10.60	99.12%	1350.00
	5706 AE FNRC	312.95	1,000.00	-687.05	31.3%	1000.00
	5710 AE ZA Exp/Misc	188.30	600.00	-411.70	31.38%	600.00
	5711 AE Planning-supplies	636.88	1,500.00	-863.12	42.46%	500.00
	5712 AE Planning-postage	163.92	200.00	-36.08	81.96%	200.00
	5714 AE MRVPD	19,100.00	19,100.00	0.00	100.0%	21010.00
	5715 AE Town Plan	46.33	2,000.00	-1,953.67	2.32%	100.00
	5720 - PC/DRB Resources (Training)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	1000.00
	5730 AE Computer Equipment	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%	1500.00
	5830 AE Zoning Administration	16,331.48	20,800.00	-4,468.52	78.52%	20800.00
	5840 AE ZA Asst. 1	67.50	1,000.00	-932.50	6.75%	500.00
	Total PLANNING	38,569.16	49,900.00	-11,330.84	77.29%	49260.00
	SALARIES					
	5805 AE Clerk/tax collector	41,080.00	41,100.00	-20.00	99.95%	41100.00
	5810 AE Treasurer/Assistant TC	41,080.00	41,100.00	-20.00	99.95%	41100.00
	5812 AE Selectboard Assistant	5,298.80	5,300.00	-1.20	99.98%	10400.00
	5815 AE Listers	9,580.74	18,000.00	-8,419.26	53.23%	18000.00
	5816 AE Salary - Reappraisal	21,760.47				0.00
	5826 AE Delinquent tax collector	19,640.69				0.00
	Total SALARIES	138,440.70	105,500.00	32,940.70	131.22%	110600.00
	TAXES					
	5900 AE Joslin Memorial Library	8,550.00	8,550.00	0.00	100.0%	10000.00
	5905 AE FES Usage	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	100.0%	20000.00
	5925 AE Washington County	33,453.00	33,450.00	3.00	100.01%	31223.00
	5930 AE Donations	16,200.00	16,200.00	0.00	100.0%	17188.00
	5935 AE Recreation District	12,500.00	12,500.00	0.00	100.0%	12500.00
	Total TAXES	90,703.00	90,700.00	3.00	100.0%	90911.00
	TRANSFERS					
	8001 AE Transfer-road retreatment	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	100.0%	55000.00
	8002 AE Transfer-equipment	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	100.0%	60000.00
	8003 AE Transfer-bridge	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	100.0%	3000.00
	8004 AE Transfer-fire equipment	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	100.0%	15000.00
	8006 AE Transfer to road construction	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	100.0%	20000.00
	8008 AE Transfer re-appraisal reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%	5000.00
	8012 AE Transfer to Town Garage Reserve	222.72	0.00	222.72	100.0%	0.00
	8013 AE Transfer Record Restoration	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.0%	8000.00
	Total TRANSFERS	163,222.72	163,000.00	222.72	100.14%	166,000.00
	Total Expense	863,847.18	937,676.00	-73,828.82	92.13%	948,906.00
	Net Income	162,249.33	0.00	162,249.33	100.0%	-618,756.67
	\$1,430,255.00 to Fayston School					
	\$924,852.00 to Harwood Union					
	\$2,168,187.29 to the State Treasury*					
	*May be reduced to \$2,120,286.37 due to tax adjustment calculation per Auditors					

FAYSTON CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM 2010 - 2015

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 2004, 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 2015. 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 2010- 2015. 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 2010 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>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	Budget <u>2009</u>
REVENUE						
GRAND LIST	2,607,326	2,664,312	2,750,633	2,818,728	2,855,775	2,869,051
TAX RATE	1.61/1.67	1.66/1.58	1.734/1.672	1.7795/1.7684	2.008/2.0629	2.14/2.01
TAX REVENUE	\$ 4,230,198	\$ 4,255,752	\$ 4,671,015	\$ 5,017,336	\$ 5,767,464	\$ 5,766,793
STATE AID - TOWN	72316	65289	65509	83530	65262	65000
STATE AID-REAPPRAISAL	0	0	10963	11058	11086	0
FEDERAL/STATE-SCHOOL	295602	339383	208483	194709	223853	191378
OTHER - TOWN	106353	128766	105525	96617	116792	100900
OTHER - SCHOOL	22000	22000	22000	50677	50849	32500
FAYSTON ED FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 4,726,469	\$ 4,811,190	\$ 5,083,495	\$ 5,453,927	\$ 6,235,306	\$ 6,156,571
EXPENDITURES - OPERATING						
ROADS	199329	231998	206276	247275	233179	262100
POLICE & FIRE	20837	19530	19455	20273	28640	27200
GENERAL ADMN	353457	341756	367551	395833	414490	435476
PLANNING	46009	42611	46464	56659	44880	49900
DEBT SERVICE	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOWN TOTAL	\$ 619,632	\$ 635,895	\$ 639,746	\$ 720,040	\$ 721,189	\$ 774,676
SCHOOL - ELEM.	1084293	1250372	1336381	1446820	1538587	1593413
HARWOOD (see note)	990927	1224001	1131678	1076731	1128414	1162266
DEBT SVCE - ELEM	54080	51540	48938	46642	44347	52551
SCHOOL TOTAL	\$2,129,300	\$2,525,913	\$2,516,997	\$2,570,193	\$2,711,348	\$2,808,230
NOTE: HUHS costs for 2008 and forward are estimated based on the previous years' compound annual rate of change.						
TOTAL OPERATING - BOTH	\$ 2,748,932	\$ 3,161,808	\$ 3,156,743	\$ 3,290,233	\$ 3,432,537	\$ 3,582,906
CAPITAL						
TOWN	142000	154000	155000	160000	168000	163000
SCHOOL	0	0	0	28677	28849	13631
TOTAL OPERATING & CAPITAL	\$ 2,890,932	\$ 3,315,808	\$ 3,311,743	\$ 3,478,910	\$ 3,629,386	\$ 3,759,537
LONG TERM DEBT						
TOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0
SCHOOL	265000	230000	181062	134420	99420	46869
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT	265000	230000	181062	134420	99420	46869
Payment to State Education Fund	\$ 1,077,654	\$ 1,352,969	\$ 1,676,631	\$ 2,011,957	\$ 1,995,538	\$ 1,955,627

FAYSTON CAPITAL PROJECTS

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
PURCHASES & EXPENSES						
TOWN:						
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	20000	20000	20000	20000	20000	20000
ROAD RETREATMENT	55000	55000	55000	55000	55000	55000
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	60000	60000	60000	60000	60000	60000
FIRE EQPT RESERVE	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000
BRIDGE RESERVE	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000
HIGHWAY GARAGE	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOWN RECORDS RESTORATION	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000
REAPPRAISAL	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
TOTAL TOWN CAPITAL	\$166,000	\$166,000	\$166,000	\$166,000	\$166,000	\$166,000

FIVE YEAR TREND ANALYSIS
COMPOUND ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE

REVENUE	
GRAND LIST	2.5%
TAX RATE	3.5%
TOTAL TAX REVENUE	6.5%
FED/STATE AID	-7.5%
OTHER REVENUE	1.0%
TOTAL REVENUE	5.5%
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	
ROADS	5.5%
POLICE & FIRE	5.5%
GENERAL ADMN/PLANNING	4.0%
SCHOOLS	5.5%
SCHOOL DEBT SERVICE	-1.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5.5%
Payment to St. Ed'n. Fund	16.0%
Payment to St. Ed'n. Fund	-2 2008 to 2009

STABLE TAX RATE
of \$2.00

PROJECTED REVENUE FIVE YEAR TREND
COMPOUND ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE

2009 Budget as base

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
GRAND LIST	\$2,940,777	\$3,014,297	\$3,089,654	\$3,166,895	\$3,246,068	\$3,327,220
TAX RATE	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
TAX REVENUE	\$5,881,555	\$6,028,593	\$6,179,308	\$6,333,791	\$6,492,136	\$6,654,439
FED/STATE	237,150	219,363	202,911	187,693	173,616	160,595
OTHER REVENUE	134,734	136,081	137,442	138,817	140,205	141,607
TOTAL REVENUE	\$6,253,438	\$6,384,038	\$6,519,662	\$6,660,300	\$6,805,956	\$6,956,641

PROJECTED OPERATING EXPENDITURES
COMPOUND ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE
2009 Budget as base

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
ROADS	276,516	291,724	307,769	324,696	342,554	361,395
POLICE & FIRE	28,696	30,274	31,939	33,696	35,549	37,505
GEN'L ADMN/PLANNING	504,791	524,983	545,982	567,821	590,534	614,155
SCHOOLS	2,962,683	3,125,630	3,297,540	3,478,905	3,670,244	3,872,108
TOTAL OPERATING	3,772,685	\$3,972,611	\$4,183,230	\$4,405,118	\$4,638,882	\$4,885,162
BALANCE FOR CAPITAL,						
DEBT SVCE & STATE	\$2,480,753	\$2,411,427	\$2,336,432	\$2,255,183	\$2,167,074	\$2,071,478
TOWN CAPITAL	166,000	166,000	166,000	166,000	166,000	166,000
DEBT SERVICE/SCHOOL	46,400	45,936	45,477	45,022	44,572	44,126
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	\$2,268,353	\$2,199,491	\$2,124,955	\$2,044,160	\$1,956,502	\$1,861,352
Projected Payment to State						
Education fund	\$ 1,916,514	\$ 1,878,184	\$ 1,840,620	\$ 1,803,808	\$ 1,767,732	\$ 1,732,377
Surplus/deficit at \$2.00 tax	\$351,838	\$321,307	\$284,334	\$240,352	\$188,771	\$128,975

GENERAL/CAPITAL FUND BUDGET 2010

	BUDGET 2009	ACTUAL 2009	BUDGET 2010
GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2009			
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$45,200.00	\$16,572.69	\$33,983.00
BENEFITS	\$112,300.00	\$108,072.92	\$117,070.00
ELECTIONS	\$6,300.00	\$4,320.76	\$11,000.00
FIRE	\$27,200.00	\$26,221.22	\$29,000.00
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	\$73,500.00	\$55,503.75	\$76,500.00
HIGHWAY GARAGE	\$4,600.00	\$3,552.07	\$4,700.00
HIGHWAY SALARIES	\$135,000.00	\$115,389.11	\$135,000.00
HIGHWAY SUPPLIES	\$49,000.00	\$36,675.39	\$47,000.00
INSURANCE	\$30,126.00	\$28,592.00	\$30,182.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDING	\$21,000.00	\$12,653.54	\$21,000.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$24,350.00	\$25,358.15	\$26,700.00
PLANNING	\$49,900.00	\$38,569.16	\$49,260.00
OFFICER SALARIES *1 & *2	\$105,500.00	\$138,440.70	\$110,600.00
TAXES	\$90,700.00	\$90,703.00	\$90,911.00
TOTAL	\$774,676.00	\$700,624.46	\$782,906.00
CAPITAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2009			
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
ROAD RETREATMENT	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$55,000.00
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
BRIDGE RESERVE	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
HIGHWAY GARAGE RESERVE	\$0.00	\$222.72	\$0.00
REAPPRAISAL	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
TOWN RECORD RESTORATION	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00
TOTAL	\$163,000.00	\$163,222.72	\$166,000.00
GENERAL & CAPITAL FUND TOTALS	\$937,676.00	\$863,847.18	\$948,906.00
*1 - Actual incl. del tax \$19,640.69			
*2 - Actual incl. re-appraisal \$21,760.47			

2010 - REVENUE ESTIMATES.xls

	A	B	C	D
		ESTIMATE 2009	ACTUAL 2009	ESTIMATE 2010
1				
2				
3	4010 - STATE AID - HIGHWAY	65,000.00	62,785.61	62,000.00
4	4700 - CURRENT USE	20,000.00	24,863.00	20,000.00
5	4075/4065 - INTEREST GENERAL FUND & CD	10,000.00	18,880.66	14,500.00
6	4052 - INTEREST DELINQUENT TAX	10,000.00	19,754.37	14,000.00
7	4805 - PILOT (PMT IN LIEU OF TAXES)	15,000.00	15,727.20	15,000.00
8	4050- WAITSFIELD ROAD WORK	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
9	4035/4020/4025 - LICENSES (DOG/LIQUOR/MARRIAGE)	2,100.00	2,343.00	2,100.00
10	4043/4048 - PERMITS (EW & ZONING)	8,300.00	5,546.00	4,800.00
11	4042 - FEES (RECORDING/COPIES)	20,000.00	29,778.47	22,000.00
12	MISCELLANEOUS (HS 131 Penalty/Other Income/Hall Rental/Zoning)	7,500.00	7,368.45	5,500.00
13	4015 - GMVS	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
14	*STATE AID - REAPPRAISAL		*11,077.00	
15				
16	TOTAL ABOVE REVENUE	165,900.00	195,046.76	167,900.00
17				
18	FUND BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	36,834.00	36,835.07	162,249.33
19				
20	TOTAL REVENUE	202,734.00	231,881.83	330,149.33
21				
22	TOTAL REVENUE NEEDED (Capital and General)	937,676.00	863,847.18	948,906.00
23				
24	TAXES NEEDED TO BE RAISED (Line 22 - Line 20)	734,942.00	631,965.35	618,756.67
25				
26	*Designated Only For Reappraisal Expense			

