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Town of Springfield, Vermont



**Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2008**



Bonnie L. Reynolds
Town Clerk
1979 – 2008

After thirty-six years of service to the Town of Springfield, Bonnie L. Reynolds retired as Town Clerk on June 30, 2008. Bonnie took the responsibility of her position very seriously. She always took the time to help all citizens with any concern they might have, big or small. She truly was, and is, a friend to all. Her service, dedication and commitment to Springfield will be missed.

One of the many things that Bonnie took great pride in as Town Clerk was creating Springfield's Annual Reports. In her report covers she strived to recognize special interest groups or events that had a positive impact in the town during the previous year. Bonnie took great pleasure in creating the report cover designs and many of her reports have won awards. Featured on this year's cover is her first cover as Town Clerk after her appointment by the Selectmen was approved by the voters at the Town and Town School District Town Meeting on March 5, 1979.

It is an honor and privilege to dedicate the 89th Annual Report to Bonnie L. Reynolds in appreciation for all that she has given to the Town of Springfield.

Photo by Donna Cummings

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD DIRECTORY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Population: 9,078 (10-year census)
Size: 31,552 Acres
47 Square Miles
Altitude: 410 Feet

MEETING SCHEDULES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meetings held second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Selectmen's Meeting Room in the Municipal Office

SCHOOL BOARD

Meetings held first and third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Library

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Meeting held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Library

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Selectmen's Meeting Room in the Municipal Office

SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY

Meeting held the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at the Huber Building, 80 Main Street

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2, 2009 - Monday evening Town Meeting at 7:30 p.m., Springfield High School Cafeteria

March 3, 2009 - Town Meeting Australian Ballot
Voting at Riverside Middle School Gymnasium, polls will be open 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

April 1, 2009 - Dogs must be licensed

April 11, 2009 - Trout Season opens

April 15, 2009 - Fourth and final property tax Installment due for 08/09 tax year

August 17, 2009 - First property tax installment due

October 15, 2009 - Second property tax installment due

Deer Archery Season - October 3-25, 2009

November 7-8, 2009 - Vermont Youth Deer Weekend

Deer Firearm Season - November 14-29, 2009

January 15, 2010 - Third property tax installment due

April 1, 2010 - Dogs must be licensed

April 15, 2010 - Fourth & final property tax installment due for 09/10 tax year

TOWN

Municipal Offices:

96 Main Street

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday

Tel. No. 885-2104

Department of Public Works:

Fairground Road

Business Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday

Tel. No. 886-2208

Springfield Police Department:

Tel. No. 885-2113

Springfield Fire Department:

Hartness Avenue

Fire and Ambulance Emergency

Tel. No. 885-4545

Fire and Ambulance Non-Emergency

Tel. No. 885-4546

Springfield Town Library

43 Main Street

Business Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tel. No. 885-3108

Parks & Recreation Department:

139 Main Street

Tel. No. 885-2727

Senior Citizen's Center:

139 Main Street

Business Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

Tel. No. 885-3933

Sewage Disposal Plant:

Clinton Street

Business Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday

Tel. No. 885-2854

Transfer Station & Recycling Center:

Fairground Road

Business Hours:

Monday 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 pm.

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tel. No. 885-5827

SCHOOLS

Central Offices 885-5141

Athletic Director 885-7905

Elm Hill School 885-5154

Gateway Program 885-3477

Union Street School 885-5155

Park Street School 885-4774

Riverside Middle School 885-8490

Springfield High School 885-7900

Technical Center 885-8300

ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

MODERATOR		JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
Patrick M. Ankuda	2009	(Term expires in February 2011)
SELECTMEN		Richard Andrews
Terri Benton	2009	Judith Edwards
Mark A. Blanchard*	2010	Alice M. Emmons
Michael Knoras	2011	Mark J. Greenvall
Kristi Morris	2011	Eugene Guy
John Swanson	2009	Michael Knoras
SCHOOL DIRECTORS		Larry Kraft
Samuel Coleman	2009	Ernest "Puggy" Lamphere
Judith Edwards*	2009	Peter E. MacGillivray
Jeanice Garfield	2010	Cynthia T. Martin
Larry Kraft	2010	Stephen J. Matush
Marilyn Thompson	2011	David A. Shuffleburg
LISTERS		Kathleen Stankevich
Arnold J. Lashua	2009	Steven J. Sysko
Richard A. Moore	2011	David A. Yesman
LIBRARY TRUSTEES		STATE REPRESENTATIVE
Miranda Bogardus	2010	WINDSOR 1-1
Alan Fusonie	2009	Kathy Pellett
Stephen J. Matush	2010	WINDSOR 1-2
Jean Middleton	2011	Alice Emmons
Lisa C. Mobus	2010	Cynthia Martin
William O. Moeser	2011	WINDSOR COUNTY
John Vorder Bruegge*	2011	SENATORS
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS		John Campbell
Ernest C. Lamphere	2009	Richard McCormack
Jane Waysville	2011	Alice Nitka
Holly Farnsworth	2010	* Chairperson
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS		
Donald Page	2013	
Scott Page	2012	
Joan Robison	2009	
John N. Swanson	2011	
Tami Thomas	2010	
Meredith D. Kelley, Ex-Officio		
TOWN AGENT		
Stephen S. Ankuda	2009	
FIRST CONSTABLE		
Richard Ripchick	2009	

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLANNING COMMISSION	BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Donald Barrett*	James Benton
Richard Fenton	Edward F. Caron
Richard Filion	Earl Davis, Jr.
Wilbur Horton, Jr.	Lisa Hall
Joseph Husted	
Kelly Ryan	COUNCIL ON AGING
Joseph V. Wilson	No representative at this time
Mark Wilson	
William G. Kearns,	AIRPORT COMMISSION
Administrative Officer	Peter Andrews
DOWNTOWN DESIGN COMMISSION	Carol-Lynn Knight
Estelle Goding	Peter MacGillivray*
Charles Gulick, III	Floyd Roberts
Goldie May	HOUSING AUTHORITY
Elsie Putnam	Peter Andrews
Matthew Rohrbaugh	Cynthia Gagnier
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD	Frederic P. Koledo*
Stephen Kraft	Gerald Mittica
Donald Napsey	Franklin Poole
Theodore Reeves	William F. Morlock, III
Keith Stern*	Executive Director
Joseph V. Wilson	* Chairperson
<i>Alternates</i>	
Donald Barrett	
Wilbur Horton, Jr.	

APPOINTED OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

TOWN MANAGER	PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
Robert J. Forguites	Harry Henderson
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER	PARKS, RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES DIRECTOR
Meredith D. Kelley	Andrew Bladyka
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	LIBRARY DIRECTOR
Meredith D. Kelley	Russell S. Moore
FINANCE DIRECTOR	CHIEF ASSESSOR
Jeffrey A. Mobus	Peter S. Clark
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER DIRECTOR
William G. Kearns	Terri Emerson
POLICE CHIEF	
Douglas Johnston	
FIRE CHIEF	
Russell Thompson	

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

This past year saw changes on both the Board of Selectmen and within the Town Administration.

Two veteran members of the Board of Selectmen decided not to seek re-election at the 2008 Town Meeting - John Hall, who was elected and appointed to several terms, and Mary Helen Hawthorne, who was elected to two terms and served as Chair for most of her years on the Board. We will miss their wise counsel.

At the 2008 Town Meeting, two new members were elected to the Board. Michael Knoras, a veteran member of the Board with many years of prior service, was elected to a three year term. Kristi Morris, a newcomer to the Board but not to town service, was also elected to a three year term.

The past year also saw the departure of two long term members of Town Administration. Bonnie Reynolds retired from her duties as Town Clerk, Town Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Collector. Bonnie served the Town of Springfield for over 35 years. Linda Rousse retired from her duties as Administrative Assistant and Planning and Zoning Administrator. Linda served the Town of Springfield for over 30 years. She will continue to serve part-time in Human Resources. Both Bonnie and Linda were “go-to” people when questions came up about past town affairs. They have a lot of “institutional knowledge” about the Town of Springfield and we hope they will allow that knowledge to be called on occasionally. The Board of Selectmen appointed Meredith Dexter Kelley to replace Bonnie as Town Clerk, Town Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Collector. William “Bill” Kearns was appointed to replace Linda as Administrative Officer and Planning and Zoning Administrator.

Some long awaited projects in the Town of Springfield started this past year. The reconditioning and re-paving of Park and Union Streets was started. Also the project to replace sidewalks and traffic signals on Main Street in downtown was commenced. Both of these projects have caused considerable disruptions but the finished products will be big improvements.

The former Lucas Industries building on Clinton Street was renovated to serve as the new home of the Springfield Police Department. The members of the Police Department moved into the renovated facility this past year and are enjoying the new space. The citizens of the Town are thanked for their support of this project.

There are positive signs that the old Fellows Building on River Street may be getting a new life. Developers from the Washington, DC area have leased the property and interior renovations to the buildings have started. Restoration of this building has been an ongoing project of Springfield Regional Development Corporation (SRCD) and other groups of people. That property is an important part of Springfield history and it is hoped that there soon will be a lot of occupants and activity there.

In July of 2008, just one year after the Springfield Theater and the Town of Springfield hosted the world premier of “The Simpson Movie”, a devastating fire severely damaged the Ellis Block, housing the Springfield Theater. It is hoped that restoration efforts on the building will be successful. That building is an important part of downtown Springfield.

As in the past, infrastructure work continues. Separation of sewer lines and replacement of some water lines in the Park and Union Street areas were completed this past year. The final phase

of the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) project involves work in the Elm Hill area. It is expected that funding to complete this project will be requested at the 2009 Town Meeting. Plans are being finalized for much needed water improvements and it is expected that funding will also be requested at the 2009 Town Meeting to complete that project.

More detailed information concerning the operation of the various town departments is contained in the individual Department Head reports and those reports should be read in connection with this report.

Thanks to our employees for their dedicated service to the Town this past year. Also, thanks to the many countless volunteers for their efforts to continue to improve the Town of Springfield. It can’t happen without you!!

And, once again, thanks to the citizens of the Town for the support they have given to the Board and to Town projects.

Robert J. Forguites, *Town Manager
for the Board of Selectmen*

Mark A. Blanchard, *Chair*
John Swanson, *Vice Chair*
Terri Benton
Michael Knoras
Kristi Morris

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTIONS:

- 06-11-08 Tax Sale Resolution
- 07-14-08 Glebe Land Resolution – Estate of Marjorie Currier – 187 LaCross Road
- 10-13-08 Resolution for Town Plan adopted
- 11-04-08 Resolution opposing the proposed cuts in funding for Local Highway Aid Programs – Recorded in Volume 434 – Pg. 324
- 11-24-08 Resolution – Increase Federal weight limitations on Interstate Highways in Vermont

ORDINANCES:

- 09-22-08 Ordinance Amendment – 08-86-2 – Table 2.20/ execution by Board

TOWN CLERK

**Office Hours: Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Fiscal year 2007-2008 was a year of change and transition for the Town Clerk's Office. After thirty-six years of service to the Town of Springfield, Bonnie L. Reynolds retired as Town Clerk on June 30, 2008. Her service, dedication and commitment to Springfield will be missed. My appointment as Town Clerk began on July 1, 2008. Before her last day I was able to spend two valuable weeks with Bonnie learning as much as possible from her years of experience. From time to time, since June 30, 2008, Bonnie has graciously answered my questions and provided advice. I thank Bonnie for her enthusiasm and encouragement as I made the transition into the position. In addition to my appointment in July 2008, Mary Perkins and Barbara Courchesne joined the Town Clerk's staff as Assistant Town Clerks in July 2007 and March 2008, respectively. I thank both Barbara and Mary for their support, dedication and hard work. We all look forward to serving our community.

The Town Clerk's Office has many responsibilities during the year. One significant responsibility is preserving and recording the town's public records, which includes a variety of documents such as land records, minutes, permits, survey maps, vital records, licenses, election and tax information. Some other responsibilities include preparing the warrant and ballot for the Town and Town School District Meetings, publication of the annual report, polling place setup and serving as Election Officials at all elections.

In addition to our responsibilities, the Town Clerk's Office also offers many services throughout the year. For example, we register new voters, receive and respond to requests for absentee ballots, issue dog, hunting, fishing, town, liquor, civil union and marriage licenses, provide certified copies of birth and death records, deed cemetery lots, receive documents for recording in our land records, issue motor vehicle, snowmobile and motor boat renewal registrations, provide notary services and process passport applications.

Below are some of the services that were provided during the 2007-2008 year:

Cemetery Lots Sold	18
Certified Copies of Vital Records	1,684
Civil Union Licenses Issued	6
Documents Recorded	2,121
Dog Licenses Issued	1,144
Hunting and Fishing Licenses Issued	346
Liquor Licenses Issued	31
Marriage Licenses Issued	104
Motor Vehicle Renewals	396
Passports Processed	229
Town Licenses Issued	47

We look forward to your next visit to the Town Clerk's Office.

Meredith D. Kelley
Town Clerk



*New Town Clerk,
Meredith D. Kelley (front)
with retired Town Clerk,
Bonnie L. Reynolds*

*Photo by
Donna Cummings*

*Pictured Right:
Assistant Town Clerks,
Mary Perkins (left) and
Barbara Courchesne
(right)*



DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENT

Another year has flown by and has been a relief to this office after 3 years in the reappraisal mode.

Property Transfers have slowed down however the market value has held up so far. With this economy, that is good from our position and we hope it continues.

Again, we would like to remind you, if you are a full-time resident on April 1 you need to fill out an H.S. 122 and to get a rebate you need to file an H.S. 144. Both of these forms are in the Vermont Income Tax Booklet and should be filed on or before April 15.

Our office is on the third floor of the town office and the door is open to all for questions, maps, or most everything about the Grand List or a particular property.

Peter Clark, Assessor
Arnold Lashua, Lister
Richard Moore, Lister

PASSPORT APPLICATION INFORMATION SHEET

Springfield Town Clerk's Office
96 Main Street
Springfield, Vermont 05156

Phone: 802-885-2104

HOURS FOR EXECUTION OF APPLICATIONS

Monday thru Friday (Except Holidays)
Please call for an appointment.

YOU MUST HAVE:

- 1. COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM** - To be signed in the presence of the passport agent at the Town Clerk's Office. Applicants under 18 years of age must have a parent sign the application in the presence of the passport agent. Applicants under 16 must have both parents' signatures.
- 2. PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP** - We can accept ONLY a CERTIFIED COPY of your birth certificate issued by the Town or City in which you were born. It must have a raised seal from the issuing office. Your OLD PASSPORT also can be used as proof of citizenship.
NATURALIZED CITIZENS MUST bring the original Naturalization Certificate.
- 3. TWO PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPHS** - See back of application for size specifications.
- 4. ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION** - A valid driver's license or a student ID with picture and signature

PASSPORT BOOK FEES

Age 16-Adult *10-year passport	\$75.00
Newborn - Age 15 *5-year passport	\$60.00

PASSPORT CARD FEES

16 years or older (adult)	\$20.00
Newborn-Age 15	\$10.00

(for travel by land & sea between the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Bermuda & Caribbean)

FOR EACH PASSPORT submitted, please make a SEPARATE check made payable to "U.S. Department of State." A check or money order is required for this fee.

EXECUTION FEE FOR EACH PASSPORT

The execution fee of \$25.00 may be paid with cash or separate check made payable to Town of Springfield. If you wish to receive your passport by express mail, please submit an Express Mail Envelope with a postage stamp on it.

PROCESS TIME AS OF JANUARY 2009 IS 3 WEEKS

THERE IS AN EXPEDITE FEE OF \$60.00 IF THE PASSPORT IS NEEDED WITHIN THAT PERIOD OF TIME.

If needed within two weeks, applicant must go to Boston and stand in line, pay expedite fee and document travel plans.

RENEWAL BY MAIL

Applications for renewal by mail (Form DS-82) may be used if the expiration date on the passport is 15 years or less from the date of issuance, if the applicant was age 16 or older when the passport was issued, and if the applicant's name is the same.

All documents submitted with your application will be returned to you with your passport.

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

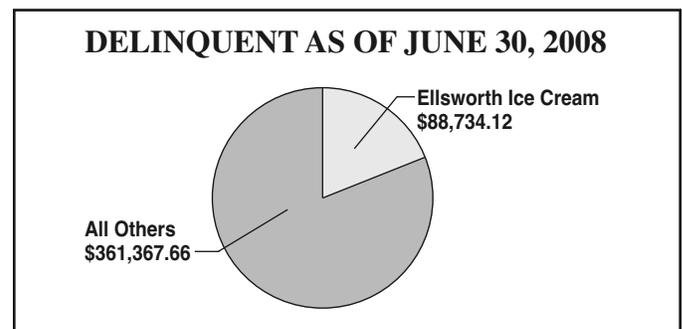
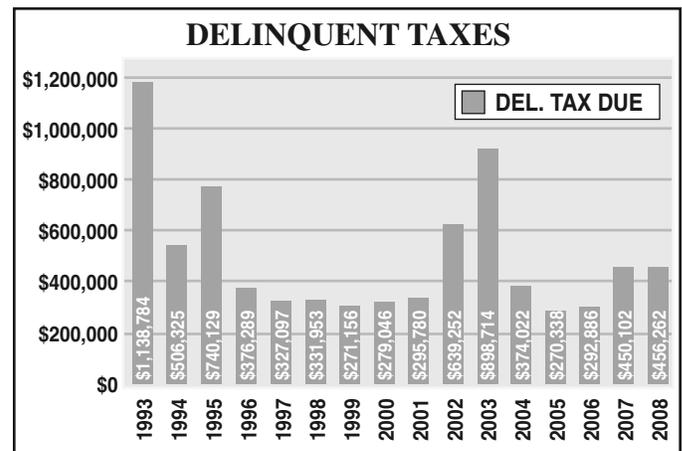
Office Hours: Monday thru Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Total delinquency on June 30, 2008 was \$ 456,261.96. This amount is nearly level with the prior year total of \$450,101.78 as reflected in the chart below. However, though the amounts are close, there was a great deal of change in the components of the delinquent list. As the chart below shows, this year the total delinquency due by the old Ellsworth Ice Cream plant decreased to \$88,734.12. The previous year, Ellsworth's delinquency was \$182,613.08. The reason for this decrease is that the personal property taxes due were abated due to the fact that the equipment no longer existed. Unfortunately, the decrease in the Ellsworth delinquency was offset by the increase in the residential delinquency. As a result of the reappraisal there was a significant shift in the Town's tax burden with the residents now paying a much larger percentage. Consequently, a larger number of our residents have struggled to pay their taxes. As the State's rebate/prebate formula uses prior year information to calculate the rebate/prebate that each taxpayer is due, the Town expects that in the 2008-2009 year that the rebates/prebates will "catch up" with the new, higher taxes and we will see a reduction in the residential tax delinquency.

Following the final tax due date in April 2008, letters were mailed to delinquent taxpayers, requesting that their delinquent taxes be paid in full, or that an agreement be made with the collector for timely payment of these delinquent taxes.

The fourth and final tax due date for the current year's taxes is April 15, 2009. Taxpayers should make every effort to pay as much of their property taxes as possible prior to this date. On April 16, 2009, an 8% collector's fee, in addition to interest, will be assessed to any property tax unpaid on this date.

Meredith D. Kelley, *Delinquent Tax Collector*



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department is located in the Town Hall. In addition to preparing the billings and processing the payments for taxes, water/sewer, and ambulance, the department is responsible for processing payroll and accounts payable and the selling of transfer station tickets. Normal office hours are 8:00am to 4:30pm, with extended hours to 6:00pm on the days that taxes are due. The telephone number is 885-2104.

It is the goal of the Town to set the tax rate during the first week of July and send out the tax bills no later than July 15th. If you have not received your bill by August 1st, please contact us immediately for a new bill as the first due date is August 17th. The tax bills are sent to the property owner(s) as recorded in the land records. If you must send copies of your bill to others (your mortgage company, the IRS, the State of Vermont, etc.), please remember to always keep the original for your records. However, if you do misplace your tax bill, contact our office to obtain a copy. Note that since the current tax bills include rebate/prebate information, which the Town of Springfield Select Board has determined to be private, all requests for duplicate tax bills that show the rebate/prebate information must come from the taxpayer.

Beginning with the 2007-2008 tax bills, the State of Vermont changed the process for distributing the rebates/prebates to the taxpayers. The State of Vermont sent the money directly to the Town (instead of sending the checks directly to the taxpayers) where the rebates/prebates were applied directly to the individual taxpayer accounts. This process happened via automatic electronic transfer from the State. For the 2008-2009 tax bills, the State of Vermont changed the process again. The rebate/prebate information was electronically downloaded to the Town. However, the money was NOT sent to the Town last year. The State sent the money directly to the School District. Thus, the Town collected less money directly and transferred a reduced amount to the School District. It is expected that this procedure will continue with the 2009-2010 tax bills.

As of July 1, 2004, there was a change in the funding of the statewide education fund. The tax rate for the statewide education tax is now different for residents than it is for non-residents. Previously, owners of Vermont residential homesteads had to complete three forms (HS-131, HS-138, and HS-139) in order to declare their Homestead status and apply for the Prebate and Rebate. Last year, the State of Vermont changed this process entirely. Instead of completing three forms, owners of Homestead residential properties now need to complete one form, the HS-122 (Homestead Declaration AND Property Tax Adjustment Claim). The two programs previously known as the Prebate and the Rebate have been combined into the Property Tax Adjustment Claim.

All Vermont residents who expect to own and occupy their Homestead on April 1, 2009 must complete the HS-122. Please note that only owners of Homestead properties are eligible to make a property tax adjustment claim. This form must be completed each year. This year the form is due April 15, 2009. There is a 1% penalty on the amount due for the school tax for forms filed after the due date. Lastly, late forms will only be accepted until September 1, 2009. After that date, the penalty will be charged, but no other changes will be made and you will not be eligible to make a property tax adjustment claim. Please note that if you file an extension to file your Vermont Tax return that the extension does NOT apply for the Homestead Declaration. In addition, if you must estimate your 2008 income on the HS-122 form, it is recommended that you estimate high on your

income. If you estimate low, and after the State receives the actual higher income number, the State will bill you for the difference plus interest and penalties.

The HS-122 form can be found in the Vermont Income Tax Booklet. In addition, you may file online at www.vermont.gov. As in prior years, you will need the SPAN number for your property and the school tax code. This information is located on your property tax bill. Also on your tax bill, if you filed the HS-122 in 2008, are the Housesite Value, the Housesite Education Tax, the Housesite Municipal Tax, and the Total Parcel Acres. This information is also required for the HS-122.

IMPORTANT! Again this year, the State of Vermont will not issue checks for the Property Tax Adjustment Claim. The amount of the claim will be credited equally to the four payments of each individual taxpayer's tax bill, reducing the amount of property taxes paid to the Town.

Water/Sewer bills are prepared twice a year. The billings are done by "books." With very few exceptions, you can determine which book you are in by looking at the first two digits of your account number.

Books 1 through 5 are billed in June and January, with payments due in July and February. Books 6 through 12 and 25 are billed in August and February, with the payments due in September and March. Books 13 through 20 are billed in October and April, with the payments due in November and May. Books 21 through 24 and Books 26 and 27 are billed in November and May, with payments due in December and June.

Ambulance bills are processed as they are received. The Town first bills the primary insurance company and then, if applicable, the secondary insurance companies. If there is a balance due on the account after all insurance companies have paid, a bill is sent to the patient. Please note that as it often takes time to deal with the insurance companies, the patient may not receive the bill for several months after the service.

I want thank Jan Rogers, Lois Smith, and Dee Richardson for their excellent work again this year. These three ladies work diligently for the Town of Springfield's residents. Each year it becomes more difficult to find new words to appropriately acknowledge their efforts. I sincerely hope that finding the right words to thank them is a challenge that I must meet for many more years.

Jeff Mobus
Comptroller

REMEMBER!

All Vermont residents who own and occupy their Homestead on April 1, 2009 must complete the HS-122. Please note that only owners of Homestead properties are eligible to make a property tax adjustment claim. This form must be completed each year. This year the form is due April 15, 2009. There is a 1% penalty on the amount due for the school tax for forms filed after the due date. Lastly, late forms will only be accepted until September 1, 2009. After that date, the penalty will be charged, but no other changes will be made and you will not be eligible to make a property tax adjustment claim. The HS-122 form can be found in the Vermont Income Tax Booklet. In addition, you may file online at www.vermont.gov.

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

The Board of Civil Authority (BCA) for the Town of Springfield consists of the Justices of the Peace, the Select Board, and the Town Clerk. In addition to administering all elections in the Town of Springfield, this Board serves as the Board of Tax Appeals and Board of Abatement for the Town.

During the 2008 Fiscal Year, the Annual Town and Town School District Meeting, one Special School District Meeting, and two Special Town School District Meetings were held under the direction of the BCA. Thank you to the very dedicated and talented people who serve as Election Officials. Many of these people have been serving in this position for more than twenty years. The professionalism they exhibit during the polling hours is greatly appreciated.

During the fall of 2007, the Board of Tax Appeals heard approximately fifty appeals from property owners. The Board of Abatement heard approximately fourteen requests from property owners in January 2008, three requests in April 2008, and three additional requests in June 2008.

Meredith D. Kelley, *Clerk*
Board of Civil Authority

DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY NIGHT
MARCH 2, 2009 AT 7:30 P.M.
SPRINGFIELD
HIGH SCHOOL
CAFETERIA

NOTICE TO VOTERS

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Town Clerk's Office by February 1, 2009. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 21, 2009.

REGISTER TO VOTE no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at Town Clerk's Office. All Town Clerks' Offices will be open from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 2009.

REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone or email. The latest you can request ballots for the March 3, 2009 Town and Town School District Meeting is the close of the Town Clerk's Office on Monday, March 2, 2009. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You may vote in the Town Clerk's Office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the Town Clerk's Office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the Town Clerk's Office before Election Day or bring to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, you can request by the close of the Town Clerk's Office on Monday, March 2, 2009 to have two Justices of the Peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

ON ELECTION DAY:

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, explain the situation to your Town Clerk and ask that your name be added to the checklist today.

- The Town Clerk or Presiding Officer will investigate the situation and then either have you swear to an affidavit that you had submitted a timely application and add your name to the checklist or explain why it cannot be added.
- If the Town Clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a Superior Court Judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail, you must provide a valid Vermont photo identification, or a copy of a government issued document with your current address, before you vote for the first time.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

Notice to Voters (Continued)

If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two Election Officials.

If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your Town Clerk or any Election Official for help.

NO PERSON SHALL:

- Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- Mislead the Board of Civil Authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 26 Terrace Street, Montpelier, VT 05609-1101.

If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Accuvote Ballots

CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- State name and, if asked, street address to the Election Official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the Election Official.
- An Election Official will give you a ballot.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

MARK YOUR BALLOT: For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one" or "Vote for not more than two," etc.

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
- **WRITE-IN** candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

CAST YOUR VOTE by depositing your voted ballot(s) into the vote tabulating machine.

LEAVE the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

I submit my review of Springfield's significant legal matters for inclusion in the Town Report. I include those matters which are in active litigation, as well as those which may have a potential for future litigation and are appropriate for public disclosure.

This report does not include any review of routine matters nor the numerous opinions rendered to the Select Board and Administration concerning the issues that arise during the course of any given year. This report does not address the status of personnel matters or various interactions within Town employee labor organizations.

1. The Town of Springfield continues to be named as a Defendant in a case entitled State of Vermont v. Bradford Oil Company, Inc. regarding the former coal gasification plant the current location of GoGo Gas on Clinton Street. This is a claim concerning hazardous waste from the former coal gas plant. In the 1960's Springfield widened Clinton Street and acquired rights to fifteen feet along the highway in front of the former gas plant property. Because the Town currently owns a portion of this property where hazardous waste formerly was generated, the Town has been brought into this lawsuit by Bradford Oil Company seeking contribution toward any cleanup. This matter is pending in Washington County Superior Court.
2. Previously the Town of Springfield was a defendant in a suit filed by Eileen Hongisto to undo a tax sale of her property. The suit began by the filing of a Complaint by the purchaser at tax sale to take possession of the property. Ms. Hongisto brought the Town into the suit in an attempt to reverse the tax sale. In December, 2007 a settlement was reached which gave Ms. Hongisto the opportunity to redeem this property by compensating the purchaser. This matter has now concluded.
3. The Town of Springfield was sued in June, 2007 by the Estate of Virginia Yates over her death on the Connecticut River which at least partially involved the Town of Springfield Fire Department/Rescue Squad. This case has been referred to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns PACIF Program, who has undertaken the defense of the Town and is still pending in New Hampshire.
4. The Town was placed on Notice of a claim by a Mr. Dalton Allen for injuries he suffered on November 7, 2007 claiming defects in the foot bridge between Pearl Street and the Plaza Shopping Center contributed to his serious injuries. This matter is not in suit but has been referred to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns PACIF Program who has undertaken the adjustment of this claim.
5. The Town of Springfield was sued in April of 2008 by former employee Mathew Phillips in the matter entitled Phillips v. Town of Springfield, Windsor County Superior Court Docket Number: 333-S08 Wrcv claiming a violation of the Americans with Disability Act, wrongful termination, anti retaliatory laws, illegal intimidation, hostile work environment, illegal discrimination with a person with disability and violation of the Fair Work Environment Act. Mr. Phillips is suing for \$150,000 for deliberate cause of mental distress, coercion, court fees, filing fees and back pay. This matter has been referred to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns PACH Program who is undertaking the defense.

6. Over the past year, with all of the construction in progress there have been a number of minor claims related to that construction process. These claims have been referred directly to the contractors pursuant to the construction contract.
7. During 2008, the Town entered into an Assurance of Discontinuance concerning the combined sewer overflow problem which has been a cause of interaction between the Town, the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Due to a number of street and roof drains being connected to the sanitary sewer system, when heavy rains occur the waste treatment plant is overwhelmed and the excess flow is discharged directly into the Black River. In the early 1990's programs were developed to address this issue as funds became available. Given the Town's economic condition, combined with very limited State or Federal funds availability, the Town did not progress as fast as had been hoped. Two major contributors to this storm water overflow are J & L Plant 1 and the Bryant Grinder Building. Substantial pressure was placed on the private owners of those buildings to remove their roof drains from the sanitary sewer system however, both locations fell into bankruptcy. Subsequent private owners of the Bryant building have not been cooperative and Springfield Regional Development Corporation, which acquired the J & L Plant 1 building, has been stymied in its efforts to remove or redevelop Plant 1 by Historic Preservation and the existence of hazardous waste. Part of the agreement entered with the State was to remove these two buildings from the sanitary sewer system by certain deadlines. The State has become more insistent in seeking a firm commitment to remove these two buildings in the near future in addition to receiving a disbursement by the Town to benefit an environmental enhancement project. The State withheld Downtown Designation approval until the Town entered into this Agreement. In November, 2008 the Town entered into an Assurance of Discontinuance which further extended the time frame to remove the two buildings from the sanitary sewer system along with contributing \$25,000 to an Environmental Enhancement Project. The Town also took the affirmative step of first notifying the current owner of the Bryant building that it would be plugging access to the sanitary sewer by the Bryant property until such time as the roof drains are rerouted to the storm drains installed by the Town at its expense and then affirmatively plugging those sanitary sewers. To date, the Town has spent in excess of \$6,000,000 severing storm drains from the sanitary sewer system.

The Town has continued to be remarkably successful in avoiding a multiplicity of litigation. Most of the legal issues that confront the Town involve either labor issues or hazardous waste. These are problems suffered by towns throughout the region and should be expected to occur or perhaps even increase with the continuing demands of increased spending during a shrinking economy.

Stephen S. Ankuda
Town Attorney

In the 2007 report I said that I would retire in 2008 and I have. I am enjoying my retirement. The Town Manager asked if I would consider continuing in this one role as a part timer, and I agreed to do so for so long as it suited us both. I started work on the second day of January, 1979 for the new Town Manager, Michael Valuk. The new Fire Station had just been completed and work on the Town Hall was started. My first day, the drills were coming up through the floor to establish new electrical sites and the banging of hammers and whining of saws was everywhere. In 2008, the new Police Station was opened and after 30 years, the Town Hall will have new renovations to relocate some of the Administrative Offices into the first floor. Maybe before I am fully retired, I will hear the drills, hammers and saws again.

Bonnie L. Reynolds, Town Clerk/Treasurer September 6, 1972 – June 30, 2008, retired with honors. We miss her and wish her happiness in retirement. Great credit goes to Bonnie for the maintenance, restoration and updating of the Town's records. Many say Springfield Town Records are the best kept records in the State. I personally have no doubt that is the truth of the matter. Bonnie was, and is, a familiar face in this Town. Everyone knows her and has the greatest respect for her. Bonnie may have licensed your dog, sold you a hunting or fishing license, issued your passport, registered you to vote, registered your car, issued your marriage license, recorded your child's birth and recorded deeds and maps of your property. Sooner or later every Springfield citizen was served by Bonnie Reynolds.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Meredith Dexter Kelley started out in a little bit of a whirlwind. She was appointed by the Board on June 16, 2008, got married, went on her honeymoon and returned to the first day of work on a new job. First tasks for the new Clerk/Treasurer included wrapping up the end of a fiscal year, beginning a new fiscal year, organizing Primary and Presidential elections, first Town Report and many end of year tasks. Welcome aboard.

The position of Administrative Officer (Planning and Zoning) was filled in April of 2008 by William Kearns. Bill came to the Town from the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission with a background in regional and local planning and zoning, emergency management, and flood plain rules, regulations and mapping. Bill brought many life experiences with him that the Town is fortunate to be able to take advantage of.

Kurt Merriman, Maintenance Worker II for Public Works retired March 28, 2008 after 14½ years of service. Kurt started work as a draftsman in the Water and Wastewater Department in November of 1993 and transferred to public works in December of 1996. Kurt was a familiar face in one of the big dump trucks. Enjoy your retirement and thank you for those many years of service to Springfield citizens.