FIXED ASSETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
REAL PROPERTY					
MUNICIPAL BUILDING & LAND (6.7AC)	\$575,100.00	\$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	\$9,600.00
TOWN GARAGE & LAND (7.2AC)	\$293,700.00	\$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	\$324,900.00
BASSETT HILL ROAD (12.4AC)	\$56,100.00	\$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	\$38,600.00
MILL BROOK ROAD (.30AC)	\$15,800.00	\$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	\$73,200.00
SCHOOL (7AC)	\$1,307,300.00	\$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	\$14,100.00
GERMAN FLATS ROAD (73.34AC) CHASE BKOOK		\$170,800.00	\$170,800.00	\$170,800.00	\$170,800.00
CEMETERIES (3)					
TOTAL	\$2,708,400.00	\$2,879,200.00	\$2,879,200.00	\$2,879,200.00	\$2,879,200.00
ROAD DEPARTMENT					
2009 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK				\$130,019.00	\$117,107.10
2006 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK		\$100,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$81,000.00	\$72,900.00
2002 MACK TRUCK	\$56,300.00	\$50,670.00	\$45,603.00	\$41,042.70	\$36,938.43
1999 MACK TRUCK	\$30,400.00	\$27,360.00	\$24,624.00	\$22,161.60	\$0.00
1995 MACK TRUCK	\$21,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2004 GRADER	\$130,000.00	\$117,000.00	\$105,300.00	\$94,770.00	\$85,293.00
2003 LOADER	\$85,000.00	\$76,500.00	\$68,850.00	\$61,965.00	\$55,768.50
2001 CHEVROLET PICKUP	\$10,500.00	\$9,450.00	\$8,505.00	\$7,654.50	\$0.00
2009 GMC PICKUP					\$26,832.60
2000 BACKHOE	\$49,600.00	\$44,640.00	\$40,176.00	\$36,158.40	\$32,542.56
MISC. TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
TOTAL	\$392,800.00	\$435,620.00	\$393,058.00	\$484,771.20	\$437,382.19

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. HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE	\$1,000.00
CTRL. VT. ECONOMIC DEVELOP. CORP.	\$200.00
FAMILY CTR. OF WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$100.00
GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AGENCY	\$588.00
GREEN UP VERMONT	\$100.00
MAD RIVER SENIORS	\$7,000.00
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
WASHINGTON COUNTY DIVERSION PROG	\$150.00

TOTAL

\$17,188.00



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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 87 calls in 2009.

Calls by Type

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

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

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

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

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

Officers for 2009 were:

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

Active Firefighters:

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Delbert Palmer, Chief

MAD RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE (MRVAS)

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

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

. Fayston — 18	. Waitsfield — 16
. Moretown — 3	. Warren — 19

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brian P. Lavery
President, MRVAS

MAD RIVER PATH ASSOCIATION 2009 TOWN REPORT

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

The Mad River Path Association (MRPA) began as the Mad River Valley Rivers and Trails Committee in 1988. Incorporated as a 501(C) (3) in 1992, it relies on membership fees, donations from individuals and corporations and grants from public and private sources to support its activities to build and maintain the Mad River Path. We welcome volunteers to help with fundraising and trail development.

The 2009 Mad River Dash was dedicated to Elwin and Angela Neill, whose generosity has made it possible to host this event on the Greenway since 1995. The 15TH Annual Dash will be on Sept. 19, 2010. The MRPA will be partnering with Sugarbush to put on the Sugarbush Triathlon, April 11, 2010. This event will benefit the MRPA.

Some MRPA 2009 highlights include:

- Completion of a new 5 year Strategic Plan
 - Revision of our Mission Statement
 - Mad River Valley Recreation District awarded MRPA two significant grants, which ensure the sustainability of the MRPA.
 - Hiring a new Executive Director, Autumn Foushee. Autumn will be graduating in May with a Master's Degree from UVM's Field Naturalist program. She has a background in journalism and natural resources conservation and has worked as a Ranger and Federal Grants Specialist.
 - Completion of two new sections of the Village Path - the boardwalk south of Carroll Road and the path around the Big Picture pond.
 - Completion of a spur trail connecting Mad River Meadows to the Village Path, a HUHS VYCC group helped with this project.
 - New trailhead signs and maps up and down the Valley
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- A new website (www.madriverpath.com).
- Completion of a five-year Strategic Plan — with a two-year priority to connect the sections of the Path from the Greenway at the north end of Waitsfield to the Lareau swimming hole
- A signed a license agreement with Warren to create a spur of the Path at the Kingsbury Farm and an easement donated by Kew Pierson.
- Restoration of the original 1987 section of the Path behind the Warren School
- Several work parties with many hours of time donated by committed community volunteers.
- A successful membership drive, which doubled our membership since last year.
- Cooperating partnerships with community groups like the Mad River Valley Recreation District, Friends of Mad River, the Mad River Planning District, the Innkeepers' Association, the Safe Routes to School initiatives at participating schools, the Mad River Chamber of Commerce, the Boy Scouts, the VFN and the Rotary.
- Partnership with the UVM Local Community Initiatives course. Worked with student interns to compile a history and organizational case study to help MRPA's efforts to become a financially stable and sustainable organization.

MRPA Board of Directors:

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

MAD RIVER VALLEY HEALTH CENTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you.

Sue Frechette, President, Warren
 Chuck Martel, VP, Fayston
 Dara Torre, Secretary, Moretown

Dave Ellison, Treasurer, Warren
 Darren Misenko, Duxbury
 Suzanne Chamberlain, Waitsfield

Adam Greshin, Warren
 Connie Colman, Warren

MAD RIVER VALLEY HOUSING COALITION

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

During 2009, the MRVHC began implementing strategies suggested in the Mad River Valley Housing Study completed in 2006. A grant of \$1,000 from the Central Vermont Community Land Trust helped support production of "A Guide to Creating & Renting Accessory Apartments in the Mad River Valley." The booklet is available at local libraries, town offices, and at the Mad River Valley Planning District. Limited copies of notebooks with more comprehensive materials are also available from MRVPD and local zoning administrators.

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

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

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

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

We also could not survive without our very dedicated corps of community volunteers who so generously give of their time to deliver Meals on Wheels or serve lunch every Tuesday and Thursday at our congregate meals site at Evergreen Place. In the year of 2009 we served a total of 4,512 meals to seniors either at Evergreen Place or to Meals on Wheels recipients in the community.

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

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

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



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MAD RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

The Mad River Valley Planning District was created to carry out a program of planning directed toward the physical, social, economic, fiscal, environmental, cultural and aesthetic wellbeing of the Towns of Fayston, Waitsfield and Warren. In addition to working diligently on all aspects of its FY 2010 Work Plan, MRVPD has continued building relationships with and between the Valley's various municipal boards, volunteer groups, and business community.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- The Vermont Community Energy Mobilization Pilot Project resulted in nine weekends of community volunteers performing 66 energy evaluation home visits and installing hundreds of CFL light bulbs in addition to other low-cost energy saving measures.
- A Mad River Energy Study is being developed, which serves to be the go-to reference for energy information in the Mad River Valley, including current project, proposals, and funding opportunities. www.mrvenergy.org
- The Northern Forest Alliance's MRV Community Biomass Project has completed the first of a three-year action research project, which seeks to enhance municipal energy independence throughout the Valley. Initial results have identified residential wood consumption rates. Further studies will analyze these numbers in comparison to the ability of the Valley to provide these wood resources as well as explore related enterprises.
- Fall '09 saw two Button-Up Weatherization Workshops in the Valley for the second year in a row.
- Grant applications have been submitted for energy retrofits, energy financing, and energy production equipment by MRV towns and schools through funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Mad River Byway - Route 100 & Rt. 17 within the Valley are included in the Mad River Byway designation of the National Byway Program. As a member of the Byway Steering Committee, MRVPD is helping develop kiosk and interpretive signs to be placed in key locations within the byway. Many of the trailblazer signs were erected this fall and the kiosk and interpretive signs, identifying local information of interest, will be put up in the spring. The

Byway designation provides funding opportunities for a variety of projects within the corridor. MRVPD is assisting in an effort to include a Mad River Byway sign on I-89.

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

Valley Futures Network - In 2007, the Planning District convened a meeting of 25 Valley representatives to discuss growing leadership in the Valley. The diverse group included people from all 4 Valley towns, landowners, renters, part-time residents, business people, professionals, non-profit folks, contractors etc and met over a full day at Knoll Farm. Since then various project oriented committees have formed, a mission statement and vision have been developed, various community events, and three more retreats have taken place in an effort to engage the entire community in growing individual leadership around the key issues affecting the landscape of our community: housing, energy, agriculture, transportation, and local commerce. Related projects have included Waitsfield's Community Bike Program, the Walk 'n Roll Festival, and numerous events hosted by the Mad River Valley Localvore Project.

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

Mad River Valley Planning District Steering Committee

Jared Cadwell (Fayston), Chair
 Jim Sanford (Warren), Vice Chair
 Chuck Martel (Fayston)
 Brian Parker (Waitsfield)

Steve Shea (Waitsfield)
 Jim Halavonich (MRV Chamber)
 Jason Lisai (Sugarbush)
 Laurie Emery (CVRPC)

Respectfully Submitted,
 Joshua Schwartz, Executive Director

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 the Mad River Path Association. MRVRD provided funding to Mad River Park to help maintain the soccer and lacrosse fields and to lease the field for public use. MRVRD contributed to the Mad River Bill Koch League to help get equipment for the young skiers, to the Warren Fund to support a fitness trail for the school and community, and to the Warren Playground to help support activities.

MRVRD is requesting funds for the fiscal year 2010 in the amount of \$12,500 from each contributing town, which is the same amount as last year. We received requests in excess of \$40,000 for the year and expect more requests to come during the summer months.

The MRVRD Board encourages groups and individuals who are interested in creating recreational opportunities in

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

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

Ken Felderman, Fayston – President
 Doug Bergstein, Warren – Treasurer
 Lisa Koitzsch, Fayston – Secretary

Jon Hammond, Waitsfield
 Helen Kellogg, Waitsfield
 Dean Hammel, Waitsfield
 Dayna Lisaius, Warren
 John Stokes, Fayston

Beginning Balance (Jan. 1, 2008)	\$46,464.43
Income:	
Funding from towns	\$37,500.00
Interest	\$77.17
Total Income	\$37,577.17
Expenditures:	
Mad River Bill Koch League	\$3,000.00
Mad River Park	\$5,000.00
Mad River Path	\$11,115.00
Skatium	\$11,000.00
Warren Fitness Trail	\$5,000.00
Warren Playgroup	\$291.77
Phone	\$108.41
PO Box	\$44.00
Advertising	\$134.52
Website Work	\$1722.80
Total Expenditures	\$37,418.50
Ending Balance (Dec. 31, 2009)	\$49,625.10
Projected Grants for 2010	\$50,000.00

MAD RIVER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE

P.O. Box 210, Waterbury Center VT 05677

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

January 8, 2010

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

During 2009, the Alliance held two Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day events at the Harwood Union High School in Duxbury on May 9, 2009 and on October 3, 2009. A total of 336 households participated in the events this year which represents 6.3% of our population. We collected over 1,450 gallons, 1,000 pounds and 1,440 feet of fluorescent bulbs at the two events. Residents within the Alliance communities are able to bring all their waste pesticides **and** up to 10 additional gallons of hazardous waste to each event for disposal at no charge. **If you have waste mercury containing products such as: thermometers or thermostats; medical or scientific instruments; switches; lamps; batteries or other mercury containing waste you can dispose of these products at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Events.** The Alliance will swap your mercury fever thermometer for a digital thermometer at no charge at these events. Bring your mercury thermostats to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection and you will receive a coupon that can be redeemed for a \$5.00 rebate by the Thermostat Recycling Corporation which will process the thermostats. Remember that latex paint is not a hazardous waste and will not be accepted. You can mix latex paint with kitty litter to solidify it and dispose of the mixture in your garbage. We are again planning two collection day events in 2010 at Harwood Union High School. They are scheduled for May 8 and October 2, 2010.

Over 1,131 gallons of used crankcase oil was collected within the Alliance at our Used Oil Collection Tanks during 2009. The tanks are located in Waitsfield at the Earthwise Transfer Station and at the Moretown Landfill, Inc.. As an Alliance resident, you can bring up to 5 gallons of used crankcase oil to either of these sites at a cost of fifteen cents per gallon at the Earthwise Transfer Station and fifty cents per gallon at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. for proper disposal. A car and truck oil filter crusher is also available for Alliance residents at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. at a cost of seventy five cents per filter.

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

The thirteenth truckload sale of compost bins was successful with the distribution of 44 compost bins and 26 kitchen collectors. It is estimated that each compost bin can compost 650 pounds of garden and kitchen waste annually. This means rich soil to add to your garden and less waste to go to the landfill. We will hold our Fourteenth Compost Bin Sale this spring. The Alliance held a car and pickup

truck tire and metal collection event at the Moretown Landfill, Inc. and at the Earthwise Transfer Station in conjunction with Green Up Day in 2009. A total of ~ 1,400 tires and ~3 tons of metal were collected during this event. In the fall the Alliance participated in the Wheels for Warmth Program held on October 31. We are planning to hold a spring tire and metal collection in conjunction with Green Up Day on May 1, In the fall, the Alliance will again coordinate with the organizers of the Wheels for Warmth Program in Middlesex to encourage participation in this program . Publicity on this event will come out in the fall.

The Moretown Landfill , Inc. provides Alliance residents with the opportunity to bring their recyclables to the facility at no charge if you also bring your trash for disposal at a fee. The recycling at no charge is done as part of the arrangement between the Alliance and the Moretown Landfill, Inc. for being the “host district” for the facility. Single stream recycling is a reality in the Alliance. You can bring your mixed paper, glass bottles and jars, metal cans and **plastics #1 through #7**, except for plastic film wrap and bags and beaded styrofoam for recycling. The recyclables are taken to the Chittenden County Materials Recovery Facility for processing. The Casella Earthwise Transfer Station and Moretown Landfill, Inc. also participated in the free disposal of roadside litter during the Green Up Day celebrations. The Alliance continues an electronic waste collection and recycling program and this year approximately 16.69 tons of computer systems, printers, televisions and VCRS were collected. This is an on going program at the Moretown Landfill, Inc.. The Alliance is a member of the NRRRA which helps us market some recyclable commodities such as tires, propane cylinders and other materials. The Alliance is also a member of the Product Stewardship Institute(PSI). As a stakeholder in the PSI we work with other entities to reduce the environmental and health impacts of a variety of consumer products. This is accomplished by looking at the life cycle impacts of products and their packaging. Things like energy and materials consumption, emissions during manufacturing, toxicity, worker safety and waste disposal are among the issues reviewed. The objective of product stewardship is to rethink the way things are created in order to have more sustainable products in the future. We are also a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council which provides a local focus to stewardship issues. A new composting facility, Grow Compost of Vermont has been permitted in the Alliance and offers diversion of food and other organic material from commercial sources to create a valuable resource for your garden.

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

The FY 10 assessment for the administrative and program costs remains at \$2.00 per capita. The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission provides accounting support to the Alliance. We thank them for this assistance.

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

MAD RIVER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE 2009		2010		
INCOME	Budget 2009	Actual 2009	Acct Rec Through Dec. 09	Budget 2010
Town Assessments Per Capita Based on 2 2008 Population	(\$2.00)			
Duxbury (1305)	2,578	2,578		2,610
Fayston (1245)	2,502	2,502		2,490
Moretown (1730)	3,454	3,454		3,460
Waitsfield (1683)	3,420	3,420		3,366
Warren (1735)	3,492	3,492		3,470
Waterbury (5349)	10,486	10,486		10,698
Subtotal Assessments:	26,032	26,032		26,094
MLF Education	24,048	18,583	4,107	24,048
Subtotal Education Income	24,048	18,583	4,107	24,048
Household Hazardous Waste:				
MLF HHW	15,921	9,889	4,928	14,423
Ag. Pest. Grant	3,911	1807	2,104	3,911
Small Quantity Generators	3,000	2,120		2,500
DEC SWIP HHW Grant	8,910	8,241		8,910
Subtotal HHW Income:	31,742	23,057	7,032	29,744
Miscellaneous Income:				
Compost Bins	3,276	3,062		1,728
Tires	6,000	3,704		3,750
Electronic Waste	4,000	4,104		4,367
Subtotal Misc. Income	13,276	10,870		9,845
Total Income:	95,098	78,542	11,139	89,731
EXPENSES:				
Administration:				
Administration: 667 Hours	23,345	22,050		23,345
Travel/Office	3,965	2,668		3,615
Insurance	1,200	1,140		1,200
Solid Waste Manager Association	200	200		300
Subtotal Administration:	28,710	26,058		28,460
Education:				
Administration: 375 Hours	13,125	12,950		13,125
Travel/Office	3,218	3365		3,218
Newsletter/Printing/Mailing	2,000	1,895		2,000
School Programs	3,700	3,200		3,200
GreenUp/Website/Special Events	1,000	475		1,500
N.R.R.A. Membership	180	180		180
Conference	600	600		600
Product Stewardship Institute	225	225		225
Subtotal Education	24,048	22,690		24,048.00
Household Hazardous Waste:				
Administration: 267 Hours	9,345	9,345		9,345
Travel/Office	3,997	4,450		2,500
HHW Contractor	18,500	15,838		17,000
Subtotal HHW:	31,842	29,633		28,845
Misc. Expenses:				
Equipment Maintenance	150	310		150
Tire Collection	4,260	2,434		2,500
Electronic Waste	3,000	5,577		4,000
Compost Bins	3,088	3,283		1,728
Subtotal Miscellaneous:	10,498	11,604		8,378
TOTAL EXPENSES:	95,098	89,985		89,731

MRVTV - MAD RIVER VALLEY TELEVISION

Mad River Valley Television is a community-based public access television station dedicated to giving the Valley access to the airwaves. MRVTV's Channels 44 (Community) and 45 (Municipal) are part of Waitsfield Cable's basic tier of service. MRVTV broadcasts locally generated programs with a focus on public, educational and governmental (PEG) programming.

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

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

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

To learn more how you can be involved with MRVTV, please contact Alex Maclay, our Station Manager, or Tony Italiano, our Technical Director/Media Manager, at 583-4488 (44TV) or by email- tv@mrvtv.com. You also can just stop by our studio offices in the red building in Bridge St. Marketplace, right down from the new tea shop MINT, at 4429 Main St. And you can find us on the web at www.mrvtv.com, or call our 24-hour hotline @ 583-4747 for current program times.

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

THE MAD RIVER WATERSHED CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP 2009 REPORT

For nine years, the Mad River Conservation Partnership has combined the vision and expertise of the Vermont Land Trust (VLT), the Friends of the Mad River and the Mad River Valley Planning District to protect land important to the future of the Mad River Valley. As one result of this unique, collaborative partnership, which actually dates back to the mid 1980s, more than 9,500 acres of farm and forestland in the Mad River Watershed are protected by permanent conservation easements held by VLT.

These conservation easements will ensure that these private, municipal and state-owned lands will remain undeveloped and available for agriculture, forestry, wildlife habitat, water quality protection and recreational opportunities that contribute to the vitality and health of the Valley landscape and community.

The Conservation Partnership was pleased to complete three conservation projects in 2009 which focused on locally grown food and community forests. Broad and generous participation in VLT's Two Farm Campaign raised \$200,000 in donations from local businesses, churches and individuals, providing the leverage needed to garner more than \$280,000 in funding from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for the protection and revitalization of two valley farms.

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

Scrag Municipal Forest- Waitsfield

In July, 2009, the town of Waitsfield expanded the previously conserved 360 acre Scrag Municipal Forest by conveying a conservation easement on an adjoining 200 acres of forestland recently acquired by the town. These 560 acres of permanently protected, high elevation woodland include wildlife habitat, headwaters streams and

more than one mile of ridgeline along the Northfield Mountains. The Scrag Municipal Forest will provide the town with a source of sustainably managed timber and offer the community significant recreational and educational opportunities.

The Kingsbury Farm- Warren and Waitsfield:

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

This project was made possible by the participation of many generous donors and Valley residents who joined the Vermont Land Trust in envisioning the potential and planning for the transition of this community farm. Funding from the Town of Warren was also critical to the success of this effort.

The Bruce Farm- Moretown:

In April, 2009, following more than 100 years of ownership by the Bruce family, 102 acres of scenic farm and forestland along Route 100B and the Mad River was conserved and sold to new farmers, Rae-Anne and Keith Lacroix. Following the passing of Clifford Bruce, brothers Philip, Ron and Marty Bruce worked with the Vermont Land and the Lacroixes to see that their historic and scenic family land would remain in agriculture. The Lacroixes plan to develop a diversified operation producing vegetables and meat for the local community.

Respectfully submitted by:

Liza Walker, Mad River Valley Director, Vermont Land Trust

Kinny Perot, President, Friends of the Mad River

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Jared Cadwell, Chair, Mad River Valley Planning District Steering Committee

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

2009 ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE:

Mad River Watch

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

Bridge Street Rain Garden Project

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

River Corridor Planning

In 2009 FMR began a 2-year grant funded project to implement key corridor protection strategies outlined in the

Upper Mad River Corridor Plan. Corridor protection is a form of passive restoration, where vegetation is re-established along the river banks and structures are sited away from potential erosion and flooding hazards. The river is allowed room to move and adjust to changing environmental conditions, enhancing the stability and resiliency of the river system as a whole, reducing hazards related to flooding and erosion, and enhancing water quality and wildlife habitat. Thanks to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the generous support for this project.

Outreach and Education

As in past years, FMR sponsored an educational display during three Saturdays at the Waitsfield Farmer's Market. This year's booth featured a fantastic water table model, loaned to FMR by the DEC. It demonstrates how rivers move and react to changes such as the installation of culverts and bridges or rip rapping.

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

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

Community Partnerships

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

Fundraising to Protect the Mad River

This year FMR secured funds from the DEC to support the implementation of projects outlined in the Upper Mad River Corridor Plan. With your help we also raised matching funds for the Rain Garden project in Waitsfield. As in previous years, we were awarded a laboratory services grant from the DEC to strengthen and expand our Mad River Watch program. Thank you for your generous and continued support!

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

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

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CENSUS 2010: MAKING OUR COMMUNITY COUNT

Issued in December 2009 for publication in 2010 Town Reports.

Please call partnership specialist Helen Simon at (802) 264-0856 at the U.S. Census Bureau in Williston, Vt., if you have any questions.

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the decennial census this year and needs everyone to participate. There's too much at stake to miss out on this opportunity. Let's make our community count!

Our Constitution requires the government to count everyone living in the U.S. every 10 years. Census data is used to allocate \$400 billion annually to states and localities for programs such as social services, health care, education and infrastructure. If our community's population figures are off, we may not receive all the federal dollars to which we are entitled.

Ideally, the Census Bureau counts everyone by delivering or mailing a questionnaire to each household. The residents fill it out and mail it back in a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

Filling out the census questionnaire is easy and should only take about 10 minutes. The questionnaire asks 10 or fewer questions about each person living in the household, including their name, age, birthday, sex, Hispanic background, race and other places they might live. It also asks how many people live at the home and whether it's rented or owned.

If residents don't fill out and return their questionnaire, the Census Bureau has to send a representative to collect the information. That ends up costing taxpayers a lot more money. In Vermont, only 60 percent of households returned their questionnaires in the 2000 census, well below the national average of 67 percent. We need to increase that percentage significantly!

Filling out the questionnaire is safe and the information remains completely confidential. Census employees are prohibited from disclosing the information to any agency or individual, and face jail time and fines for any violations.

PLEASE fill out your questionnaire when you receive it in March. Help anyone else who might need assistance. It's easy, it's important and it's safe. We need to make every Vermonter count!

To learn more about the census, contact Vermont partnership specialist Helen Simon at the Census Bureau in Williston at (802) 264-0856, or email her at helen.j.simon@census.gov. You can also visit 2010.census.gov.

The Census: A Snapshot

What: The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States. The U.S. Constitution requires a national census every 10 years.

Who: Everyone who lives in the U.S. most of the year—citizens and non-citizens.