Other Department Heads will be writing about changes in their own staffing, but here are some new faces: Kimberly Lesure, Police Dispatcher; Barbara Courchesne, Assistant Town Clerk; Bruce Griswold, Maintenance Worker II; Daniel Deslauriers transferred from Dispatcher to Police Officer; Michael Gilderdale, Police Officer; Daniel Ray, Recycling Worker; Steven Hean, Police Officer; and Francis Rouse, part time Parking Enforcement Officer.

Linda T. Rouse
Personnel Director

SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTURES, PROMOTIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

Departures

This year the Springfield Police Department had three departures: Matthew Tufts resigned as a full time Dispatcher; Officer William Frank resigned as a full time police officer; and John Fratini resigned as the Parking Enforcement Officer.

Promotions

Corporal William Daniels was appointed to the rank of Acting Sergeant in April to fill in for Sergeant Robert Simmons who sustained an off duty injury which kept him sidelined from patrol for the rest of the year. We hope to have him back to regular duty by the end of January 2009.

Appointments

Officer Daniel Deslauriers was appointed as a full-time police officer in February. He attended the 86th Basic Training Course for Full Time Law Enforcement Officers from August 11 to December 5, 2008. Prior to being appointed to a full time officer position, Dan was one of our full time dispatchers and a part time officer.

Dispatcher Kimberley Lesure was hired as full-time Dispatcher. She had previous dispatch experience with the Windham County Sheriff.

Officer Steven Hean, who was hired as a full-time police officer, was also a veteran of the Windham County Sheriff's Office.

Officer Michael Gilderdale returned to the Department as a full time police officer after a five year period during which he was employed full-time with the Chester PD.

Francis Rousse was hired as the Parking Enforcement Officer.

We currently have ALL positions filled with on exception of the Drug Detective position which is in a holding pattern until after the budget process.

Let me introduce to you to the new employees of the police department:



Dan Deslauriers



Kim Lesure



Steve Hean



Mike Gilderdale



Francis Rousse

TRAINING

Police officers, both part and full-time, are required to attend training each year to keep their certification. Part-time officers must complete 30 hours of training and full-time must complete 25 hours per year. Mandatory training requirements consist of firearms, hazardous materials awareness, first aid, and blood borne pathogens.

During 2008 the Chief, Lieutenant and the Sergeants attended a 24 hour advanced Incident Based Command class.

Other training taken by department members includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Firearms scenario training, Stinger spikes, Hostage Negotiation, Street Crimes Criminal interdiction, First Line Supervisor, Anti-Terrorism classes, Strategic Crime Analysis, and a two day Patrol Refresher class is given at the Police Academy and sponsored by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. The majority of our sworn personnel, from the Chief, Lieutenant and patrol officers attended this course which is geared to veteran officers with five or more years of experience.

POLICE DEPARTMENT FUTURE NEEDS

I know the current state of the economy will delay us from addressing the future needs of the police department but you should be aware of them. Reducing staff levels in the police department will only reduce or eliminate current services that are being provided to the public. If it comes down to this, what services to be eliminated or reduced will have to be determined. This is a time when we will see the crime rate increase and more demand of police services will occur. We hope to continue the same level of services and staffing as we move forward in the coming year.

Future needs that we need to look at are a School Resource Officer position for our school system. This position is a crucial position and would benefit the community and the school system in handling different situations that have been occurring in the school during the year.

We also need to look at adding one to two more officers on in the Patrol Division to answer the growing number of complaints and court case that are being generated. By doing this, it would help cut down on over time and it would allow the officers more time to follow up on criminal investigations in a timely manner.

The department needs to look at the current structure and make adjustments to accommodate today's needs. The current structure has been in place for over thirty years and the duties and responsibilities have changed drastically. It no longer adequately meets needs of the community or the police department.

Since Springfield is located in a valley, we need to look at enhancing the communications as there are dead spots in the area where radio transmission cannot be understood or received.

We need to start thinking outside the box and find better economical ways of doing business. One way of accomplishing this would be regionalization of dispatching and other town/local services with other communities to reduce cost for everyone involved. The tax payer in our communities can no longer bare the expense of duplicating services/equipment, etc.

Police Department (Continued)

We also need to look at other ways to reduce property taxes by increasing the revenue to off set those taxes. Another way is to work with other leaders in near by communities to see where resources can be shared to reduce cost to all.

We are currently working with the Springfield Fire Department for the police department to take over emergency dispatching for them, so it frees up their personnel in an emergency. It has taken sometime to accomplish this and we hope to be on line by the end of March 2009.

We are currently taking advantage of in service training by using certified instructors from other police departments in areas that we currently do not have certified instructors in. We continue to use are own certified instructors as well to help reduce training cost.

GRANTS

We continue to take as much advantage of grants that we possible can. These grants are “drying” up as the federal government is not funding them.

The bulletproof grant is a grant that will match 50% of the cost of a new bullet proof vest for police officers. We purchased four (4) bullet proof vests with a cost savings of approximately \$1,410.00 to the property tax payer. These vests have to be replaced every five years.

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

All of this grant money has gone to the Vermont Communications Board to improve interoperability between emergency services such as Emergency Medical Service, Fire Departments and Law Enforcement which consist of State agencies, Sheriffs Departments and Municipal Police Departments.

In looking at history, the one thing that sticks out the most in emergency situations is not having the ability to talk to one another. To see more specifics about Vermont Communications Board I would encourage you to go to VCOMM’s web site @ www.dps.state.vt.us/vcomm

US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BLOCK GRANT

We are told that they are not funding this grant.

GOVENORS HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANTS

We received a total of \$11,750 dollars towards highway safety enforcement to keep our roads safe. It was broken down as follows:

DUI Year Round Enforcement	\$3,750.00
DUI Mobilization	\$2,000.00
Click It Ticket	\$1,000.00
Highway Safety Year Round	\$3,000.00

(DUI is Driving Under the Influence)

The Highway Safety year round grant allows us to conduct the “RED MEANS STOP” program that we set up in the Main Street Square. This is to apprehend operators who run the red lights. When this program has been run we have had great success in apprehending violators. Due to the construction that was going on Main Street and for safety reasons we did not run this program, but hope to continue it this coming year.

Through our Springfield Highway Safety Program and the grant monies received, the Springfield Police Department participated in the “Vermont Chiefs Challenge” where the Springfield Police Department placed second in our category. This qualified us for and we received one prize which we choose a lap top computer.

During the next year, by participating in the Governor’s Highway Safety program, we may be entitled to use other equipment that is needed but have not budgeted for.

Our officers continue to be very busy in their daily responses to calls for service.

Below is a list of some (not all) types of calls for service the officers have responded to:

	2006	2007	2008
Total Complaints	5,134	5,066	4,601
Total Motor Vehicle Contacts	3,815	3,093	3,108
Total Traffic tickets issued	729	858	862
Written warnings issued	1,665	1,340	1,025
Totals	8,949	8,159	7,709
Assaults	96	150	122
Child Abuse	10	7	3
Sex Offenses	34	11	41
Burglary/Robbery	76	65	70
Burglary Alarms	192	19	20
Theft	236	204	245
Auto Theft	17	9	15
Forgery/Fraud/Embezzlement	40	56	55
Motor Vehicle/ATV Complaints	330	164	141
Unlawful Mischief	127	120	102
Family Domestic	59	53	82
Animal Problem	315	306	262
Assist - Agency	541	443	471
Citizens Assist	365	484	506
Citizens Dispute	223	206	231
Lockouts (Discontinued Service)	8	10	8
Bomb Threats	2	3	5
DWI	75	47	91
Driving While License Suspended	39	45	28
Property Watch	21	19	26
Welfare Checks(Also 911 hang ups)	244	139	215
Traffic Accidents - Damage	279	302	267
Traffic - Injuries	40	29	35
Traffic - Fatal	0	0	0
Bad Checks	39	34	30
Fireworks	22	10	14
Phone Problem/Harrassment	88	84	70
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	430	361	404
Missing Person/Runaway Juvenile	30	29	25
Juvenile Problems	166	141	119
Noise Disturbance	131	132	
Death Investigations	7	14	11

ARREST

2006	ADULT 500	JUVENILES 69
2007	ADULT 415	JUVENILES 39
2008	ADULT 578	JUVENILES 80

We are one of the busiest departments if not the busiest police department in Windsor County.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Families

To the families of the new officers we welcome you to our community and hope you enjoy the community as much as we do. To the families of all employees of the police department, I would like to thank you for your support you have given to your loved ones. I know there has been time spent away from them where they have missed family events. Both the officers and dispatchers provide a very important service to the community and you should be proud of what they do and how they do it.

To the Men and Women of the Police Department

Thank you for your dedication to the department and the community you serve. Your hard work does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated. Remember to hold your head up high, as you are second to none.

TOWN GOVERNMENT

I would like to thank Chief Russell Thompson and the rest of the Springfield Fire Department for their assistance throughout the year.

To Harry Henderson and the rest of the highway department for working on our vehicles, sanding and plowing our lots and the occasional "pull" out of the snow banks.

To the Municipal Hall Staff, Finance, Town Clerk's Office, Town Manager's Office, thanks for assisting us throughout the year and answering the our questions or processing insurance claims, pay checks, or looking up those dog tags for us.

I would like to thank Bob Forguites and Linda Rouse for their support and advice they have given throughout the year as it has been very much appreciated. To the board of Select persons for understanding the department and the support they have given. Congratulations to Linda on her retirement.

I would also like to thank Lieutenant Mark Fountain and Administrative Assistant David Glidden for their outstanding work and contribution to the police department. Without their dedication and hard work the department would not be where it is today. Thanks again.

I would also like to thank my wife Karen for the understanding of the long hours that I often put in.

CITIZENS

To the citizens of the Town of Springfield for your continued support of the police department. It is important that you get involved and we work together as a team to solve crime in Springfield. Working together as a community we can make a difference in Springfield and make it a better place to live and raise a family.

We had an open house at our new police facility which approximately 400 visitors went through the tour. Thank you for showing interest in our new building.

Don't forget to visit our Web Site at www.springfield-vtpd.org. May the year 2009 be a Healthy and Prosperous year for everyone!

Douglas S. Johnston
Chief of Police

Small communities have an individual and distinct identity. This identity evolves from the heritage and work of the people. The history of the area is time stamped by the architecture related to periods of growth. This last July, our Fire Department responded to a fire in the Ellis Block, a downtown building that housed the theatre and several boarding units. This building was a fixture of our downtown area. Upon arrival, the first crew was met with heavy smoke and fire. Flames quickly broke out threatening the nearby Lincoln Block. I mention this because the citizens of Springfield allowed us to equip Engine Two with a Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS) increasing our efficiency and capabilities. The CAFS allowed our fire fighters to tactically knock down the impinging flame without threatening the safety of our fire fighters who were inside fighting the fire. The CAFS also allowed us to protect the Lincoln Block by coating it with shave cream thick foam that absorbed the heat while we were establishing water supplies. I feel fortunate that as technology increases the effectiveness of fire fighting tools that both our management and our citizens support our efforts.

One last thought in regards to the Ellis Block fire. In the days that followed the fire we received many positive comments and pats on the back for the job that was done. We appreciate all the support. The members of the Springfield Fire Department, supported by a fifth alarm assignment of mutual aid, worked well together to extinguish the fire and save the Lincoln block and protect the McKinley Block. I am sincere when I say that 2400 times last year our department responded to less newsworthy events and our fire fighters worked just as hard to try to assist the public and deliver a positive outcome, whether an EMS or fire emergency.

I am pleased to report that June 2009 is graduation for fire fighter Aaron Sylvester from the Elliot Paramedic Program. The program is an intense 16 month program which requires over a thousand hours of clinical time to be logged in addition to the coursework. Upon successful examination, Aaron will be our first fulltime paramedic. Fire fighter Mark Hadwen will be the second to attend the program beginning in late August. Also noteworthy is the addition of Jeremiah Goyette, a working paramedic, to our on-call force.

Our rural water supply plan continues to evolve; the most recent addition is a dry hydrant at the Matulonis pond on Brockway's Mill Road. This grant supported activity is the culmination of work of The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, Springfield Fire Department and Springfield Public Works Department. We now have dry hydrants located on Lacrosse Road, Whitney Road and Brockway's Mill Road, as well as reclaiming one in the Upper Dutton District. Our goal is to establish four season water supplies strategically in our rural areas to meet Insurance Services Organization (ISO) flow requirements.

The Springfield Fire Department and the Public Works Department, in partnership with Tom and Jeff Wallen of Comtu Falls Corporation, have placed a dry hydrant downtown at the Comtu-Falls Hydro Electric Corporation intake flow platform on Park Street. Tom and Jeff Wallen approved the project this spring and donated all of the sight work. This four season water supply will safely augment the municipal water distribution system for fire protection in the downtown area for years to come.

Fire Department (Continued)

We recently had a severe ice storm that resulted in over four thousand citizens without power. We were kept busy checking on downed wires, reported fires, flooding houses and carbon monoxide problems, while maintaining our typical EMS responses and coverage. We assisted in opening a shelter at the high school staffed by the Red Cross and local CERT members. There is no way to know who needs assistance during emergent times unless there is a call for help. We feel there is more to be done. We would like to establish a registry of the at need population. Those listed would receive a wellness check either by phone or in person when we lose power, experience extreme blizzard conditions or in any atypical event. Just knowing they are not forgotten, and having someone reach out to them when they are weathering the event alone can aid their physical well being.

On the next page of this town report is a **Registry Application**. This form must be signed by the individual wishing to be added to the Registry. It can be filled out and dropped off or sent to the department. For those who cannot get out, just call the department at 885-4546, and we will have it picked up. This information will be kept confidential in a locked file at the fire station; it will be accessed only by authorized personnel in times deemed emergent or for annual updates. Research shows that in times of atypical events, such as power outages and extreme blizzard conditions there is an increase in medical emergencies, falls and respiratory distress responses. We would like to try to communicate and act before there is an emergency need for our citizens.

During the past year we have continued our efforts toward our goal of a combined fire and police dispatch. Most of the logistical objectives have been addressed and we now look toward the training and implementation phase early in 2009.

There is never an acceptable reason for not having a working smoke detector in your home. If you are unable for any reason to maintain your residential smoke detectors let us help! If you are living in a rental property, it is the responsibility of the building owner to have working smoke detectors in place at all times. If you need assistance, please call and schedule a time when we can come and help.

“Smoke Detectors Save Lives.”

We have had a busy year. The Springfield Fire Department averages over six responses each day. Our call volume continues to rise each year. We sometimes have to prioritize projects and non-emergency tasks so as to maintain our ability to respond to emergencies. We appreciate the understanding and patience of our citizen customers.

Thank you to all who have supported the fire department’s efforts during the past year.

**Registry of “At Need” Residents
Town of Springfield**

If you are a person with a disability, respiratory condition, live alone or have special needs during times of power outages, severe snow storms or other atypical events, please register with us. The “At Need” Registry is a tool for us to call or stop by and check on your physical wellness during these disrupting events. All information remains confidential and locked on file at the Springfield Fire Department. Communication and early intervention can reduce the impact of severe conditions to our “At Need” residents. Let us help!

Name : _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: (If different than above) _____

Telephone: _____

TTY: _____

I have these physical concerns:

Signature _____

Drop off or mail to: Springfield Fire Department
77 Hartness Avenue
Springfield, Vermont 05156

For those who cannot get out please call and we will pick up the registration form:

885-4546, Fax 885-2070
contact@springfieldvtfire.org

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Heading into the winter season of 2008/9 we have faced eight storms that have required plowing, salting and sanding. We have experienced 6 other less major events that required sanding or salt at critical locations such as hills, corners and intersections. As of December 31, 2008, 11 days into official winter, we had used 850 tons of salt and about 1100 tons of sand. Over the past 11 years we have used an average of about 2800 tons of salt and about 5500 tons of sand for the entire winter period.



Work proceeds on Park St. sidewalk



This summer we completed the long awaited reconstruction and resurfacing of Park and Union St. at a cost of about \$600,000. We replaced several sewer manholes and repaired a large culvert at the bottom of Craig Hill along with the surface rehabilitation. This project occupied a major part of our time this past summer. There are still minor items that must be addressed at the crosswalks and intersections to accommodate visually impaired pedestrians. The present plan is to similarly reconstruct the in-town portion of Summer St. in 2009.

The down side of undertaking these large capital projects is that because of the significant cost we have had to defer other needed road surface repairs, except some occasional shims in

areas that were severe. Once we complete this year's project on Summer St. it is planned that we can return in 2010 to our overall road resurfacing plan. As always, this depends largely on the amount of capital road resurfacing budgeted dollars that the Selectmen and voters will support.



We completed two major projects on Rt. 143, Summer St. The first a replacement of a large box culvert above the former Lockwood farm and the reconstruction of a retaining wall on Summer St. (See photos above.) Both projects were 90 percent funded by the State Transportation Agency. The total cost for the box culvert was about \$49,000 and the retaining wall about \$25,000. These two projects were done in anticipation of a surface reconstruction project on Rt. 143 scheduled for the summer of 2009. It is currently planned that this project will be bid in early 2009 and be ready for construction in May. The estimated cost of this project is about \$2,800,000. The Town will pay 10% of this over a 3-year period. The remainder, about \$2,500,000 will be paid by the State in general accordance with the original agreement for the location of the Southern Vermont Correctional Facility.

We expect that the State will also begin the reconstruction of the Community Center Bridge on Main Street also in 2009.

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This project will require some re-routing of traffic, as the proposal is to only keep one lane on the bridge open during the project. The plan is to send the eastbound Main St. traffic across the Park St. Bridge and along Mineral St. and back to Clinton St. We are sure there will be some delays and inconveniences and we ask your cooperation and patience. It is currently sizing up to a busy 2009 construction season in Springfield.

After being closed for nearly 3 years a 700 foot section of old Connecticut River Rd. was reopened in November. This section experienced severe bank erosion in October of 2005 and was forced closed. After much debate regarding options for repair it was finally decided to offset the road about 10 feet within the existing right of way and rebuild the road without expending significant money to entirely stabilize the embankment. The cost of these repairs was about \$60,000 of which the State paid 90% through its emergency road fund.

The Department continued to respond to many citizens concerns regarding street conditions, drainage related problems, trees, litter pick up, basin cleaning, sign replacements, roadside brush and a variety of other requests.

The Department assisted with a variety of items on Main St. during the reconstruction of the sidewalks and worked in tandem with the water and wastewater collection divisions on some capital improvements on Park and Union St. The Main St. sidewalk project closed down for the winter in November, but will resume in the spring, when the intersection traffic lighting is installed.

If you have any issues, comments or suggestions always feel free to give us a call.

Be assured that we will try to do what we can to assist with any legitimate request, however sometimes it may take longer than we would like as we often have many requests that we are working on and we deal with the more critical and emergency items first.

I thank the staff and workers of the Department for their dedication and effort. It is through the combined effort of these people that these tasks are accomplished. I thank the Manager and administration for their support and the Selectmen for the support of our program and initiatives

Harry Henderson
Director of Public Works

SPRINGFIELD/CHESTER TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING CENTER

Looking back to the 2007 report, I had written that the new compactor barn would "...be somewhat more aesthetically pleasing when complete." – Well. – It's still not complete, but some progress has been made. The second compactor came on line this past fall. Aesthetics are no longer spoken of. Although the nicest thing one might say would be along the lines of 'Form follows function', – no one has said anything like that. The worst thing said thus far referred to it as a monument to counter-intuition. (That was by me.)

However, the idea behind the project was to increase the cost effectiveness of the transfer station which it has. By having the alternate compactor empty and ready to go, we can now load the other one to capacity each time. This will reduce the number of haul charges per year and eventually offset the entire cost of construction.

In terms of raw tons moved through the facility, little changed from the previous year. There was a slight decrease in municipal solid waste, which was mirrored by a slight increase in recycled material. There was however a major swing in the value of those materials. For example in July the mixed paper was bringing in over three hundred dollars per week. By December it was costing several hundred dollars per week. This sounds bad, and it may very well get a whole lot worse, but recycling is without a doubt the best option both economically and environmentally. It may be better if the two weren't considered separately. Volumes have been written and I could not hope to clarify any remaining debate on the subject, so just trust me and keep on bringing your stuff.

I am very pleased to report that there has been a steady increase in the number of new people who have come to the facility. The evidence for this is, in part, the never-ending supply of corrugated cardboard deposited where it doesn't belong. (If it were just the same old people doing it, sooner or later we would catch them.) By "old people" I don't mean old people; indeed through several years of direct observation I can say that old people in general know what corrugated cardboard is, and furthermore will put it where it belongs whether there's a bin there or not. No, my theory is that the people putting the corrugated cardboard in the paper bin, or on occasion other places, are *new* young people for several possible reasons. One: They are faster than the old people and we haven't caught them yet. Two: Their heads were turned to hold a mobile phone against their shoulder so they didn't see the bin that has a sign "Corrugated Cardboard". This bin sits in front of the machine that bales the corrugated cardboard, inside the big building with the sign "Corrugated Cardboard", a building which is as often as not overflowing with corrugated cardboard. Or Three: Latin class is no longer required in public school, so the term corrugated, as derived from the ancient language is, – well, – Greek to them. So for the benefit of those who skipped class that day, or were too young to be treated that way in the first place; Cora was the goddess of valleys and ridges. Corrugated cardboard has these wavy lines of folded paper called *Corrugations*.

Corrugations – Cora, – Corrugated, – get it?

Now that's been cleared up; on behalf of the cast and crew, thank you for your continued support.

Daniel Farrar
Recycling Coordinator

SPRINGFIELD SENIOR CENTER

Are you 50 years of age or older? If yes – congratulations – you are eligible to be a member of the Springfield Senior Center! The Senior Center is a home away from home for active Springfield area seniors, providing social, health, educational and recreational opportunities for people 50 and over. We welcome new members – our motto is “Enter as strangers....leave as friends”. The Center is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are located in the Community Center at 139 Main Street.

We offer a great variety of programs – pool, ping pong, shuffleboard, ceramics, walking in the gym, strength training, Fit & Happy exercise, cribbage, bridge, pinochle, whist, senior songsters and trips (large and small) – something for most everyone. Our Wednesday afternoons have special entertainment from dance parties to authors and more. Next year thanks to a Successful Aging grant from the Council on Aging we will offer a computer lab with classes. We will also be having another level of exercise class called “The Matter of Balance” which will enable us to offer three different levels of exercise intensity programs. The Center strives to grow with more programs to fulfill the evolving community needs.

We truly have a great Senior Center thanks to the Town of Springfield, taxpayers, community businesses and senior members. They say “what goes around comes around” and that is true in Springfield. Besides being thankful to the Town of Springfield and taxpayers we are also thankful for the community caring. Many businesses donate to the Center in one way or another. The Citizens Bank donated the money to have a ceiling fan installed in our reception room and also sent an associate to hold free checkbook balancing clinics at the Center plus presented the program Fraud, Identity Theft, Scams for all in the community. The Merchants Bank presented a program on Identity Theft a few years back. SAPA-TV videotapes our Wednesday programs for homebound seniors (and others) to watch on television. The Springfield Library and the Weathersfield Library both donated used computers. The Council on Aging awarded us the Successful Aging grant so we could build a website, hold classes and have a computer lab with internet access for our members. The Springfield Hospital sponsors medical educational programs at the Center. Many businesses contribute to our Senior of the Year festivities each year: Shaw’s, Springfield Pharmacy, Tina’s Hallmark, Woodbury’s Florist, Vermont Color Lab, Kelley Chrysler Sales and Service and Meals on Wheels. So many wonderful community people give so generously. Thus the circle begins and now the Senior Center gives back! From funds the seniors raise themselves (and their generous monetary donations) we donate money to the Family Center for Holiday baskets, we donate a \$200 scholarship to a Springfield High School senior each year, we host flu clinics, legal clinics, blood pressure screening, tax preparation, foot clinics and many educational programs open to all in the community. This past year due to the financial crisis the Senior Center has put a large box where seniors donate food that is given to the Family Center for those less fortunate. Our seniors give back to the community with generous

donations to organizations and businesses and volunteer many hours to the schools, hospital, etc. throughout the year. Our songsters go into the community with their music at adult day centers, nursing homes and the like. Thus the circle has come around!

Around the state you’ll find more beautifully built senior centers but we feel we have more warmth, caring and a sense of family. It’s not the building that makes a senior center great it’s the seniors – and as you know, the community working together to keep the Center a vital asset. In September of 2008 we celebrated our 45th Anniversary and look forward to our 50th Anniversary bash in 2013!

We would like to thank the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen, taxpayers and community businesses for their continued support. Many thanks to Parks and Recreation too – the other part of our family!

We will strive in 2009 to continue with the circle making Springfield a great place to live at any age!

Richard Gorton, *Chairman*
John Follett, *Vice Chairman*
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Advisory Committee

Terri L. Emerson
Director



Gerry Patch, Ron Neronski and Stu Stone, all vets visit the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC on November 8, 2008.



2008 Senior of the Year (seated): Richard Gorton. Standing: Jackie Stankevich, Honor Roll; David Rorison, Runner-up, Joan Kempf, Honor Roll.



Bodacious Babes vs Handsome Hunks in Family Feud (l to r): Roger Wheeler, Linda Wheeler, Walt Stankevich, Jackie Stankevich, Ellie Johnson, Dick Gorton, Bob Mitchell, Kay Mitchell, Shirley Farrer, Stanley Farrar.

PARKS, RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES

YOUTH PROGRAMS AND VOLUNTEER COACHES

The backbone of the Parks and Recreation Dept. will always be our youth sports programs. We feel strongly that all of our Kindergarten-6th grade programs provide an important opportunity for children to build on social skills, physical skills and cooperation with others through youth sports. It's a tremendous supplement to their academic experience.

With that in mind, we continue to offer as many diverse programs as possible, and we continue to reach out to the community to help us run these programs with quality volunteer coaches and helpers.

We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all of those people who have volunteered in our recreation programs in the last year. We would never be able to operate our programs without their help.

2008 VOLUNTEERS AND YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM INFORMATION

Programs and Participants:

- Grades 1-6 Basketball: 110
- Grades 1-6 Wrestling: 27
- Grades K-6 Soccer: 135
- Grades K-7 Baseball, Softball, T-Ball & Pee-Wee: 295
- Grades 3-5 Field Hockey: 14
- Grades 3-6 Flag Football: 45
- Grades 3-6 Fall Dance Workshop: 11
- Total: 637

Volunteer Coaches for our programs

• FALL

Soccer: John Brady, Sarah Moulton, Rick Veysey, Paul Kendall, Don Thomas, Pete Pullinen, JV & Varsity boys and girls soccer players, Brendan Nelson, Adam Middleton, Chari McAllister & John Polidor.

Field Hockey: Nicolette Raney, Heather Taylor Beliveau & Caitlin Reck

Flag Football: Al Reardon, Scott Kelly, Seth Watson & Doug Bennett

• WINTER

Basketball: Seth Watson, Don Thomas, Bill Otis, John Polidor, Matt Aberle, Darren Fontaine, John Blais, Alan Kinney, Chari McAllister, Don Stein, Ruth Haskell & Jeff Locke

Wrestling: Andy Kesek & Jake Webster

• SPRING

T-Ball, Baseball & Pee Wee: Zach Kirkwood, Jeff Mitchell, Gerald Roundy, Mike Tennis, Bill Harbeson, Shaun Aldridge, Melissa Nugent, Matt Downing, Rusty Martin, Seth Watson, Brett Clark, Ed Shambo, John Blais, Don Thomas, Andy Courchesne, Gerry Weeks, Archie Farmer, Chris Martin, and Tim Hildreth.

Softball: Bill Otis, John Polidor, Chari McAllister, Don Stein, Jeff Locke, Ruth Haskell, Norm Patterson, and Jason Phelps.

FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE

As we end 2008 and enter 2009, we are in the middle of a major renovation project at the Riverside Park. The infield (and surrounding areas) on the Varsity baseball diamond has been stripped and leveled. New sod and infield mix have been put in place to give us a beautiful new infield. The existing infield was in dire need of reconstruction. This project was completed by Cravinho Property Maintenance in the fall of 2008. Irrigation and drainage were installed to improve our ability to maintain the new field.

The second half of this project will be to level and hydro-seed the large multi-use area in the center of Riverside Park that we call "the Oval". Much of this area, especially of the JV/Junior High soccer field is currently extremely uneven and is getting dangerous to play on. This total area includes the outfield of the baseball field and also includes the two soccer fields and outfield areas of the two little league baseball/softball diamonds. Irrigation will also be installed in this area to insure proper growth and maintenance. We hope to complete this project in the summer/fall of 2009.

The other major project completed in 2008 was the installation of a PVC liner in the municipal swimming pool at Riverside. The natural deterioration of the concrete (which has been patched over many times) over 50+ years led us to this solution.

The new liner was supplied and installed by Renosys Corp. of Indianapolis, Indiana and comes with a 12 year warrantee. It has given our pool a new life, improving water temperature and reducing chemical use (by eliminating leakage and water use). It's also easier on the feet and looks great!

The good news is that these two very big facility improvement projects come at no burden to the taxpayers. It has been our long range plan to use the Civic Improvement Fund to improve these facilities. This is money that Springfield voted to use for the new Southern Vermont Recreation Center in exchange for hosting the prison. \$300,000 of the \$3,000,000 was designated to Parks and Recreation to improve our existing recreation facilities, and that is what we are doing.

OTHER OUTDOOR FACILITIES

Please keep in mind all of the opportunities that you have to recreate in Springfield through the Parks and Recreation Dept. Get out there and enjoy yourself!

- Riverside Park-Baseball/Softball fields, tennis courts, skate park, swimming pool, basketball courts, playground, picnic area, walking space and open fields
- The Commons-Playground, ballfield, ice skating, picnic area
- Freedom Park-Basketball court, sand volleyball court, playground, sliding area, open field
- North Springfield Recreation Area-Soccer field, playground, walking area, ice skating, sliding hill, open field, and basketball hoop.
- Hartness Park-Hiking trails
- Toonerville Trail-3.1 mile paved trail for walking, running, biking, rollerskating, rollerblading, pushing strollers, etc. (NO motorized vehicles)

COMMUNITY CENTER

The Gym

- All practices and games for boys and girls grades 3-6 basketball teams
- Open gym time for grades K-12
- Special Olympics basketball program
- Men's basketball for ages 18 and up, 3 times/week
- Adult volleyball
- Church youth groups
- Scout troops
- Children's playgroup (Ages 1-4)
- Morning aerobic classes
- Afternoon aerobics
- Birthday party rentals
- Home-school groups
- Senior fitness programs and open walking time
- Dance classes

Moose Room and Room 24 (Upstairs activity rooms)

- Line dancing (3 different classes)
- Cardio cross-training
- Birthday party rentals
- Senior fitness programs
- Community group meetings
- Yoga and Zumba Dance classes

Game Room – This includes 4 pool tables, 2 ping pong tables, air hockey, foosball tables, social area with chairs and couches, and board games.

- Open Monday-Friday from 8AM to 3PM to the public (adult use), HCRS, Lincoln St., and other social service agencies; AA Classes (Wed. PM)
- Open Monday-Friday after school hours-free use 3-5:30PM for students (under 10 must be with an adult)
- Rentals-by request only

Bowling Alley – 6 lanes candlepin bowling

- Open Monday-Friday 8AM-3PM to the public and agencies
- Open Monday-Friday 3PM-5:30PM for students
- Birthday Party Rentals (Fri. & Sat. PM)

Andy Bladyka, *Director*
Matthew McCarthy, *Asst. Director*
Rick White, *Maintenance*

SPRINGFIELD TOWN LIBRARY

Hours:

Monday through Thursday	9:00 am – 8:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Library Board of Trustees

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Library Trustees meet the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Library.

Springfield Town Library has seen many changes since the start of the new millennium, from rapidly evolving information technology and the introduction of new formats of library materials to an expansion of services and a thorough renovation of the Library's interior. Since 2001, the Library has expanded its hours of service by opening on Mondays after a twenty-year absence. We've replaced the card catalog with a web-based online catalog and circulation system, replaced the old wooden shelves and carpet on the second floor, reorganized the floor plan, updated the photocopiers and phone system, and added an expanding collection of audio books on CD. All of those changes were funded by grants totaling nearly \$500,000.

In FY2007-2008 the Library focused on evaluating those changes and their impact on the services the Library provides to the community. The Library began the lengthy process of developing a new Long-Range Plan of Service in January 2007. In FY2008, the Board of Trustees conducted an extensive survey of Library patrons and non-patrons to determine what the community feels the Library does well, what areas need improvement, what current services should be offered or eliminated, and where the Library should concentrate its efforts over the next several years. The Library held a community forum in October 2007 to receive input directly from its stakeholders. Library Trustees found a high level of satisfaction with the services the Library currently offers but few suggestions for what direction the Library should take beyond "Keep doing what you're doing." The Library Director and Trustees continue to assess community trends and needs as well as the Library's services and advances in information technology, while meeting the demand for traditional library services. They expect to finalize a Long Range Plan in FY2009.

While this planning process focuses on its future direction, significant change continued to take place at Springfield Town Library during the year. The final phase of the multi-year interior renovations was completed in FY2008 with new carpeting on the first floor, expanded study space and seating in the Reference area, a reorganization of the heavily-used audio and video collections, and a more logical (less confusing) shelving arrangement for the Fiction collection, while the corroded door frame for the main entrance was repaired. New tables and chairs were added to the Children's Room and Young Adult area in memory of FOSTL President Ann Williams.

With funding from the Friends of Springfield Town Library, the restoration of an historic "Circus Mural" by esteemed local artist Stuart Eldredge was started this year. The mural, origi-

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nally installed in the pediatric unit at Springfield Hospital, was donated to the Library by the Eldredge family. David Putnam from Claremont Custom Framing coordinated the massive restoration project of the mural, which measures over 34 feet in length, while well-known local artist and Eldredge son-in-law Gil Perry undertook retouching the painting. The project continued beyond the end of the annual report year, to be completed in late fall, 2008 and installed in the Children's Room.