Why: The census documents state population counts in order to determine how the 435 seats in the House of Representatives will be allocated. Census numbers also help determine how \$400 billion annually in federal money is distributed to states and communities.

When: Census questionnaires will be delivered or mailed to all households in Vermont in March 2010; residents should fill out and return them as soon as possible. Official Census Day is April 1. Between May and July census workers will fan out across the state visiting households that do not return their questionnaires.

Confidential: By law the Census Bureau cannot share information gathered from individuals with any other government agency or person.



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Chris Dodge*

VT DEPT. OF TAXES - EDUCATION TAX RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Town of Fayston

Date Prepared: 06/30/2009

Homestead Education Tax Rate Calculation

Fiscal Year 2010

The Homestead Education Tax Rate is based in part on the education spending per equalized pupil of all the pupils residing in your town. Many town districts are also members of union school districts. Each town and union school district will have a tax rate based on its spending per pupil. For towns with multiple school districts, the tax rate is a combination of those rates as shown below.

Base homestead tax rate	\$0.86	
Base spending amount	\$8,544	
Excess spending threshold	\$13,984	
Average statewide education spending per equalized pupil	\$12,041	
Common level of appraisal for Fayston	72.14%	Actual Homestead Tax Rate



A. Equalized homestead tax rate for Fayston from town school district

1. Education spending per equalized pupil	\$12,798.90	
2. Net offsets for excess spending calculation	\$378.46	
3. Amount over excess spending threshold if any	\$0	
4. Education spending per equalized pupil plus any excess for tax rate		\$12,798.90
5. District spending as a percent of base spending amount	149.80%	
6. District equalized tax rate equals line 5 times base rate		\$1.2883
7. Percent of equalized pupils at town school district	58.46%	
8. Equalized tax rate from school district		\$0.7531
9. Actual tax rate attributable to district	(\$0.7531 / CLA: 72.14%)	\$1.0439

B. Equalized homestead tax rate for Fayston from Harwood UHSD #19

10. Education spending per equalized pupil	\$12,162.01	
11. Net offsets for excess spending calculation	\$518.26	
12. Amount over excess spending threshold if any	\$0	
13. Education spending per equalized pupil plus any excess for tax rate		\$12,162.01
14. District spending as a percent of base spending amount	142.35%	
15. District equalized tax rate equals line 14 times base rate		\$1.2242
16. Percent of equalized pupils at union school district	41.54%	
17. Equalized tax rate from school district		\$0.5085
18. Actual tax rate attributable to district	(\$0.5085 / CLA: 72.14%)	\$0.7049

Sum of equalized tax rates from school districts **\$1.2616**

Sum of actual tax rates from school districts:

You should see this rate on your tax bill. ⇒

\$1.7488

BATTERED WOMEN'S SERVICES AND SHELTER

P.O. Box 652, Barre, VT 05641

24-Hour Toll Free Hotline 1-877-543-9498

BWSS is excited and inspired by the new directions that the movement is taking. Our work as advocates is becoming more preventative in nature, increasingly pro-active, and wider in scope. The programs provided by BWSS have been evaluated and accordingly modified to better reflect these new directions. BWSS continues to take steps to increase our contacts with other service providers throughout the community to develop broad-based partnerships that address the multiple issues faced by victims of domestic violence. We recognize the importance of having these community connections if we are to effectively and thoroughly address the high numbers of domestic violence incidents in our county. It is our hope that the new directions that we are moving in will increase the overall accessibility to services for all victims, and create long-term, positive changes for everyone in our rural community. Throughout fiscal year 2009, BWSS staff and volunteers were kept extremely busy providing the following services:

- Over the past year, staff and volunteers responded to 4,536 hot line calls, an increase of almost 25% in calls compared to the previous year.
- Shelter services were provided to 24 women and 18 children for a total of 1,021 bed nights, with an average stay consisting of 42 nights.
- Our school programs and on-going school support groups reached a total of 1,660 students in Washington County through the 120 presentations and groups held during this fiscal year. BWSS was able to almost double the number of students reached this year due to the combined efforts of our co-facilitators.
- BWSS provided community presentations to 535 individuals through the 39 presentations offered to individuals and professionals in Washington County.
- Advocates provided support to 97 plaintiffs during Final Relief from Abuse Hearings, and assisted 101 individuals file for temporary orders.
- Court Education Program was presented to 192 individuals.
- Over of 1,500 people received direct services from BWSS, which are maintained by trained staff and volunteers.
- BWSS offered numerous evening support groups, reaching a total of 17 women. This evening group was also able to offer childcare to 8 children of the participants.
- Our organization continues to rely heavily on the vast support of our Board Members and hotline, shelter, and community events volunteers. Our 20 dedicated and generous volunteers contributed over 8,000 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)
- EMERGENCY, CIVIL and CRIMINAL COURT ADVOCACY
- SUPPORT GROUPS
- PREVENTION EDUCATION OFFERED TO SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT 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.



Photos courtesy of John Williams

CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (CVCAC)

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 15,053 individuals in 9,623 central Vermont households through Head Start/Early Head Start, Community Economic Development programs, Family & Community Support Services, including emergency food and Crisis Fuel, and home Weatherization assistance.

Program and services accessed by 3 Fayston families:

- 2 households were provided with emergency services, including food from our food shelves, as well as referrals to other community resources to address critical needs.
- 1 household used our Crisis & Supplemental Fuel programs and were able to continue heating their homes.
- 1 housing unit was weatherized benefitting 1 elder.

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

CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

One call to our Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 can connect an older central Vermonter or a concerned family member with essential services that support an elder in remaining independent. For more than thirty years, Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) has helped elders in leading healthy, meaningful and dignified lives in their homes and communities. We provide a network of programs and services to help make this a reality for older residents of Fayston.

Among the services provided directly by or under contract with CVCOA are: information and assistance; community and home delivered meals; health insurance counseling; transportation to essential destinations; family caregiver support services and respite grants; mental health services; legal services; companionship; food stamp outreach; and assistance with household tasks. Our sponsored programs include Senior Companions, Neighbor to Neighbor AmeriCorps, and Home Share of Central Vermont.

Older residents of Fayston often require the services of a case manager to assess their specific needs, develop an individualized care plan, and to connect them with public benefits programs and other community and state resources. The CVCOA Case Manager for Fayston is Don Brown, who can be reached at 802/476-0116. CVCOA served 12 residents of Fayston in 2009.

Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private nonprofit organization. There is no charge to elders and their families for services provided. All programs and services are made possible by local communities, state and federal funds, and private donations. CVCOA recognizes and appreciates the valuable support for older central Vermonters provided by the Town of Fayston.

CENTRAL VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation (CVEDC) provides 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 Town of Fayston as important to their residents and the economic well-being of the community. In addition, the issues of workforce development, telecommunications and housing remain top priorities for CVEDC.

This past year CVEDC has assisted two Central Vermont businesses with proposed expansions. SB Electronics and Northern Power Systems were assisted with their applications for the Vermont Economic Growth Incentive (VEGI). Both businesses were awarded approval by the Vermont Economic Progress Council for VEGI incentives. CVEDC will continue to assist these companies as they move forward with their expansion plans. These projects represent an addition of over 200 new job opportunities during the next five years along with the construction of a new state-of-the-art 52,800 square foot facility in the Wilson Industrial Park for SB Electronics. The job opportunities that will occur due to these two expansions, will offer good wage-paying jobs in 'green technology' to our area residents.

CVEDC's Executive Vice President, Sam Matthews also was appointed to the Commission on the Future of Economic Development by Governor Douglas. This commission submitted its first report to the Governor and Legislature in January, 2009 and the four economic development goals outlined in the report were formally adopted by the Legislature. The Commission is now charged with submitting to the Governor and Legislature by December, 2009 recommendations for 'performance measures' and a comprehensive economic development planning entity/model for the State.

CVEDC continues its focus on the issue of our telecommunications 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, preserve our landscape and retain the next workforce generation. This initiative, funded by USDA Rural Development, is scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2009 and to date has brought high-speed wireless internet to over 100 residents/businesses in our outlying rural communities. This initiative, which continues to progress well, is the first of its kind conducted by a regional development corporation in partnership with a wireless service provider. The equipment purchased by CVEDC has been installed and is providing high-speed wireless internet to residents who were unable to access this vital infrastructure.

CVEDC in partnership with a local development corporation, co-hosted an Investors/Developers Forum in late August. The purpose of this event was to inform the development community of the services and programs provided by our two organizations as well as the economic development tools available through the State, regional and local agencies and entities in order to encourage business expansion and retention. CVEDC also co-hosted several E-Commerce Forums this past year to address the e-commerce issues of our area businesses. CVEDC will continue to host additional forums that will address the specific needs of business in the E-Commerce sector. From the Forums, CVEDC, heard the concerns of our region's Artisan Manufacturers, and applied for and received a USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant to implement a 'Market Vermont' website for our artisans. CVEDC also applied for and received a USDA Rural Opportunity Grant to use for the creation of a Feasibility Study for a business in Northfield. This Study, once completed, can also be used by other Vermont businesses as a template to develop, design, market and implement a new product line.

The Small Business Development Center is co-located in CVEDC's offices and continues to provide the 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 are offered on a monthly basis to all Central Vermont residents.

Workforce development is still at the forefront of CVEDC's efforts and we work closely with area businesses and the Central Vermont Workforce Investment Board (WIB) on this issue. Through our on-going Business Visitation Program, CVEDC staff assists companies in identifying their workforce needs and then partners with the CVWIB and State to address those concerns.

We encourage you to visit our website at 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.

We greatly appreciate the 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. Your contribution is more important than ever as we work on the issues of economic vitality for the Central Vermont region. We are always available to meet with Town Select Boards, Councils and special committees on issues of economic vitality to both the municipality and the region.

CENTRAL VERMONT HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE

Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice (CVHHH) is a 99-year-old full service, 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 high quality, medically-necessary 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 and caregiver support. In addition to direct patient care, our hospice program offers comprehensive bereavement services and volunteer training.

Twelve Month Report of CVHHH Services to the Town of Fayston
December 1, 2008 - November 30, 2009

Program	# of Visits
Home Health Care	
Skilled and High-Technology Nursing	31
Home Health Aide Service	12
Physical Therapy	50
Occupational Therapy	9
Medical Social Service	1
Hospice Care	
Trained Hospice Volunteer	7
Bereavement Contacts	8
Long Term Care	
Case Management	7
Aide and Attendant Care	120
Maternal Child Health	1
TOTAL VISITS/CONTACTS	246
TOTAL PATIENTS	10

Town funding will help ensure CVHHH continues these services in Fayston through 2010 and beyond. For more information contact Judy Peterson, President/CEO, or Barbara Butler, Community Relations and Development Director, at 223-1878.

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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

The Commission also focused on implementing goals contained in the Regional Plan and the Regional Transportation Plan. CVRPC assisted towns with implementation of the regional housing distribution plan contained in the Housing element of the Regional Plan. CVRPC participated in several Act 250 proceedings throughout the Region offering positions and testimony as directed by the Commission's Project Review Committee. Staff organized workshops and provided technical assistance in response to FEMA's release of new digital flood data and more stringent requirements for local flood hazard bylaws. The Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee continued to evaluate the regional inter-modal transportation needs and problems and make recommendations to the State Transportation Agency on projects that should be included in the Agency's 5 year capital program. Staff assisted towns with their portion of the application for Federal Stimulus (ARRA) funds. CVRPC continued its work on the development of regional and local pre-disaster mitigation plans, population and housing growth projections, and review and approval of town plans as required by statute. CVRPC also completed assessments on 5

brownfield sites in the Region and is looking for additional commercial/industrial sites that may be contaminated and would qualify for a brownfields assessment. As an outgrowth of the Central Vermont Economic Collaborative, CVRPC completed the analysis of undeveloped parcels in proximity to existing sewer infrastructure to see if a greater housing density would be feasible. Staff also developed a regional map of sewer and water service areas. CVRPC serves as a clearinghouse for information and publications pertaining to planning and municipal government.

CVRPC assisted the Town with: administration of the Mad River Valley Planning District and the Mad River Resource Management Alliance, Route 100 byway study, provided information on affordable housing, assisted with updates to the zoning bylaws, Act 250 projects, pre-disaster mitigation planning, capital budgeting, and reviewed and approved, per statutory requirements, the Town Plan.

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

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

Susan M. Sinclair, Executive Director

Nancy Spencer Smith, Commissioner

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 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 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.

- **Medical Transportation-** GMTA provides medical transportation service which offers residents a ride to local health care facilities for regular medical services, pharmacy visits and if needed, 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, Berlin Health and Rehabilitation and Montpelier private practice physicians.

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 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 coordination and 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 transportation to Evergreen Place in Waitsfield twice a week to attend senior activities and to receive 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. Travel for shopping needs can include weekly travel to Mehuron's market for food and regularly needed items. On certain occasions, residents can 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.

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 FY09, the Mad Bus ridership went up by 5.8%, (55,221 in FY09 versus 52,193 in FY08) with specific increase in the following routes:

≠	53.69% Valley Floor	≠	17.15% Mountain Condos
≠	88.88% Saturday Evening Service	≠	1.09% Access Road

Funding

The received funding of \$588 helps to assist GMTA in 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.

GMTA Board Member

In FY06, GMTA established our first locally appointed Board of Directors. Two of our active officers, **Margo Bullock Wade** and **Steve Gladczyk**, are both well-respected members of the Mad River Valley community. We are very grateful for Margo and Steve's ongoing board participation and their dedication in supporting the mission of GMTA. We look forward to our continuing collaboration in supporting the Mad River Valley area transportation needs, along with the needs of all communities throughout central Vermont.

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

553 North Main Street • Barre, VT 05641 • Telephone (802) 479-1229

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 household income at or below 300% of the federal poverty level.

Patients must have income at or below 300% of the federal poverty level. This matches the top level of premium assistance under Vermont's Catamount Health Assistance Plan. However, 86% of our patients fall under 185% of the federal poverty level. This equates to a gross income of \$20,036 for an individual; \$26,955 for a couple.

In calendar year 2009, we provided a total of 1407 visits to 509 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.

Of the 509 individuals, we were successful in enrolling 92 of them in health programs including VHAP, Medicaid, Catamount, Ladies First, Medicare, Healthy Vermonters, Affordable Meds, and Central Vermont Medical Center's patient financial assistance program.

Volunteer practitioners are the heart of our service model. In 2009, over 60 volunteers gave over \$71,000 worth of their time serving our patients free of charge. We also provided over \$65,000 worth of pharmaceuticals to our patients, paid for \$14,000 of diagnostic testing, and got another \$11,000 worth of tests donated.

We define our primary service area as all of Washington County, plus the Orange County towns of Orange, Washington, and Williamstown, but we do not restrict geographic access, and ended up serving people from 46 towns in 2009.

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, including Fayston. 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.

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with significant disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

Preliminary data for FY '09 show that VCIL responded to over **1,450** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referral and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **300** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and assisted **360** households with financial and/or technical assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. We provided **255** individuals with assistive technology and delivered meals to **520** individuals through our Meals On Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we now have four branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Windham and Rutland Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY '09, **1** resident of **Fayston** received services from the following program: Information and Referral (I&R)

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**.

WASHINGTON COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM

Serving the Communities of Washington County for over 30 years.

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:

- See that the victim is made whole to the extent possible through the offender's restitution, apology or service to the community.
- 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 09 (July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009):

- We received **246 referrals** to Diversion and **321 referrals to ASP**, for a total of **567 clients served** in the period.
- Our clients performed **6647 hours** of community service to various non-profit organizations in this county, including the Red Cross, Central Vermont (CV) Food Bank, CV Hospital, the United Way, Washington County Youth Service Bureau, CV Humane Society, and local faith organizations and school systems.
- Restitution paid back to crime victims totaled **\$ 14,471.00**, while donations to charities amounted to **\$4,059.00**, which comes to **\$18,530** for the year.

FUNDING

As a community based, non-profit program and United Way Agency in FY 09, Diversion got 50% of its funds from the Attorney General's office; 35% from client fees, 5% from the United Way and the remaining 10% from other local sources like towns and cities. Our total cost per case last year was about \$315.00 for each of 567 referrals. That is hundreds of dollars less per case than any alternative where the offender goes to court.

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

2009-10 REPORT FROM THE WASHINGTON WEST CENTRAL OFFICE

1673 Main St., Suite A, Waitsfield, Vermont

802-496-2272

www.wwsuonline.org

CENTRAL OFFICE STAFF

Brigid Scheffert, Superintendent of Schools

Pearl Vargas, Payroll/Benefits Coordinator

Sheila Rivers, Dir. of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

Marilyn Spaulding, Accounts Payable Clerk

Donarae Cook, Director of Student Support Services

Susan Neill, Accountant for HUHS

Michelle Baker, Business Manager

Tisa Rennau, Admin. Asst. Director, Curriculum/Assessment

Laura Titus, Administrative Assistant

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

Angela Neill, Accounting Manager

Amy Caffry, Medicaid Clerk

A Year of Establishing a New Administrative Team

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

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

The WWSU Administrative Team has revisited prior initiatives as part of goal setting and action planning. A main focus of the team's work is in systems analysis and design in an effort to build sustainable programs within our schools that have increased capacity and new opportunities for students, while realizing maximum efficiencies and effectiveness. Increased program and financial accountability, greater rigor and relevance in our classrooms, enhanced relationships between students and staff, improved student outcomes, and responsible budgets are the primary key areas of work.

The WWSU Administrative Team and School Board members will strive to capture all the positive elements of prior existing programs, while promoting continuous improvement and success for the years ahead. In support of this community-by-community work, school board members and administrators in Washington West have established a common vision and mission to guide the work we do across our schools and communities, and to support the 2112 students who attend WWSU schools:

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

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

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

Our WWSU website has been redesigned and updated. Trevor Luce, a student at Harwood Union High School, was hired to do this work. In December and June of each year, the central office team will publish a "State of the Union Report". You can find it on the WWSU website—www.wwsuonline.org – click on WWSU Newsletter under the Quick Links heading on the left. You will find an extensive and detailed report from Superintendent Scheffert, as well as detailed reports by Michelle Baker, Business Manager; Donarae Cook, Director of Student Services Director; and Sheila Rivers, Director of Curriculum and Assessment. These reports incorporate a significant amount of information regarding past and future initiatives. The WWSU website will also provide a wealth of information usually reported via this town report, such as student assessment data and comparisons, and financial

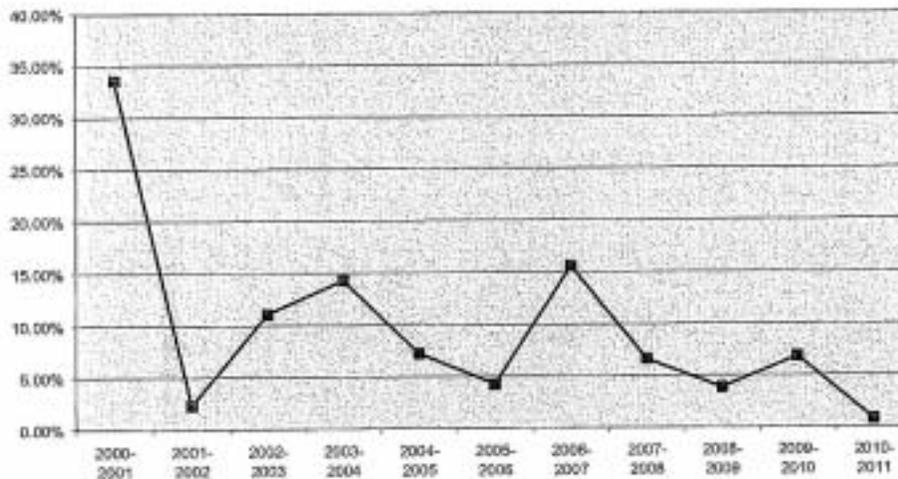
information for each district, including per pupil costs and tax rates.

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

Business Manager Report

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

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



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

School District	Proposed Budget Change	FY2010 Cost Per Pupil	FY2011 Cost Per Pupil	Estimated Homestead Tax Rate Increase
Fayston	0.0%	\$12,799	\$12,549	4.5%
Moretown	- 0.1%	\$13,990	\$14,643	10.7%
Waitsfield	- 2.2%	\$13,309	\$12,721	3.8%
Warren-	10.7%	\$12,347	\$11,515	1.1%
Waterbury-Duxbury U45	.1%	\$11,652	\$12,087	9.4% Waterbury 7.4% Duxbury
Harwood Union U19	-1.0%	\$12,162	\$12,466	
SU Average		\$12,710	\$12,664	
State Average		\$12,033		

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

**Washington West Supervisory Union
Summary Budget**

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

Assessments by School District (Based on prior years ADM)

						<i>FY 09 adm</i>
Fayston	\$ 40,272	\$ 46,135	\$ 51,892	\$ 57,875	11.5%	123.80
Moretown	\$ 61,107	\$ 61,241	\$ 61,494	\$ 59,343	-3.5%	126.94
Waitsfield	\$ 64,811	\$ 68,829	\$ 64,680	\$ 65,532	1.3%	140.18
Warren	\$ 53,024	\$ 50,412	\$ 61,587	\$ 59,773	-2.9%	127.88
Waterbury-Duxbury Union #45	\$ 273,117	\$ 291,418	\$ 307,028	\$ 310,509	1.1%	664.21
Harwood Union HS #19	\$ 329,892	\$ 335,847	\$ 365,536	\$ 366,153	0.2%	783.24
Total Assessments	<u>\$ 822,223</u>	<u>\$ 853,882</u>	<u>\$ 912,217</u>	<u>\$ 919,185</u>	0.8%	<u>1,966.23</u>

HARWOOD UNION BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS REPORT

The Harwood Union School Board recognizes that many taxpayers are facing extraordinary financial challenges this winter. During budget deliberations this year, the Board asked that our administration develop a budget that begins the difficult – but necessary – process of reducing Harwood spending to reflect the decline in student enrollment and the financial situation facing our state, our communities, and our taxpayers.

The Board recommends a budget for the 2010/11 school year of \$12,154,266, a 1.0 percent decrease below the 2009/10 budget.

At the outset, the board recognized that this was going to be a very difficult year to develop a budget. The combination of state-mandated property valuation increases, a likely legislative increase in the statewide school property tax rate, and a decline in the number of students at Harwood will combine to produce a significant tax increase for most taxpayers in our district despite the fact that Harwood will spend less next year than this year.

Unfortunately, the cuts proposed for this year are likely to be only the first steps in a multi-year effort to trim the Harwood budget. The Harwood board is committed to working with our new Superintendent, other school boards within our district, and our administrative team to study and implement significant changes in how we provide educational services to our students and our communities. We hope that you will share your ideas with us as we undertake this difficult but important work. Think about combining into one district before the state makes us one district with much of Washington County

We are disappointed by the rejection of the bond issue that called for spending \$1.1 million for a variety of facility improvements. We have trimmed this request substantially to \$199,000 in critical facility improvements that simply cannot wait. These include the replacement of a section of the roof, the replacement of a failing water main and key feeder pipes, and the replacement of kitchen equipment. The failure of any of these systems could lead to a closure of the school or result in expensive damage to the school.

The electrical changes we installed in the summer of 2008 saved us \$22,500 instead of the proposed \$7,400. We are continuing our energy audits and making efforts to reduce our carbon footprint everywhere we can.

Thanks again for your continued support for Harwood Union High School. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Freddie Graves
496-4644
rafile@wcvf.com

Photo courtesy of Chris Dodge



Photo courtesy of John Williams

WARNING OF 2010 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 2, 2010, 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 authorize the board of School Directors of Fayston Town School District to borrow money by issuance of notes in anticipation of revenue to pay the expenses of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.
- Article 4: Shall the School District pay the School Directors' expenses, and if so, how much?
- Article 5: To elect a School Director for a two-year term; Robert Lockett's term expires.
- Article 6: To elect a School Director for a three-year term; Jean Wry's term expires.
- Article 7: To elect a representative to the Harwood School Board for a term of three-years. Freddie Graves's term expires.
- Article 8: To elect a Treasurer for the School District for a one-year term; Nicole Belknap's term expires.
- Article 9: To see if the school district shall appropriate any funds to the Maintenance Reserve Fund, pursuant to the provisions of 24 VSA, Section 2804, for the purpose of capital improvement and facilities maintenance projects.
- Article 10: To have presented by the Board of School Directors the proposed budget for the ensuing year in the amount of \$1,645,692 and to appropriate that sum which the District deems necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending on June 30, 2011.
- Article 11: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Michael Riddell, Chair _____

Susan MacLean-Daley, Clerk _____

Robert Lockett _____

Jean Wry _____

Russell Beilke _____

Received and recorded this 19th day of January, 2010.

Virginia Vasseur, Fayston Town Clerk _____

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

February 27, 2010

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 27, 2010, 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, 2010, 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 2, 2010, (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.