The Library added two new media formats to its collection in FY2008. Joining the newly-formed Green Mountain Library Consortium in Dec. 2007, the Library gained access to a collection of 425 downloadable digital audio books. After installing free software on their computer, patrons can "borrow" up to two titles at a time by downloading them to a Windows-based computer. After 1 week, the item is automatically "returned" to the collection for other patrons to use. However, during those 7 days the audio books can be transferred to an mp3 player or burned to CDs for as long as the patron wants. The service became available in March, 2008 and by the end of June 42 different Springfield Town Library patrons had borrowed 131 downloadable audio books. If the Library had purchased those items, it would have cost over \$6500, but by joining the consortium for \$1000 the cost per title was only \$7.63. As the service expands over the next couple of years, many more titles will become available to our patrons.

The other new format added during the year is similar but is a physical part of the Library's collection. Known as Playaways, these audio books are permanently installed on individual mp3 players. The Library purchased seven Playaway titles for the Young Adult collection in a pilot project funded through a grant from the Winnie Belle Learned Foundation. To listen to the Playaway audio book, patrons simply plug in a set of earphones (or the mp3 jack in a newer car), press the power button and then play. Playaways may be expanded during the coming year to the adult collection, where patrons who are less comfortable with computers will find them easier to use.

This year the Library developed plans to upgrade its computerized Integrated Library System. Originally installed in 2004 with grant funding, the Library.Solution software from The Library Corporation automated many of the Library's functions, including checking books in and out, maintaining a database of all our patrons, books and other materials, printing overdue notices, cataloging new acquisitions, and putting the Library catalog on the Internet. The Library Corporation makes improvements to its software every month and releases completely new and updated versions occasionally. In doing so, it eventually stops supporting older versions and moves its library customers to a newer version. Springfield Town Library staff began planning to switch to a newer version before the current version goes out of service and has been evaluating two options. One is an updated version of the current software that has been successfully used in other Vermont libraries while the other is completely new with expanded functionality but with less time to work out any bugs. The upgrade is expected to be completed in the fall of 2008.

Six public computers with free, high-speed Internet access are available for use in the Library. All six were replaced in De-

ember, 2007 with a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The new computers were purchased locally and replace a variety of older computers running different operating systems and with varying software applications. The new computers are all identical, running Windows Vista with Microsoft Office 2007 and other software. Microsoft Office 2007 is a big change from the older versions and many patrons have had a difficult time finding where some of the functions have gone, especially in Word 2007. Library staff have been busy helping patrons navigate the new look. We've also developed a computer tutor service where patrons with little or no computer experience work one-on-one with Adult Services Coordinator Nancy Tusinski to learn the basics—using a mouse and keyboard, working with e-mail, and Internet searching.

The Library offers free Wi-Fi access as well, and there's usually a few patrons working on their own laptop computers most days. The Wi-Fi access allows them to continue working for as long as they need without tying up the Library's six public access computers, creating more opportunity for Internet access with shorter waiting times. Public access to the Internet continues to be an extremely popular and heavily-used service at the Library. During FY2008, 9,923 patrons signed in to use the six public access computers, and most afternoons there is a waiting list to get a turn on the computers. The Library limits Internet sessions to 30 minutes unless no one is waiting to sign in. In accordance with the federal Children's Internet Protection Act, the Library runs filtering software on all its computers to block access to material that might be considered harmful to minors, including sites like MySpace. Filtering software on the three computers in the Lobby is disabled when requested by adults over 18 years of age, but never on the three computers in the Children's Room.

A major change introduced in FY2008 was the use of a collection agency to recover long-overdue Library materials. Previously, we sent three notices asking borrowers to return overdue books or other materials, starting with a friendly reminder at 2 weeks overdue, then two more notices at 2 week intervals followed by a bill sent 30 days after the third notice (and 90 days after the item was originally borrowed). Unfortunately, many borrowers failed to respond to any of the notices. The Library hired Unique Management Services, which specializes in library collection services, and from November 2007 through June 2008 we referred 227 patrons to collections with long-overdue materials dating back up to three years and valued at \$16,573. In that time, delinquent borrowers paid \$831 in cash for lost books and returned other materials worth \$2,718 as a result of collection activity. The Library also revised its schedule of overdue notices by eliminating the billing notice and instead referring delinquent borrowers to collections after 60 days. In addition to saving postage by eliminating one notice, the threat of going to collections greatly reduced the number of borrowers reaching long-overdue status.

Programming for children and adults is one of the important services offered at the Library. Programs are designed to focus on books and reading, connecting people with books on the program topic and fostering an enjoyment of reading. During the year, 2,398 people attended 165 children's programs, with 665 attending 46 programs aimed at adults. Many of the children's programs incorporated math and science concepts as part of the

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“What’s the BIG Idea?” initiative. In addition to the traditional story times for toddlers and pre-school children and the after school Discovery Hours, Children’s Librarian Cheryl Cox introduced an innovative new “Book-in-Hand” story time where each child follows along with a copy of the book, which they can keep and take home. The 8-week program was attended by an average of 11 children per week and was funded by a grant from the Ashgate Foundation. The “Get a Clue @ Your Library” Summer Reading Club included 123 children and 31 young adults who read a total of 1,215 books! Special programs for children during the year included visits from Smarty the Elf, Tom Joyce (The Magic Man), and One Man Troubadour Stephen Coronella, along with two Holidays readings of *The Polar Express*, a Mad Hatter Tea Party, and “Kindred Spirits, a celebration of the 100th anniversary of *Anne of Green Gables*. Cheryl also began blogs for the Children’s Room and Young Adult Library, available on the Library’s web site, and produced podcasts with the Teens & Tweens group.

Adult Services Coordinator Nancy Tusinski joined the Library staff in October 2007 and quickly revitalized the adult program schedule. She organized a monthly book discussion series on “People and Other Animals,” and introduced an innovative and exciting short story discussion group known as Pageturners. The lively group meets twice a month for animated discussion of some classic short stories. A series of 3 programs on the state-wide Big Read selection *The Maltese Falcon* included a presentation by areal-life private investigator, a viewing and discussion of the film classic, and a discussion of Dashiell Hammett’s book with mystery writer Nancy Means Wright. The Library offered lively musical events with “Too Human,” “Top Drawer Four” barbershop quartet and celebrated duo Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson of “Hungrytown.” Programs on Reiki, nutrition and natural healing, identity theft and advance directives, Audubon Society programs on winter birds and spring bird calls, and historical recreations of Susan B. Anthony and pioneer women in “I’ve Doctored Myself as Best I Could” all found an interested audience. Presentations on “400 Miles Down the Connecticut River” by Michael Tougias and a visit from the American Precision Museum curator proved especially popular. Nancy also started a quarterly Springfield Town Library Newsletter, funded by the Friends of Springfield Town Library.

The annual Holiday Open House was held on Nov. 30, 2007 following Santa’s arrival and the lighting of the community Christmas Tree. The Friends of Springfield Town Library decorated the Library and provided delicious baked goods. FOSTL raffled off a beautiful Holiday Gift Basket with items donated by local business and individuals, raising nearly \$500. Music was provided by the Comtu Chamber Ensemble and the Library buzzed with holiday cheer as the large crowd enjoyed the annual event.

The majority of the Library’s programming is funded by FOSTL. The annual book sale is their primary fundraising activity, generating over \$4,000 in August, 2007. In addition to the book sale, membership contributions, memorials and other donations along with smaller fund raising activities make up FOSTL’s annual budget which is spent on improving Library services. FOSTL contributed nearly \$4,600 for programs,

\$2,500 for the Book Lease service and other Library materials, and \$9,700 on new furniture and equipment for the Library. FOSTL also agreed to underwrite the costs of conserving and restoring the “Circus Mural” by Stuart Eldredge which will be mounted on the Children’s Room walls when completed. But beyond fundraising, the “Friends” provide tremendous support to the Library in many ways, from volunteering to speaking up for and about the Library to suggesting ways to improve it. The FOSTL Board of Directors spends countless hours sorting, moving, setting up books for the book sale (and cleaning up after), planning and hosting Library events, and much more. Many thanks to them once again, and to all the Friends members whose generosity and hard work help make the Library the outstanding community resource it is.

The Library is fortunate to have an exceptional staff of dedicated professionals who connect people with the books and information they seek, cultivating the power of knowledge and imagination, and striving to make every visit to the Library a positive and rewarding experience. Following the retirement of Library Clerk Diane Henry, her position was eliminated and some of those hours were added to the vacant Library Technical Assistant job title to make that a full-time position coordinating Adult Services. Nancy Tusinski was hired to fill that vacancy in October 2007 and has proven to be an outstanding addition to the staff. She revived a waning schedule of programs for adults with some exciting and innovative events, developed and expanded our Outreach Services, and began a Library Newsletter. Nancy’s previous experience with downloadable audio books was especially valuable in introducing this new service to the Library.

During the year, the long-awaited staff reorganization was completed. While no new positions were created, the newly expanded Library Technical Assistant job title was changed to Library Technician I and reclassified from Grade 14 to Grade 15. A new Library Technician III job title was created with responsibility for systems and information technology. Christopher Bloomfield was promoted to the Grade 18 position, utilizing his special skills in this area while Tammy Gould was promoted from Library Technician I to Library Technician II at Grade 17, replacing Chris as Circulation Desk Supervisor. Other job titles were reclassified by one pay grade, including Children’s Librarian (Cheryl Cox), Technical Services Librarian (Jo Coleman), and Library Clerk (Tracy Obremski and Tracey Pratt).

Kyle Hatt and Ethan Katz returned from college to help out over the summer, while Library Pages Emily Rousse and Cedric Bogardus returned books and other items to their proper places, kept the shelves neat and in good order, and helped out at the front desk and with children’s programs when needed. During the year, both Emily and Cedric “retired” and were replaced by Zachary Obremski and Emily Mobus who continued the tradition of excellent work by our youngest employees. Library Aides Ellen Morgan and Pat Augustinowicz, along with Ro Ratti and DJ Fusonie who substitute for staff on short notice, make up the rest of an outstanding Library staff. They are joined by a dedicated core of volunteers, including Judy Torney and retired Library staffers Pat Colteryahn, Pat Day and Pat Hayden (“The Three Pats”). Building Maintenance Worker Eric Dubreuil maintains the Library building and grounds. Previously, he split his time three ways between the Town Office, Police Department and the Library, but with the new Police Station opening

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on Clinton Street, Eric is now shared by only the Town Office and Library.

The Library Board of Trustees is an advisory board of seven members elected by the community to ensure the Library serves the needs of its citizens. Library Trustees establish goals to meet those needs and policies that govern Library operations. During FY2008 the Library Board worked on the lengthy and challenging task of creating a new long-range plan to guide the Library in the coming years. John Vorder Bruegge, Jean Middleton and Bill Moeser were re-elected to three year terms, joining Miranda Bogardus, Lisa Mobus, Steve Matush and Alan Fusonie on the Library Board. The Board elected John Vorder Bruegge as Chair and Miranda Bogardus as Vice Chair.

With the hard work and dedication of Library staff, Friends, volunteers and Trustees, and the tremendous support of the community, Springfield Town Library continues its great tradition of providing the best possible library and information services and looks forward to the challenges of the coming years.

Russell S. Moore
Library Director



Comtu Chamber Ensemble players Julie Leever, Miranda Bogardus and Kathi Byan provided delightful music for the Library annual Holiday Open House.



Retired Library Clerk Diane Henry enjoys a bite to eat at a reception in her honor.



Ainsley Bertone dresses like Anne Shirley for the library's 100th anniversary celebration of the publication of Anne of Green Gables.

LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR FY2007-2008

HOLDINGS

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Books			
July 1, 2007	30,371	16,340	46,711
Added	+ 2,117	+ 883	+ 3,000
Withdrawn	- 1,923	- 456	- 2,379
June 30, 2008	30,565	16,767	47,332
Audio Materials			
July 1, 2007	3,086	1,093	4,179
Added	+ 185	+ 94	+ 279
Withdrawn	- 347	- 8	- 355
June 30, 2008	2,924	1,179	4,103
Video Materials			
July 1, 2007	858	499	1,357
Added	+ 135	+ 39	+ 174
Withdrawn	- 16	- 2	- 18
June 30, 2008	977	536	1,513
Electronic Materials			
	40	11	51
Periodical Subscriptions			
	130	14	144
CIRCULATION			
Printed Materials	28,687	17,257	45,944
Non-Print Materials	9,515	3,299	12,814
Total	38,202	20,556	58,758

REGISTERED BORROWERS

	Adult	Juvenile	Non-Resident	Total
July 1, 2007	2,546	727	497	3,770
Added	+ 467	+ 150	+ 57	+ 674
Withdrawn	- 173	- 49	- 19	- 241
June 30, 2008	2,840	828	535	4,203
Renewed	2,044	596	385	3,025

PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTER LOG-INS

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
	6,199	3,724	9,923

INTER-LIBRARY LOANS

	Borrowed	Loaned	Not-Filled	Total
	837	1,053	85	1,975



Sofia Kantola and Anna Ondre examine seeds at a library program presented by the Nature Museum at Grafton.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

SPRINGFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION

In October 2007, the Zoning Regulations were amended, the Development Review Board became the sole hearing board for all development applications, and the Planning Commission began concentrating on planning and the regulations to carry out the Town Plan.

The PC meets regularly on the first Wednesday of each month.

The PC is a Selectboard appointed Commission of nine members. Current membership: Donald Barrett, Chair; Wilbur Horton, Jr., Vice Chair; Richard Fenton, Richard Fillion, Kelly Ryan, Joseph Husted, Mark Wilson, and Joseph Wilson. Mark Wilson and Joseph Wilson were appointed to the PC in April 2008. At this writing there is one opening on the PC. Applications for membership on the PC may be obtained at the Town Manager's office at 96 Main Street, or by calling his secretary at 802 885 2104.

ACTIVITIES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN 2008 INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

During 2008 the PC continued its work on "Ancient Roads," identifying and mapping roads, public easements, some of which were laid out with the original town land grant and never developed, as well of those developed but no longer used as Town roads or trails, but were never abandoned ("thrown up") by the Town. The object of the "Ancient Road" study is to identify such roads, map them, and determined which roads the Town desires to abandon, and which it will keep for public access. The PC continued its work on amending the Subdivision Regulations, which work will be completed early in 2009. The PC will then take up the amendment of the Town Plan. The PC amended the section to the Zoning Regulations, namely Table 2.20 "Downtown Design Control Overlay District" to bring it into compliance with Chapter 117 of Title 24 of VT Statutes Annotated and the Town Ordinance dealing with substantially damaged buildings.

SOUTHERN WINDSOR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission is an organization that serves the ten towns in the southern Windsor County Region. Member towns are comprised of Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Ludlow, Reading, Springfield, Weathersfield, West Windsor, and Windsor. SW-CRPC's mission includes two major activities: assisting member towns with their planning and other community related activities, and promoting cooperation and coordination among towns.

During FY 2008, member towns contributed 4% to the Regional Planning Commission's annual budget of \$719,032.00. Town dues assessment was based on \$1.00 per person using 2000 census data, which for the Town of Springfield was \$9,078.00. The remaining revenues were derived from federal and state funding sources: Federal funding supported transportation planning activities, the administration of Community Development Block Grants, and the Southern Windsor County Brownfields Reuse Project; State funds were derived from the Agency of Natural Resources for environmental planning, and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for land use planning and other related activities.

The Southern Windsor County Transportation Advisory Committee (SWCTAC) is an advisory committee of the Regional Planning Commission. The SWCTAC's primary responsibilities are to make recommendations on regional transportation policies, review and provide comment on VT Agency of Transportation projects, identify and rank town/regional transportation improvements for submission to VAOT, and provide input on regional transportation studies.

In addition to providing ongoing assistance to member towns, the Regional Planning Commission provided technical assistance to the Town of Springfield in land use, transportation, emergency management, housing, and environmental planning. The Regional Planning Commission also assisted the Town of Springfield with applying for a Municipal Planning Grant to update its Town Plan. The Regional Planning Commission staff assisted the Planning Commission with amending its Subdivision Regulations and provided information and materials on the eradication of Japanese Knotweed, which is commonly found along the Black River. The RPC continues to assist the Town with its Ancient Roads Program; with the assessment and remediation of brownfield sites located in Springfield and with the Downtown Sidewalk Reconstruction Project.

Annually, the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Springfield appoints two individuals; a representative and an alternate to serve on the Regional Planning Commission. The RPC board is responsible for developing regional policies, providing Act 200 review of town plans, and with disseminating information to its member towns. In FY 2008, Donald Barrett represented the Town to the Regional Planning Commission and Floyd Roberts was the representative to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission
Ascutey Professional Building
P.O. Box 320
Ascutey, VT 05030
web site: www.swcrpc.org

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Development Review Board meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month, with special meetings as required by the hearing schedule, including hearings “continued to a date certain” to meet the needs of an applicant for timely prosecution of development. The DRB holds public hearings for development, including Conditional Use, Subdivision, Site Plan Review, Variance requests and appeals of decisions of the Administrative Officer.

The DRB consists of five members, appointed by the Select Board. Current membership on the DRB is: Keith Stern, Chair; Don Napsey, Vice Chair; Stephen Kraft, Theodore Reeves, and Joseph Wilson. Joseph Wilson was appointed to the DRB in November 2008, and retains his membership on the PC. Alternates to the DRB are Donald Barrett and Wilbur Horton, Jr. Alternates sit for public hearings when a member is not able to attend or has a conflict of interest in the request before the DRB.

There are no vacant positions on the DRB at this time. Should a vacancy occur, applications for membership on the DRB may be obtained at the Town Manager’s office at 96 Main Street, or by calling his secretary at 802 885 2104.

The DRB is a quasi-judiciary body, whose hearings are conducted pursuant to the VT Municipal Administrative Procedures Act and VT Civil Procedures. The DRB takes evidence, both oral and written, and adopts decisions based on findings of fact and conclusions of law. That said, the DRB will entertain presentation and discussion of a proposed project, which is not yet ripe for public hearing, in order to give a potential applicant the opportunity to present an idea for development, discuss it with the DRB, and receive response from the DRB as to the viability of the project within the context of the Town Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.

ACTIONS OF THE DRB IN 2008 INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Public Hearings:

SPR – Site Plan Review

SUB – Subdivision

CU – Conditional Use

VAR – Variance

- Timothy Hutchinson – SPR, SUB, one new parcel on Carley Road.
- Bishop Farms – SUB, two new parcels on Skitchewaog Trail.
- Jeffery Rosenberger – CU change two-family to four-family residential on Walnut Hill.
- Thomas and Diane Baird – CU establish salon on Park Street.
- David Crawford – CU establish motorcycles sales on Main Street, NS.
- Eugene Guy – SPR establish personal service business on Clinton Street.
- Justin and Betty Vakauza – SUB one new parcel on Mill Road, NS.
- Holy Trinity Orthodox Church – CU Unicel to install wireless telecommunications equipment in tower on Park Street.
- Springfield School District – CU for alterations to Park Street School.

- Abbott Trust – SUB for major boundary adjustment on Massey Road and SUB for 5 parcels, 4 pre-existing and 1 new parcel on Massey Road.
- Springfield Financial Corporation – CU to convert former office space to 4 residential units on Park Street and a CU to convert former office space to 8 units on White Street.
- Suerae Ballard – CU for a garage to be located in a Special Flood Hazard Area on river Street.
- Mark Blanchard – VAR for a garage on Connecticut River Road.
- William and Sara Young – SUB one new parcel on Connecticut River Road
- Mark and Jerrilyn Gomez – SUB four new parcels on Kirk Meadow and Cutler Roads.
- Elizabeth Grobey – SUB one new parcel on Massey Road
- John and Pat Graves – SUB one new parcel on Airport Road.
- John and Corinne Bond – SUB a new parcel on Will Dean Road.
- Arnold Facenda, by Glenn and Sharon Tucker – CU for processing forestry products on Randall Hill Road.
- Glenn Olney – SUB a new parcel on Monument Hill Road
- Christopher Lewis – VAR to construct a residential addition in setback on Herrick Street.
- Estate of Joseph Freitas – CU for home business on Orchard Lane
- Lawrence and Christina King – SUB a new parcel on Spencer Hollow Road.
- Elaine Pomeroy – SUB a new parcel on Lacross Road
- Claudia Johnson – SUB a new parcel on Tarbell Road.
- Scott Benjamin – SPR for food service business on Connecticut River Road at Route 11.
- Sixx Figure Development – CU and SPR for personal storage units on River Street.
- E.J. Cully, Woolson Block – CU and SPR for condominiums. (PH continued to Jan 2009)

Discussion of Potential Development:

- Kevin and Juanita Rice, possible development of well for commercial use.
- Springfield School District, discussion, overview of proposed changes to Park Street School.
- Abbott Trust, discussion of major boundary adjustment on parcel on Massey Road.
- Marc Gomez, discussion of possible Subdivision on Chester Road and Bellow Road.
- John Hall, discussion of subdivision of land.
- Scott Benjamin, discussion of possible CU for restaurant at Connecticut River Road and Rte 11.
- Claudia Johnston, discussion of possible SUB of parcel.
- Springfield School District, discussion of alterations to plans for Elm Hill and Union Street Schools.
- Springfield Area Parent Child Center, discussion of new building on Main St. NS.
- Mark Morris, discussion of possible variance for alterations to front porch on Commonwealth Avenue.

SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

On behalf of our Board of Directors and members of Springfield Regional Development Corporation, I want to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for your continued support of SRDC. We have helped to make "Great Things Happen Here" in 2008 and are optimistic about more good news in the coming year.

We took a major step in finally dealing with one of the albatrosses hindering the community's economic growth, which are the large former machine tool properties that have been underutilized. In April, Precision Valley Development Corporation announced that they entered into an agreement to sell the old Fellows Gear Shaper property on the Black River to One Hundred River Street, LLC. The buyers, who are currently leasing the property, have announced plans for a \$7 million mixed-use redevelopment, which will include the new Springfield Medical Group as an anchor tenant.

This project represents a major influx of capital into the heart of our community and will restore this iconic property to its rightful place as a center of activity in Springfield.

In many ways, the PVDC/Fellows effort is a dress rehearsal for the eventual J & L Plant 1 redevelopment. One of the major challenges, in both situations, is determining how to remediate the "brownfields" on the sites, in other words, cleaning up the pollution from the machine tool activities of the past. At year-end, the asbestos removal at PVDC/Fellows is well underway and the Corrective Action Plan, which will direct the remaining environmental work, is being finalized.

At J & L, the Corrective Action Plan is awaiting final state and Federal approval. SRDC was included late this year in legal action involving possible contamination on the J & L Plant 1 property allegedly coming from the former gas plant across Clinton Street, now owned by Bradford Oil. It will be difficult to proceed with site remediation while this matter is unresolved.

On the other end of town, much of SRDC's work continues to be focused on the North Springfield Industrial Park. We partnered with the Town, the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission, Winstanley Enterprises and several businesses in the Park on a truck study to start the discussion about the current, and future, issues related to the increase in traffic to/from the Park. Winstanley also completed preparing the office portion of 36 Precision Drive (the former North Springfield Fellows building) for rental. At year-end, we are working with Winstanley on three different projects in the Park.

Retention and expansion are two of the key objectives of SRDC's work. Governor Douglas was at Springfield Printing this spring to celebrate the purchase of a new printing press. SRDC provided assistance with obtaining a bond through VEDA to help make this possible. We also assisted CNC North in a Vermont Employment Growth Incentive Award for their continued expansion. The Jones Center is the home of successful businesses as well. Precision Contract Manufacturing/Image-Tek was the recipient of the 5 x 5 x 5 award (for the third time) from Vermont Business Magazine and ME Baker celebrated their growth with a formal grand opening this fall.

We're a partner with several organizations within the region, as well as the state. Many times, our role is to serve as a

matchmaker with available programs and services. It's important to continue to provide resources to our existing businesses in the community. Joan Goldstein has served as the case manager for the Small Business Development Center office (housed within SRDC). We also assisted with the inaugural Business Plan Competition through the Southern Windsor County Incubator.

We continue to support the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Windsor and Orange Counties, which has made Springfield eligible to receive funds from the Federal Economic Development Administration. We also are involved with the implementation of the regional Strategic Economic Development Plan and the Southern Windsor County Incubator project.

SRDC continues its emphasis on marketing. We relaunched our website in 2008 and were featured prominently through articles in Vermont Business Magazine and Images Magazine

Workforce Development is perhaps the most important issue for businesses in Southern Windsor County. SRDC remains closely involved in the River Valley Technical Center and Howard Dean Education Center serving on the Board of Directors for both organizations. We also participate in the Workforce Investment Board and continue to work development of employer specific training to help residents of Springfield obtain the necessary skills to achieve higher wages at area businesses. Outside of Chittenden County, our region received the most Vermont Training Program funds in the past fiscal year. We also were instrumental in facilitating 5 Workforce Employment Training Funds grants for the area.

Through our affiliation with the Small Business Development Center and the Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center, we provide assistance to existing businesses and new start-ups. Our Business Visitation Program continues as well, with a goal of being in contact with at least a dozen businesses each month.

We greatly appreciate our relationship with the community. We work very closely with Town Manager Bob Forguites and the Board of Selectmen. Mark Blanchard, of the Board, sits as an Ex-Officio member of the SRDC Board. We also appreciate our strong partnership with the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission, Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce, Springfield On The Move and the Southern Windsor County Incubator.

As always, we are anxious to talk to any existing or potential new business. If you know of anyone who could benefit from our services, or have questions about any of the activities mentioned here, please do not hesitate to contact me at our offices at 14 Clinton Street, Springfield, 885-3061 or bofb@springfielddevelopment.org. We can be contacted through our web site as well at www.springfielddevelopment.org.

Again, many thanks for your continued support. Working together, we will ensure that "Great Things Happen Here" for many years to come.

Bob Flint
Executive Director

SPRINGFIELD ON THE MOVE

The following is an inventory of activity on our work plan for downtown:

- A decorated Picnic/Pie Basket Auction was held in early September to raise project money. Forty-one baskets were decorated and filled by local artists and businesses. Over \$5,000 was raised for project seed money.
- SOM continued its downtown maintenance program. Our liaison coordinated with the Public Works department, downtown merchants and property owners. Keeping things neat and tidy really improves the face of our main downtown corridor.
- Our efforts, working with the municipality and Congressional delegation, to secure funding for a comprehensive sidewalk project finally saw tangible results with the bulk of that project completed this past summer.
- We are working with the local Housing Authority and Housing Vermont to revitalize the Ellis Block after a devastating fire last July. We are excited about improved housing and bringing back the movie theater.
- SOM is working on renewing its Downtown Designation. When certification is renewed it will be for five years this time.

SOM works closely with the Chamber to improve and promote Springfield. Here are just a few of our areas of collaboration:

- Much of our time was dedicated to collaborating with the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce in helping to redevelop space in the Bank Block. With donor and project money, Springfield On the Move helped redevelop space in the Bank Block that is now the site of the Chamber office, rotating gallery space for art and historical exhibits and the new home of *The Simpsons* memorabilia. This space continues to be a work in progress.
- Sidewalk construction and the economy worked against us in our efforts to recruit more retail and to fill downtown storefronts. Renewed efforts will begin in Spring 2009.
- Again this year SOM co-sponsored Holiday decorating with the Chamber of Commerce. Door wreaths for all downtown businesses/properties and plenty of volunteer labor again were our gifts. SOM and the Chamber partnered to purchase new Holiday decorations. More than half of the project was completed and downtown looked festive.
- A Chamber representative on our Board keeps communication and collaboration at an optimum level. An SOM representative continued to attend Chamber board meetings.

SOM continues to collaborate with other organizations:

- The Garden Club worked with SOM to draw up plans for improving the garden on the south side of the Town Hall. We plan to get the area cleaned out and beautified so that annual maintenance will be low-cost and low-effort.
- We are always ready to consult with both downtown property owners and with the Planning Commission – more specifically with the Downtown Design Commission when issues surrounding changes to properties or signage in the designated downtown arise.

- The falls at the PVDC dam continue to be lighted in the evening.

Springfield On the Move's website www.springfieldonthemove.org is a work in progress and is in the process of being updated and upgraded. The site links to the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce site.

Our interested and active broad-based membership is key to the successful revitalization of downtown Springfield because with only a half-time employee, much of our work is done by our dedicated volunteers. Perhaps because of the success of our visible projects, our membership is the strongest it has ever been. A hearty "thank you" is always due to those wonderful supporters and volunteers.

Strong financial support and a good partnership with the Town, our collaboration with the Chamber, SRDC and other community organizations and a generous donation of volunteer time, allows Springfield On the Move to be an effective spearhead for revitalization efforts in our downtown.

Mary Helen Hawthorne
Executive Director

GEORGE D. AIKEN RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (RC&D) COUNCIL

The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) helps towns, groups and organizations by bringing together the technical, financial and administrative resources to deal with natural resource conservation and rural and community development issues. By bringing together help from our extensive network of resources, we can focus technical and financial resources on your specific needs. We get technical assistance and some staff through the U. S. Department of Agriculture but private and community sources make up most of our budget. In 2008 working with our partners, we secured and administered over \$125,000 for natural resource conservation, public safety, and community development projects. Examples of some of our projects include helping to develop parks and playgrounds, providing Electronic Benefits Transaction (EBT) card and debit card readers at farmers markets and traditional conservation projects like streambank stabilization. Starting in 2009 we will be offering whole farm energy audits for farmers interested in reducing their energy costs.

In Springfield we provided \$2,500 for a Dry Hydrant grant to improve the water supply for firefighting and are assisting with the development of the North School Recreation Park. Do you have a project or program that could use some assistance to "make it happen"? Over the years the George D. Aiken RC&D Council has helped many communities and organizations on a variety of projects. We work on a request basis, so the first step is up to you, giving us a call. For information and free consultation call Kenneth Hafner our RC&D Coordinator at (802) 728-9526 or email: kenneth.hafner@vt.usda.gov.

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization that is owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. Our members include all 246 Vermont cities and towns, along with 145 other municipal entities, including villages and fire districts.

Vermonters use local government services, including highways, police, fire, recreation, libraries, sewer, and water, on a daily basis. In large part, volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials lead these local governments.

VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns, so that they may provide their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

- Legal, consulting and education services. In the past year, VLCT responded to over 3,000 inquiries for assistance from municipal officials. Our Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) conducted 12 workshops and 38 on-site training sessions that attracted over 1,400 people. MAC distributed almost 150 hard copy handbooks to municipal officials, but also made all its handbooks available free of charge on our website at our Resource Library. The Library also contains over 500 other electronic documents currently accessible to all. MAC has also retained the services of professionals in municipal finance, administration and policing to provide consulting advice to towns.
- Advocacy representation before the state and federal governments to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority they need to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education finance debate, in land use discussions, and in securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will be facing significant challenges in the 2009 legislature assuring that state fiscal woes are not shifted to local governments and property taxpayers.
- Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost. Examples include municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust represents the most affordable option available to provide health insurance to municipal employees. The value of the VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) to all our members is realized daily as members take advantage of loss prevention training and assistance, as well as reasonable insurance rates. These two trusts, with the addition of the VLCT Unemployment Trust, were responsible in 2007 for \$46 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services. Last summer, VLCT was instrumental in assuring that towns would be able to obtain road salt for winter highway maintenance at an affordable price and adequate quantities.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Zoning Permits: During 2008, one hundred five (105) zoning permits for development were issued. There were 146 and 116 permits issued in 2006 and 2007, respectively.

- 3 new single family residences
- 25 additions to single family residences
- 43 accessory structures
- 7 exterior alterations
- 19 commercial permits
- 4 agricultural structures
- 1 hangar addition
- 3 demolition permits

Linda T. Rousse has retired from the position of Administrative Officer after 20 years of dedicated and friendly service. Thank you, Linda. Her absence from the Office is made up for by the fact that she is here part-time as Personnel Director. Her years of experience and historical knowledge are invaluable in assisting the new Administrative Officer (AO), William G. Kearns.

National Flood Insurance Program: Many residents have received and are receiving letters from their mortgage holders requiring flood insurance on structures that are collateral for the mortgage. By law federally insured financial institutions must require mortgagees with structures located partially or wholly within a special flood hazard area (Zone A on the Flood Insurance Rate Map) to carry flood insurance on the structures. Some mortgagors, being more careful with their collateral, require flood insurance on structures located within or near a Zone A. Please contact this office if you need assistance understanding the intent of the letter, determining if the insurance should be required, or have any other permit or flood-related issue with your mortgage holder.

Unregistered or Uninspected Motor Vehicles: Several years ago, with the intent to enhance the image of the town and improve aesthetics and the character of neighborhoods, the Planning Commission amended the Zoning Regulations to include this portion of Section 4.15: "No unregistered or uninspected motor vehicle shall be parked on the premises, outside of a structure, in any district [emphasis added] for more than 30 days." The Administrative Officer has been enforcing this regulation. Initially 23 sites were found by the AO and those property owners were contacted concerning a violation of this regulation. Most owners immediately complied. Five owners are working with the AO with deadlines for compliance. At the time of this writing two owners have not complied. On those two enforcement actions will be taken to include fines, legal costs and court orders for removal of offending vehicles, if necessary. The AO is not confident he has found the location of all the offending vehicles. If a resident knows of a site where such vehicles are located and wants action taken to enforce the regulations, please let this office know.

The office of the Administrative Officer is open Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. You may call 802-885-2104 (ext. 242) for assistance or information on permits, zoning or planning issues. If you use email, you may reach me at toszoning@vermontel.net. Town Plan, Zoning and Subdivision Regulations are available at this office, and, if you prefer, I can email them to you.

William G. Kearns
Administrative Officer

DOWNTOWN DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

In the Downtown Design Control Overlay District, also referred to as the Designated Downtown, no structure may be erected, reconstructed, substantially altered, restored, removed, demolished, or changed its use or type of occupancy without review of the plans by the Downtown Design Review Commission (DDRC), which presents its views and advice on the project to the Development Review Board for its consideration in the public hearing project review process.

The DDRC consists of five members and an alternate. The alternate position is currently unfilled, and a person is needed to fill the spot and be ready to step in when a quorum is needed and a member cannot make it. The five members of the DDRC are: Terry Gulick, Chair; Goldie May, Vice Chair; Estelle Goding, Elsie Putnam and Matthew Rohrbach.