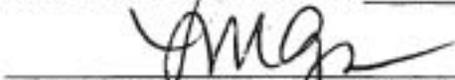
ARTICLE VIII: Shall the voters of the Harwood Union High School District appropriate \$12,154,266 necessary for the support of its school for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010? (Australian ballot)

Dated this 20th day of January, 2010, at Duxbury, Vermont.



Mike LaRock, Clerk, Harwood Union Board of School Directors

Received and recorded this 21st day of January, 2010.



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

WARNING
SPECIAL MEETING
HARWOOD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19

MARCH 2, 2010

The registered voters and persons eligible to vote within the Harwood Union High School District No. 19, consisting of the Town School Districts of Duxbury, Fayston, Moretown, Waitsfield, Warren, and Waterbury, are hereby notified and warned of a Special School District meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at the polling places herein-after named for each of the above referenced towns beginning at 7:00 AM, at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 PM, at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot on the following article:

The Harwood Union High School Board of School Directors proposes to incur bonded indebtedness for the purpose of facility improvements to the school building. Due to the suspension of school construction aid by the State of Vermont, the Board of School Directors has been advised that the facility improvements are not eligible for state school construction aid; therefore, the Union School District is responsible for paying the total cost of this project.

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Said voters and persons warned, are further notified that voter qualification, registration, absentee voting, and voter procedures shall be in accordance with Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17 Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Polling Places

The voters residing in each member district will cast their ballots in the polling places designated for their district as follows:

Duxbury	- Crossett Brook Middle School
Fayston	- Fayston Elementary School
Moretown	- Moretown Town Hall
Waitsfield	- Waitsfield Elementary School
Warren	- Warren Elementary School
Waterbury	- Thatcher Brook Primary School

Dated this 20th day of January, 2010, at Duxbury, Vermont

Michael D. LaRock

 Chairperson or designated School Director, Union High School District No. 19

Received and recorded this 21st day of January 2010.

Laura M. Guion

 District Clerk, Union High School District No. 19

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Harwood Union High School District No. 19 determined that the public interest and necessity demand that the following construction, additions and improvements to school facilities is required:

Facility improvements to the school building, including replacement of the main water line and interior plumbing, purchase and installation of energy efficient kitchen equipment and related improvements and replacement of the roof above the guidance and administrative offices at a total estimated cost of \$ 199,000.

WHEREAS, the Board determined that the cost of these facility improvements will be too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of the Harwood Union High School District; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the proposition of incurring bonded indebtedness be submitted, at a special meeting of the District to be duly called and held for that purpose, to the qualified legal voters of the Harwood Union High School District as follows:

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Said special meeting to be called for and held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. at which time the polls will be open, and 7:00 p.m. at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian Ballot in the polling places of the member districts on the Article. Further, pursuant to 17 V.S.A. Section 2680 (g), a public hearing will be held on **February 27, 2010 at 10:45 a.m.** in the Harwood Union High School Library.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all acts relating to the proposition of incurring bonded indebtedness and the issuance of general obligation bonds of the Harwood Union High School District for the purpose of financing such new construction improvements, construction and renovation within the corporate limits of the District, be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 11 of Title 16 and Chapter 53 of Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached warning be adopted for use in connection with consideration of the above stated proposition of incurring bonded indebtedness.

Dated this 20th day of January, 2010.

Michael D. LaRock

Board Clerk, Union High School District No. 19

MINUTES OF THE FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL MEETING 2009

MARCH 3, 2009 AT 1:30 PM

Approved 4/2/09 by Board

David Jones called the meeting to order at 1:39 PM.

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

David Jones turned the meeting over to Michael Riddell for nomination of a school moderator. Mike Riddell introduced the members of the School Board.

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

Ann Day nominated David Jones. No second is required.

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

Tom Bisbee requested and then rescinded a Suspension of Rules.

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

Motion by Doreen Kelly and duly seconded by Ann Day. Carried by voice vote.

No slide show was presented, due to technical difficulties.

Jean Wry reported on her experiences on the Washington West Supervisory Union Executive Committee, including the collaborative efforts throughout the district to establish a Pre-K through 12 "mindset," as opposed to a purely elementary one. She also reported on the goals currently set, in regard to professional development, data collection and analysis, special education, and consolidated services, and the need to assess the same. She concluded with praise for the efforts, and successes, of various committees in the numerous administrative searches throughout the district.

Freddie Graves presented a report on Harwood Union High School. The new wood chip burning facility is operating well, and had sufficient fuel, and retro-fitting of lighting was completed with primarily grant money. In addition, cost savings have been implemented in the area of special education, including a savings of nearly \$70,000, in their transportation expenses. She reported that the NECAP scores were "disappointing, but expected," and that initiatives are being directed to address these.

Carolyn Bauer asked about Harwood's declining enrollment.

Bob Lockett then reported on the Fayston Elementary physical plant, and how this budget will impact its future integrity. He explained that past budget surpluses have funded many of the capital projects necessary to maintain the structure; however, recent budgets, particularly this one, make additional improvements, and even routine maintenance of concern to the Board. One of the critical "cuts" to this budget is a .5 maintenance

position. He then thanked Mike Quenneville and others for their help in the removal of the 50-year-old underground oil tank on the property.

Questions were raised in regard to our current HVAC contract, deferred maintenance, and whether the budget will allow for any continuing upgrades.

Reports were 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 Ann Day and duly seconded by Ellen Gonnet that they so be authorized. So moved by voice vote. Carried.

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

Motion by Doreen Kelly and duly seconded by Bobby Welter that they are paid \$750.00 each in expenses.

Article 5: To elect a School Director for a two-year term; Susan MacLean-Daley's term expires.

A motion was made by Carolyn Bauer that the name Susan MacLean-Daley be placed in nomination.

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

Article 6: To elect a School Director for a three-year term; Russell Beilke's term expires.

A motion was made by Rick Rayfield that the name Russell Beilke be placed in nomination.

Carried by voice vote. Russell Beilke unanimously elected School Director for a term of three years.

Article 7: To elect a treasurer for the School District for a one-year term; Nicole Belknap's term expires.

A motion was made by Russell Beilke that the name Nicole Belknap be placed in nomination.

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

Article 8: To see if the Town School District shall transfer any fund balance to the School District's Capital Fund.

Motion by Freddie Graves and duly seconded by Hanne Williams.

Rick Rayfield asked what the fund balance was. The fund balance was \$13,611.

Questions were then asked, by several citizens, as to whether this amount was sufficient.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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, 2010.

Motion by Holiday Rayfield and duly seconded by Liz Levy that the sum of \$1,659,595. be voted for the purpose.

Chris Dodge was allowed, by the community, to speak as a non-resident.

Chris reported on the successes and struggles at Fayston Elementary. He reviewed the FES action plan, and that it is state mandated, data-driven, revised annually, and reported. He discussed the current and future goals, the strategies implemented, and the assessments necessary for success. Challenges included time and staffing. Successes included great math scores and incredible science scores. Good citizenship continues to be a focus utilizing the Responsive Classroom approach. The Safety Committee continued its work on protocols, and was able to purchase a portable defibrillator, with grant money. This is the first in all of the elementary schools within the district. The Wellness Committee was discussed. He concluded with the new Fayston Elementary Mission/Vision statement, from its conception to fruition.

Michael Riddell then presented the budget for 2009-2010. He began by thanking Howard Wynne and Gussie Graves for their participation in the process. He explained how the budget is created; per pupil count, programs, student needs, capital projects, etc. He reminded the community of their challenge to the Board to maintain an increase of only 4 percent. The Board then gave this challenge to Chris Dodge. In order to meet that challenge, several cuts were necessary, including, but not limited to, a .5 maintenance position, 2 support staff positions, and the level funding of supplies and other line items. In addition, the process included waiting for information from the State of Vermont, staff insurance increases, special education costs, grant information, and the like. He then reported on how the budget is divided, with the most substantial portion spent on our biggest asset – our staff. There were positive influences on the budget, most notably our increasing enrollment, thus reducing our per pupil spending (\$12,799, a reduction from the previous school year). The building continues to be used throughout the week by the community at large, without fee, for things such as basketball, volleyball, fencing, adult classes on parenting, etc.

The budget represents a \$0.02 increase on the tax rate.

Various questions were raised from the floor. Freddie Graves asked what amount of increase in the budget would move us into an Act 82 2-vote position. The answer was approximately \$60,000. Paul Sipple asked about our small school grant funding. It is currently diminishing, but our increased enrollment leads to revenue offsets that may actually be beneficial. Kim Laidlaw asked what Fayston really needs to add to the Capital Fund. Bob Lockett suggested \$25,000. Ed Read asked about the portions of the budget the Board can control. The contracts currently in place are not up for negotiation at this time. Additional questions included the size of the kindergarten class for next fall (27), ongoing maintenance contracts, and electric and plumbing concerns.

Carolyn Bauer complimented the efforts of the Board, in meeting the challenge and encouraged the Board to continue "along those lines going forward."

Ed Read called for the question. Kevin Wry duly seconded the call. David Jones then called for the Civil Authority to count the room to determine a 2/3 majority. Two thirds was counted (69 of 74), and the question was called.

Carried by voice vote.

Kim Laidlaw moved to reconsider the motion, duly seconded by Doreen Kelly.

Kim Laidlaw suggested the budget be increased, and Ed Read requested the number remain the same. Other citizens spoke to one side or the other.

David Jones called for Division of the House for the vote on reconsideration of the budget. The Civil Authority counted, and David Jones declared the vote to reconsider was defeated; therefore Article 9 stands.

Article 10: Shall the Town of Fayston Voters adopt the Australian Ballot process to vote on the school budget to be voted on in March 2010 and in subsequent years?

Motion by Carl Klein and duly seconded by Freddie Graves that the voters adopt the Australian Ballot process.

Rick Rayfield argued against this process and discussed Democracy and participation, not just the right to vote. Gussie Graves argued strongly for the measure. Many citizens were enthusiastic in their response, bringing good arguments for each side.

David Jones called the vote; then called for Division of the House on the vote to adopt the Australian Ballot process. The Civil Authority counted and the article was defeated (30 to 41).

Article 11: Shall the Town of Fayston Voters adopt the Australian Ballot Process to vote on the additional education spending that exceeds the per pupil ceiling, should this vote be required in 2010 and in subsequent years?

Motion by Ed Read and duly seconded by Patti Lewis that the voters adopt the Australian Ballot process should a second vote be necessary.

Additional discussion ensued, and clarification was requested in regard to Act 82 and the 2-vote budget scenario.

Article 11 was defeated by voice vote.

Article 12: To discuss any other business, which may properly come before the meeting.

Community participation was of concern, particularly during the afternoon session. How do we increase attendance? Should we switch the school portion to the morning, and then the town portion after lunch? No decisions were made.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ann Day and duly seconded by Judy DiMario. Passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10P.M.

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



M. Riddell

Ann Day



Susan MacLean Daley



Photo courtesy of Chris Dodge

FAYSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Fayston has a great school. Our test scores are above average. Well above, in some areas. Our students graduate with a balance of academic and social skills that allow them to succeed at Harwood and in life. We provide a wide variety of cultural experiences inside and outside the classroom. Our small size guarantees a highly sought-after level of individualized attention that attracts families to move to Fayston simply because of its school system. People “want Fayston” for their children.

So, now what? Where do we go from here?

There will always be both academic and social areas poised for improvement as we learn more about best practices and how children learn, but how do we take an already well-performing school and make it the envy of students and educators everywhere? Bob McNamara, our former Superintendent of Schools, told me during my first year here, “Chris, if you can't do it in Fayston, it can't be done.” I believe he was right.

Clearly, family budgets are growing increasingly tight. Some taxpayers struggle to make ends meet. How then, do we push forward our already successful school and at the same time acknowledge the impact of our present-day economy? This question has been first and foremost in my mind this year, and I suspect it will be for some time to come.

I believe the first step to moving forward is to set goals. Three come to mind for me:

1. Maximize instructional time. 2. Maximize instructional quality. 3. Maximize the use of technology.

Level-funding school expenditures, as the proposed budget does, while still achieving these goals and moving our school into the 21st Century and beyond, means thinking about how we allocate the resources we have, and doing everything we can to be sure that students receive the most effective, efficient instruction possible using the people and materials we already have in place. It also means being strategic and selective about scheduling events that interrupt basic skills instruction. (Remember, as the costs of services and materials increase, a level-funded budget means just that, the same expenditures as last year. It does not mean level service.) At the same time, maintaining the cultural and social opportunities that set us apart from other schools is essential. We need not lose the “flavor” of our school to ensure maximum instructional time. It isn't about having one or the other. We need only to think “out of the box” about how we use our existing time and resources. Maximizing instructional time means analyzing everything from our daily routines and special events, and being creative with how these most effectively support the basic subjects we are required to teach.