The role of the DDRC has been altered. It continues to hear changes in use or type of occupancy. However, the DDRC no longer reviews all alterations to the exterior of the structures in the Downtown, but only substantial alterations, demolition, new or reconstructed structures. The DDRC meets as needed, i.e., as requests for development projects, requiring DDRC review, come to the Administrative Officer. The hearing before the DDRC is not a public hearing, and the fee is limited to the \$8.00 fee for recording the DDRC decision.

ACTIVITIES OF THE DDRC IN 2008 INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

- Chamber of Commerce – signage on Bank Block
- Springfield School District – exterior changes to Park St. School
- William Handley – exterior alterations to structure at 12 River Street
- 100River Street LLC – demolition and revisions to exterior of the “Fellows Building”
- Review revisions to the Downtown Design Control Overlay District and make recommendations to the DRB.
- Calvary Baptist Church – signage approval and recommendation to the Administrative Officer.

SPRINGFIELD HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.

The Springfield Humane Society is a private non-profit organization serving southern Windsor County and beyond since 1941. Our Animal Shelter located on Skitchewaugh Trail primarily deals with dogs and cats, but occasionally cares for rabbits, hamsters and such other pets.

In 2008 (1-2-08 – 11-30-08) we took in 131 dogs, 142 cats, 21 puppies, 90 kittens, & 66 rabbits for a total of 450. Of these dogs, cats & rabbits 205 were strays and 245 were surrendered by their owners. Of the 205 strays were 63 dogs, 1 puppy, 73 cats, 60 kittens & 8 rabbits. Sadly only 32 strays were claimed by owners – 29 dogs & 3 cats. Our placement rate was 93%!

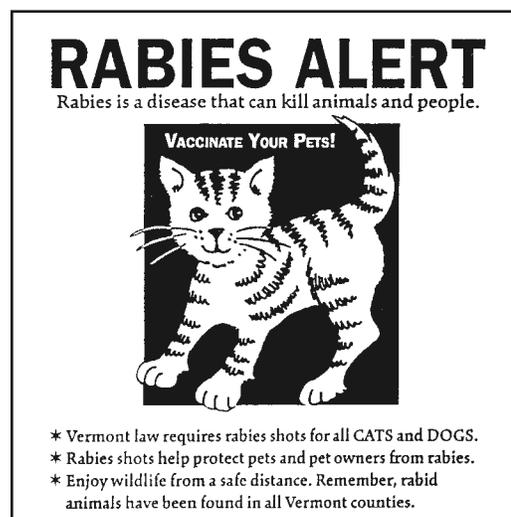
It is our policy and practice not to euthanize animals unless veterinarians deem their health too severe to save or if behavior is deemed to be unsafe to be adopted. \$16,956.85 was spent on direct health care for the animals. We do everything within our power and limited resources to re-habilitate and find homes for each animal in our care.

Our Canine Enrichment Program is designed to enhance the lives of the dogs in our care. Volunteers are assigned a dog to give special attention such as grooming, long walks, sitting and talking and even short car rides. This helps the dogs maintain good mental health while they await that special new home.

We depend on the generosity of the people of our area for our financial well being. No monies are received from federal or state government, or from any national animal welfare organizations.

The Shelter is open Tue-Sat 12-4:30 and our pets are available to visit 24 hours a day at www.spfldhumane.org.

Tom Browe
Executive Director



SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Authority welcomed two new Commissioners, Gerry Mittica and Frank Poole. They replaced Alan Pinders and Beverly Corey. Alan and Bev had served on the Board since 1993 and 2000 respectively. We will miss them both and wish to thank them both for their years of service to the Town, the staff and the tenants.

The public housing units at the Whitcomb and Huber Buildings were almost fully occupied through out the year, as the occupancy rate was 99.19%. This was exceptional due to the fact that the Authority had 21 units turnover this past year. The current waiting list shows 31 applicants.

The Authority was reviewed under the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS). The scores have not been posted in time for publication in this report. However, the Authority did have a 99 out of 100 during its last review. In addition, the Authority has always been a High Performer per HUD guidelines.

The Authority was awarded a Capital Fund Grant (CFG) for \$169,759.00 at the end of 2007. Those funds were used for the following projects:

- Replacement of the apartment door locks at the Whitcomb Building,
- Starting the caulking and sealing of the Whitcomb Building, and
- Finishing the elevator modernization project at the Whitcomb Building.

During 2008, the Authority was given another CFG for \$194,523.00. These funds will be used to complete the caulking and sealing project, replacement of the hall lights, and painting of the hallways at the Whitcomb Building.

The Authority also manages 61 section 8 certificates and vouchers. Last year, \$283,988.00 was paid to local landlords for our section 8 tenants. The lease-up rate for this program was 97.95 %. Currently, there are 91 families on the waiting list. The waiting period for local residents has increased to about 16 months.

The Maples, the Rural Development project on South Street, is fully occupied, and there are 34 people on the waiting list. This past year saw an occupancy rate of 99.45 %. Also, during the past year, we continued the process of vinyl floor and carpet replacement in the units. This will continue for the next four years. In addition, we painted the front of the building and repaired the dumpster pad. In 2007 the Authority purchased the Mountain View Apartments from the partnership that has owned them for the past 16 years. Mountain View will still remain a HUD Section 236 property until January of 2014. This development had an occupancy rate of 96.5 % in 2008, and a waiting list of 61 families. The physical inspection of the property was conducted by the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) in 2007. The property scored 92 out of 100. This means that HUD considers the property a high performer. The next inspection is due in 2010. In 2008, we replaced 20 refrigerators and sanded several floors.

The following property is owned by partnerships in which Springfield Housing Unlimited (SHU), the Authority created non-profit, is a co-general partner. The Springfield Housing Authority manages the property but has no ownership interest.

Westview Terrace Apartments had an occupancy rate of 95.6% in 2008. These 58 units of family housing are a part of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program. They service families, which can earn up to 60% of the median income for Windsor County. This project continues to be a valuable asset to the Town by providing people of limited income access to safe, clean, and reasonably priced rental housing. The replacement of one hot water tank, new carpeting in several apartments, the continued replacement of the kitchen cabinet doors, and new refrigerators were the only capital items in 2008.



House built by RVTC students in the 2007/2008 school year

In September of 2004, SHU with the help of the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB) purchased about 3 and 1/2 acres of land adjacent to Westview. Eight building lots were created. SHU and the SHA have partnered with Springfield Area Habitat for Humanity, Vermont Works for Women, and the Rockingham Community Land Trust (RACLT) to build and sell affordable homes. At the present time, four houses have been built and three have been sold to families who have worked with the agencies listed above. The fourth house has a couple of perspective buyers. Currently, SHU has partnered with the River Valley Technical Center (RVTC). The students have built one house that was placed on a lot in May of 2008. They are starting the second home which should be ready by May of 2009. The plan is to continue with this and other partnerships to create 2 additional affordable homes.

Finally, the Authority has partnered with Housing Vermont to reconstruct the Springfield Movie Theater and associated housing that was severely damaged by the July 8, 2008 fire. Hopefully, all will be restored by the spring of 2010.

William F. Morlock, III
Executive Director

Frederic P. Koledo
Chairman

Gerry Mittica
Cynthia Gagnier
Frank Poole

Peter Andrews
Vice-Chairman

SOUTHERN WINDSOR/WINDHAM COUNTIES SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District is a municipality dedicated to providing solid waste management authority, services, and planning to its member towns. The District was chartered in 1981 and currently serves thirteen Vermont towns. Each member municipality appoints a representative and an alternate to serve on the Board of Supervisors. The Board meets quarterly to discuss solid waste issues and policies and other pertinent topics for the District, which is managed currently by the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission.

In July 2008, textile sheds were placed at the transfer stations in Cavendish, Plymouth, Rockingham, and Weathersfield. The sheds are serviced by a local non-profit, Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) which also picks up textiles at the Springfield Transfer Station. Bagged shoes, clothing (even torn and stained), belts, pillows, stuffed animals, and linens are accepted. Textiles are accepted at the Ludlow Transfer Station in the yellow PlanetAid box.

The District maintains a website, www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org, which contains a lot of useful information about reducing, reusing, and recycling. Dates for the spring 2009 compost bin sale will be posted there. The District is also planning to sell Green Cones™, which are in-ground digesters that are sited in yards, gardens, even right next to the house. The cones digest all household food scraps, including meat, fish, bones and dairy (sale information will be on the District website).

Refrigerator magnets, listing materials accepted at the household hazardous waste (HHW) collections, were included with the tax bills sent to residents of Ludlow, Reading, Springfield, Weathersfield, and Windsor. The 2009 HHW collections will be held on Saturday, May 9 in Rockingham and Springfield and on Saturday, September 12 in Springfield and at another location yet to be determined. Bring a mercury thermometer to the collection and we'll give you a digital thermometer.

The District created neon orange warning stickers to help users of disposable syringes dispose of them properly. Contact the District to obtain stickers.

Please call the District at 674-9235 if you have any recycling questions.

Mary T. O'Brien
Recycling Coordinator
Thomas Kennedy
District Manager

The Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district dedicated to providing solid waste management authority, services, and planning to its member towns. The District was chartered in 1981 and currently serves thirteen Vermont towns (Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Grafton, Ludlow, Plymouth, Reading, Rockingham, Springfield, Weathersfield, Windsor, and West Windsor). Each member municipality appoints a representative and an alternate to serve on the Board of Supervisors. The Board meets to set policy and make major decisions for SW/WC-SWMD.

The District is managed currently by the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission, Thomas J. Kennedy, Executive Director. Information about the solid waste district and programs can be found at the web site: vtsolidwastedistrict.org

The district fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. The district budget for FY 2009 is \$183,150. Income is derived through a tipping fee surcharge collected at the various solid waste disposal sites. A major expense are the two household hazardous waste collections held each year at a cost to the district of about \$40,000.

The "Solid Waste Implementation Plan" (SWIP) submitted to the state has finally been approved by the Vermont Dept. of Environmental Services. The emphasis of the plan is to reduce the amount of solid waste put in disposal sites by increased recycling and reuse of materials; and to protect the environment by providing safe methods for the disposal of hazardous materials.

The district has functioned effectively on its own since July 2007 when it no longer was affiliated with the Sullivan County Solid Waste District through the NH/VT Joint Project.

Forrest Randall
Springfield Solid Waste Representative

SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT COMMISSION

The Hartness State (Springfield) Airport Commission has had very little to do for the last several years. That was because the State of Vermont and the local fixed base operator – Crown Point Aviation – had been operating together very smoothly.

Five new hangars have been built with private money and a sixth is in the planning stage, to be constructed in the spring of 2009.

The activity level of general aviation throughout the United States has been down somewhat with the cost of fuel rising as it has. Aviation fuel tends to go back down in price at a much slower rate than auto gas, primarily because it is such a small part of a refineries total output. That being said, activity at the airport has remained moderate with the Northeast Aerobatic contest being held here the last several years and the summer activity of the New England Soaring Association.

Because of budget constraints of the State of Vermont, plowing has been curtailed to some extent (as well as at Rutland and several other airports) and the crosswind runway will not be plowed along with some of the ramp areas.

The airport still has a modest number of corporate jets that fly in for business purposes, and there are a number of private aircraft that utilize the airport for skiing, recreation and second home visitations.

We will continue to monitor the health of the airport and its environs and seek to increase its use for both business and pleasure.

Peter E. MacGillivray
Acting Chairman

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) published major new Management Plans for Water Resources and for Recreation on the Connecticut River. In 2008 CRJC considered issues as wide-ranging as riverbank erosion in Colebrook and New Hampshire's updated Shoreland Protection Act. We completed a new Five Year Plan that focuses upon public outreach, use of river science, and protection of the valley's natural, historic, and cultural assets.

Through the Connecticut River Byway, CRJC works with communities, businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for heritage tourism. In 2008, we concluded a three-year project to identify the Byway with way-finding signs. Visit the Byway at www.ctrivertravel.net.

Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont, the Connecticut River Joint Commissions welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of every other month. Visit our web site, www.crjc.org, for a calendar of events, useful information, and our newsletters, *River Valley News* and *River Byway News*.

MT. ASCUTNEY REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Mt. Ascutney River Subcommittee completed a new and expanded *Connecticut River Water Resources Management Plan*. We will sponsor public presentations on the new plan during the winter and spring. The Plan emphasizes the many environmental and economic benefits of keeping floodplains free of development and encouraging natural vegetation along riverbanks to keep them stable, block debris, shade the water, and filter pollutants from runoff. We encourage towns to consider our *Plan* and to incorporate its recommendations when updating town plans and revising zoning ordinances.

We urge all anglers and boaters to clean their gear carefully to avoid spreading invasive plants such as Didymo, the recently discovered invasive alga in the Connecticut River. Landowners considering projects near water should check first with the town office to see if a state or local permit is needed.

The Subcommittee provides information and assistance to the states, towns, and landowners on projects near the river. Citizens who wish to help represent the town should contact the Select Board. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. A calendar of meetings, more about Didymo, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work near the river, the *Connecticut River Management Plan* and much more are on the web at www.crjc.org.

Kurt Staudter
*Co-chair and Springfield representative to the
Mt. Ascutney River Subcommittee*

SOUTHERN VERMONT HEALTH AND RECREATION CENTER

The Southern Vermont Health and Recreation Center is pleased to make this annual report to the residents of Springfield. We are extremely grateful for the continued support to the Center by the citizens of Springfield.

The Health and Recreation Center recently announced a First Fins program; a new opportunity for all Springfield first graders to learn to swim. Each year all current Springfield School District first grade students will receive a certificate for a one 5-week session of American Red Cross swimming lessons at the center. The First Fins program will be an annual tradition for the Health and Recreation Center. First Fins will give children the skills to feel safe and confident in the water.

The Health and Recreation Center is now open more than 95 hours each week; week days from 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Center had more than 90,000 visits in 2008. The Center had a membership high of 2,358 members in March of 2008; 1,368 from the town of Springfield. Many of our members and guests, especially seniors, enjoy the 93° temperature of our therapy pool; the therapy pool alone averages 300 visits per month. We recently added two more treadmills to the Fitness Center at the request of our members.

The Stringrays, the youth swim team at the Health and Recreation Center captured the Division 4 State Championship during the 2008 summer season, competing in the Vermont Swim Association. The Stringrays compete during the winter months in the New Hampshire Swim Association.

During 2008, we received distributions from the Endowment Fund of \$131,075.98 all of which were used to pay a portion of our operating expenses. This helps to keep membership rates among the lowest in New England.

The mission of the Health and Recreation Center is to provide area residents with the opportunities and resources necessary to pursue a healthy and active lifestyle. If you have not visited us, we hope you will. For additional information, please visit our website, www.myreccenter.org, email info@myreccenter.org, or call us at 885-2568.

George W. Lamb
Chairman, Board of Trustees



APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTEER POSITIONS ON TOWN BOARDS

The Town frequently looks for qualified individuals to serve on Boards and Commissions. In addition, there are other positions, as well as special committees which may be appointed by the Board of Selectmen periodically to study specific topics.

If interested, please fill out and detach. Please send to

Town Manager's Office
96 Main Street
Springfield, VT 05156

Name: _____

Address: _____

Present Employer: _____

Address: (Street) _____

(Town) _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Interested in serving on:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Fence Viewer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development Review Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Surveyor of Wood & Lumber |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizens Budget Advisory Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Weigher of Coal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airport Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Authority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

REPORTS OF AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF VT AND NH

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Springfield, VT

The VNA & Hospice is a compassionate, non-profit health-care organization committed to providing the highest quality home healthcare and hospice support services to individuals and their families. By keeping Springfield residents out of emergency rooms and hospitals, and reducing the need for relocation to nursing homes, our care offers significant savings in the town's emergency services and other medical expenses.

VNA & Hospice clients are of all ages and at all stages in life. Services are provided to all in need regardless of ability to pay. Between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008, the VNA & Hospice made 15,975 homecare visits to 433 Springfield residents (unduplicated) and provided approximately \$306,893 in uncompensated care.

Home HealthCare: 7,905 home visits to 313 residents with short-term medical or physical needs

Long-term Care: 6,360 home visits to 82 residents with chronic medical problems who needed extended care in their home to avoid admission to a nursing home.

Hospice Services: 1,471 home visits to 49 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Maternal and Child Health Services: 239 home visits to 63 residents for well baby, preventative and high-tech medical care.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNA & Hospice community clinics for foot care, blood pressure screenings, cholesterol testing and flu shots.

Springfield's annual appropriation helps the VNA & Hospice meet the demand for quality home healthcare, and to ensure that all who qualify for services will always be able to receive them. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Jeanne McLaughlin
President
(1-888-300-8853)

VALLEY HEALTH CONNECTIONS

Valley Health Connections (VHC) is located at 268 River Street, Springfield, Vermont in the offices of Dr. James Cahill and became incorporated in the State of Vermont on January 21, 2000 as Precision Valley Free Clinic (now doing business as VHC).

Valley Health Connections is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 whose mission is to remove the barriers and facilitate access to health care for uninsured and underinsured people. Our goal is to provide access to quality health care. This includes preventive health care, health education, referrals to providers for regular ongoing health care, and assistance in enrollment in programs that pay for health care.

The clinic staff consists of an Executive Director and a part-time Administrative Assistant. There are twelve members on the current board of directors.

Although cases are assessed on an individual basis, services are provided to those who are at or below 200% of Federal Poverty Level. Patients are referred to area providers through an agreement with Springfield Medical Care Systems, Inc. and other local providers on a sliding fee scale.

When the clinic started in 1999, it provided free episodic health care to the uninsured at a weekly evening clinic with volunteer health care providers. A grant funded physician assistant was hired to provide care from 2001-2004. By the time the grant ended, the clinic had very good networks in place to allow referral of patients directly into the health care system for free care. Hospital and private providers are still volunteering their services but within the familiar territory of their own offices. Valley Health Connections is the glue that holds everything together so people get the care they need.

Because of the changes that the clinic went through, the staff and board of directors decided to operate under the name **Valley Health Connections** to better reflect how services are provided.

The changes have opened up other opportunities to serve the uninsured. In 2008, VHC assisted patients in obtaining \$226,444 in free medications. Staff spends a great deal of time assisting patients in enrolling in State and local programs that will provide them on-going health care coverage since many people are unaware of programs that are available to them. The goal is to have people have an on-going relationship with a health care provider so that they can maintain good health. Prevention programs like tobacco cessation and women's health screenings are stressed. VHC held two influenza vaccination clinics offering 645 free immunizations.

In year 2008, VHC patient services for medical, dental, pharmaceutical assistance, and social service referrals totaled 1940 to 658 patients. Funds in the amount of \$16,000 were raised to assist in obtaining 170 dental services. 280 of the patients served were Springfield residents.

The staff and Board of Directors Valley Health Connections wish to thank the Springfield voters for supporting their efforts to improve the health care of town residents who are without the ability to pay for health care.

Wilda Pelton
Executive Director

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Vermont Department of Health (VDH) works to protect, improve and promote health of all Vermonters.

Emergency Preparedness: VDH works with the public and local, state and federal agencies to assure a rapid and effective response to public health threats and emergencies. District Offices identify disease threats by investigating outbreaks in their early stages. They assist in minimizing the effects of outbreaks by providing accurate and timely information to the public and health professionals. District Offices collaborate with other agencies during biological, environmental and weather events, and assure appropriate training for staff. For example, the District Offices participate in the Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs), which take part in joint regional planning and response exercises with towns, emergency responders, hospitals and other local entities. When needed, District Offices operate vaccination or other clinics to distribute medications to prevent infection.

Some of the recent activities undertaken by the District Offices and the Office of Public Health Preparedness of VDH include participation in a medical surge pandemic flu exercise with Vermont hospitals, the Cities Readiness Initiative in Vermont's most populous region, Pandemic Flu mitigation training with Vermont schools, a statewide emergency preparedness conference focused on health care facilities, a statewide functional test of backup communication systems, and Crisis and Emergency risk Communication Training for VDH staff and local first responders.

Food & Lodging Inspections: VDH Public Health Sanitarians inspect eating establishments (restaurants, schools, fairs) to decrease the risk of food borne disease outbreaks. The greatest risks for food borne outbreaks include keeping food too long at improper temperatures, inadequate cooking, contaminated equipment, food from an unsafe source, and poor personal hygiene among food handlers. Inspections include review of a 44-item check list to evaluate food storage, preparation and handling, as well as to identify risk practices that may contribute to illness. Of the 39 establishments in Springfield, 56 inspections were completed by a sanitarian during the past year. For the most recent inspection scores and results in your area, please go to www.healthvermont.gov and select "Restaurant Scores" in the "Find it Fast" section on our homepage.

Reportable Disease Case Investigations: Infectious diseases continue to be a major source of illness, disability and death in the U.S. and Vermont, accounting for 25 percent of all doctor visits each year. The Health Department investigates all cases of reportable infectious disease, such as meningitis, hepatitis, pertussis (whooping cough) and infectious diarrhea to determine their source, recommend control measures and treatment standards, and prevent further spread of disease. In 2007, the department investigated 202 cases of disease in Windsor County. In addition, special programs focus on prevention, diagnosis and treatment for HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases and tuberculosis.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Education Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC): One of the most effective ways to improve the health of the overall population is im-

prove nutrition and physical activity. WIC improves the health of pregnant and postpartum women, infants and young children by assuring access to health care, teaching families about good nutritional practices and providing an individually designed package of nutritious food to eligible individuals. During 2007, 534 women, infants and children living in Springfield received individualized nutrition counseling, health screenings, referrals and nutritious foods through this program. The average value of foods provided is about \$50.00 per person per month.

Vaccine-Preventable Diseases: An ever-increasing number of people, especially children, are in danger of contracting vaccine-preventable illness and suffering long term effects due to failure to immunize on time with all routinely recommended vaccines. Vaccine safety is a prime concern for parents and healthcare providers alike. Unfortunately, misinformation about vaccine safety has contributed to declining immunization rates. Maintaining public confidence in immunizations is critical for preventing disease outbreaks. International travel can import infectious measles, mumps and other vaccine-preventable diseases into communities, where they can be easily transmitted to unprotected people. Immunization levels for Vermont children fall short of the 90 percent coverage goal. In 2007, 380 cases of varicella (chickenpox) disease and 63 cases of pertussis (whooping cough) were reported in Vermont. During 2007, VDH distributed childhood vaccines to healthcare providers in the Springfield District valued at \$509,155.

Blueprint for Health: The Vermont Blueprint for Health is a vision, a plan and a statewide partnership to improve health and the health care system for Vermonters. The Blueprint provides the information, tools and support that Vermonters need to manage their own health – and that doctors need to keep their patients healthy. The Blueprint is working to change health care to a system focused on preventing illness and complications, rather than reacting to health emergencies.

Six hospital service areas currently participate in Blueprint community grants, including Central Vermont Hospital, Springfield Hospital, Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center, Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, Fletcher Allen Health Care, and Southwestern Vermont Medical Center. Statewide the Blueprint is dedicated to ensuring resources exist for support prevention and self-management of chronic disease among adults with, or at risk for chronic conditions. Healthier Living Workshops are available to residents across the state. New in 2008, each VDH District office has a staff person dedicated to chronic disease issues.

If you would like more information about these or other Health Department activities, or if you have a public health concern, please call the Springfield District Office at 802-885-5778, or toll-free at 888-296-8151.

Please visit the VDH website at www.healthvermont.gov for information about public health, VDH initiatives, publications, and recent news releases.

SPRINGFIELD FAMILY CENTER

2008 began with a 20% cut in staff hours based on a decrease in funding and donations, and 2008 ended with an increase in services of 25-65%.

Our emergency food shelf has experienced a 65% increase in use. Our food shelf is unique for several reasons: 1) we are staffed entirely by volunteers; 2) the food shelf is open six days a week; 3) food shelf participants do their own shopping in the food shelf; and 4) the food shelf is organized by the USDA food pyramid with the intention that participants will leave with nutritionally balanced groceries. We estimate that the value of an average food shelf for a family of four, if purchased at a grocery store, is \$100. In 2008 we distributed \$350,000 worth of groceries out of our food shelf.

As a member of the Vermont Food Bank, we can purchase perishable and non-perishable groceries for sixteen cents per pound and that is our largest resource for food. We rely heavily on the many food drives that take place all year, particularly the National Letter Carriers food drive in May (9 tons of food was collected) and Project Feed the Thousands which just ended on December 31 with 5,928 bags of food collected. Thank you to all who donated and to those who volunteered their time for all the food drives.

Our daily community meal has experienced a 25% increase in people joining us – now nearly sixty per day. We partnered with the Association of Springfield Area Churches to provide three community dinners – Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring. Those dinners fed approximately 700 people.

Last summer when school was on summer recess we delivered breakfast and lunch each weekday to 44 children living in

a Springfield Trailer Park. During the school year those children depend on free and reduced price breakfast and lunch at school. We deliver those summer meals because we know that children living with even occasional hunger have more health problems and do not do as well in school as children who never experience hunger. Results of chronic under nutrition include stunted growth, cognitive dysfunction, increased aggression, and frequent infections. According to the Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger, since 1999 the number of Vermont households experiencing the most severe category of hunger (children going to bed hungry) has doubled, one of the largest increases in the United States. With additional funding for 2009, we hope to increase the neighborhoods we serve with this program.

One of our challenges for 2009 will be to find funding to do some much needed maintenance on our facility, White Acres. We desperately need to replace 97 leaking or absent storm windows, apply insulation and vinyl siding to our main building, and replace the roof on our garage.

A record number of volunteers supported the Family Center in carrying out our mission to help families and individuals become socially interdependent and economically independent. This year a total of 16,896 hours were given by community members from all corners of Springfield. We are always looking for more volunteers; please give us a call if you have some time to volunteer with us.

A huge thank you to all our energetic volunteers, to our faithful Board of Directors, and to an extremely terrific staff. A special thank you to all who donated funds or goods to support our programs in 2008.

Deborah Luse
Executive Director

COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT

The Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. (COASEV, Inc.) fosters and supports successful aging of seniors in the Springfield community and throughout Windham and Windsor Counties.

To assist seniors in Springfield we offer a number of services, including:

Information and Assistance – Our Senior HelpLine at 1-800-642-5119 is a toll free number which offers help applying for benefits, assistance with health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance, and many other services. Springfield residents made 398 calls requesting assistance this last year.

As part of the new Medicare Part D prescription program we have trained staff available by phone, office or home. 691 residents received assistance this past year.

Senior Nutrition – 21,892 Home Delivered meals are provided through a contract with Meals on Wheels of Greater Springfield.

Transportation – Special arrangements are made for non-Medicaid seniors requiring medical transportation.

Case Management & Advocacy – One on one case management enables seniors to access services which help them remain safe at home. Often minimal services can prevent premature institutionalization. Some clients who require nursing home level of care are able to remain at home with family caregivers and trained personal caregivers. COASEV served 183 Springfield residents which is estimated at an annual cost of \$173,850.

Care Giver Respite – Through grants we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases. Three Springfield families received a respite care grant this past year.

Successful Aging Initiatives – We provide small grants to grass roots groups who attempt to promote healthy aging.

Your town contribution of \$8,000 generates \$45,333 in Federal matching funds to support our activities. We do not charge for any of our services. The support of Springfield citizens is greatly appreciated.

Joyce A. Lemire
Executive Director

MEALS & WHEELS OF GREATER SPRINGFIELD, INC.

Meals & Wheels of Greater Springfield, Inc. has been serving meals to the elderly and qualifying handicapped recipients since 2000. The program serves the communities of Andover, Baltimore, Chester, Springfield and South Weathersfield. A hot meal is provided Monday through Friday with frozen meals available to those who qualify for weekends and holidays.

During the past fiscal year, October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008, Meals & Wheels served 7,408 meals at our congregate meal site in Springfield. Volunteers delivered 31,129 hot and frozen meals daily to over 130 private homes around the Springfield area, for a total of 38,537 meals provided to those in need in the community.

All this work was done with the help of 2 part-time and 1 full-time paid employees and many volunteers. Over the past year, Meals & Wheels engaged about 75 volunteers who came to us from community programs such as RSVP, the Springfield Schools, Lincoln Street, Mental Health Services and other community members who just want to volunteer out of the spirit of good will. Volunteers serve on our Board, deliver meals, wait on tables, assist in the kitchen, provide entertainment at the congregate meal site and help with fund raising. We strongly believe that our program gives back to our volunteers, as much as they give to the program. We provide an opportunity to be a part of a vital service and a chance for volunteers to connect with others and to become part of the community.

The most important role of our program goes far beyond meeting the nutritional needs of the seniors in the community. For many, the meal delivery volunteer may be the only contact they have for the day and seeing a friendly face can be the highlight of their day. At Meals & Wheels, we do our part in providing a safety net for many isolated seniors in our community.

NEW BEGINNINGS, INC.

In our 27th year of service, New Beginnings, Inc. remains a non-profit agency providing crisis and post-crisis services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Southern Windsor County. We are available in our office in Springfield weekdays and 24-hours a day via our hotline, in the Springfield Police Station and in other full-time departments, and in Springfield and Mt. Ascutney Hospitals. We offer education and support for safety, financial and life planning, education and support through the relief from abuse legal process, safe housing, peer support groups, social service advocacy and referrals, and community and school prevention education, the latter audience receiving information on healthy relationships and self-esteem, bullying or teen dating violence prevention. Our staff is certified to provide training regarding these difficult issues to police officers and medical personnel and to others who serve your residents such as teachers, social workers, daycare providers, business owners, and religious leaders.

During the past fiscal year, our hotline volunteers provided 6,804 hours of crisis coverage to residents of Springfield and Southern Windsor County. During Fiscal Year 2008 (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008), our staff and volunteers supported and worked to empower 433 survivors throughout the area, 124 of whom were Springfield residents, women and men. Two hundred eighty-one (281) crisis and post-crisis services were provided to Springfield residents. Of the 490 children exposed to violence among those 433 homes in Southern Windsor County, 162 children resided in Springfield. In addition, we have received numerous calls from non-victims in Springfield – family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and social service providers – seeking advice to best support a victim toward safety, stability, and peace.

We wish to thank the people of Springfield for their continued support and their recognition that only together can we meet the needs of survivors and their children. With your contribution of time, talents, and financial supports, we can work toward ending domestic and sexual violence in the generations to come.

Terri A. Fisk
Executive Director

SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT REHAB LOAN FUND

Are you in need of affordable home repairs? The Southeastern Vermont Rehab Loan Fund provides grants and loans to low and moderate income homeowners in Windham and Windsor counties to make repairs necessary to bring their homes up to code and make them safe places to live. The loan fund also addresses energy conservation, and is now able to provide loans for well and septic problems. A staff Rehabilitation Specialist inspects your home for health, safety, and energy conservation issues and determines what repairs are needed. Then we help you plan your project by getting quotes from reliable contractors, and oversee the construction process. Finally, we finance the

project at a low interest rate loan, depending on your income level. As you repay your loan, your payments are returned to the fund, making them available for future homeowners in need of home repair.

For more information or to see if you are eligible, visit: www.windhamhousingtrust.org, or call the Windham Housing Trust at 802-254-4604 ext. 119, or visit www.raclt.org, or call the Rockingham Area Community Land Trust at 802-885-3220 ext. 211. We are nonprofit organizations providing support and assistance to keep housing affordable.

SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965.

Our mission is to enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty; create sustainable self-sufficiency; reduce the causes and work toward the elimination of poverty. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Services (i.e., fuel and utility assistance, food, shelter), Crisis Intervention, Parent Education, Micro-Business Development, Individual Development Accounts, and five thrift stores.

In the community of Springfield we have provided the following services during FY08:

Weatherization: 36 households (125 individuals) weatherized at a cost of \$196,503

Head Start: 49 families (172 individuals) received comprehensive early education and family support services at a value of \$8,060 per family for total of \$390,940

Micro-Business Development: 7 families received services valued at \$5,768

Individual Development Accounts: 2 families participated in a savings program with the potential of receiving \$2,000 in matched savings

Tax Preparation: 9 families received tax preparation assistance to apply for the Earned Income Tax Credit

Thrift Store Vouchers: 63 families (144 individuals) received vouchers for furniture, clothing and housewares, valued at \$3,541

Parent Education: 7 families (20 individuals) received parenting education services

Family Services (Outreach): 172 families (446 individuals) received 1057 services (including crisis intervention, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

Fuel/Utility Assistance: 247 assists totaling \$79,489

Housing & Other Assistance: 77 families (187 individuals) received \$17,506 in assistance

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private, and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service.

We thank the residents of Springfield for the ongoing support.

Stephen Geller
Executive Director

GREEN MOUNTAIN RSVP & VOLUNTEER CENTER

RSVP, an invitation to serve one's community, is a nation-wide program for people 55 and older who wish to have a positive impact on the quality of life in their communities. Through meaningful and significant use of their skills and knowledge, they offer their volunteer service to non-profit and local organizations.

This year in Windsor County volunteers contributed 37,536 hours of service to local non-profit and public organizations. There are 40 non-profit worksites in Springfield served by GMRSVP volunteers. Among them are the Senior Center, Springfield Hospital, Springfield Meals on Wheels, American Red Cross, CRT, Council on Aging and the Springfield Library, all of which have benefited from their generous contribution of time.

Next year we will be focusing on expanding our Bone Builders Program, Children's Literacy Program, and Senior Services. The opportunities to volunteer in Springfield are endless, and we urge you to contact our office at 885-2083 to take part in this powerful experience. Thank you Town of Springfield for your continued generous support of the Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center.

Windsor Proposed Budget 2009-2010		
Income Codes	Item	Amount
	Federal Grant	\$68,262
41240	State Fund	10,866
41240	Town Funds	8,469
41110	United Way	2,000
41231	Donations/FR	1,000
41300	Grants	1,000 Walmart
Total Income		\$90,597
Expenses		
	Salaries	\$60,000
	Employee Benefits	9,000
	Staff Travel	1,300
	Staff Training	1,500
	Staff Supplies	1,650
	Maint/Tech Supp	750
	Administrative Fees	3,300
	Postage	550
	Telephone	1,800
	Printing	500
	Rent	3,900
	Reporter	250
	Insurance	1,695
	Volunteer Travel	500
	Awards/Recognition 3500	2,900
	Volunteer Supplies	1,000
Total Expenses		\$90,595

Patricia Palencsar
Executive Director

WINDSOR COUNTY PARTNERS

Consistent, sustained interaction with a caring, positive adult role model has been proven to make a significant difference in the outcome of a child's life. Windsor County Partners (WCP) is the only county-wide, community-based mentoring program in our region. Our adult volunteers commit to meet with their Junior Partners (ages 8-17) about 2 hours a week for a year. All our services are free of charge to volunteers, children and families.

Often our youth are from homes with limited resources. As finances become strained, many families in our communities are experiencing increases in domestic violence and substance abuse. Parents' ability to provide support and guidance for their children under these circumstances becomes compromised and the need for mentors increases dramatically.

Our main goal is to sustain our work with youth to empower them to make healthier life choices. Our program objectives are three-fold: 1) to recruit more mentors; 2) to provide these mentors with high-quality training opportunities so that they are better equipped to sustain their partnerships; and 3) to provide our young partners with opportunities that help them to realize their potential.

In this last year WCP served 17 people from Springfield and supported 25 total partnerships from among 14 towns in Windsor County. Our partners spent about 2,500 hours together enjoying activities such as hiking, kayaking, museum visits, biking, baking, and sporting events. We continue to offer All Partner events that expose our youth to learning and career opportunities.

There is always a waiting list of children in need. Schools in every town we serve have no shortage of children to refer. Our biggest challenge is finding mentors. When suitable mentors come forward, we match them with a child. Your town may not be supporting anyone now, but could be at any time. Furthermore, the health and well being of community knows no town borders. Your financial support may go to support partnerships in neighboring towns, which ultimately builds social capital for us all.

As funding becomes even more challenging, now more than ever we depend on town support for our day-to-day operations. We remain extremely grateful for the generosity of our community.

Kathy Kinter
Program Coordinator
 802-674-5101
kathy@wcpartners.org

SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY BAND

The Springfield Community Band was under the direction of Jim Chlebak for our 63rd season. We played 13 concerts: 10 in Springfield; one each in Ludlow, Charlestown, NH and Walpole, NH; as well as 1 parade. Our approximately 40 members were made up from area residents as well as students from Riverside Middle School and Springfield High School.

This year we welcomed Jim Chlebak and Fred Belec as our directors. Jim is our primary conductor and is also the music director at Springfield High School. Fred is a retired music educator and graciously stepped up to the plate to fill in as a backup. Going forward in 2009, in addition to the summer concert season, the band will start playing year around. This will bring added expenses as we will putting on a couple of additional concerts in the colder months.

The Springfield Community Band is open to all musicians in Springfield and the surrounding areas. Anyone interested in joining us is encouraged to visit our website at www.springfieldband.org.

We thank the town of Springfield for their many years of support.

January 1, 2008	
Cash on hand:	\$4,971.55
INCOME:	
Springfield, VT – 10 concerts	\$2,000.00
Out of town concerts	\$1,350.00
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	\$3,350.00
EXPENSES:	
Director	\$1,425.00
Officers' Salaries	\$250.00
Hired Players	\$420.00
Music	\$112.99
Post Office Box	\$86.00
Equipment	\$213.00
Band Shirts	\$229.80
Office Supplies	\$69.12
Misc expenses	\$46.99
Donations	\$125.00
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	\$2,977.90
December 31, 2008	
Cash on hand	\$5,343.65

Karen Bailey
Secretary/Treasurer

CONNECTICUT RIVER TRANSIT, INC.

Connecticut River Transit, Inc. (CRT) appreciates the support received from the Town of Springfield this year, and requests a town contribution of **\$12,500** for FY 10. CRT is a private, non-profit public transit provider serving 30 towns in the Windham and Southern Windsor County areas. CRT currently provides about 200,000 trips annually on our public bus service and volunteer network.

FY 08 saw an increase in Vermonters using Public Transit. The two reasons most commonly given were:

- the increase in the cost of gasoline, and
- the desire to reduce our carbon footprint and improve air quality

Ridership in FY 08 CRT services to your town:

- In-Town Bus Services: 11,435 an increase of 9%
- Commuter Bus Service to Bellows Falls, Okemo and The Upper Valley: 63,147 rides, an increase of 34%
- Dial a Ride Service to Springfield Residents: 23,520 – includes medical rides for Springfield's elderly, disabled and/or children and families who receive Medicaid.

Ridership increases in FY 08 CRT services to the region:

- Commuter Bus Service to the Upper Valley, Okemo and Brattleboro: 27 % overall to 82,547
- Non-Commuter Bus Service to the General Public: 20% to 25,823
- Human Services Transportation including the Volunteer and Taxi network: 15% to 80,910

FY 08 for CRT was a building year; laying the foundation for a solid and sustainable infrastructure:

- Secured awards and ordered new, heavy duty buses to replace and upgrade the older half of the CRT fleet
- Partnered with Rockingham on CRT Public Transit Bus Maintenance Facility Grant
- Completed site acquisition and contracted for facility design and construction
- Secured Award for New Start Year Round Commuter Service connecting Bellows Falls, Springfield, Ludlow & Rutland.

The grant awards to CRT provide for public transit and bus purchases, and require local support in the form of matching funds. Our goal is a broad base of support so that no one funding partner bears too much of the cost. The riders who use the services and the businesses whose employees and clients ride public transit on CRT routes, contributed 82% of donations in FY 08.

The local contributions (comprised of the 3 categories below) in FY 08 to CRT services was over \$210,000:

- Individuals riding the CRT services: 48% for \$101,491
- Businesses serviced by CRT commuter, general public and human service transit: 34% for \$72,039
- Towns in CRT service area: 18% or \$36,900

CRT requests funding from the 30 towns we service. The amount requested is determined by a fair share allocation based

on bus routes that have stops in your town, the number of Dial-a-Ride buses in your town and the number of trips CRT provides to residents in your town on all scheduled services. The total of town donations this year is \$36,900, about 1% of the total CRT budget. Although a small percentage, it is a very important percent. These donations provide the local matching funds that allow CRT to access the state and federal grants, private foundations and the human service transportation contracts that contributed 3 million dollars to the local economy in FY 08.

Connecticut River Transit, Inc. could not provide the services or purchase the buses, without every contribution made by you, the local community. Please contact us by e-mail: admin@crtransit.org, phone: (802) 885-5165 or visit our website: www.crtransit.org and let us know how CRT can improve service in your community. The website provides a form for input and service requests, as well as providing information about CRT public transit services, schedules and how to use the service, contact information for all staff and their area of responsibility, Board of Directors and meeting calendar, drivers, fleet, facility, public notices, and volunteer and employment opportunities.

Gary Fox

Executive Director, Connecticut River Transit, Inc

HEALTH CARE & REHABILITATION SERVICES

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windham and Windsor counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and alternatives and emergency services programs.

During FY08, HCRS provided 89,783 hours of services to 808 residents of the Town of Springfield. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Springfield.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Operating Officer, at (802) 886-4500.

SPRINGFIELD RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CENTER (SRJC)

Our Mission is to empower local organizations, individuals and schools committed to peacefully resolving conflict addressing crime and building a safe and healthy community. We adhere to a nonviolent and empowering vision where differences are respected. Conflicts are addressed through open and respectful communication guided by trained community members.

There are eleven Justice Centers throughout Vermont. Each is developed and governed by community members with the support of local government to bring services and programs to the community.

Justice Centers are based on the principles of Restorative Justice, which is a philosophy for dealing with crime and conflict in a reparative, non-punitive manner. Restorative Justice looks at crime from the perspective of who has been hurt, what those persons needs are and whose obligation is it to tend to those needs. Those who offend are encouraged to take responsibility for the effects of their actions and make amends. Those who have been affected are given an opportunity to share their experiences and indicate what kind of reparations they would like to see. We promote the belief that a solution that works best is one that is agreeable to all, not one that is imposed by those with the most power.

SRJC is funded by a \$72,500 grant applied for by the town of Springfield and awarded by the Agency of Human Services/Department of Corrections. The town of Springfield provides fiscal management as an in-kind service. We are located at 7 Morgan Street in Springfield (end of Pearl Street)

Springfield's Justice Center employs one full time director. Because there is only one regular full time staff person there is a large cohort of over 20 dedicated volunteers, without their commitment and enthusiasm the Justice Center wouldn't exist. Community Advisory Board (CAB) volunteers include: Chairman, Bill Mattoon; Vice Chairman, Nicholas Merrill; Treasurer, Jeff Mobus; Secretary, Cynthia Martin; Selectboard Member, John Swanson; Linda Mattoon, Marty Hammond, Erica Aubin, Victorine Ball, Thomas Hunter, and Paul Hudson as a resource person. Reparative Panel volunteers include: Bill Mattoon, Linda Mattoon, Bonnie McPhetres, Steve Matush, Sandra Richardson, Sandra Williams, Alex Stone and Irwin Post. Office volunteers include: Kevin Greenwood, Crystal Starkey and Angela Howland. Many, many thanks to all of you! You are indispensable.

The SRJC and the Springfield High School are collaborating to implement a Restorative Justice program at SHS in hopes of reducing the number of students receiving detention and suspension. Students who break the law or school rules will be held accountable for the harm they caused by their peers. In other schools across the state this programming has dramatically improved the climate of the school.

A pilot program was started at the SRJC this year in which SRJC staff performs Vocational Assessments for inmates who are from Springfield and will be returning to Springfield. These assessments give job developers, caseworkers, probation officers, and the potential employee and employer an idea of what type of employment they would be best suited for. Assessments look at reading, writing and math skills as well as what type of

work is preferred and what type of work can be done based on a person's intelligence and experience. 24 assessments have been completed in the first year.

Here is an idea of what the SRJC has accomplished in the past year:

- Volunteer mentors have mentored 5 community members who were released from jail.
- A FAQ resource sheet has been developed for landlords who rent to people who have been incarcerated, to help them get assistance from community resources in a timely manner.
- 49 referrals for Reparative Probation and Pre-Charge have been received from January 07 to January 08. Of those 49 referrals, 20 are still in progress, 24 have completed successfully, 5 have not successfully completed the program
- Reparative Panel volunteers spent 388 hours working with directly with victims and offenders in Springfield.

The following is a list of programs and referral points provided by the SRJC, in all referred cases the harm or crime must have happened in Springfield:

JustNow, Juvenile Pre Charge Program – Serves youth ages 10-17 committing a misdemeanor or involved in a conflict. Referrals can come from anyone: business owners, parents, neighbors, police officers or the State's Attorney.

Reparative Probation – Serves adults who have been placed on probation by a judge and asked to complete a reparative program. Referrals come from the court. Reparative meetings are open to community members and happen in our offices on the first and third Thursdays of every month, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Family Group Conferencing – Serves anyone in the Springfield community involved in a conflict. Conferencing brings all involved parties together in an attempt to facilitate discussion or come to an agreement, ideally before a situation escalates to involve law enforcement. Call the Justice Center if you think a Conference could help a situation you are in.

Community Service Programs – Aid in helping participants to repay those who have been harmed by their offenses by performing unpaid work that benefits the community.

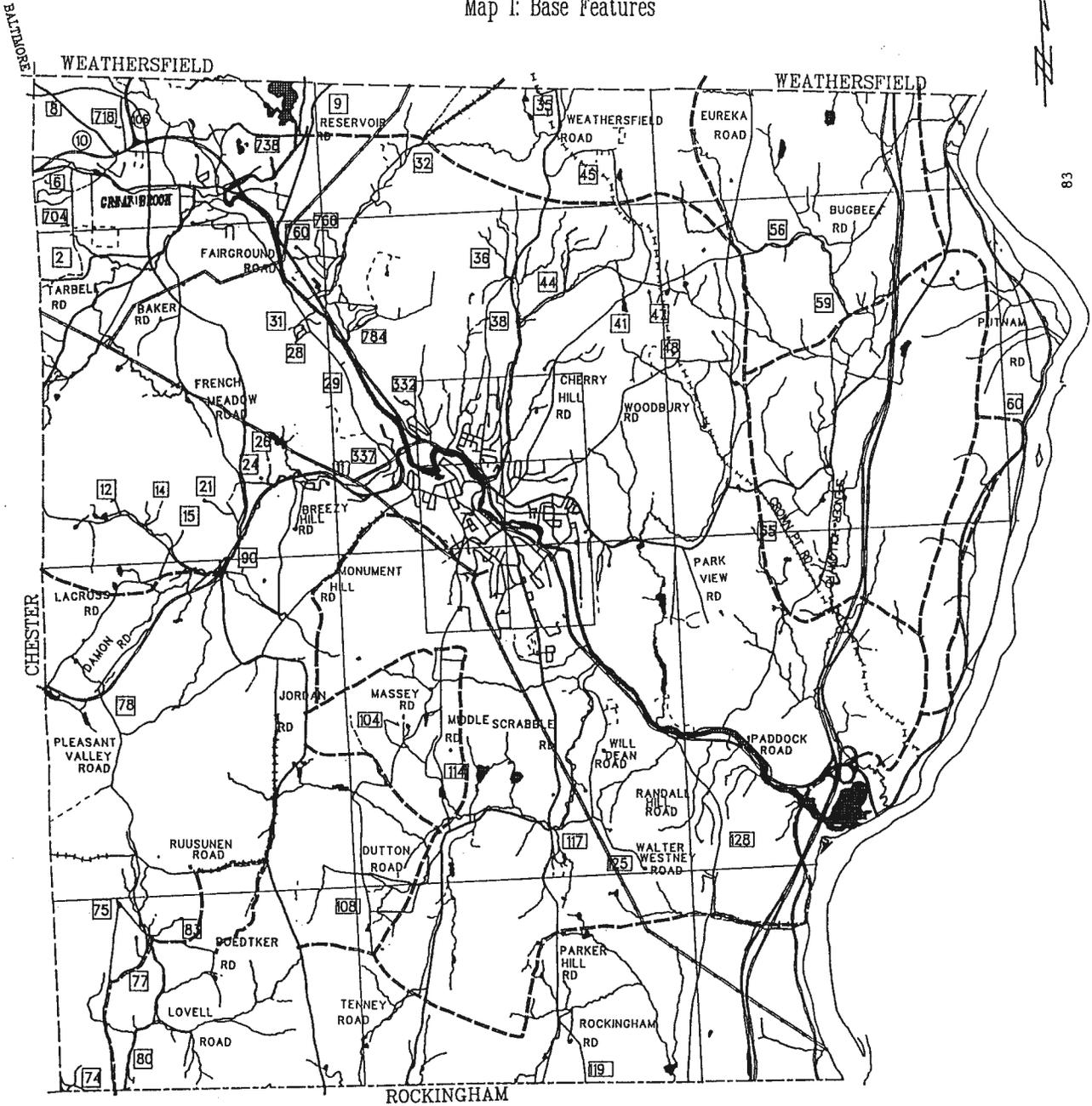
Offender Re-Entry – Works with inmates and the persons affected by their offenses upon release from Correctional Facilities. A social contract between offenders and community is developed taking into account expected services and supports needed to aid in safe and successful reentry.

The SRJC has grown a lot this year and will continue to grow. The Legislature and DOC are looking towards communities to gather together to combat the growing number of people housed in our prisons. If you have any questions or would like to be involved please contact us at 802.885.8707 or springfieldrjc@vermontel.net or check out our new website at www.springfieldrjc.org

Wendi Lashua Germain
SRJC Director

Town of SPRINGFIELD, Vermont

Map 1: Base Features



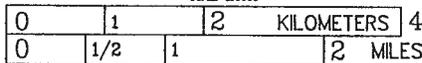
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MICRODATA

SCALE 1:50000



ROADS & RAILROADS: Vermont ADT Digital Road Centerline Project.
SURFACE WATERS: As shown on USGS 7-1/2' quads and those added and confirmed from 1:20000 infrared photos and 1:5000 orthophotos.
TOWN BOUNDARIES: Extracted from digital parcel maps.

All above features were located from 1975-78 1:5000 and 1:2500 Vermont Orthophotos with review by the Planning Commission and other town officials. Features not present at time of photography were placed as best possible in relation to other visible facilities.

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UTILITY/FACILITY KEY

- ELECTRIC LINES
- Corridor Snow Mobile Trail
- Secondary Snow Mobile Trail
- Crown Point Road
- Hiking Trail

TRANSPORTATION KEY

- Class 1 Town
- Class 2 Town
- Class 3 Town
- Class 4 Town
- State/US Highway
- Interstate/Controlled Access
- Private Road
- Other Roads
- > Town Highway Number

SURFACE WATER

- Rivers, Brooks, Ponds & Lakes
- Small Brooks and Streams

INTERNAL AND AUDIT FINANCIAL REPORTS

LONG TERM DEBT REDEMPTION CHART (FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010)

Obligations	Maturity	Interest	Original Amount	Current Balance Outstanding July 1, 2009	Payment Fiscal 2010	Payment Fiscal 2011	Payment Fiscal 2012	Payment Fiscal 2013	Payment Fiscal 2014	Payment Fiscal 2015	Payment After Fiscal 2015	Fiscal 2009-2010 Interest
SCHOOL LONG TERM DEBT												
Renovation Projects	12/01/07	4.526	\$1,585,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL SCHOOL LONG TERM DEBT			\$1,585,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Balance of Long Term Debt School				\$0								
Payment Schedule School					\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest on Long Term Debt 2009-10 School												
TOWN LONG TERM DEBT												
Chlorine Contact	10/01/21	3.000	\$325,669	\$232,800	\$14,906	\$15,353	\$15,814	\$16,288	\$16,777	\$17,280	\$136,382	\$6,984
USDA CSO Note	9/28/1935	4.125	\$1,050,000	\$981,951	\$21,054	\$21,931	\$22,845	\$23,797	\$24,789	\$25,842	\$867,535	\$40,291
CSO Bond 019	10/1/2022	0.000	\$982,189	\$606,830	currently being paid by State of Vermont							
CSO Bond 055	9/1/2024	0.000	\$1,023,964	\$772,299	currently being paid by State of Vermont							
CSO Bond 4	6/10/2036	4.500	\$600,000	\$585,161	\$10,432	\$10,907	\$11,403	\$11,922	\$12,464	\$13,031	\$515,003	\$26,216
Gen Renov Bond	6/20/2029	4.212	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$1,560,000	\$85,753
EPA Note	4/1/2011	0.000	\$173,000	\$60,000	\$35,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sewer Treatment Plant	12/1/2033	4.500	\$1,784,180	\$1,606,320	\$37,106	\$38,795	\$40,560	\$42,406	\$44,336	\$46,353	\$1,356,763	\$71,872
Aerial Fire Truck	12/01/16	4.422	\$600,000	\$320,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$80,000	\$13,990
TOTAL TOWN LONG TERM DEBT			\$8,789,002	\$7,415,361	\$273,498	\$266,986	\$245,622	\$249,413	\$253,366	\$257,507	\$4,515,683	\$245,105
Balance of Long Term Debt Town				\$7,415,361								
Payment Schedule Town					\$273,498	\$266,986	\$245,622	\$249,413	\$253,366	\$257,507	\$4,515,683	
Interest on Long Term Debt 2009-10 Town												\$245,105
TOTAL LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS												
Total School and Town			\$10,374,002									
Balance of Long Term Debt School and Town				\$7,415,361								
Payment Schedule School and Town					\$273,498	\$266,986	\$245,622	\$249,413	\$253,366	\$257,507	\$4,515,683	
Interest School and Town					\$245,105							\$245,105
TOTAL PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS 2009-2010 FOR SCHOOL AND TOWN LONG TERM DEBT					\$518,603							

**Please note that the Springfield School District is applying for a bond in the amount of \$25,200,000 to be repaid over 20 years. As the Bond has not been approved, the actual repayment amounts are not shown. However, it is expected that the principal repayment will begin in FY 2011. The estimated principal payment is \$1,260,000.

SYNOPSIS OF GRAND LIST

	Real Estate	% of G.L.	Inventory	% of G.L.	Machinery Equipment	% of G.L.	Total
2000	327,442,662	91.81%	11,632,200	3.26%	17,595,100	4.93%	356,669,962
2001	330,287,370	93.03%	6,490,100	1.83%	18,266,900	5.14%	355,044,370
2002	331,437,815	94.68%	0	0.00%	18,617,000	5.32%	350,054,815
2003	334,142,394	95.06%	0	0.00%	17,353,900	4.94%	351,496,294
2004	332,178,800	95.12%	0	0.00%	17,029,200	4.88%	349,208,000
2005	333,993,000	95.02%	0	0.00%	17,509,100	4.98%	351,502,100
2006	335,311,700	94.67%	0	0.00%	18,890,700	5.33%	354,202,400
2007	337,228,700	94.69%	0	0.00%	18,922,900	5.31%	356,151,600
2008	639,788,400	97.46%	0	0.00%	16,703,700	2.54%	656,492,100
2009	643,713,419	97.06%	0	0.00%	19,469,250	2.94%	663,182,669

FIGURES FROM THE PAST

Year		Grand List	Total Tax Rate	Town Tax Rate*	Town Tax Levy	School Tax Rate	School Tax Levy**
2002	Res	2,610,583	3.350	1.531	3,996,803		
	Com	904,380	3.728	1.909	1,726,461		
	Educ	3,348,283				1.819	6,090,527
2003	Res	2,618,800	3.590	1.575	4,124,610		
	Com	873,280	4.048	2.033	1,775,378		
	Educ	3,330,238				2.015	6,710,430
2004	Res	2,650,255		1.6061	4,256,575		
	Com	864,766		2.088	1,805,631		
	Educ	3,344,344				1.7039	homestead rate
						1.8069	non-homestead rate
2005	Res	2,672,805		1.668	4,458,239		
	Com	869,219		2.1638	1,880,816		
	Educ	3,362,883				1.882	homestead rate
						1.8975	non-homestead rate
2006	Res	2,691,417		1.785	4,804,179		
	Com	870,099		2.3121	2,011,756		
	Educ	3,385,997				1.975	homestead rate
						1.9454	non-homestead rate
2007	Res	6,556,015	***	1.0946	7,176,214		
	Educ	6,399,537				1.1854	homestead rate
						1.1913	non-homestead rate
2008	Res	6,631,827		1.1437	7,584,821		
	Educ	6,424,660				1.1963	homestead rate
						1.2644	non-homestead rate

*Includes Special Appropriations and County Tax

** Beginning in 2004, there is a split Education tax rate, not a dollar amount to be raised.

*** Due to Reappraisal, the Special Commercial Tax was eliminated and tax rates decreased.

TAX ANALYSIS PER HUNDRED ASSESSED TAX DOLLARS

	homestead '08-'09	non-residential '08-'09	homestead '07-'08	non-residential '07-'08	homestead '06-'07	non-residential '06-'07
School						
State	\$1.1963	\$1.2644	\$1.1854	\$1.1913	\$1.9750	\$1.9454
Local						
Town & Highway	\$1.1093	\$1.1093	\$1.0565	\$1.0565	\$1.7313	\$1.7313
Special Appropriations	\$0.0264	\$0.0264	\$0.0280	\$0.0280	\$0.0420	\$0.0420
County Tax	\$0.0080	\$0.0080	\$0.0101	\$0.0101	\$0.0117	\$0.0117
	<u>\$2.3400</u>	<u>\$2.4081</u>	<u>\$2.2800</u>	<u>\$2.2859</u>	<u>\$3.7600</u>	<u>\$3.7304</u>

STATEMENT OF TAXES – FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

TAXES ASSESSED AND BILLED:

	Assessed Value	Grand List (1% of Assessed)	Tax Rate	Total Taxes Assessed and Billed
Real Estate*	\$628,664,476	\$6,286,644.76	1.1437	\$ 7,190,035.61
Machinery & Equipment	\$ 16,703,700	\$ 167,037.00	1.1437	\$ 191,040.22
Total Town Taxes				\$ 7,381,075.83
Education	\$338,548,100	\$629,926,776.00 **		\$ 7,481,764.00
TOTAL TAXES ASSESSED AND BILLED:				\$14,862,839.83

*As a result of the reappraisal, beginning 7/1/07, the Commercial Tax rate no longer existed.

**Beginning 7/1/04, there was a split Education Tax Rate. The dollar amount shown is the actual dollar amount that the State ordered the Town to pay the School District.

Taxes Accounted For:		
Current year taxes collected		\$14,529,403.01
Current year taxes delinquent June 30, 2008		\$ 333,436.82
		\$14,862,839.83

TAX COMPUTATION TABLE

BASED ON GRAND LIST OF \$6,631,827

\$0.01 will raise	\$66,318.27
\$0.02 will raise	132,636.54
\$0.03 will raise	198,954.81
\$0.04 will raise	265,273.08
\$0.05 will raise	331,591.35
\$0.06 will raise	397,909.62
\$0.07 will raise	464,227.89
\$0.08 will raise	530,546.16
\$0.09 will raise	596,864.43
\$0.10 will raise	663,182.70
\$1.00 will raise	\$6,631,827.00
Total listed valuation of Real Estate and Personal Property for Taxation	\$663,182,669
One Percent of Total Listed Valuation	\$6,631,827

DELINQUENT TAX CHART

TAX YEAR	Due as of 6/30/2008	Due as of 6/30/2007	Due as of 6/30/2006	Due as of 6/30/2005	Due as of 6/30/2004
1995	\$0.00	\$167.32	\$167.32	\$167.32	\$802.57
1996	0.00	577.60	577.60	577.60	2,265.60
1997	0.00	597.40	597.40	597.40	2,343.20
1998	0.00	585.04	585.04	585.04	2,363.92
1999	0.00	580.92	580.92	580.92	3,082.54
2000	0.00	599.44	599.44	599.44	3,444.80
2001	0.00	680.61	680.61	739.07	4,120.10
2002	0.00	650.96	3,482.32	3,482.32	8,592.92
2003	0.00	1,157.76	4,159.36	4,213.36	72,593.52
2004	1,197.86	4,660.18	10,097.78	18,420.96	274,412.44
2005	2,408.64	41,819.35	50,970.59	240,374.89	0.00
2006	9,612.24	87,706.47	220,387.73	0.00	0.00
2007	109,606.40	310,318.73	0.00	0.00	0.00
2008	333,436.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$456,261.96	\$450,101.78	\$292,886.11	\$270,338.32	\$374,021.61

If you were a resident of Vermont on January 1, 2008 and occupied your property as of April 1, 2008 and you filed your HS-122 by April 15, 2008, your tax rate was \$2.34 per \$100 of valuation. If not, your tax rate was \$2.4081.

Example: Assessed = Grand x tax = Total
 Value x .01 = List rate Tax due

resident	\$150,000	\$1,500	\$2.340	\$3,510.00
non-resident	\$150,000	\$1,500	\$2.4081	\$3,612.15

2007-2008

BUDGET TO ACTUAL AT A GLANCE

Revenue Budgeted:	\$9,093,789
Revenue Received:	\$9,414,624
Variance:	\$320,835
Expenditures Budgeted:	\$9,093,789
Expenditures Paid:	\$9,524,801
Variance:	\$431,012
Excess of Expenditures Over Revenues:	-\$110,177

Trustees of Public Funds
June 30, 2008

Values by Fund	Campbell							Total	
	Parker	Cemetery	Library	Woolson	Stetson	Eureka	Doty		
6/30/07 Investment	\$258,222	\$454,160	\$271,742	\$29,812	\$15,545	\$14,619	\$5,132	\$50,198	\$1,099,430
6/30/07 Checking	\$2,990	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,990
6/30/07 Total by Fund	\$261,212	\$454,160	\$271,742	\$29,812	\$15,545	\$14,619	\$5,132	\$50,198	\$1,102,420

07/08 Revenue	\$9,092	\$16,125	\$9,604	\$1,308	\$551	\$755	\$182	\$2,036	\$39,653
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07/08 Expenses

Accounting	\$916	\$1,626	\$963	\$158	\$56	\$51	\$18	\$212	\$4,000
Relief of Indigents	\$5,450	\$0	\$0	\$900	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,350
Misc	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$750	\$0	\$0	\$1,250
Transfer to Fund 1	\$0	\$11,667	\$6,955	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,622
Misc-Post	\$29	\$52	\$31	\$5	\$2	\$2	\$1	\$6	\$128
Investment Fees	\$1,567	\$2,780	\$1,656	\$226	\$95	\$87	\$31	\$349	\$6,791
Total Expenses	\$7,962	\$16,125	\$9,605	\$1,789	\$153	\$890	\$50	\$567	\$37,141

07/08 Net Operating	\$1,130	\$0	-\$1	-\$481	\$398	-\$135	\$132	\$1,469	\$2,512
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07-08 Non Oper

Gain/Loss	\$460	\$806	\$497	-\$47	\$27	\$24	\$9	\$102	\$1,878
Cap Gains Distrib	\$6,217	\$11,011	\$6,573	\$721	\$376	\$342	\$124	\$1,433	\$26,797
Principal Rcpts	\$0	\$8,050	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,224	\$32,274
Prin Distrib	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Trustees	-\$450	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$450
Unreal Gain	-\$14,398	-\$25,530	-\$15,189	-\$2,177	-\$875	-\$788	-\$289	-\$3,475	-\$62,721

07/08 Net Non-Op	-\$8,171	-\$5,663	-\$8,119	\$13,497	-\$472	-\$422	-\$156	\$7,284	-\$2,222
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6/30/08 by Fund	\$253,452	\$448,497	\$263,622	\$42,828	\$15,471	\$14,062	\$5,108	\$58,951	\$1,101,991
6/30/08 Investment	\$251,181	\$448,497	\$263,622	\$42,828	\$15,471	\$14,062	\$5,108	\$58,951	\$1,099,720
6/30/08 Checking	\$2,271	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,271

**BUDGET SUMMARY
FISCAL 2009-2010**

OPERATING BUDGETS	06-07 Expended	07-08 Expended	08-09 Budget	09-10 Dept. Head	09-10 Manager	Diff. From 08-09
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 646,447	\$ 760,890	\$ 714,330	\$ 724,346	\$ 726,596	\$ 12,266
POLICE	1,278,515	1,348,348	1,394,502	1,732,982	1,677,207	282,705
FIRE/AMBULANCE	919,977	995,003	989,490	1,058,927	1,057,299	67,809
PUBLIC WORKS	1,758,044	1,957,317	1,795,485	1,991,580	1,831,264	35,779
PARKS & RECREATION	263,154	250,873	267,028	297,262	285,567	18,539
SENIORS	39,271	40,729	39,886	46,674	46,674	6,788
LIBRARY	375,257	399,722	464,065	510,226	508,376	44,311
FIXED	2,212,590	2,357,280	2,481,486	2,616,852	2,563,461	81,975
REIMBURSABLE	195,433	166,552	175,000	180,000	165,000	(10,000)
TOTAL OPERATING	\$7,688,688	\$8,276,714	\$8,321,272	\$ 9,158,849	\$8,861,444	\$ 540,172
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET			\$1,100,250	\$ 1,258,245	\$ 865,500	\$(234,750)
GRAND TOTAL GROSS APPROPRIATION BUDGET		\$8,276,714	\$9,421,522	\$10,417,094	\$9,726,944	\$ 305,422

**BUDGET SUMMARY
FISCAL 2009-2010**

	08-09	09-10	Difference	% Difference
Operating Budget	\$8,321,272	\$8,861,444	\$540,172	6.49%
Capital Budget	<u>\$1,100,250</u>	<u>\$865,500</u>	<u>-\$234,750</u>	-21.34%
Subtotal	\$9,421,522	\$9,726,944	\$305,422	3.24%
Revenue other than Taxes	<u>-\$2,106,070</u>	<u>-\$2,204,450</u>	<u>-\$ 98,380</u>	4.67%
To be raised by Taxes	\$7,315,452	\$7,522,494	\$207,042	2.83%

BUDGETED REVENUES

(other than taxes)

FISCAL 2009-2010

GENERAL	09-10	08-09	07-08	06-07
Fees and interest	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Legal fees on tax sales	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Payments in lieu of taxes	450,000	350,000	300,000	210,000
Readiness to Serve	66,000	65,000	65,000	60,000
TOTAL	622,000	521,000	471,000	376,000
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TOWN CLERK				
Licenses, fees and permits	80,200	75,000	80,000	81,000
Dog licenses	9,100	6,000	6,000	7,000
Liquor licenses	2,450	2,500	2,500	2,400
Town licenses	700	550	600	600
Marriage licenses	900	800	800	750
Hunting and Fishing licenses	600	600	725	725
Impound fees	500	500	0	0
Motor Vehicle Registrations	1,500	1,500	2,200	2,800
Passports	8,000	8,000	7,000	6,500
TOTAL	103,950	95,450	99,825	101,775
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PUBLIC WORKS				
Lots sold	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Burials	11,000	11,000	18,550	11,000
Interest public funds	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Class I highways	42,300	47,000	47,000	40,000
Class II highways	72,000	80,000	76,000	76,000
Class III highways	130,500	145,000	140,000	140,000
Recycling	75,000	50,000	40,000	40,000
Transfer station	200,000	220,000	220,000	222,000
C&D	25,000	25,000	10,000	0
Chester re-imburement	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
TOTAL	593,800	616,000	589,550	567,000

BUDGETED REVENUES

(other than taxes)

FISCAL 2009-2010

Continued

	09-10	08-09	07-08	06-07
POLICE				
Police reports	5,500	4,000	3,500	3,000
State/local fines	26,500	25,000	30,000	35,000
Alarms and escort fees	1,000	2,000	2,000	1,500
Parking fines and rentals	12,500	12,560	5,000	6,000
Contractual services	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
TOTAL	55,500	53,560	50,500	55,500
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FIRE/AMBULANCE				
Ambulance stand-by/dispatching	24,000	20,000	17,200	7,200
EMS/CD	0	0	0	0
Ambulance	355,000	345,000	325,000	300,000
Fire reports	0	100	100	100
Rental of hall	800	300	300	300
Miscellaneous	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Alarm boxes	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
SAFER Grant reimbursement	0	37,260	37,260	0
Hazardous waste reimbursement	800	800	800	800
TOTAL	395,700	418,560	395,760	323,500
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PARKS & RECREATION				
Receipts	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
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LIBRARY				
Fines etc.	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,500
Collection Cost Recovery	2,500	2,500	0	0
VSAC	2,000	2,000	1,500	1,000
Non-resident Borrowers fees	3,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Library Trust Funds	4,000	4,000	4,000	5,000
TOTAL	13,500	12,500	9,500	10,500

BUDGETED REVENUES

(other than taxes)

FISCAL 2009-2010

Continued

REIMBURSEMENTS & OTHER	09-10	08-09	07-08	06-07
Reappraisal Fund Transfer	0	0	50,000	200,000
School Treasurer	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Unclassified	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Invested fund interest	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Equipment fund reimbursement	108,000	202,000	495,000	172,000
Paving Reimbursement	100,000	0	0	0
Retaining Walls	0	0	0	0
Civic Impr. Project reimbursement	0	150,000	25,000	105,000
State Paving Grant	175,000	0	0	0
TOTAL	415,000	384,000	602,000	509,000
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GRAND TOTALS	2,204,450	2,106,070	2,223,135	1,948,275

PROPERTY TAX DUE DATES

THE TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE JULY 1, 2009-JUNE 30, 2010
FISCAL YEAR IS:

FIRST QUARTER: **AUGUST 17, 2009**

SECOND QUARTER: **OCTOBER 15, 2009**

THIRD QUARTER: **JANUARY 15, 2010**

FOURTH QUARTER: **APRIL 15, 2010**

ANY PAYMENT NOT RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED BY THE DUE DATE
WILL BE SUBJECT TO AN INTEREST CHARGE. ANY 2009-2010 TAX
BALANCE UNPAID ON APRIL 15, 2010, WILL BE ASSESSED A PENALTY
OF 8%.