Maximizing instructional quality begins with stellar teachers. We are fortunate to have a dedicated, hard-working, knowledgeable staff at the Fayston School. While that has made this a great place to learn and work, we can always improve. Meaningful data-driven professional development is key, as is the formation of content experts. Elementary school teachers have a tremendously difficult job. They are expected to be current on every subject not only with regard to ever-changing content, but also the best way to present materials to students, each and every one of whom learns a little differently from the next. By establishing building-based experts, we can expose children to the highest-quality instruction in each subject and share expertise so that every classroom is on the cutting edge. A few of these experts already exist at our school. For example, our Literacy teacher not only meets with small groups and whole classes of children, administers assessments and provides remedial services, but she also acts as a building-wide resource for teachers. She focuses her professional development on literacy, and makes recommendations for instructional practices, assessments and teaching materials. She is our “go to” person for that subject, which allows all of us to stay current on best practices. Developing more of this type of expertise, with the staff we currently have, will maximize the quality of instruction throughout our school.

Technology is essential to preparing our children to be successful students, citizens and future members of the workforce. Not everything associated with a computer is meaningful technology. Moving beyond word processing and basic web searches means having a plan for bringing new and

exciting technology into play across the curriculum. Having the tools is only the first step. Even the most exciting technology will sit idle without an implementation plan and support for that plan. Technology should not be an add-on. It should not be something we “do” for a scheduled hour every week when the laptops are available. Technology must be seamlessly integrated into each day. We need not be satisfied with basics of word processing and web surfing. As I told someone recently, when we’re launching the Space Shuttle from the playground using a computer in kindergarten, that will be a time to celebrate. When we begin to accomplish all this, we begin to truly prepare our children to meet their fullest potential in the years to come.

I very much look forward to working with the Fayston School community on these goals during the next year. We welcome guests from our Fayston community. Please feel free to call and schedule a tour of our building and check out the goings on. Don't forget about our website, too, at www.faystonschool.org where our newsletter, handbooks, student work, and many, many other resources are available at your fingertips.

Regards,
Chris Dodge
Principal

General Information About the Fayston Elementary School

Current and Historical Enrollment By Grade:

Year	PK3&4	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Total
2005-06	16	15	12	12	18	15	15	9	112
2006-07	14	9	15	13	13	20	15	17	116
2007-08	16	12	10	19	12	16	22	15	122
2008-09	27	13	16	12	20	15	19	23	145
2009-10	17	18	13	18	12	19	15	20	132

Home-Schooled: 3 (May receive some school services or participate in some classes.)

Three -Year-Old Preschoolers Participating in the WWSU Preschool Partnership: 7

Current Class Sizes:

Grade	Number of Students	Grade	Number of Students
Preschool	10	Grades 3&4 #1	15
Kindergarten #1	9	Grades 3&4 #2	16
Kindergarten #2	9	Grades 5&6 #1	17
Grades 1&2 #1	14	Grades 5&6 #2	18
Grades 1&2 #2	17	Average Size	14

School Action Plan

Every Vermont school is required to have an Action Plan that is revised each year. The goal of these plans is to use data to identify areas in which we can improve. Our school Action Plan this year focuses on three main goals: mathematics, school climate and school wellness. For each goal in the plan shown below, educational strategies and assessment measures are shown.

Fayston Elementary School 2009-2010 Action Plan

Mathematics Goal I

The staff will stay current on best practices for teaching mathematics.

Educational Strategies:

The staff will select one (or more, time permitting) strand from the NCTM Focal Points for in-depth discussion throughout the year. The first strand shall be algebra.

Staff will attend math-themed state-level meetings that support the FES and WWSU mathematics goals.

How will we assess progress?

Assessment scores

Shared knowledge with/among staff

Mathematics Goal II

Fayston Elementary School students who struggle to learn mathematics skills, concepts, procedures and/or problem-solving will receive supplementary instruction in their area(s) of need provided by a qualified teacher.

How will students be identified?

A low score on the Boehm-3 Test of Concepts

Scores of 1 or 2 on Progress Reports

A score of less than 80 percent on mid-or end-of-year assessments or WWSU common assessments

Scoring below the 80th percentile on the NECAP tests

Teacher referral*

* Ultimately, teacher impressions will guide whether or not a student is included.

Educational Strategies:

The staff will work collaboratively to design and implement a program of supplemental instruction for struggling math learners.

How will we assess progress?

Work samples / portfolio

Brief narrative summary by the supplemental provider (required at least every four weeks and when a student is exited from support group.)

NECAP assessments

School-wide mid-and end-of-year assessments

WWSU assessments (where available)

Second form of any assessment already administered

Mathematics Goal III

The staff will use a thorough gap analysis that already exists or an analysis FES creates, to outline which units are to be taught at which grade level, as well as to identify where the program should be supplemented. The staff will use a deeper understanding of assessments to drive instruction.

Educational Strategies:

A gap analysis between the GEs and the revised Investigations shall be obtained or created and used to identify areas for supplementation.

A minimum of two staff meetings shall be used to analyze mathematics assessments.

How will we assess progress?

Documented attendance at assessment analysis meetings.

A written plan outlining gaps between the standards and program, along with a description of how any gaps will be supplemented.

Student assessment scores.

School Climate Goal

The adults and children at the Fayston Elementary School will strive to maintain a safe, orderly, civil and positive learning environment that is free from harassment, hazing and bullying for the entire school community.

Methods of Assessment:

1. Student, staff and family climate survey
2. Attendance data
3. Behavior data (i.e. bus reports, planning forms, observations, progress report scores in the areas of civic and social responsibility and personal development).

Educational Strategies:

1. Maintain a School Safety Committee that meets monthly and includes parents, staff and the community. The primary goal of this committee is to create, maintain and review a school crisis plan.
2. All new staff will have two years from their date of hire to complete the Responsive Classroom I training. The principal may, at his discretion, approve extensions or exceptions to these deadlines.
3. C.A.R.E.S. (with picture representations) will be posted and taught/practiced in each classroom and throughout the building.
4. Continue positive promotion of school in the media.
5. Additional Responsive Classroom support, courses and workshops will be supported with release time and professional development funds.
6. Weekly meetings between the counselor and principal to discuss issues related to school climate.
7. R.C. format Morning Meetings in every classroom every day. To the extent possible, all adults will attend a Morning Meeting.
8. Student, staff and family climate surveys are used to assess and plan for a continued positive learning environment.
9. Students and staff will engage in activities that promote mutual respect.
10. Staff will follow the teacher language guidelines detailed in, *The Power of Our Words*.
11. Whole-staff time will be allotted to discuss student issues.
12. 2009-2010 Responsive Classroom focus: How will we address students who need additional behavioral support in addition to R.C.? (Including the creation of steps that outline our response to individual needs.)

Wellness Goal

The Fayston Elementary School will maintain a Wellness Committee to promote wellness within the school community and support the teaching of health and related Grade Expectations. This committee shall meet at least twice each trimester.

Methods of Assessment:

1. Meetings are warned and minutes taken and distributed to the school community to document the team's work.
2. Documentation of student learning by Health Education Coordinator.

Educational Strategies:

1. The school nurse will facilitate and coordinate this committee with support from the principal.
2. We will focus on strategies to increase participation of the greater community in the Wellness Community.
3. A health education coordinator will be hired one day per week.
4. Support will be given to activities that promote wellness throughout the

school (i.e. Yoga, after-school PE clubs, etc.)

Special Services as of January 19, 2010

Students with Individualized Education Plans: 12

Pending Special Education Evaluations: 1

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: 5

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 who 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/EST Plans: 19

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. Students are generally placed on an Act 117/EST Plan by going through the Educational Support Team (EST) meeting process. An initial referral is made by a concerned person or team (parents, teachers, counselors, etc.). The team consists of several school-based personnel, representing a broad range of expertise. The team meets with parents (and the child, when appropriate) to create a plan of supports to address concerns. Act 117/EST Plans are not part of special education, however, a child on such a plan may be evaluated for the need for additional services. Act 117/EST plans are revisited at least annually.

Length of School Day and School year

Student School Year: 180 Days

Faculty School 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)

Faculty: 7.75 hours per day for full-day faculty

Faculty and Staff

Name	Alma Mater	Credentials	Position
Professional Staff			
Beth Abbott-Koch	VT College of Norwich	BA ED.	PK/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 Science/Math
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
Nicole Krotinger	UVM	BA English, MA Counseling	School Counselor
Carla Kotas Lewis	Univ. of Nebraska/UVM	BA, M.Ed.	3/4 Teacher
Erika Lindberg	Boston U./St. Michael's	BA French Language & Literature / Education	French teacher
Lauren May	Univ. of Mass. / UVM	BS, Comm. Disorders, Early Ed. Teacher Ed.	Kindergarten 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
Martin Patterson	UVM/U. Mass.	BS K-12 PE, AD Turf Mgt.	PE Teacher
Patty Smith	Rutgers University	BS Nursing	Health Ed. Coord.
Robin Twombly	Vermont College	BA	Librarian
Cristal Vasseur	UVM/JSC	BA Ed./Psychology	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.	Instructional Asst.
Dave Cheney			Custodian
Tracey Clements			Instructional Asst.

Bonnie Hanna			Instructional Asst.
Mary Hoyne	Univ. of New Brunswick	BA Office Mgt.	Preschool Asst.
Cheryl Joslin	Newbury College	AS	Foodservice Dir.
Jean Joslin	UVM	BS	Instructional Asst.
Tracy King	Trinity / Upper Valley Ed. Institute	BA Human Services, Teacher Licensure	On-Staff Substitute
Linda Moulton			Instructional Asst.
Leslee Torsell	Penn State Univ.	BS Recreation and Parks	Instructional Asst.
Arthur Washington			Foodservice Asst.
Ted Withey			Dir. of Maintenance
Administration			
Chris Dodge	JSC/UVM	BA. Ed., BA Art Ed., MA Counseling, CAGS School Administration	Principal
Caroline Schober			Admin. Asst.

Staffing:

Professional Staff: 18 (13.1 Full-Time Equivalents)

Instructional Assistants: 7 (4.5 Full-Time Equivalents)

Administrator: 1

Admin. Asst.: 1

Foodservice Dir.: 1

Foodservice Asst.: 1

Dir. of Maintenance: 1

Custodian: 1 (.25 Full-Time Equivalents)

Nurse: 1 (.3 Full-Time Equivalents)

Health Ed. Coord.: (Grant Funded) 1 (.2 Full-Time Equivalents)

On-Staff Substitute: 1

Percentage of core academic classes being taught by non-highly qualified teachers: 0%

Percentage of teachers teaching under an emergency license: 0%

The School Board:

Michael Riddell, Chair

Susan MacLean-Daley, Clerk

Russell Beilke

Jean Wry

Robert Lockett

The School Board holds monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise posted. Meetings begin at 6:00 PM unless otherwise posted. They are held at the school and are open to the public. Kindly call the principal to be placed on the agenda if you wish to address the Board. The Board welcomes input and feedback. Please consider attending a meeting to learn more about how decisions are made for 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, whether or not the child is well-rested, 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 the community. The second is to have a 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 (NECAPs)

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 (NECAPs), 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 Expectations (GEs). Reading and math are assessed at every grade level three through eight, and writing is assessed at grades five and eight. The NECAP science assessment takes place at the fourth grade level. The NECAP assessments are administered in October each year, with science being given in the spring. More information on the NECAP assessments is available at http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_assessment/necap.html or by speaking to your child's teacher.

What are the Grade Expectations (GEs)?

The Grade Expectations provide specific benchmarks for Vermont's Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities. They provide guidance for the design of local curriculum, program selection, instruction and assessment by telling us what children should know and be able to do at the conclusion of a given grade. 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 GE's. More information on the Grade 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.

Current and Historical Grade 4 NECAP Science Results

	Proficient/Proficient with Distinction
2008 Fayston	94.00%
2008 State Avg.	48.00%
2009 Fayston	93.00%
2009 State Avg.	52.00%

Current and Historical NECAP Math, Reading and Writing Results

Proficient or Proficient with Distinction	Math Gr. 3-6	Reading Gr. 3-6	Writing Gr. 5
2007 Fayston	91.00%	75.00%	71.00%
2007 State Avg.	63.00%	70.00%	48.00%
2008 Fayston	84.00%	83.00%	76.00%
2008 State Avg.	70.00%	63.00%	53.00%

Gates-MacGinitie Reading Test, 4th Edition

This school initiative was implemented in 2008 to monitor each student's reading vocabulary development, particularly his or her reading comprehension and fluency in grades three through six. The use of the Gates-MacGinitie Reading Test allows us to track each child's progress from third through sixth grade. This, in combination with the Primary Observation Assessment at the first and second grade levels, allows us to have a comprehensive view of each student's reading development throughout his/her elementary school years.