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2008**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
 Town of Springfield
 Springfield, Vermont

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Springfield, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Springfield, Vermont's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Governmental Accounting Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Springfield, Vermont as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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In accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 21, 2009, on our consideration of the Town of Springfield, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 16 and 53 and 54, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Rutland, Vermont
January 21, 2009
VT Reg. No. 92-0000102

A.M. Peisch Company, LLP

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Town of Springfield, we offer readers of the Town of Springfield's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Springfield for the fiscal year that concluded June 30, 2008. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in our letter of transmittal and the Town's financial statements.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the Town of Springfield exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$30,200,624 (total net assets). This is a decrease of \$163,798 from the total net assets of the prior fiscal year. Of the total net assets amount, \$3,155,676 (total unrestricted net assets) may be used by the various funds of the Town to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to its citizens and creditors. This is a decrease of \$118,299 from the total unrestricted net assets of the prior fiscal year.
- As of the close of the most recent fiscal year, the Town of Springfield's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$7,869,284, an increase of \$621,824 in comparison with the prior year balance of \$7,247,460. Of this total amount, \$1,696,742 is available for spending at the government's discretion (total unreserved fund balance). Management has designated \$873,425 of this unreserved fund balance for specific purposes, leaving \$823,317 in unreserved undesignated fund balance.
- The net assets for the Town of Springfield's proprietary funds decreased from \$15,826,198 at the close of the prior year to \$15,377,128 at the close of the most recent fiscal year, a decrease of \$449,070.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town of Springfield's finances, in a manner similar to a private sector business.

The Statement of Net Assets presents information on all of the Town of Springfield's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, the increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town of Springfield is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. All the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

In the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, we divide the Town into two kinds of activities:

Governmental activities - Most of the Town's basic services are reported here, including the police, fire and ambulance, public works, parks and recreation, library, and general administration. Property taxes, state, and federal grants finance most of these activities.

Business-type activities - The Town charges a fee to customers in order to finance all or most of the cost of certain services that it provides. The Town's Water and Sewer Department and a small, dormant Solid Waste Fund are reported as business-type activities.

Fund Financial Statements - A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town of Springfield, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The funds of the Town of Springfield are divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental Funds - Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is more narrow than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. The amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets and the amounts reported in the Financial Funds Balance Sheet are different because:

1. Capital Assets (net of depreciation) used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.
2. Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and are therefore not reported in the funds.
3. Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.

The Town of Springfield maintains three individual governmental funds. They are the General Fund (Fund 1), the Special Revenue Fund (Fund 3), and the Capital Projects Fund. The General Fund is where most of the Town of Springfield's basic services as described above in Governmental Activities.

The Town of Springfield is a participant in the Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP), which provides funding for economic development and rehabilitation projects within the community. Under this program, funds are awarded to the Town in the form of grants. The Town then loans the funds to various local not-for-profit and business entities. Repayment of these loans establishes a revolving loan fund. In addition, the Town of Springfield has received various grants from the State, such as monies received in accordance with the Correctional Facility Agreement. The financial reporting of these activities is reported in the Special Revenue Fund.

The Capital Projects Fund was created with the proceeds from paving and sidewalk bonds. Due to the small size of this fund, it is reported in the fund financial statements as "Other Governmental Funds."

Proprietary Funds - When a Town charges customers for the services that it provides, these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. The enterprise funds, a component of proprietary funds, are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements, but provide more detail and additional information such as cash flows. The Town of Springfield has two enterprise funds: the Water and Sewer Fund (Fund 2) and the mostly dormant Solid Waste Fund. Due to the small size of this latter fund, it is reported as "Nonmajor Enterprise Fund" in all the statements for proprietary funds.

Fiduciary Funds - Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held in a trustee or agency capacity. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town of Springfield's ordinary operations. The accounting for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds. The Trustees of Public Funds administer these funds.

Notes to the Financial Statements - The notes provide additional information that is essential to a complete understanding of the date provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found immediately following the basic financial statements in this report.

Government-wide Financial Analysis.

**Town of Springfield
Statement of Net
Assets**

June 30, 2008

	Governmental Activities	Business- type Activities	Total
Assets			
Current and other assets	\$ 10,129,726	\$ 1,781,244	11,910,970
Capital assets	8,631,601	22,339,201	30,970,802
Total assets	18,761,327	24,120,445	42,881,772
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	905,349	73,037	978,386
Notes payable	3,032,482	5,170,280	8,202,762
Long-term liabilities	3,937,831	8,743,317	12,681,148
Total liabilities	7,875,662	14,686,634	22,562,296
Net Assets			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	6,021,601	13,783,326	19,804,927
Restricted	7,164,032	75,989	7,240,021

Unrestricted	1,637,863	1,517,813	3,155,676
Total net assets	\$ 14,823,496	\$ 15,377,128	\$ 30,200,624

As noted previously, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Town of Springfield, assets exceeded liabilities by \$30,200,624 at the close of the fiscal year, June 30, 2008. This compares to total net assets of \$30,364,422 as of June 30, 2007. This is a decrease of \$163,798, or 0.5 %, from the prior year. Major factors in this decrease include an increase in the amount of capital assets, net of related debt of \$217,294, a decrease in the amount Restricted for Other Purposes of \$200,556, and a decrease of \$118,299 in the amount of unrestricted assets available.

Of these net assets, \$19,804,927 (or 65.6% of total net assets) is invested in the Town of Springfield's capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, equipment, and infrastructure). The Town of Springfield uses these capital assets to provide services to its citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending unless the Town opts to reduce the services that it provides and is able to liquidate the assets that are no longer necessary due to this reduction in services. Although the Town of Springfield's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

\$7,240,021 (or 24.0% of total net assets) of the Town of Springfield's net assets represents resources that are subject to external restriction as to how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets, \$3,155,676 (or 10.4%), may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to its citizens and creditors. Included in unrestricted net assets are amounts that management has designated for particular purposes, such as capital reserve funds, and reserves for expenditures in future years.

For the year ended June 30, 2008, the Town of Springfield had total liabilities of \$12,681,148. Of this amount, long-term liabilities amounted to \$8,202,762 and \$4,478,386 was in the form of other liabilities. This compares to total liabilities as of June 30, 2007 of \$12,710,272, of which \$5,542,000 were long-term liabilities and other liabilities totaled \$7,168,272.

As of June 30, 2008, the Town of Springfield is able to report positive balances in both categories of net assets, governmental activities and business-type activities. The same situation held true for the prior fiscal year as well.

From the Statement of Activities, the total program revenues, consisting of charges for services (\$3,305,198), operating grants (\$697,833), and capital grants (\$791,233) for the government as a whole amounted to \$4,794,264. This amount does not include general revenues. The total amount of expenses was \$19,766,414. This resulted in a deficit of \$14,972,150 before general revenues are included. This compares to the prior year's total revenue of \$4,518,065, with \$3,390,552 in charges for services, \$604,655 in operating grants, and \$522,858 in capital grants. The total expenses for the prior year were \$18,971,824.

General revenues for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2008 totaled \$14,808,352, up from \$14,281,014 the prior year. The vast majority of general revenue was received in the form of

property taxes, \$14,399,336, up from \$13,455,831 in 2007. Other general revenues include: grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs, unrestricted investment earnings, fees and interest, and other small miscellaneous items. The net of the deficit above of \$14,972,150 and the general revenues of \$14,808,352 is a negative \$163,798. This is the decrease in net assets for the Town of Springfield for the year.

There is also a transfer from governmental activities to business-type activities of \$69,000. This amount is transferred to assist in the maintenance of the Pre-Treatment Facility, the storm drains, and the fire hydrants. These activities are properly expenses in governmental activities, though the work is performed by the personnel of the water and sewer department. As this transfer is internal to the government as a whole, it has no affect on the net assets of the town. In addition, there are transfers totaling \$18,622 from the Town's fiduciary funds (held by the Trustees of Public Funds). This amount includes the earnings in both the Library Trust Fund and the Cemetery Trust Fund that is transferred to the Town to support governmental activities. Lastly, there was a transfer of \$25,000 from the Town's economic development funds (in Fund 3) to the Town's Roof Drain account (in Fund 2).

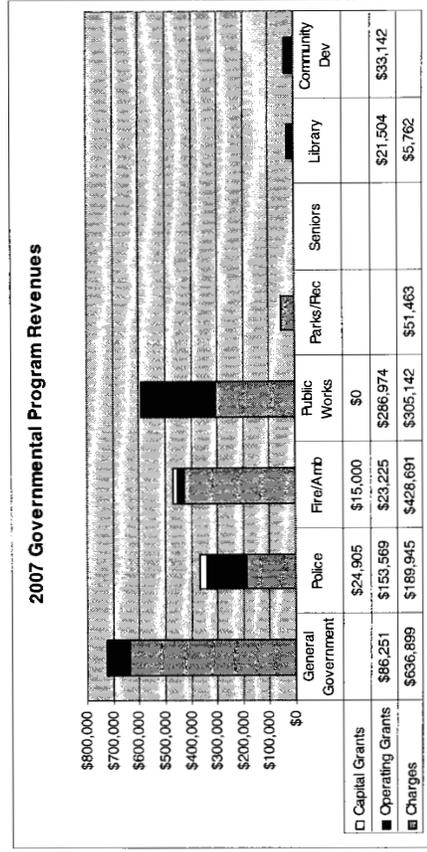
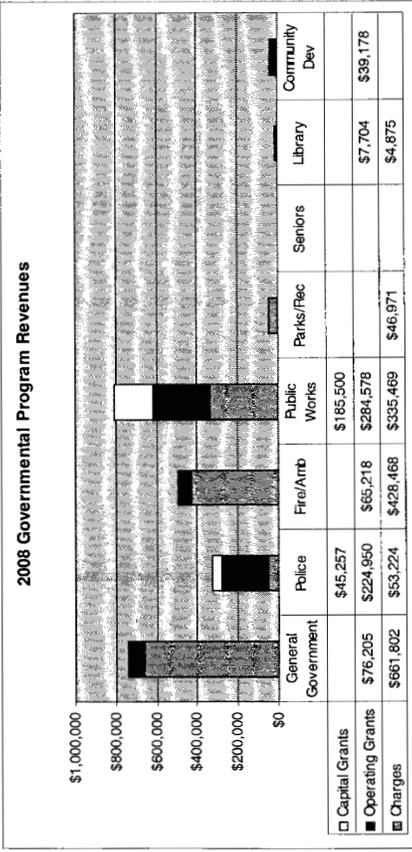
Governmental Activities.

Governmental Activities increased the Town of Springfield's net assets by \$285,272 during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2008. Major factors in this increase include a net increase in fund balances of \$621,824 and a decrease of \$380,793 that was net of an increase in capital outlays less depreciation (\$1,869,207) and the proceeds of long term bond proceeds (\$2,250,000). The majority of the balance of the increase is due to the accounting for the repayment of bond and notes principal and the fact that the amount paid out for compensated absences exceeded the amount earned. In the prior year, the Town of Springfield's net assets increased by \$157,530. Major factors in this increase include the net increase in capital assets of \$1,102,464, a decrease in the net assets of the Special Revenue Fund (Grants, Revolving Loans, Civic Improvement Investment Account) of \$320,273, and a depreciation expense of \$517,443.

Governmental Activities are funded in three ways: charging for services, operating grants, and capital grants. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, the total program revenues for governmental activities were \$2,459,399, up from the prior year's total of \$2,262,462. The total current year charges for services were \$1,530,809. The programs that receive the most revenue for services are General Government (\$661,802, mostly for Payments in Lieu of Taxes, Current Use, Town Clerk fees, and the Readiness to Serve payment from the Correctional Facility), Fire and Ambulance (\$428,468, primarily for Ambulance revenue), and Public Works (\$335,469, a majority of which is due to activity at the transfer/recycling station).

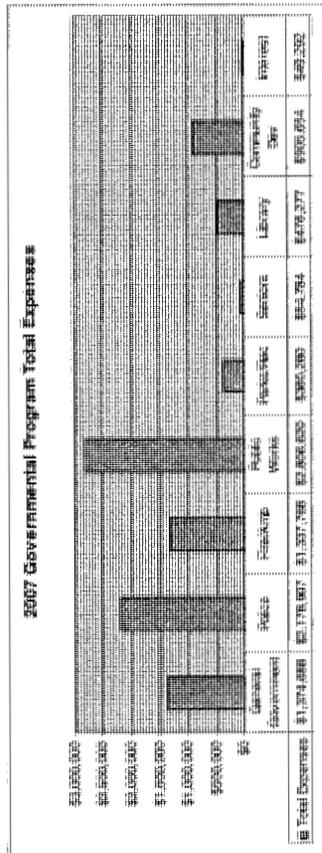
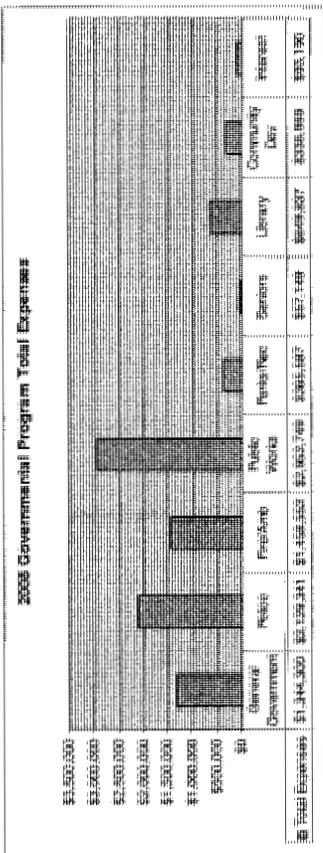
The total revenue received in operating grants for governmental activities was \$697,833. The largest portion of this amount was received from the state for highway maintenance. The total revenue received in capital grants for governmental activities was \$230,757. Of this amount, the Police Department received \$45,257 from a Homeland Security Grant, and the Public Works Department received grants totaling \$185,500, the largest portion of which was \$175,000 for paving on South Street.

For a complete breakdown of the program revenues in governmental activities and a comparison to the prior year numbers, please see the two charts below.



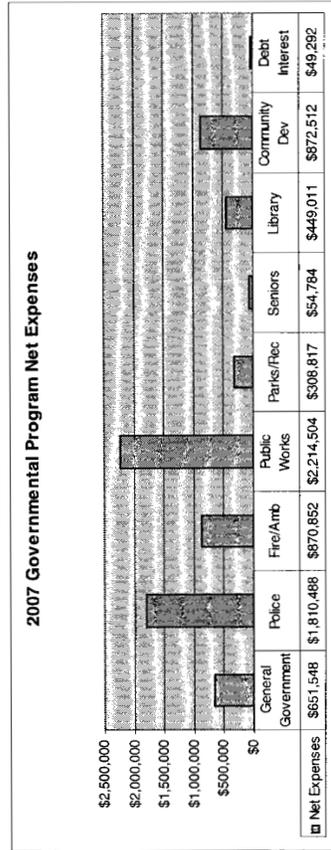
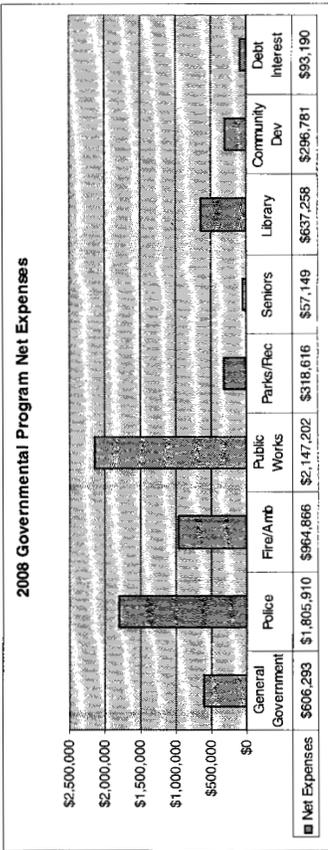
The total expenses for Governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2008, not including the \$7481,764 payment to the school district for Education, was \$9,386,664. This compares to the total expenses for Governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2007, not including the \$6,647,299 payment to the school district for Education, of \$9,544,270. This is a decrease of \$157,606.

For a complete breakdown of the total expense by program in governmental activities and a comparison to the prior year numbers, please see the two charts below.



From the Statement of Activities, the total net expense for governmental activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 was \$14,409,029, up from \$13,929,107 the prior year. After deducting the payment to the school district, the net expense for municipal government operations was \$6,927,265, down from \$7,281,808 in 2007.

The two tables below shows how this amount was distributed by function for the current fiscal year as well as the prior year for comparison.



Business-type Activities

Business-type activities decreased the Town of Springfield's net assets by \$449,070 during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2008. The net assets decreased even though the Town continued to receive contributions from outside sources towards the three major water projects. These capital contributions totaled \$560,476. The primary reason that net assets decreased was depreciation. The total other capital assets (those assets other than land and construction in progress), net of depreciation, decreased from \$20,042,075 to \$19,227,034. This is a decrease of \$815,041. The total depreciation expense for the year was \$986,526. Unless capital upgrades match the depreciation expense, it can be expected that the decline in net capital assets will continue. Grants towards capital assets, like the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Project, are considered capital contributions.

The program revenues for the business-type activities totaled \$2,334,865. Of this amount, \$1,774,389 was received from charges for services in the water and sewer department. The

remaining program revenues, \$560,476, were received in the form of capital grants from the State of Vermont and USDA Rural Development as part of the funding packages for the CSO Project.

The balance of the business-type activities, a decrease of \$1,009,546 is the result of an operating loss of \$1,123,597 net of a transfer from governmental activities of \$94,000 and unrestricted investment earnings of \$20,051. The depreciation expense, mentioned above, and which is included in the operating loss amount, was \$986,526 accounts for nearly all of the operating decrease. The total operating revenue was \$1,774,389, compared to the prior year's total operating revenue of \$1,772,650. The total operating expenses were \$2,897,986, compared to the prior year total of \$2,780,255.

Governmental Funds

As noted earlier, the Town of Springfield uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related requirements. The focus of the Town of Springfield's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town of Springfield's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

At the end of the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2008, the Town of Springfield's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$7,869,284, an increase of \$621,824 in comparison to the prior year \$7,247,460. The unreserved fund balance, which is available for spending at the government's discretion, is \$1,696,742. The Town of Springfield has designated \$831,441 of this unreserved fund balance for various purposes, including capital reserve funds and expenditures in subsequent periods. The remainder of the fund balance is reserved to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it has already been committed to long-term receivables (\$2,938,905), prepaid expenses (\$96,938), economic development (-\$102,367), and other special purposes (\$3,239,066).

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the Town of Springfield. As of June 30, 2008, the fund balance of the general fund was \$1,851,696. Of this amount, the unreserved, undesignated fund balance was \$823,317, designated fund balance was \$831,441, and reserved fund balance was \$196,938.

The Town of Springfield's general fund balance increased by \$830,611 during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2008. The primary factors in this increase are:

- The Town received the long term proceeds for the bond in connection to the purchase and renovation of the former Lucas Industries property on Clinton Street to be the site of the new police facility. Due to accounting regulations, the proceeds received from the Bond (\$2,250,000) are included as revenue entirely in this year, though a significant portion of the expenses (\$883,864) occurred in the prior year and were the major factor in a prior year decline in fund balance. Therefore, the large increase in the fund balance was expected and budgeted for.
- The long winter led to a deficit in winter road maintenance budget line.

- The Town Clerk/Treasurer retired on June 30, 2008. The expense associated with her retirement was not budgeted.
- The amount that the Town received from the State for the Current Use program exceeded budgeted expectations.

The fund balance for the Town of Springfield's special revenue fund decreased by \$208,787. This was due to an decrease in the value of the investments, primarily the Civic Improvement Project Investment Account, and the expenditure of special revenue funds during the current year that had been received in prior years.

Proprietary Funds

The Town of Springfield's proprietary funds reports provide the same type of information found in the government-wide statements, only in more detail.

The total net assets for the water and sewer fund decreased from \$15,823,255 on June 30, 2007 to \$15,374,185 on June 30, 2008, a decrease of \$449,070. Of the total net assets for the fund, \$13,783,326 was invested in capital assets, net of any related debt, \$75,989 was restricted for capital purposes, and the remaining \$1,514,870 was unrestricted fund balance. As mentioned above in the discussion of business-type activities, the primary reasons for the change in the total net assets in the water and sewer fund were the capital contributions received from outside sources for the water projects less the decrease in net value of the capital assets due to depreciation. There is also a Non-major enterprise fund for Solid Waste. The balance of this fund is \$2,943. There was no activity in this fund during the year.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The above analysis and financial data was developed based on generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Town of Springfield also provides this information on a budgetary basis. A simple example using the purchase of a vehicle will clarify the difference between GAAP and budgetary. Under GAAP, the expense of the vehicle is the decrease in value over the course of the year due to depreciation. If the vehicle cost \$25,000 and is expected to be in service for 5 years, the annual GAAP expense is \$5,000 for each of the five years. On a budgetary basis, the entire expense of the vehicle is recorded in the year of purchase. The following analysis will be on the budgetary basis.

The Town bases its tax revenue budget on 100% of current year taxes due. It is expected that the delinquent tax collections will offset the shortfall in current year tax collection. This year, while the Town was able to collect \$191,000 in delinquent taxes, the shortfall in current year collections was approximately \$286,000. Thus, there was a net shortfall of \$95,000 in revenues due to tax collection activity. Also in revenues, the Town budgeted \$300,000 for payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT). This revenue comes mainly from the State for state property and the current use program. The actual revenue last year was \$431,000, exceeding budget by \$131,000. As the current use program funding can be reduced, the Town does not budget for this entire amount. Transfer Station Revenue exceeded budget by \$19,000. Ambulance Revenue also exceeded budget by \$42,000.

As mentioned previously, the largest unbudgeted activity was connected with the purchase and initial renovations for the new police facility. The long term bond proceeds increased revenue by \$2,250,000 while the current year expenditures were \$1,275,378. In addition, due to the retirement payout for the Town Clerk/Treasurer, the salary expense line for the Town Clerk Department exceeded budget by approximately \$53,000.

The other budgetary areas where there was a significant difference were those related to winter in Vermont. During the long winter that Springfield experienced, there were more than 20 storm events, events that require plowing and the application of winter road materials. This led to a budgetary deficit of \$86,000 in the winter road maintenance line and \$69,000 in the related overtime salary line. In an effort to re-enforce dirt roads and road beds, the summer road maintenance line was over by roughly \$21,000. Finally, due to our experience, the Workers' Compensation account was under budget for the first time in several years by \$37,000.

The Town of Springfield did not have any significant changes from the original budget and the final budget for the 2008 fiscal year. However, it should be noted that \$90,000 was allocated in the budget for salary increases as negotiations with the Town's four bargaining groups had not been completed. This amount was not re-allocated through the salary lines after negotiations were completed, creating budgetary deficits in the various salary lines that was, mostly, offset by the unexpended \$90,000 budgeted for salary increases as a whole.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets-

The Town of Springfield's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2008 amounts to \$19,804,927 (net of accumulated depreciation and related debt). This is an increase of \$217,294 from the June 30, 2007 total of \$19,587,633. Of the current amount, \$6,021,601 is invested in the capital assets for governmental activities and \$13,783,326 is invested in the capital assets of business-type activities. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, vehicles and equipment, roads and bridges, and water and wastewater distribution and collection systems. This amount does not include infrastructure (roads, bridges, retaining walls, etc.) that was put in place prior to July 1, 2003. As the Town of Springfield had an operating budget of under \$10,000,000 as of July 1, 1999, it was not required to retroactively report infrastructure assets in order to comply with GASB 34. As capital infrastructure work is completed in future years, these assets will be recorded.

Major capital asset events during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2008 include:

- Continuation of the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) project. New work completed during this fiscal year totaled \$1,124,184. The total spent on CSO as of June 30, 2008 was \$8,677,423. The current contract was 99% complete as of 6/30/08. This will be capitalized in the next fiscal year.
- The Town completed the Police Station renovations and moved into the new facility January 29, 2008. Current year expenditures were \$1,275,378.
- The Town reclaimed and paved South Street from the High School to Scrabble Four Corners (\$325,351) and completed the Massey Road project (\$89,242).
- The Fire Department purchased a Typhoon Pumper at a cost of \$303,109.

- The Fire Department a new Power Cot (\$11,332) and a new Thermal Imager (\$12,543).
- The Town purchased a new police patrol car at a cost of \$23,672 and a 2006 Durango at a cost of \$19,043.
- The Town purchased a new truck (\$125,859) for Public Works.
- The Town replaced the mechanic lift at the Town Garage (\$91,000).
- Depreciation of all capital assets totaled \$1,562,698.

Debt Administration-

As of June 30, 2008, the Town of Springfield had debt totaling \$11,260,858. The Town of Springfield has three long term water and wastewater projects, the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) project, the Wastewater Treatment Plant project, and the Water project. The Wastewater Treatment Plant project, for which the Town voted to authorize up to a \$4,500,000 bond has been completed, with the Town bonding for a final amount of \$1,784,180. The Town has voted to authorize a total of \$12,000,000 in bonds for the remaining two projects (\$8,000,000 for CSO and \$4,000,000 for Water). It is expected that the Town will request additional bonding authority at the March 2009 Town Meeting in order to complete these two projects. As bonds are issued at completion of a project, it is necessary to borrow "in anticipation" of these bonds in order to cover the expenses of the projects during construction until the final financing has been obtained. The Town has borrowed \$3,500,000 in the form of Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN). These notes are at 2.49% interest and come due June 12, 2009. The Town also signed a BAN for \$2,250,000 for the new police facility and Town Hall renovations in anticipation of receiving the long term bond proceeds. This note accrues interest at 2.40% and is payable on or before August 15, 2008.

In addition, the Town has a commitment of \$327,500 in accrued compensated absences to its employees in the governmental units. The Town has a further commitment of \$147,797 to its employees in the business-type activities (water and sewer). This is the amount that the Town has set aside to pay employees for accrued sick time when they retire at some point in the future.

The balance of the debt, \$7,760,858, is in the form of signed notes and bonds. Here is a chart of these commitments:

Town of Springfield Long Term Notes as of June 30, 2008

Governmental	Interest Rate	Date of Final Pmt	Original Amount	Town Debt 6/30/2007	Town Debt 6/30/08
Chittenden**see note	3.9%	6/13/2008	\$100,000	\$50,000	
EPA Loan**see note	0%	4/1/2009	\$173,000	\$138,000	\$94,982
VT Muni Bond Bank	2.8%-4.98%	12/1/2016	\$600,000	\$400,000	\$360,000
Renovation Bond***	2.40%	8/15/2008	\$2,250,000		\$2,250,000
Total			\$3,123,000	\$588,000	\$2,704,982

Water/Sewer					
USDA Rural Dev	4.5%	12/1/2033	\$1,784,180	\$1,675,758	\$1,641,811

The Town of Springfield approved a general fund budget for the 2009 fiscal year in the amount of \$9,421,522. This represents an increase of \$327,733, or 3.6%, over the approved budget for the previous year. Of the total budgeted amount, \$8,321,272 is budgeted for the operating budget, and increase of \$222,483, or 2.7%, over the operating budget for the previous year. The budget for capital expenditures is \$1,100,250, an increase of \$105,250, or 10.6%, over the prior year's capital budget. The Town has budgeted for \$495,000 of this amount to be received from the Town's designated reserve funds and other reserved funds in order to minimize the increase in the tax rate due to the Town's planned capital improvements. The combined municipal and school tax rate for Springfield residents for fiscal year 2009 is \$2.34 per \$100 of assessed value. The combined municipal and school tax rate for non-residents is \$2.4081 per \$100 of assessed value.

For the fiscal year 2009, the water rate increased from \$1.49 to \$1.55 per 100 cubic feet and the sewer rate increased to \$4.82 per 100 cubic feet from \$4.64. These small increases in the water and sewer rates demonstrate the Water and Wastewater Department's commitment to keep the cost of water reasonable. However, as the Department begins repayment on subsequent phases of the CSO and Water Pressurization Projects, it is expected that these rates will need to be increased accordingly in the future.

It must be noted that in accordance with the Correctional Facility Agreement, the Correctional Facility (which opened in September 2003) pays double the regular water and sewer rates for a period of 20 years. Without this surcharge, the water rate would increase roughly 6 cents per 100 cubic feet of metered usage and the sewer rate would increase approximately 21 cents per hundred cubic feet.

Also in accordance with the Correctional Facility Agreement, the State is paying the first \$1,000,000 on CSO loans. This is in addition to the Rural Development loan mentioned above. The State is currently paying roughly \$97,000 per year on the Town's behalf for these loans and, as of 6/30/08 had paid a total of \$339,000 on these loans. When the rate payers have to pay these loans, the sewer rate will increase about 34 cents per hundred cubic feet of metered usage.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of Springfield's finances for all those interested in the Town's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report, or requests for additional financial information, should be addressed to the Office of the Comptroller, Town of Springfield, 96 Main Street, Springfield, VT 05156.

VT Muni Bond Bank:					
RF1-019	0%	10/1/2022	\$906,537	\$696,120	\$686,726
RF3-034	3%	10/1/2021	\$597,700	\$261,321	\$247,271
RF1-055	0%	9/1/2024	\$1,001,957	\$863,954	\$882,766
Total			\$5,940,374	\$4,518,718	\$5,055,876
Combined Total			\$9,063,374	\$5,106,718	\$7,760,858

EPA- Mary Jane O'Donnell from the EPA provided this balance as of June 30, 2008. The EPA will send updates as of June 30 each year.

Renovation- The Bond Anticipation Note is for 1 year. However, the Town's intention, as evidenced by the bond vote of November 7, 2006, is to finance this project with a general obligation bonds. Since these bonds have not been issued, there is no payment schedule. In March 2008, this BAN was switched to Citizens Bank Note that the first BAN was from Chittenden at 3.74%. This BAN was retired using the funds from Citizens. The Town did apply for the Bond in May of 2008 for the Bond sale that was held in July 2008. The proceeds from the Bond were used to retire the BAN when it came due in August 2008.

Note: According to the Correctional Facility Agreement, the State is paying the first \$1,000,000 on the CSO bonds. To date the State has paid \$ 338,998.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

- The taxable grand list (total assessed value divided by 100) for the Town of Springfield grew from \$6,458,247 as of June 30, 2007 to \$6,631,827 for the 2008/2009 fiscal year. This is an increase of 2.7%.
- The Commercial Grand List grew from \$115,899,300 to \$126,011,050 for 2008/2009.
- The unemployment rate in Springfield as of June 30, 2008 was 5.2%, up from 4.8% a year earlier. This compares with a rate of 4.7% statewide, up from 3.8%. It should be further noted that as of November 30, 2008, the Town's unemployment rate increased further to 6.1% and the State's rate increased to 5.7%.
- The rates of increase in the prices of health insurance, heating fuel, vehicle fuel, and education have grown faster than the general inflationary trend.
- Designated capital reserve funds at the end of June 30, 2008 amounted to \$336,631. These funds are available for appropriation to fund capital and equipment purchases in coming years.
- Under Act 68, there are now different tax rates for Springfield residents than non-residents. Homestead residential properties now pay \$0.0681 less than non-residential properties per \$100 of assessed value.

All of these factors were considered in preparing the Town of Springfield's budget and setting the tax rates for the 2009 fiscal year.

**Town of Springfield
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenue			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Governmental Activities							
General Government	\$ 1,344,300	\$ 661,802	\$ 76,205	\$ -	\$ (606,293)	\$ -	\$ (606,293)
Police	2,129,341	53,224	224,950	45,257	(1,805,910)	-	(1,805,910)
Fire and ambulance	1,458,552	428,468	65,218	-	(964,866)	-	(964,866)
Public Works	2,952,749	335,469	284,578	185,500	(2,147,202)	-	(2,147,202)
Parks and recreation	365,587	46,971	-	-	(318,616)	-	(318,616)
Senior Citizens	57,149	-	-	-	(57,149)	-	(57,149)
Library	649,837	4,875	7,704	-	(637,258)	-	(637,258)
Community Development	335,959	-	39,178	-	(296,781)	-	(296,781)
Education (payment to school district)	7,481,764	-	-	-	(7,481,764)	-	(7,481,764)
Interest on debt	93,190	-	-	-	(93,190)	-	(93,190)
Total governmental activities	16,868,428	1,530,809	697,833	230,757	(14,409,029)	-	(14,409,029)
Business-type activities:							
Water and sewer fund	2,897,986	1,774,389	-	560,476	-	(563,121)	(563,121)
Total business-type activities	2,897,986	1,774,389	-	560,476	-	(563,121)	(563,121)
Total	\$ 19,766,414	\$ 3,305,198	\$ 697,833	\$ 791,233	\$ (14,409,029)	\$ (563,121)	\$ (14,972,150)
General revenues:							
Property taxes, levied for general purposes					14,399,336	-	14,399,336
Unrestricted investment earnings					239,419	20,051	259,470
Unrestricted Fees					107,123	-	107,123
Miscellaneous					23,801	-	23,801
Transfers					(75,378)	94,000	18,622
Total general revenues and transfers					14,694,301	114,051	14,808,352
Change in net assets					285,272	(449,070)	(163,798)
Net assets - beginning					14,538,224	15,826,198	30,364,422
Net assets - ending					\$ 14,823,496	\$ 15,377,128	\$ 30,200,624

See accompanying notes.

**Town of Springfield
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2008**

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,343,389	\$ 1,293,155	\$ 4,636,544
Investments	3,097,757	-	3,097,757
Receivables (net)	3,095,406	755,467	3,850,873
Internal Balances	402,230	(399,436)	2,794
Due from Other Governmental Agencies	75,110	-	75,110
Inventories	-	126,814	126,814
Prepaid expenses	96,938	5,244	102,182
Tax sale real estate	18,896	-	18,896
Capital Assets:			
Land, improvements, and construction in progress	466,189	3,112,167	3,578,356
Other Capital Assets, net of depreciation	8,165,412	19,227,034	27,392,446
Total Capital Assets	8,631,601	22,339,201	30,970,802
Total Assets	18,761,327	24,120,445	42,881,772
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	905,349	73,037	978,386
Notes payable	-	3,500,000	3,500,000
Long-term liabilities			
Due within one year	75,000	177,861	252,861
Due in more than one year	2,957,482	4,992,419	7,949,901
Total liabilities	3,937,831	8,743,317	12,681,148
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	6,021,601	13,783,326	19,804,927
Restricted for:			
Capital projects	147,706	75,989	223,695
Economic development	3,822,854	-	3,822,854
Other purposes	3,193,472	-	3,193,472
Unrestricted	1,637,863	1,517,813	3,155,676
Total net assets	\$ 14,823,496	\$ 15,377,128	\$ 30,200,624

See accompanying notes.

Town of Springfield
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2008

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
June 30, 2008

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,434,566	\$ 631,989	\$ 104,167	\$ 2,170,722
Cash - Weathersfield Dam	142,565	-	-	142,565
Cash - Certificates of Deposit	-	1,030,102	-	1,030,102
Investments	-	3,097,757	-	3,097,757
Delinquent property taxes	456,262	-	-	456,262
Receivables, net	179,818	2,459,326	-	2,639,144
Receivable from other governments	75,110	-	-	75,110
Due from other funds	591,020	-	-	591,020
Other assets	18,896	-	-	18,896
Prepaid expenses	96,938	-	-	96,938
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,995,175</u>	<u>\$ 7,219,174</u>	<u>\$ 104,167</u>	<u>\$ 10,318,516</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 227,358	\$ 55,680	\$ -	\$ 283,038
Accrued payroll and related taxes	190,709	-	-	190,709
Due to other funds	-	126,607	62,183	188,790
Deferred revenue	312,221	1,061,283	-	1,373,504
Accrued vacation pay	413,191	-	-	413,191
Total liabilities	<u>1,143,479</u>	<u>1,243,570</u>	<u>62,183</u>	<u>2,449,232</u>

Fund balances:

Reserved for:				
Long-term receivables	-	2,938,905	-	2,938,905
Economic Development	-	(102,367)	-	(102,367)
Prepaid expenses	96,938	-	-	96,938
Special purposes	100,000	3,139,066	-	3,239,066
Unreserved				
Designated for special purposes	336,631	-	-	336,631
Designated for future expenditures	494,810	-	-	494,810
Undesignated	823,317	-	-	823,317
Unreserved, reported in non-major:				
Capital projects fund	-	-	41,984	41,984
Total fund balances	<u>1,851,696</u>	<u>5,975,604</u>	<u>41,984</u>	<u>7,869,284</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 2,995,175</u>	<u>\$ 7,219,174</u>	<u>\$ 104,167</u>	<u>\$ 10,318,516</u>

TOTAL FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS \$ 7,869,284

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds. The cost of the assets is \$12,355,534, and the accumulated depreciation is \$3,723,933. 8,631,601

Deferred revenues are recognized on an accrual basis in the statement of net assets, not the modified accrual basis. Deferred revenues at year end consist of:

Deferred grant revenue	\$ 1,061,283
Deferred tax revenue	<u>312,221</u>
	1,373,504

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds. Long-term liabilities at year end consist of:

Bonds and notes payable	2,704,982
Accrued interest on bonds and notes payable	18,411
Accrued compensated absences	<u>327,500</u>
	(3,050,893)

TOTAL NET ASSETS - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES \$ 14,823,496

See accompanying notes.

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Town of Springfield
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	\$ 14,510,110	-	-	\$ 14,510,110
Less payments to School District	7,481,764	-	-	7,481,764
Net Taxes	7,028,346	-	-	7,028,346
Payments in lieu of taxes	497,494	-	-	497,494
Intergovernmental revenue	228,131	173,105	-	401,236
Collector's fees and interest	109,459	-	-	109,459
Licenses, fees and permits	120,169	41,531	-	161,700
Charges for services	1,181,651	-	-	1,181,651
Investment earnings	93,560	142,990	-	236,550
Miscellaneous	41,803	971	-	42,774
Other reimbursements	22,857	-	-	22,857
Total revenues	<u>9,323,470</u>	<u>358,597</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,682,067</u>

EXPENDITURES				
Current operations:				
Finance and administration	768,437	4,301	-	772,738
Police	2,600,597	4,027	-	2,604,624
Fire and ambulance	956,740	-	-	956,740
Public works	1,816,600	-	-	1,816,600
Parks and recreation	241,361	46,253	-	287,614
Senior Citizens	40,897	-	-	40,897
Library	411,679	-	-	411,679
Fixed costs	2,117,723	-	-	2,117,723
Other	166,554	30,300	-	196,854
Special appropriations	177,600	-	-	177,600
Windsor County Tax	55,695	-	-	55,695
Grant expenditures	-	208,324	-	208,324
SVRCF expense	-	163,367	-	163,367
Debt service:				
Principal	90,000	-	-	90,000
Interest and other charges	103,082	-	-	103,082
Capital Outlay	1,231,328	-	-	1,231,328
Total Expenditures	<u>10,778,293</u>	<u>456,572</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,234,865</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(1,454,823)</u>	<u>(97,975)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,552,798)</u>

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Proceeds from long-term debt, net	2,250,000	-	-	2,250,000
Transfers in	104,434	-	-	104,434
Transfers out	(69,000)	(110,812)	-	(179,812)
Total other financing sources and uses	<u>2,285,434</u>	<u>(110,812)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,174,622</u>
Net increase (decrease) in fund balances	830,611	(208,787)	-	621,824
Fund balances - beginning	1,021,085	6,184,391	41,984	7,247,460
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 1,851,696</u>	<u>\$ 5,975,604</u>	<u>\$ 41,984</u>	<u>\$ 7,869,284</u>

See accompanying notes.

Town of Springfield, Vermont
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT
OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

TOTAL NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS \$ 621,824

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays net of disposals and adjustments (\$2,445,380) exceeds depreciation expense (\$576,173) in the period. 1,869,207

Property taxes and principal payments on notes receivable are recognized on an accrual basis in the statement of net assets, not the modified accrual basis. The deferred property taxes decreased \$110,774. The deferred grant revenue decreased \$7,384. (118,158)

Repayment of bond and notes principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. 133,018

Proceeds of long-term debt issued is recorded as revenue in the governmental funds and as a long-term liability in the statement of net assets (2,250,000)

In the statement of activities, accrued compensated absences are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially the amounts actually paid). This year, compensated absences used exceeded the amounts earned by \$19,489. 19,489

Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due. The decreased interest reported in the statement of activities is because accrued interest on bonds and notes payable decreased. 9,892

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES \$ 285,272

See accompanying notes.

Town of Springfield
Statement of Net Assets
Proprietary Funds
June 30, 2008

	Enterprise Funds		Total
	Water and Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,290,212	\$ 2,943	\$ 1,293,155
Accounts Receivable, net	755,467	-	755,467
Due from other funds	11,144	-	11,144
Inventories	126,814	-	126,814
Prepaid Expenses	5,244	-	5,244
Total current assets	2,188,881	2,943	2,191,824
Non-current assets:			
Capital Assets:			
Land and improvements	281,434	-	281,434
Utility System	11,426,577	-	11,426,577
Construction in Progress	2,830,733	-	2,830,733
Buildings	15,470,187	-	15,470,187
Equipment and Furniture	1,698,109	-	1,698,109
Less Accumulated depreciation	31,707,040	-	31,707,040
Total non-current assets	(9,367,839)	-	(9,367,839)
Total assets	22,339,201	-	22,339,201
	24,528,082	2,943	24,531,025
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	16,936	-	16,936
Salaries payable	33,392	-	33,392
Accrued interest payable	22,709	-	22,709
Due to other funds	410,580	-	410,580
Notes payable	3,500,000	-	3,500,000
Current portion of long-term obligations	177,861	-	177,861
Total current liabilities	4,161,478	-	3,983,617
Non-current liabilities:			
Compensated absences	114,405	-	114,405
Long-term obligations, less current portion	4,878,014	-	4,878,014
Total non-current liabilities	4,992,419	-	4,992,419
Total liabilities	9,153,897	-	8,976,036
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	13,783,326	-	13,783,326
Restricted for capital projects	75,989	-	75,989
Unrestricted	1,514,870	2,943	1,517,813
Total net assets	\$ 15,374,185	\$ 2,943	\$ 15,377,128

See accompanying notes.

Town of Springfield
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Enterprise Funds		Total
	Water and Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	
REVENUES			
Water Sales	\$ 621,659	\$ -	\$ 621,659
Sewer Sales	1,123,479	-	1,123,479
Total operating revenues	1,745,138	-	1,745,138
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Wages	678,467	-	678,467
Administrative Expenses	14,355	-	14,355
Maintenance expenses	199,259	-	199,259
Wastewater expenses	396,464	-	396,464
Dewatering and composting	46,566	-	46,566
Repairs and maintenance	13,994	-	13,994
Fixed Charges	371,492	-	371,492
Depreciation	986,526	-	986,526
Total operating expenses	2,707,123	-	2,707,123
Operating loss	(961,985)	-	(961,985)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)			
Interest and investment revenue	20,051	-	20,051
Access fee income	29,251	-	29,251
Gain on disposal of assets	12,377	-	12,377
Interest expense	(203,240)	-	(203,240)
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	(141,561)	-	(141,561)
Loss before contributions and transfers	(1,103,546)	-	(1,103,546)
Capital contributions	560,476	-	560,476
Transfers in	94,000	-	94,000
Change in net assets	(449,070)	-	(449,070)
Total net assets - beginning	15,823,255	2,943	15,826,198
Total net assets - ending	\$ 15,374,185	\$ 2,943	\$ 15,377,128

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Town of Springfield
Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets
Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2008

	Water and Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	Total Enterprise Funds	<u>Private Purpose Trust Fund</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Cash received from customers	\$ 1,723,030	\$ -	\$ 1,723,030	
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(1,651,124)	-	(1,651,124)	
Cash payments to employees for services	(618,963)	-	(618,963)	
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>(547,057)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(547,057)</u>	
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Change in due from/due to other funds	174,371	-	174,371	
Transfers from other funds	94,000	-	94,000	
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>268,371</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>268,371</u>	
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(1,951,289)	-	(1,951,289)	
Interest capitalized on construction of assets	(68,104)	-	(68,104)	
Capital contributions	791,122	-	791,122	
Proceeds of long-term debt issued	694,928	-	694,928	
Principal paid	(72,260)	-	(72,260)	
Interest paid	(203,130)	-	(203,130)	
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	<u>(808,733)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(808,733)</u>	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Interest on investments	20,051	-	20,051	
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>20,051</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,051</u>	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(1,067,368)	-	(1,067,368)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	2,357,580	2,943	2,360,523	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 1,290,212</u>	<u>\$ 2,943</u>	<u>\$ 1,293,155</u>	
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH FLOWS USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Operating loss	\$ (961,985)	\$ -	\$ (961,985)	
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation	986,526	-	986,526	
Provision for losses on receivables	11,500	-	11,500	
Access fees received from customers	29,251	-	29,251	
Change in assets and liabilities:				
Increase in receivables	(62,859)	-	(62,859)	
Increase in inventory	(29,081)	-	(29,081)	
Increase in prepaid expenses	7,220	-	7,220	
Decrease in accounts payable	(587,133)	-	(587,133)	
Increase in accrued liabilities	59,504	-	59,504	
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>\$ (547,057)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (547,057)</u>	
NONCASH CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Capital related debt payments made by the State of Vermont and included in income as contributed capital - \$85,511				

See accompanying notes.

See accompanying notes.

Town of Springfield
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets
Fiduciary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

	<u>Private Purpose Trust Fund</u>
ADDITIONS	
Contributions	\$ 32,274
Investment earnings:	
Decrease in fair value of investments,	(60,843)
net of realized gain	66,450
Interest and dividends	5,607
Total investment earnings	(6,919)
Less Investment activity expense	(1,312)
Net investment loss	30,962
Total additions	12,768
DEDUCTIONS	
Program disbursements	18,622
Transfers to Town funds	31,390
Total deductions	(428)
Change in net assets	1,102,420
Net assets - beginning	\$ 1,101,992
Net assets - ending	

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Town of Springfield is an incorporated municipality operating under "The Comprehensive Revision of the Charter of the Town of Springfield, Vermont" approved by the voters May 21, 1985. The Town operates under a Board of Selectmen-Manager form of government. The Town's major operations include police and fire protection, ambulance service, public works, library, parks and recreation, and general administrative services. In addition, the Town owns and operates a water and sewer system.

The Town of Springfield, Vermont's financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) applicable to state and local governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). Governments are also required to follow the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued through November 30, 1989 (when applicable) that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. Although the Town has the option to apply FASB pronouncements issued after that date to its business-type activities and enterprise funds, the Town has chosen not to do so. The more significant policies established in GAAP and used by the Town are discussed below.

A. Reporting entity

In evaluating how to define the government for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in U. S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The basic, but not the only, criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to influence operations significantly, and accountability for fiscal matters.

A second criterion used to evaluate potential component units is the scope of public service. Application of this criterion involves considering whether the activity benefits the government and/or its citizens and whether the activity is conducted within the geographic boundaries of the government and is generally available to its citizens.

A third criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the government is able to exercise oversight responsibilities.

Based on the application of these three criteria, the following is a brief review of each potential component unit addressed in defining the government's reporting entity.

See accompanying notes.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

The Springfield Trustees of Public Funds are included in the reporting entity. The Trustees are responsible for the administration and management of public trust funds. These funds are required to be kept separate and apart from the other Town funds.

Excluded from the reporting entity:

- Springfield School District
- Springfield Housing Authority
- Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District

B. Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide Statements

The Town's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the Town as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the Town's major funds). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. The Town's police and fire protection, ambulance service, public works, library, parks and recreation, and general administrative services are classified as governmental activities. The Town's water and sewer services are classified as business-type activities. Fiduciary Funds are excluded from governmental-wide statements.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Assets, both the governmental and business-type activities columns (a) are presented on a consolidated basis by column, and (b) are reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The Town's net assets are reported in three parts - invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted net assets; and unrestricted net assets. The Town first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the Town's functions and business-type activities (police, fire, public works, etc.). The functions are also supported by general government revenues (property taxes, certain intergovernmental revenues, fines, permit and charges, etc.). The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function (police, public works, etc.) or a business-type activity. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

The net costs (by function or business-type activity) are normally covered by general revenue (property taxes, intergovernmental revenues, interest income, etc.).

The Town does not allocate indirect costs.

This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the Town as an entity and the change in the Town's net assets resulting from the current year's activities.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements

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

The emphasis in fund financial statements is on the major funds in either the governmental or business-type activities categories. Nonmajor funds by category are summarized into a single column. GASB Statement No. 34 sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of the assets, liabilities, revenues or expenditures/expenses of either fund category or the governmental and enterprise combined) for the determination of major funds. The Town may electively add funds, as major funds, which either have debt outstanding or specific community focus. The nonmajor funds are combined in a column in the fund financial statements.

The following fund types are used by the Town:

1. Governmental funds:

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

- General fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in other funds.
- Special revenue fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.
- Capital projects fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by business-type/proprietary funds). The capital projects fund accounts for activities relating to a major paving and sidewalk project.

2. Proprietary funds

The focus of proprietary fund measurement is upon determination of operating income, changes in net assets, financial position, and cash flows. U.S. generally accepted accounting principles are those similar to businesses in the private sector. Operating revenues and expenses for proprietary funds are those that result from providing services and producing and delivering goods and services. It also includes all revenue and expenses not related to capital and related financing, noncapital financing, or investing activities. The following is a description of the proprietary funds of the Town:

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

- Enterprise funds are required to be used to account for operations for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services and the activity (a) is financed with debt that is solely secured by a pledge of the net revenues, (b) has third party requirements that the cost of providing services, including capital costs, be recovered with fees and charges or (c) establishes fees and charges based on a pricing policy designed to recover similar costs. Included in this fund type are the water and sewer fund and the solid waste utility fund.

3. Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or agency capacity for others and, therefore, are not available to support Town programs. The reporting focus is on net assets and changes in net assets and is reported using accounting principles similar to proprietary funds.

The Town's fiduciary funds are presented in the fiduciary fund financial statements by type (pension, private purpose and agency). Since by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party (other local governments, private parties, pension participants, etc.) and cannot be used to address the general activities or obligations of the government, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide statements.

D. Basis of accounting

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

1. Accrual

Both governmental and business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary fund financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

2. Modified accrual

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

E. Budgets and budgetary accounting

The Town adopts an annual budget for the general fund. The Town does not legally adopt a budget for the special revenue fund.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

The Town follows these procedures in establishing the general fund budgetary data reflected in the required supplementary information:

1. Prior to Town Meeting Day, the Town Manager submits to the Board of Selectmen, a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. At the Town Meeting, the first Tuesday in March, the budget is legally enacted by vote of the taxpayers.
4. The Town Manager is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between departments within any fund; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the Board of Selectmen. The budget is shown as originally passed.
5. Budgetary integration - Formal budgetary integration is used as a management control device during the year for the general fund.
6. Basis of accounting for budgets - Budgets are adopted on the budgetary basis of accounting. This differs from U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in several respects. A summary of the major adjustments necessary to convert from budgetary basis to the GAAP basis for the general fund follows the budgetary comparison schedule.

In addition to the adjustments in that summary, certain reclassifications have been made to show the original budget format.

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the general fund. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are reported as reservations of fund balances since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities. Appropriations lapse at year end.

F. Equity Classifications

Government-wide Statements

Equity is classified as net assets and displayed in three components:

- a. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt -- Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

- b. Restricted net assets -- Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net assets -- All other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

Fund Statements

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as reserved and unreserved with unreserved further split between designated and undesignated. Proprietary fund equity is classified the same as in the government-wide statements.

General Fund balance - Reserved for special purposes

As of June 30, 2008, the reserved for special purposes fund balance represents cash segregated for special purposes:

Weathersfield Dam	\$ 100,000
<i>General Fund balance - Designated for special purposes</i>	
As of June 30, 2008, the general fund designated for special purposes fund balance represents the following funds:	
Ambulance equipment fund	\$ 113,854
Fire equipment fund	25,444
Highway equipment fund	11,443
Parks and recreation equipment fund	78,358
Weathersfield Dam- interest	42,565
Reappraisal	22,858
Records restoration	42,109
	<u>\$ 336,631</u>

General Fund balance - Designated for future expenditures

The balance in the General Fund -- Designated for future expenditures represents funds that management has set aside for various on-going and future projects.

Special Revenue Fund -- Restricted net assets

The Special Revenue Fund net assets are restricted for Economic Development \$3,822,854 and Civic Improvements \$3,193,472 due to the terms of original agreements with granting agencies.

It is the Town's policy to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted resources are available.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

G. Cash flows

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the proprietary fund considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

H. Investments

Investments, including those held by fiduciary funds, are stated at fair value, (quoted market price or the best available estimate).

I. Inventory

Inventory is valued at weighted average cost in the proprietary fund. Other funds use the purchase method of accounting for inventory which records inventory as an expenditure when purchased rather than when used.

J. Compensated absences

Vested or accumulated vacation leave that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the governmental fund that will pay it. For governmental funds, the non-current portion (the amount estimated to be used in subsequent fiscal years) of accumulated vacation, and the accumulated sick pay estimated to be paid upon retirement, are maintained separately and represent reconciling items between the fund and government-wide presentations.

Vested or accumulated vacation leave of proprietary funds is recorded as an expense and liability of those funds as the benefits accrue to employees. In accordance with generally accepted Governmental Accounting Standards no liability is recorded for nonvesting accumulated rights to receive sick pay benefits. However, a liability is recognized for that portion of accumulated sick leave benefits that it is estimated will be taken as "terminal leave" prior to retirement.

K. Fixed assets

Capital assets are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. The capitalization threshold for infrastructure projects is \$25,000. The capitalization threshold for other capital assets is \$5,000. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. The Town's policy is to capitalize interest costs incurred during the construction of fixed assets.

Governmental activities:

GASB Statement No. 34 required the Town to report and depreciate new infrastructure assets beginning July 1, 2003. Infrastructure assets include roads, bridges, underground pipe (other than related to utilities), traffic signals, etc. These infrastructure assets are likely to be the largest asset

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

class of the Town. Neither their historical cost nor related depreciation has historically been reported in the financial statements. The retroactive reporting of infrastructure is not required for the Town of Springfield.

Depreciation expense on governmental activities assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	40 - 50 years
Improvements	20 - 40 years
Machinery and equipment	7 - 20 years
Police vehicles and ambulances	3 - 5 years
Infrastructure – Roads & Bridges	10 - 20 years
Land Improvements	20 - 50 years

Proprietary Fund:

Interest capitalized in the Water and Sewer Fund totaled \$68,104 on cash flows during the current fiscal year.

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by proprietary funds is charged as an expense against their operations. Accumulated depreciation is reported on proprietary fund balance sheets.

Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives used are as follows:

Wellfields, reservoirs, mains and pipe	Years	67
Treatment plants and pump station		40
Meters and hydrants		10 - 67
Chlorinating and pumping facilities		50
Equipment		5 - 20

L. Interfund activity

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

Transfers between governmental or proprietary funds are netted as part of the reconciliation to the government-wide financial statements.

Note 2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash belonging to the Town is placed in the custody of the Town Treasurer who is appointed. The Town periodically reviews the relative strength of the financial institutions with which it has a deposit relationship. Based upon ratings provided by independent research groups, management determines when collateral is required to secure Town deposit accounts.

There are three categories of credit risk that apply to the Town's cash balances:

1. Uncollateralized.
2. Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institutions.
3. Collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent but not in the depositor-government's name.

The Town of Springfield's cash balances are categorized below to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Town at year-end.

	Cash
	Balances
Uncollateralized	\$ 1,676,256
Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution	2,587,490
Total	<u>\$ 4,263,746</u>

Due to higher cash flows during certain times of the year, the Town's uninsured and uncollateralized deposits in banks were substantially higher than at year-end. Management considers this a normal business risk.

Note 3. Investments

All investments are recorded at fair value based on quoted market prices. Fair value is the amount at which a financial instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties.

Special Revenue Fund – The Town's Investment Committee, which has oversight responsibility for investment of \$3,000,000 received pursuant to an agreement with the State of Vermont concerning the placement of a correctional facility in the Town, has appointed fund advisors with discretion for the management of the investments in accordance with the objectives of the Investment Committee. The investment policy regarding the allocation of the invested funds is 65% in equities and 35% in fixed income or liquid assets. 25% of the equity portfolio has been allocated 7.5% to small cap, 5% to mid cap and 12.5% to international funds.

Note 3. Investments (Continued)

Fiduciary Fund – The Springfield Trustees of Public Funds are charged with maximizing the return on all invested funds while maintaining their security. By state statute, the Trustees may invest in any security issued, insured, or guaranteed by the United States; highly rated bonds; repurchase agreements and debt securities of any federally insured financial institution; shares of a registered investment company, or a unit investment trust, if such mutual investment fund has been in operation for at least ten years and has net assets of at least \$500,000,000; or deposits in federally insured financial institutions. The Trustees have set an approximate investment objective of 40% to 60% in stock mutual funds, with a maximum limit of 15% of the portfolio for any one investment.

Credit Risk – Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. As of June 30, 2008, \$540,034 of the Town's investments in corporate bonds were rated AAA to A by Standard & Poors. The remaining corporate bond investment of \$48,408 had a rating of "other" as the issuer had filed for bankruptcy.

Custodial Credit Risk – For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. All of the Town's investments in securities are held by the counterparty's trust department in the Town's name.

The Town's investments carried at fair value as of June 30, 2008 are:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Investment maturities in years		
		Less than 1	1-5	6-10
U.S. Agency bonds	\$ 1,012,065	\$ 200,930	\$ 597,838	\$ 213,297
Corporate Bonds	588,442	45,358	373,952	169,132
Total fixed income	1,600,507	\$ 246,288	\$ 971,790	\$ 382,429
Common stocks	1,494,129			
Mutual funds	1,010,948			
Total investments	\$ 4,105,584			

As of January 13, 2009, the market value of the investments in the Fiduciary Fund had fallen approximately \$94,000 (9%), since June 30, 2008 due to market fluctuations. As of December 31, 2008, the market value of the investments in the Special Revenue Fund had fallen approximately \$836,000 (26%) since June 30, 2008 due to market fluctuations. The Town believes that the changes are temporary as part of market adjustments.

Note 4. Receivables and Revenues

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of July 1. Taxes were levied on June 30 and were payable in installments on August 15, October 5, January 5, and April 5. The Town bills and collects its own property taxes and also collects taxes for the Springfield School District. Collections of school taxes and their remittance to the Town School District are accounted for in the General Fund. The state sets both the state and local school tax rates. Town property tax revenues are recognized when levied to the extent that they result in current receivables.

The combined tax rate for various general governmental services was as follows (per \$100 assessed value):

Town assessment	\$	1.0480
School assessment- Homestead		1.1854
School assessment- Nonresidential		1.1913
Special appropriations		0.0280
Windsor County tax		0.0085
Abatements and charge-offs		0.0101
2007-2008 total assessment Town and Homestead School Tax	\$	2.2800
2007-2008 total assessment Town and Nonresidential School Tax	\$	2.2859

The Town Water and Sewer Department issues bills on a cyclical basis monthly which results in each customer receiving a bill semi-annually. This billing method does not capture all amounts receivable by the Town at the end of each fiscal year. The estimated unbilled water and sewer fund utility service receivables are recorded at year end. Capital contributions are recorded in proprietary funds that have received capital grants or contributions from grants, developers, customers or other funds. The Solid Waste Utility Fund is inactive and does no billings. Intergovernmental revenues received as reimbursements for specific purposes or projects are recognized at the time of receipt or earlier if measurable and available. Intergovernmental grants which are restricted for certain purposes are recognized at the same time the related expenditures are recognized.

Any excess of revenues or expenditures as of the fiscal year end is recognized as deferred revenue or accounts receivable, respectively.

Note 4. Receivables and Revenues (Continued)

Receivables consisted of the following as of June 30, 2008:

	<u>Gross</u> <u>Receivables</u>	<u>Allowance for</u> <u>Uncollectibles</u>	<u>Net Receivables</u>
General fund:			
Delinquent property taxes	\$ 456,262	\$ -	\$ 456,262
Accounts receivable	228,227	125,000	103,227
Interest and collector's fee receivable	74,990	-	74,990
Other accounts receivable	1,601	-	1,601
Due from other governments	75,110	-	75,110
Special revenue:			
Interest receivable	186,546	84,885	101,661
Accounts receivable	35,185	-	35,185
Long-term receivable	2,938,905	616,425	2,322,480
Water and sewer fund:			
Services billed	317,205	83,800	233,405
Estimated unbilled services	435,895	-	435,895
Other accounts receivable	165,366	79,200	86,166
	<u>\$ 4,915,292</u>	<u>\$ 989,310</u>	<u>\$ 3,925,982</u>

Note 5. Vermont Community Development Grants - Long-Term Receivables

The Town is a participant in the Vermont Community Development Grant Program which provides funding for acquisition and rehabilitation projects within the community. These funds have been awarded to the Town and then loaned to various local not-for-profit and business entities. Repayment of these loans established a revolving loan fund. The loans generally provide for interest ranging from 0% to 7.5% and are payable over varying terms, as follows:

July 1, 2007 Addition Repayment June 30, 2008

Smokeshire, 4% interest annually, beginning September 1, 2001, payment to commence October 1, 2001. Interest added to Principal and amortized over fifteen years beginning September 1, 2001, secured by machinery, equipment, inventory & intangibles due September 1, 2016.	\$ 88,333	\$ -	\$ 8,054	\$ 80,279
Mountain View, 2% interest annually, unpaid interest to be added to principal annually, payable with principal on December 31, 2030; secured by land and buildings	822,049	16,441	-	838,490

Note 5. Vermont Community Development Grants - Long-Term Receivables (Continued)

July 1, 2007 Addition Repayment June 30, 2008

South View, original terms, \$175,000 bears interest at 2% interest accrued and deferred two years, beginning October, 1994, interest and principal amortized over 28 years; balance of \$102,368 interest free for thirty years, then loan bears interest at 6% and is repaid over the next twenty years; secured by land and buildings.	286,187	-	5,549	280,638
Springfield Regional Development Corporation (Robert S. Jones Industrial Complex), 3% interest, payment of principal and amortized over eighteen years beginning March, 1997.	207,314	-	24,631	182,683
Springfield Housing Associates (Westview Project), \$400,000 installment note, 3% interest, payment deferred five years to January, 2001, accrued interest and principal will be amortized over fifteen years with \$350,00 balloon payment due December, 2015. Secured by land and buildings.	417,278	-	7,343	409,935
Rockingham Area Community Land Trust, 1% interest, with no monthly interest payments for the first 8 years, monthly interest payments of \$137 in years 9 through 20, entire balance and interest due on June 9, 2018 unless certain conditions are met, at which point the entire loan will be forgiven. Secured by land and building.	98,647	-	-	98,647
Java Stars, Inc., 7.5% interest, monthly payments of \$237, July 2000 through June 2005, secured by subordinate interest in business equipment.	17,485	-	-	17,485

Note 5. Vermont Community Development Grants - Long-Term Receivables (Continued)

July 1, 2007 Addition Repayment June 30, 2008

Springfield Fence Company, 2% interest, payment deferred five years to November, 2000, no accrued interest, amortized 20 years beginning December, 2000. Secured by land and buildings.	164,182	-	10,777	153,405
Wall Street Housing, 1% interest, 180 installments of \$269 per month beginning December 5, 2004, secured by mortgage on real estate in Springfield.	37,723	-	2,868	34,855
Precision Valley Development Corp., maximum of \$45,000, 4% interest accruing from November 29, 2001, principal and interest due upon sale of Fellows Building or July 1, 2002 if sooner.	15,000	-	-	15,000
Precision Valley Development Corp., maximum of \$50,000, 4% interest accruing from November 29, 2001, principal and interest due upon sale of Fellows Building or July 1, 2002 if sooner.	23,285	-	-	23,285
Vermont Machine Tool Corp., interest at 4%, accumulated interest added to principal, monthly payments of \$4,527 to begin November 2003. All amounts due October 2018.	560,655	-	-	560,655
Springfield Metallurgical Services interest at 5%, monthly payments of \$237, balance of principal and any accrued interest due July 2009.	5,627	-	2,628	2,999
Morning Dew Real Estate, LLC and NBC Solid Surfaces, Inc., interest at 4%, monthly payments of \$253, balance of principal and interest due April 2013.	15,779	-	2,451	13,328
JDS, Inc., \$30,000 loan, interest at 7% monthly payments of \$594, balance of principal and interest due December, 2010.	22,072	-	5,766	16,306

Note 5. Vermont Community Development Grants - Long-Term Receivables (Continued)

July 1, 2007 Addition Repayment June 30, 2008

Wistol, LLC, \$10,000 loan, interest at 4%, monthly payments of \$184, balance of principal and interest due December, 2010.	7,207	-	1,791	5,416
JBI Corporation, \$20,000 loan, interest at 4%, monthly payments of \$202, balance of principal and interest due January, 2011.	17,628	-	1,757	15,871
Balloon payment of \$11,198.				
Springfield Housing Unlimited, no interest, \$36,000 loan. Principal will be repaid at the rate of \$3,000 per lot sold. If 6 lots are sold for individual residential purposes, the remaining loan balances will be discharged. Secured by mortgage on Real Estate.	33,000	-	3,000	30,000
Antoniewicz, Byington, and Westfall (Lucas Ind.), December 14, 2006 interest at 4% per year, \$150,000 loan. Interest for the first year set at \$6,000, then added to the principal with payments of \$1,160 to begin January 14, 2008. Secured by second mortgage on borrowers' premises.	150,000	6,000	3,872	152,128
Precision Valley Development Corporation, \$7,500 loan, no interest. Payable on demand, issued January 23, 2008.	-	7,500	-	7,500
	<u>\$ 2,989,451</u>	<u>\$ 29,941</u>	<u>\$ 80,487</u>	<u>\$ 2,938,905</u>

Note 6. Changes in Fixed Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2008 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Net Additions (Deletions)</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Business-type activities:			
Land	\$ 281,434	\$ -	\$ 281,434
Wellfields, reservoirs, mains, and pipes	11,316,572	110,005	11,426,577
Treatment plants and pump stations	15,470,187	-	15,470,187
Meters and hydrants	180,307	-	180,307
Chlorination and pumping facilities	694,608	13,165	707,773
Equipment	774,118	35,911	810,029
Construction in progress	970,448	1,860,285	2,830,733
	29,687,674	2,019,366	31,707,040
Less accumulated depreciation	(8,393,717)	(974,122)	(9,367,839)
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 21,293,957	\$ 1,045,244	\$ 22,339,201

Governmental activities:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land and improvements	\$ 466,189	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 466,189
Other capital assets being depreciated:				
Infrastructure	3,082,478	414,593	-	3,497,071
Machinery and equipment	4,092,045	695,626	(175,654)	4,612,017
Buildings and improvements	2,445,096	1,335,161	-	3,780,257
Total other capital assets at historical cost	9,619,619	2,445,380	(175,654)	11,889,345
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Infrastructure	(366,787)	(70,734)	-	(437,521)
Machinery and equipment	(2,115,311)	(424,248)	175,654	(2,363,905)
Buildings and improvements	(841,316)	(81,191)	-	(922,507)
Total accumulated depreciation	(3,323,414)	(576,173)	175,654	(3,723,933)
Other capital assets being depreciated, net	6,296,205	1,869,207	-	8,165,412
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 6,762,394	\$ 1,869,207	\$ -	\$ 8,631,601

Note 6. Changes in Fixed Assets (Continued)

Depreciation expense:

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

Governmental activities:	
General government	\$ 3,878
Police	106,375
Fire and ambulance	107,430
Public works	147,874
Parks and recreation	16,439
Library	32,937
	<u>\$ 414,933</u>

Depreciation expense of \$986,526, in the Business-type activities, was charged to the Water and Sewer Fund.