Current and Historical Gates-MacGinitie Reading Test Results

Scoring Average or Above Average	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
2008	63.00%	93.00%	94.00%	83.00%
2009	83.00%	67.00%	93.00%	90.00%

Developmental Reading Assessment

In the winter of 2009, the Vermont Department of Education made the decision to discontinue the mandated use of the Vermont Developmental Reading Assessment to monitor the reading progress of all second grade students in the state. Consequently, schools were able to choose their own assessment tools to monitor reading progress. Due to the timing of the State's decision, FES chose to use the VT-DRA as our end of year reading assessment for second graders last year. FES is currently piloting the Fountas And Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System for the 2009-2010 school year at the First and Second Grade levels. This assessment was selected based on its comprehensive scope, optional assessments, and its use to both monitor progress and drive instruction.

DRA Assessment Results	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Achieved the Standard or Achieved the Standard with Honors	75.00%	85.00%	83.00%	84.00%	100.00%



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FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

	2008-2009 BUDGET	2008-2009 ACTUAL	2009-2010 BUDGET	2010-2011 PROPOSED	PERCENT CHANGE
<u>REGULAR EDUCATION</u>					
Salaries	522,898	513,540	553,664	530,676	
Benefits & Staff Development	196,706	182,888	196,871	198,743	
Contracted Services	11,500	9,614	11,500	24,000	
Contracted Services - WWSU Preschool Partnership	18,091	30,818	32,000	27,234	
Materials and Equipment	35,550	33,860	39,550	35,550	
TOTAL REGULAR EDUCATION	784,745	770,720	833,585	816,203	-2.1%
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION & ESSENTIAL EARLY ED</u>					
Salaries	110,613	120,013	97,908	112,139	
Benefits & Staff Development	29,990	24,425	38,613	43,068	
Spec. Ed. Contracted Services	20,300	28,403	20,300	18,300	
Materials and Equipment	3,000	1,915	3,000	3,000	
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	163,903	174,756	157,821	176,527	11.9%
<u>COMPENSATORY EDUCATION</u>					
Salaries	43,151	43,435	45,775	45,775	
Benefits & Staff Development	5,215	5,100	5,378	5,914	
TOTAL COMPENSATORY EDUCATION	48,366	48,535	51,153	51,689	1.0%
<u>GUIDANCE SERVICES</u>					
Salaries	8,666	11,393	9,494	18,576	
Benefits & Staff Development	1,037	936	1,057	2,152	
Contracted Services & Supplies	1,000	671	500	500	
TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES	10,703	13,002	11,051	21,228	92.1%
<u>HEALTH SERVICES</u>					
Salaries	12,628	12,714	13,410	13,410	
Benefits & Staff Development	1,651	1,571	1,667	1,823	
Contracted Services & Supplies	700	785	700	850	
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	14,979	15,050	15,777	16,183	2.6%
<u>SPEECH SERVICES</u>					
Salaries	39,249	39,249	41,671	30,559	
Benefits & Staff Development	15,236	15,588	15,082	11,835	
Contracted Services & Supplies	1,000	992	750	950	
TOTAL SPEECH SERVICES	55,485	55,829	57,503	43,344	-24.6%
<u>IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</u>					
In-service	6,000	4,335	6,000	3,000	
TOTAL IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION	6,000	4,335	6,000	3,000	-60.0%
<u>EDUCATION MEDIA</u>					
Salaries	23,313	24,263	23,860	22,860	
Benefits & Staff Development	8,355	7,517	8,189	8,528	
Materials & Equipment	21,200	22,670	22,100	21,100	
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MEDIA	52,868	54,450	54,148	52,488	-3.1%
BOARD EXPENSE	12,000	12,564	12,000	14,650	22.1%
WASH. WEST GENERAL ASSESSMENT	28,657	28,410	31,740	35,835	12.9%
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>					
Salaries	99,489	102,131	102,282	102,787	
Benefits & Staff Development	27,538	27,939	29,217	31,167	
Postage, Supplies & Equipment	3,300	3,111	3,800	3,800	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	130,327	133,181	135,299	137,754	1.8%
<u>FISCAL SERVICES</u>					
Business Management	5,811	5,797	6,612	7,196	
Payroll & Accounting Services	11,975	11,929	13,602	14,843	
Audit	2,750	2,800	2,833	2,900	
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	20,536	20,526	23,047	24,939	8.2%

FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

	<u>2008-2009</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2008-2009</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2009-2010</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2010-2011</u> <u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>PERCENT</u> <u>CHANGE</u>
<u>MAINTENANCE</u>					
Salaries	48,630	49,846	37,938	41,411	
Benefits & Staff Development	17,363	6,896	6,507	7,307	
Building Supplies & Operations	99,867	98,284	114,040	110,540	
TOTAL MAINTENANCE	<u>165,860</u>	<u>155,026</u>	<u>158,485</u>	<u>159,258</u>	0.5%
<u>DAILY TRANSPORTATION</u>					
	<u>41,158</u>	<u>40,458</u>	<u>42,804</u>	<u>44,175</u>	3.2%
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>					
Principal	35,000	35,000	35,000	30,000	
Interest	9,347	9,346	7,051	4,919	
Debt Interest - (Short Term)	-	6,991	10,500	10,500	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	<u>44,347</u>	<u>51,337</u>	<u>52,551</u>	<u>45,419</u>	-13.6%
<u>FOOD SERVICE</u>					
	<u>3,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	0.0%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COSTS					
Fayston Special Article -Contribution to Maintenance Reserve	1,582,934	1,578,179	1,645,964	1,645,892	0.0%
	28,849	28,849	13,631	13,631	0.0%
	-	-	-	-	
Total Fayston Elementary School	<u>\$ 1,611,783</u>	<u>\$ 1,607,028</u>	<u>\$ 1,659,595</u>	<u>\$ 1,659,323</u>	0.0%
<u>Revenues</u>					
Local Revenue					
Town Rental	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	
Interest on Investments	2,000	17,480	12,500	12,500	
Miscellaneous	-	240	-	-	
Prior Year Fund Balance	28,849	(6,646)	13,631	35,495	
State Revenue					
Special Education Reimbursement	79,234	99,615	67,277	72,330	
Transportation Reimbursement	34,767	32,917	33,290	17,286	
Mainstream Block Grant	33,244	33,244	35,356	39,770	
EEE Grant	11,927	7,609	12,503	6,000	
Small School Grant	46,358	46,358	24,436	15,163	
Federal Revenue					
IDEA-B Grant	18,323	19,150	18,516	18,500	
Subtotal Local, State and Federal Revenues	<u>274,702</u>	<u>269,947</u>	<u>237,509</u>	<u>237,044</u>	-0.2%
Education Spending Grant	<u>\$ 1,337,081</u>	<u>\$ 1,337,081</u>	<u>\$ 1,422,086</u>	<u>\$ 1,422,279</u>	0.0%
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 1,611,783</u>	<u>\$ 1,607,028</u>	<u>\$ 1,659,595</u>	<u>\$ 1,659,323</u>	0.0%

The Fayston School District's audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2009 are available online at www.faystonelementary.org, at the WWSU offices in Waitsfield, Vermont or by calling 802-496-2272, extension 116.

FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

	2009-2010 BUDGET	2010-2011 PROPOSED	PERCENT CHANGE
EDUCATION TAX CALCULATION WORKSHEET - Combined Fayston Elementary & Harwood Union			
<u>Fayston Elementary School:</u>			
Equalized Pupils	111.11	113.34	
Education Spending per Pupil (PK-6)	\$ 12,799	\$ 12,549	-2.0%
Base Education Spending per Pupil	\$ 8,544	\$ 8,544	
District Spending Adjustment	149.801%	146.875%	
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate**	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.882	
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (PK-6)	\$ 1.288	\$ 1.295	
% of Fayston students at Fayston Elementary School	58.46%	58.26%	
Portion of District Equalized Homestead Rate to be assessed by town	\$ 0.753	\$ 0.754	
<u>Harwood Union School District:</u>			
Equalized Pupils (Fayston 7-12)	78.95	81.20	
Education Spending per Pupil (7-12)	\$ 12,162	\$ 12,466	2.5%
Base Education Spending per Pupil	\$ 8,544	\$ 8,544	
District Spending Adjustment	142.346%	145.904%	
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate**	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.882	
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (7-12)	\$ 1.224	\$ 1.287	5.1%
% of Fayston students at Harwood Union	41.54%	41.74%	
Portion of District Equalized Homestead Rate to be assessed by town	\$ 0.508	\$ 0.537	
<u>Combined (PK-12):</u>			
Equalized Pupils (PK-12)	190.06	194.54	2.4%
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (Combined PK-12)	\$ 1.261	\$ 1.291	2.4%
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	72.14%	70.68%	
Estimated Homestead Property Tax Rate**	\$ 1.748	\$ 1.827	4.5%
Base Homestead Income Rate	1.80%	1.80%	
Actual Homestead Income Rate	2.64%	2.64%	0.0%
Base Non-Residential Education Tax Rate**	\$ 1.350	\$ 1.372	
Non-Residential Education Tax Rate	\$ 1.871	\$ 1.941	3.7%

Combined Equalized Tax Rate for FY2010-11 is calculated by adding the proportionate share (based on equalized pupils) of the equalized homestead tax rate for each school district

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

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

FAYSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Maintenance Reserve Fund Balance

Audited Fund Balance; June 30, 2009	\$ 52,884
Voter Approved Contribution to Reserve Fund; July 1, 2009	\$ 13,631
Expenses paid FY2010 to date	\$ (19,100)
Ending Balance January 2010	<u>\$ 47,415</u>

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/>

FY2009 School Level Data

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

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
20 out of 45

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller >	Underhill Central School	K - 4	137	9.00	1.00	15.22	137.00	9.00
	Fisher School	K - 5	137	17.11	1.00	8.01	137.00	17.11
	Brester Pierce School	PK - 4	140	8.10	1.00	17.28	140.00	8.10
	Fayston Elementary School	PK - 6	141	11.28	1.00	12.50	141.00	11.28
	North Bennington Graded School	K - 6	141	12.30	1.00	11.46	141.00	12.30
	Moretown Elementary School	PK - 6	141	12.62	1.00	11.17	141.00	12.62
< Larger	Ludlow Elementary School	PK - 6	142	15.20	1.00	9.34	142.00	15.20
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			142.51	12.98	1.03	10.98	137.85	12.56

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.

The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies greatly. This year's figures include district assessments to SLUs. Doing so makes districts are more comparable to each other. The consequence is that THESE FIGURES ARE ONLY COMPARABLE TO FIGURES USED IN THE SIMILAR FILE FOR FY2010.

FY2008 School District Data

Cohort Description: **Elementary school district, FY2008 FTE = 100 but < 200**
(31 school districts in cohort)

Grades offered in School District

Student FTE enrolled in school district

Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs

Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest)
30 out of 31

School district data (local, union, or joint district)

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 >	Fielder	PK-6	102.40	\$12,216
	Fayston	PK-6	109.65	\$11,939
	Whittingham	PK-6	110.84	\$11,131
	Newfane	K-6	114.32	\$10,192
< Larger	Newport Town	K-6	114.74	\$11,971
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data			138.79	\$11,586

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.

FY2010 School District Data

LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate		
			SD Equalized Pupils	SD Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	SD Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate
Smaller >	T137 Newfane	K-6	104.51	10,847.86	1.0919
	T043 Cavendish	PK-6	106.50	13,950.52	1.4042
	T112 Lincoln	K-6	107.84	12,356.05	1.2437
	T075 Fayston	PK-6	111.11	12,798.90	1.2883
	U023 Currier Memorial USD #2	K-6	113.68	11,800.71	1.1878
	T099 Huntington	PK-4	115.23	12,613.70	1.2898
< Larger	T001 Addison	K-6	119.90	15,247.83	1.6620

Total municipal tax rate - K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates

MUN Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Common Level of Appraisal	MUN Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
1.2208	0.9823	1.2426
1.3196	0.9725	1.3570
1.2144	0.8828	1.7786
1.2616	0.7214	1.7488
-	-	-
1.2281	0.8883	1.3826
1.4556	0.9651	1.5082

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.