Note 7. Notes Payable

Short-term notes payable activity during the year consisted of the following:

Bond Anticipation Notes -

At June 30, 2007 the Town had borrowed \$2,250,000 in anticipation of issuing bonds relating to the Police Department facility and Town Hall renovation projects. The note was renewed in March 2008. The Town applied for bonding of this debt in May 2008 and the bonds were issued in July 2008. As all legal steps have been taken to refinance the bond anticipation notes and the Town has the ability to consummate the refinancing of the short-term notes on a long-term basis, this debt has been reported as a long-term liability in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net assets.

The Town has borrowed \$3,500,000 in anticipation of issuing bonds relating to the waste water treatment facility and combined sewer overflow system construction projects. The notes bear interest at 2.49% and are payable on or before June 12, 2009.

	<u>Balance July 1, 2007</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2008</u>
Water and Sewer Fund	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000

Interest paid on the Sewer and Water bond anticipation noted totaled \$132,958. Of this amount \$68,104 was capitalized to construction in progress totaled for the year end June 30, 2008.

Note 8. Deferred Revenues

The Town reports deferred revenue on its fund balance sheets. Deferred revenues in the governmental funds arise when potential revenue does not meet both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition in the current period. Deferred revenues also arise when resources are received by the government before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures or when property taxes are paid before they are due. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the government has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

The deferred revenue amounts on the fund balance sheets are comprised of and relate to the following:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Uncollected property taxes	\$ 237,231	\$ -	\$ 237,231
Uncollected interest and fees	74,990	14,840	89,830
Act 200 grant	-	8,496	8,496
Other grants	-	48,131	48,131
Library grant	-	3,500	3,500
State of Vermont	-	986,316	986,316
	<u>\$ 312,221</u>	<u>\$ 1,061,283</u>	<u>\$ 1,373,504</u>

Note 9. Long-Term Debt

Governmental Type Activities:

	<u>Amount of Issue</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Date of Final Payment</u>	<u>Town Debt July 1, 2007</u>	<u>Retire-ments</u>	<u>Town Debt June 30, 2008</u>
EPA loan	\$ 173,000	4/1/2006	0.00%	8/31/2012	\$ 138,000	\$ -	\$ 94,982
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank	600,000	7/26/2001	2.80-4.98%	12/1/2016	400,000	-	360,000
Chittenden Bank	100,000	6/21/2006	3.82%	6/20/2008	50,000	-	50,000
Renovation Bond	2,250,000	3/6/2008	1.9-4.65%	11/15/2028	-	2,250,000	2,250,000
Total general obligation debt					588,000	2,250,000	133,018
Accrued compensated absences					346,989	-	19,489
					<u>\$ 934,989</u>	<u>\$ 2,250,000</u>	<u>\$ 152,507</u>
							<u>\$ 3,032,482</u>

Note 9. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

General obligation debt of the Town matures, including interest, as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2008-2009	\$ 75,000	\$ 114,267	\$ 189,267
2009-2010	190,000	99,742	289,742
2010-2011	179,982	95,257	275,239
2011-2012	155,000	90,190	245,190
2012-2013	155,000	84,771	239,771
2013-2018	735,000	335,814	1,070,814
2018-2023	555,000	208,622	763,622
2023-2028	550,000	88,270	638,270
Thereafter	110,000	2,557	112,557
	<u>\$ 2,704,982</u>	<u>\$ 1,119,490</u>	<u>\$ 3,824,472</u>

Interest expense on this debt amounted to \$103,082 for the year ended June 30, 2008.

Business Type Activities:

Although recorded as obligations of the water and sewer fund, in the event of default, the Town remains ultimately liable for payment of debt.

	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount of Issue</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Date of Final Payment</u>	<u>Town Debt July 1, 2007</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retire-ments</u>	<u>Town Debt June 30, 2008</u>
VT Muni Bonds									
RF1-019		\$ 870,149	9/1/2003	0.000%	9/1/2022	\$ 696,119	\$ 36,388	\$ 45,782	\$ 686,725
RF3-034		325,669	10/1/2002	3.000%	10/1/2021	261,321	-	14,050	247,271
RF1-055		1,023,964	4/15/2002	0.000%	9/1/2024	863,955	58,541	39,729	882,767
USDA-Rural Development		1,784,180	12/1/2003	4.500%	12/1/2033	1,675,758	-	33,947	1,641,811
USDA-C501		438,320	9/28/2005	4.125%	9/28/2035	426,450	-	8,100	418,350
USDA-C502		137,480	9/28/2005	4.125%	9/28/2035	133,757	-	2,540	131,217
USDA-Waste Water Treatment Facility		474,200	9/28/2005	4.125%	9/28/2035	461,358	-	8,762	452,596
Sewer System Development Bond		600,000	12/10/2007	4.500%	12/10/2037	-	600,000	4,861	595,139
						4,518,718	694,929	157,771	5,055,876
						<u>88,293</u>	<u>59,504</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>147,797</u>
						<u>\$ 4,607,011</u>	<u>\$ 754,433</u>	<u>\$ 157,771</u>	<u>\$ 5,203,673</u>

Accrued Compensated Absences

Note 9. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

Long-term debt of the water and sewer department with scheduled payments, including interest, matures as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2008-2009	\$ 177,861	\$ 148,708	\$ 326,569
2009-2010	181,207	145,362	326,569
2010-2011	184,694	141,874	326,569
2011-2012	188,331	138,238	326,569
2012-2013	192,122	134,447	326,569
2013-2018	1,023,382	609,465	1,632,846
2018-2023	1,123,704	487,252	1,610,956
2023-2028	791,898	346,807	1,138,705
2028-2033	854,902	179,948	1,034,850
2033-2038	337,775	26,855	364,630
Thereafter	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 5,055,876</u>	<u>\$ 2,358,956</u>	<u>\$ 7,414,832</u>

Interest expense on this debt amounted to \$138,276 for the year ended June 30, 2008

Note 10. Interfund Accounts and Activity

A summary of interfund due from/due to accounts is as follows:

	Receivables	Payables
General fund	\$ 591,020	\$ -
Special revenue fund	-	126,607
Water and sewer fund	11,144	410,580
Capital projects fund	-	62,183
Fiduciary fund	-	2,794
	<u>\$ 602,164</u>	<u>\$ 602,164</u>

During the fiscal year, the following transfers were made between the Town's funds.

- \$25,000 From the special revenue fund to the water and sewer fund for roof drain remediation.
- \$69,000 From the general fund to the water and sewer fund for hydrants, storm drains, super fund oversight.
- \$18,622 From the fiduciary fund (Trustees of Public Funds) to the general fund for cemeteries and library.
- \$25,000 From the special revenue fund to the general fund for North Springfield playground improvements
- \$60,812 From the special revenue fund to the general fund for Pool Liner/Cover.

Note 11. Municipal Employees' Retirement System

Substantially all of the employees of the Town of Springfield are covered by the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System which is a cost sharing multiple employer retirement system. Members' contribution rates vary based on the group they belong to. The rates are between 2.5% and 11% of payroll for the 5 different groups. The retirement benefit is equal to from 1.4 percent to 2.5 percent of their final average two, three or five year compensation, depending on the dates of service, for each year of credited service, up to a maximum of 60 percent of the applicable average compensation. The contributions made by the Town and its participating employees were \$250,765 and \$277,129 respectively during the year ended June 30, 2008. Town contributions required and contributed for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006 were \$247,385 and \$225,816, respectively.

Additional information regarding the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System is available upon request from the State of Vermont.

Note 12. Other Required Individual Fund Disclosures

U.S. Generally accepted accounting principles require disclosure as part of the combined statements of certain information concerning individual funds including:

- Segment information for certain individual Enterprise funds. This requirement is effectively met in this report by Note 13.
- Summary disclosures of debt service requirements to maturity for all types of outstanding debt. This requirement is met by Note 9.
- Summary disclosures of changes in fixed assets by major asset class. This requirement is met by Note 6.
- Summary disclosures of changes in general long-term debt. This requirement is met by Note 9.
- Individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances. This requirement is met by Note 10.
- There are no funds with deficit fund balances.

Note 13. Segment Information for Proprietary Funds

Segment information for the enterprise funds for the year ended June 30, 2008 follows:

	Water and Sewer		Solid Waste Utility		Totals
	Water	Sewer	Solid Waste	Utility	
Condensed Statement of Net Assets					
Assets:					
Interfund receivables	\$ 11,144	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	11,144
Other current assets	2,177,737	2,943	2,943	-	2,180,680
Capital assets, net	22,339,201	-	-	-	22,339,201
Total assets	<u>24,528,082</u>	<u>2,943</u>	<u>2,943</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,531,025</u>

Note 13. Segment Information for Proprietary Funds (Continued)

	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Solid Waste</u>	<u>Utility</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Liabilities:				
Interfund payables	410,580	-	-	410,580
Other current liabilities	3,750,898	-	-	3,750,898
Noncurrent liabilities	4,992,419	-	-	4,992,419
Total liabilities	<u>9,153,897</u>	-	-	<u>9,153,897</u>
Net assets:				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	13,783,326	-	-	13,783,326
Restricted	75,989	-	-	75,989
Unrestricted	1,514,870	2,943	-	1,517,813
Total net assets	<u>\$15,374,185</u>	<u>\$ 2,943</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 15,377,128</u>

Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets

Operating revenues	\$ 1,745,138	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,745,138
Depreciation	(986,526)	-	-	(986,526)
Other operating expenses	(1,720,597)	-	-	(1,720,597)
Operating loss	(961,985)	-	-	(961,985)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):				
Access fee income	29,251	-	-	29,251
Gain on disposal of assets	12,377	-	-	12,377
Interest income	20,051	-	-	20,051
Interest expense	(203,240)	-	-	(203,240)
Capital contributions	560,476	-	-	560,476
Transfers in	94,000	-	-	94,000
Change in net assets	(449,070)	-	-	(449,070)
Beginning net assets	15,823,255	2,943	-	15,826,198
Ending net assets	<u>15,374,185</u>	<u>2,943</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,377,128</u>

Condensed Statement of Cash Flows

Operating activities	(547,057)	-	-	(547,057)
Noncapital financing activities	268,371	-	-	268,371
Capital and related financing activities	(808,733)	-	-	(808,733)
Investing activities	20,051	-	-	20,051
Beginning cash and cash equivalents	2,357,580	2,943	-	2,360,523
Ending cash and cash equivalents	<u>1,290,212</u>	<u>2,943</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,293,155</u>

Note 14. Commitments and Contingencies

Litigation

The Town has been named as a third party defendant in a claim concerning hazardous waste located on a property where formerly a coal gas plant was located. Because the Town currently owns a portion of this property where hazardous waste was formerly generated and located, the Town has been brought into this lawsuit. The case has been referred to the Town's insurance carrier to determine the extent of any insurance coverage. The clean-up cost for the hazardous waste located on the adjacent property could be substantial. Accordingly, the Town's proportionate share could be material. As the likelihood and amount of any liability are unknown at this time, no accrual has been made in the financial statements. In the ordinary course of business, the Town is party to other miscellaneous litigation matters which in the opinion of the Town officials will not have a material effect on the Town's financial statements.

Superfund Site

On June 6, 1991, the Springfield Board of Selectmen voted to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a "Partial Consent Decree" with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Browning-Ferris Industries of Vermont, Inc., Emhart Industries, Inc. and Textron, Inc. The Town of Springfield voted to approve the decree on July 30, 1991.

This Partial Consent Decree serves principally to outline the legal duties and relationships of the settling defendants with regard to the "Record of Decision" (R.O.D.). The R.O.D. is the EPA decision document which sets forth the action for remediation from the seeps and known areas of groundwater contamination.

The Town will operate and maintain the pre-treatment plant(s) for 29 years following one year of operation by Textron and Emhart. The effluent from the pre-treatment plant will be treated at the sewage treatment facility. In consideration of Springfield's efforts, Emhart and Textron have paid the Town \$200,000. The Town is also responsible for oversight costs incurred by the U.S. EPA. A discounted liability of \$370,869, for past and current oversight costs of \$402,691, has been recorded in the long-term debt account group. The costs are to be repaid at the rate of \$35,000 per year at 0% interest. At June 30, 2008 the balance owed is \$94,982.

Sewer and Water Capital Projects

The Town is involved in the following projects relating to upgrades of its water improvement facilities.

	Total Estimated Cost	To Construction In Progress at June 30, 2008
Combined Sewer Overflow Water Improvements	\$ 11,800,000	\$ 7,553,239
	\$ 10,100,000	\$ 212,860

Note 14. Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)

The voters have approved the issuance of \$12 million in bonds to cover the Town's share of these projects. During 2006-07 the Town entered into a contract regarding the combined sewer overflow project which totals \$1,939,748. This portion of the project was 99% complete at June 30, 2008. Due to the increase in the estimated costs related to these projects, it is anticipated that the Town will request additional bonding authority for these projects at the March 2009 Town Meeting.

Revolving loan fund agreements

The Town of Springfield has entered into agreements with the State of Vermont Environmental Protection Agency to borrow \$3,800,000 for certain projects. The amount borrowed by the Town of Springfield can only be spent on the project for which the loan is made and any approved amendments. The Town had drawn \$2,087,481 under these agreements at June 30, 2008. Repayment has commenced on these loans.

Grants

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount of expenditures, if any, which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the Town expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Purchase Commitment

In May 2008 the Town ordered equipment for delivery after June 30, 2008. The cost to the Town, net of trade-in, is expected to be \$156,500. The equipment will be included in general fixed assets.

Note 15. Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town maintains insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Town. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

In addition, the Town of Springfield is a member of Vermont League of Cities and Towns Insurance Programs (VLCT). VLCT is a nonprofit corporation formed in 1967 to provide insurance and risk management programs for Vermont municipalities and is owned by the participating towns.

Note 15. Risk Management (Continued)

To provide property and casualty coverage, VLCT has established a self-funded insurance program. A portion of member contributions are used to fund a risk management pool and to purchase reinsurance. Contributions in excess of claims requirements, reserve fund requirements, reinsurance and administrative costs are returned to participants. Pooling agreement allows for additional assessments to its members when a deficit exists.

To provide unemployment coverage, VLCT has established a separate trust of funds from member contributions to pay administrative costs, and unemployment claims. Contributions are based on payroll expense and the previous two year unemployment compensation experience. In the event that total contributions assessed to and made by all members result in an actual or projected financial deficit and VLCT is unable to meet its required obligations, the Program will be allowed to assess each member their proportionate share of the deficit.

Note 16. Reclassification

Certain amounts presented in the 2007 financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

Town of Springfield
Required Supplemental Information
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2008

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Budgetary Basis</u>	<u>Positive</u> <u>(Negative)</u>
REVENUES				
Local				
Property Taxes	\$ 6,870,654	\$ 6,870,654	\$ 6,703,057	\$ (167,597)
Payments in lieu of taxes	365,000	365,000	497,494	132,494
Collectors fees and interest	106,000	106,000	91,528	(14,472)
Licenses, fees and permits	99,825	99,825	102,705	2,880
Cemeteries	21,550	21,550	24,480	2,930
Public Works	558,000	558,000	784,256	226,256
Police	50,500	50,500	56,674	6,174
Fire and ambulance	395,760	395,760	408,181	12,421
Parks and recreation	5,000	5,000	5,440	440
Library	9,500	9,500	20,250	10,750
Other reimbursements	-	-	22,857	22,857
Equipment reimbursement	520,000	520,000	544,280	24,280
Reappraisal funds	50,000	50,000	32,691	(17,309)
Interest on invested funds	25,000	25,000	103,906	78,906
Miscellaneous	17,000	17,000	16,825	(175)
Total local	<u>9,093,789</u>	<u>9,093,789</u>	<u>9,414,624</u>	<u>320,835</u>
Other appropriations raised by taxes:				
Special appropriations	183,600	183,600	177,600	(6,000)
Windsor County Tax	55,695	55,695	55,695	-
Total revenues	<u>9,333,084</u>	<u>9,333,084</u>	<u>9,647,919</u>	<u>314,835</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Finance and administration	709,158	709,158	761,878	(52,720)
Police	1,332,405	1,332,405	2,623,725	(1,291,320)
Fire and ambulance	956,826	956,826	1,000,202	(43,376)
Public Works	1,680,975	1,680,975	1,966,287	(285,312)
Parks and recreation	260,268	260,268	250,872	9,396
Senior Citizens	38,985	38,985	40,730	(1,745)
Library	431,482	431,482	406,071	25,411
Fixed Costs	2,493,690	2,493,690	2,349,515	144,175
Reimbursable services - Other	195,000	195,000	166,552	28,448
Capital expenditures	995,000	995,000	1,234,347	(239,347)
Total local	<u>9,093,789</u>	<u>9,093,789</u>	<u>10,800,179</u>	<u>(1,706,390)</u>
Other appropriations:				
Special appropriations	183,600	183,600	177,600	6,000
Windsor County Tax	55,695	55,695	55,695	-
Total expenditures	<u>9,333,084</u>	<u>9,333,084</u>	<u>11,033,474</u>	<u>(1,700,390)</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,385,555)</u>	<u>\$ (1,385,555)</u>

See accompanying note to budgetary comparison schedule.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
NOTE TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Note A - Explanation of differences between budgetary inflow and outflows and

Sources/inflows of resources:

Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "available for appropriation" from the budgetary

Differences - budget to GAAP:

Revenues received for restricted purposes not included in budgeted revenues
Adjustment to revenue from changes in receivables not recognized for budgetary purposes
Grant revenues are recorded for budgetary purposes as reductions in expense
Value received for trade-ins on capital assets acquired are netted against the related expense for budgetary purposes
Town records reimbursements received from other funds as revenues for budgetary purposes and as operating transfers in for GAAP purposes
Town records as revenue amounts received for school taxes net of amounts paid to the school district
Amounts received from the Springfield Trustees of Public Funds are considered revenues for budgetary purposes and operating transfers in for GAAP purposes
Reimbursement contributions from designated funds recorded as revenue for budgetary purposes

Total revenues as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - governmental funds

Uses/outflows of resources:

Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total expenditures" from the budgetary comparison

Differences - budget to GAAP:

Additions to designated funds are recorded as expenditures for budgetary
Expenditures from designated funds are not recorded as expenditures for budgetary purposes
The Town budgets for the current portion of accrued sick time and for vacation time on the cash basis, rather than the modified accrual basis
Grant revenues are recorded for budgetary purposes as reductions in expense
Cost of capital assets acquired is recorded net of the amounts allowed for trade-ins for budgetary purposes
Transfers to other funds are outflows of budgetary resources but are not expenditures for financial reporting purposes

Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - governmental funds

General

\$ 9,647,919

18,069

117,841

67,908

24,745

(85,812)

9,890

(18,622)

(458,468)

\$ 9,323,470

\$ 11,033,474

(327,000)

44,088

4,078

67,908

24,745

(69,000)

\$ 10,778,293

REPORTS OF SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Springfield School District continues to be a very dynamic organization employing approximately 450 people, the large majority being Springfield residents with the remainder from the nearby surrounding area. The school district contributes approximately \$24 million to the local economy primarily through salaries but also, recently, through jobs associated with our building projects. The school district has spent, under the guidance of the Building Committee, close to \$18 million on the renovations of the Elm Hill and Union Street Schools. These expenditures are important contributions to the local economy and the people who depend on our employees shopping for everything from cars to groceries, renting or owning homes and contributing in so many ways to the income of others. We are one of the largest employers in the town and as such one of the pillars that supports the Springfield community.

It is important to keep this in mind as we approach one of the most difficult budgeting challenges we have faced in many years. The cost of delivering essentially the same educational services next year as this current year will cost more at a time when taxpayers need to be paying less. I am writing this report at a time when our budget is still in preparation. We have eliminated one administrative position, deferred the hiring of a 2nd grade teacher, removed the equivalent of two other teaching positions and reduced our contributions to Capital Projects by over \$100,000. We have added very few essential services, the details of which are in the budget proposal. The budget we have presented to the school board for consideration has a 3.9% increase before we add our debt service. This is extremely responsible and frugal and was the result of \$920,000 in administrative cuts from our original requests. In this economic environment, we are simply trying to maintain our current programs even though we have a slightly increasing student enrollment, contrary to much of the rest of the state.

Our biggest obstacle this year is the addition of over \$1,000,000 in interest payments for money we have spent on school construction as a part of the school district voter approved bond. This is our first year making that payment. It comes at the same time our budget voting procedures have been changed and I fear this will cause confusion for many voters. Act 82 which was passed last year will only allow us to put a certain amount in the first budget article and then the remainder in a second article. The required wording makes it sound like the money in the second article is beyond what should be necessary, but in fact if we do not pass this article we will have to reduce our services from last year by that same amount. This would be devastating to our educational program. The second article amount is roughly equivalent to the new money needed for the interest payment.

Even though our budget is almost \$24 million, Act 68 and the State Education Fund provides the vast majority of that money. Because Springfield is property poor compared to many other towns in the State, we only locally raise \$7 million of that \$24 million total. The remainder comes from the State since education is a state funded institution with local school board control.

Our schools have been making progress at the elementary level and holding their own at the middle and high school levels. We have slightly reduced our drop-out rate. Our School Report will give the full details on these things. We are actively engaged in the process of school improvement. Our school board has just begun a Strategic Planning process to set overall goals and expectations for the school district. Every school has been making progress on the alignment of school curriculum to state standards that we are tested on and held accountable to achieve. Parent involvement through PTA's and the High School Positive Parent Groups are helping. We are providing teachers and support personnel with training to enable them to be better equipped to provide a 21st Century Educational experience to our children.

For many of our children, we have done a fantastic job as is evidenced by their achievements and admissions to Ivy League Colleges and Universities, State Universities and Community Colleges, Technical Schools, the Armed Services and productive employment. Still, too many are not finding success. The Springfield Schools must strive to highly educate every child to meet the challenges in front of them. Our football team is the State Champion after a forty year wait! Drama and the Arts Academies continue to thrive and are extremely popular. These are just a few examples of how our schools attempt to provide for all students and their interests.

Accomplishing this mission means that we must be purposeful in our approach to children, our delivery methods need to be child centered and we must fundamentally view children in a developmental way. We have to recognize that Springfield is a district with a very high poverty rate which brings with it all of the associated social problems. Many children depend on the school for meals and for a safe haven. Our high poverty rate, however, does not rule out the fact that we have a large population of children from all backgrounds who are highly motivated, assertive in their quest for a high quality education and who have the desire to attend the very best post-secondary institutions, colleges and universities.

Two factors have affected and will continue to affect the difficulties and dynamics of educating children. The first is the increasing use of advanced technology by children in their daily lives and, necessarily, in learning. The second is the new competitive environment caused by the globalization of our economic and social world. Our students will face competition for meaningful work from their peers not only in Springfield, Vermont, or the United States, but from every corner of the world. We must keep these two things in mind as we form the building blocks of their education.

The quality of the Springfield School District is, perhaps, the most important factor when young professional and working families consider moving into our town. We need to remain vigilant in working to improve our test scores and the educational opportunities that we provide for our students.

As your superintendent, I will continue to strive to make the school district the best it can be and I will continue to act as a leader in our educational venue. The challenges we face as a school district create an opportunity for us to excel. Our students

Springfield School District (Continued)

have tremendous potential and we must make sure that not one child is lost to failure. I truly welcome the opportunity to visit with you or your organization to discuss our schools, your dreams and wishes and your ideas on how we can continue to move forward.

Frank S. Perotti, Jr., Ed.D.
Superintendent

DIRECTOR OF FISCAL SERVICES

The annual audit of the financial records of the Springfield School District for the 2007-2008 school year was in its final stages of completion as of the date this narrative was written. Selected pages from that audit appear elsewhere in this Annual Town School District Report. Those pages include a Management Discussion and Analysis which is designed to provide a narrative introduction and overview of the school district's financial activities for the 2007 - 2008 fiscal year. If anyone wishes to review the audit report in its entirety, they may contact Steve Hier at 885-5141, x14.

The Springfield School District ended the year with a surplus of \$ 524,190. Major items contributing to this surplus included less than budgeted expenditures for salaries and benefits, athletics, and utilities, and the Precision Valley Alternative High School Program being located at the High School for most of the school year.

Steven Hier
Director of Fiscal Services

PARK STREET SCHOOL

During the 2007-08 school year, the children at Park Street School scored very well on the NECAP (New England Common Assessment Program) exams. Although our students scored above the state level in reading, math and writing, our free and reduced student population didn't reach the required scores in math. In response to this, we began a new math program called Investigations. Teachers and paras were trained by Beth Hulbert, a math consultant and an expert with this particular program, since student achievement depends heavily on the implementation of any program. Also, once a month throughout the year all teachers in all three elementary schools, met by grade level, to plan and share student work. They discussed the program and supported each other throughout their first year.

Once a month, at Park Street, we hold para educator meetings. Here we share new information so that our paras are kept well informed. They are provided with knowledge of special education, speech services, occupational therapy services, children with autism and how to handle medical issues that may arise. We provide them with the opportunity to share concerns and brainstorm how to make improvements. Great changes happen in our school when everyone has a chance to share their ideas.

Park Street continues its work with the District Safety Committee. We have carefully looked at procedures for evacuation, fire, explosion, bomb-threats, and intruders in our building. Park Street has practiced drills for evacuation, fire and intruders and

has considered and planned for each of these procedures happening in special situations like, students eating in the cafeteria at the time, students in the midst of presentations in the auditorium and children at recess. Many thoughtful plans were developed for each school in the district and work will continue in the coming years.

Another helpful support that the schools have developed is our EST or Educational Support Teams. When a student struggles academically or behaviorally and the teacher has tried a number of strategies to solve the problem, the teacher can refer the child to the EST. The team consists of experts in all areas: special education, regular education, speech, occupational therapy, guidance, counseling, nursing, physical education and diagnostic testing. Together we discuss ways to help the student and the teacher. This information is written as a 157 Plan and shared with the parents if they could not attend the meeting. Each year we make improvements to this team so that it becomes stronger and more useful.

We are always looking at new and better ways of educating and supporting our children so that they become successful in school and in life. Please stop by anytime so I can show-off Park Street School.

Joan Nagle
Principal

ELM HILL SCHOOL

Elm Hill is a small community k-5 school of about 120 students. Up until Thanksgiving, we made the Stantec building in North Springfield our home. We were happy and excited to move into the newly renovated Elm Hill.

Children that attend Elm Hill are offered a variety of learning opportunities. Our Kindergarten and first grade teachers "loop" with their students, meaning teachers remain with students for two years. This allows teachers and students to really get to know each other therefore providing a richer learning experience. It also cuts down on the time at the beginning of each school year normally used getting to know the students. Our second and third grade classes are multiage. This is a wonderful environment to allow for learning and teaching on yet another level. This year in anticipation of the consolidation, we are teaching fourth and fifth grade in a self-contained environment.

Math instruction is presented by grade level. This year we began a district wide implementation of the *Investigations* math program, it a program rich with lessons that teach children mathematical thinking, providing them with a strong basis to be good problem solvers.

Children are placed in "buddy groups" at the beginning of the year. These small groups have students from every grade in them and throughout the year they participate in activities in their buddy groups. This is yet another way for students to interact socially within the school community.

Our kindergarten and first grade use the Waterford Program. Waterford is a research based supplemental Language Arts program that allows students to work at their own level. Computers are used at all grade levels to support the curriculum.

Our NCEAP scores showed that our third through fifth grade students made yearly adequate progress as required by the government.

Springfield School District (Continued)

This summer we again hosted a weeklong Camp Invention. Camp Invention is a summer science camp that offers children in grades 1-5 experiences in such things as aerodynamics, invention and design, as well as creating carnival rides that are safe. This year because of the generosity of Camp Invention program, we were able to give 20 full scholarships to students from all three elementary schools.

This fall we celebrated Thanksgiving at Park Street School with the Union and Park students and staff. It was a wonderful experience for all of us and was only possible due to the planning of Joan Nagle and the Café Services staff. Many of our activities could only happen with the support of our PTA. They not only provide man/woman power for things like all school feast but they fund raise to pay for things like transportation for our ski program. This year we continued to offer the Winter Opportunities for Wellness to our students. We expanded our downhill skiing to include fourth as well fifth graders. We had 16 students down hill ski at Okemo. We also offered, swimming, bowling, snowshoeing, and country skiing for other students as deemed age appropriate.

We are a Tooth Tutor School meaning we offer a contact for parents who will assist them in finding a dentist and creating a permanent “dental home” for students. We continue to offer an opportunity for students who do not have a regular dentist the chance to have their teeth cleaned by a dental hygienist.

Our school counselor offers programs that range from conflict resolution to student council.

Many of our teachers volunteer their time to work with students in the 21st Century after school programs that offer a cornucopia of mini electives. We average 45 children a week in the 21st century programs. The LEAP program continues to offer a safe before and after school alternative for children. In LEAP they can have a snack, get homework done, play, or work on a special project.

We have a dedicated group of parents that support the school in a variety of ways. Many of our parents and grandparents spend time in the classroom volunteering

This combination of parents, staff, and students makes Elm Hill such a great school.

We look forward to the continuation of the building project and the many changes it will evoke.

Jonni Nichols
Principal

UNION STREET SCHOOL

Union Street School remains in transition going from a 50 year old building to a brand new and newly renovated school. This project began in October of 2007 and is expected to continue until September, 2010. By the end of our 2007-2008 school year, the entire north end of our building, extending through the main office and into our classroom wing, needed to be evacuated and relocated.

Four of our classrooms were emptied into storage units and later moved into portable units where they will remain until the beginning of the next school year.



In late October, all of the remaining classrooms and student support services moved from the existing building into the newly constructed wing, which is now located behind the old school.

Throughout this transition time, our students observed out their classroom windows, the movement of heavy equipment, the excavation of earth where our playground once was, the pouring of concrete, the construction of structural steel and the laying of brick, and more heavy, noisy equipment. While all of this activity was at times distracting to the students, it provided a new learning experience and a great deal of excitement. Our students and staff documented their experience with video and digital photographs. This will serve as a visual record for the School District and the town of Springfield for many years to come.

The staff at Union Street continues to be committed to providing a safe, active learning environment for all students, maintaining and strengthening educational opportunities and planning for continuous improvement through Action Planning. The staff has worked hard to maintain the traditions that have come to define Union Street over the fifteen years that I have served as principal. The Responsive Classroom model, begun in 1998, continues to promote a positive classroom climate, building community and integrating academic and social skills into the daily routine of the classroom. This year, the staff is participating in professional development learning about and implementing the Social Thinking Curriculum developed by Michelle Garcia Winner.

While the teaching and learning environment has been less than ideal during the construction, I would like to thank all of the people who have put forth an enormous effort to assist, support and encourage our school community. A special recognition goes to our parents, who have shown patience and flexibility through daily changes in our environment. Our PTA deserves accolades for their untiring support for our students, staff and for their fortitude in pursuing a future playground for the Union Street students. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Scott Whitemore who has graciously allowed our students to use his yard for physical education classes and for recesses. Our thanks go to Park Street staff for welcoming all of our school to join them in celebrating Thanksgiving and hosting our choir.

Lastly, my thanks go to the entire staff at Union Street School for their persistence, commitment and determination in maintaining a strong and consistent educational environment for our students.

Cheryl Hoffman
Principal

RIVERSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Riverside Middle School enrolled 319 students in grades six, seven and eight during the 2007-08 school year. Our students took classes in the four core areas of language arts, math, science and social studies. Students also participated in physical education, and received a trimester each of family consumer science, art, and technology education. Sixth grade students had a one trimester guidance class and took foreign language exploratory for another trimester. Our elective courses included band, chorus, and computer science. Algebra I was also offered to eighth grade students, and French and Spanish were offered to students in grades seven and eight.

As a middle school, we subscribe to middle level philosophy about what constitutes an appropriate education for children aged 10-14. This includes:

- curriculum that is relevant, challenging, integrative and exploratory
- multiple learning and teaching approaches that respond to the diversity of our student body
- assessment and evaluation programs that promote quality learning
- organizational structures such as teaming that support meaningful relationships and learning
- school-wide efforts and policies that foster health, wellness and safety
- multifaceted guidance and support services.

I was new to both your community and the school district last year, so I need to introduce myself. The 2007-08 school year was my fourth year in administration. For my first three years I served as Co-Principal at the Hartland Elementary School, where I had also taught 7/8 social studies for the previous nine years. My B.A. in history/ with a recommendation for secondary social studies licensure came from Potsdam SUNY. My M.Ed. in school leadership came from Vermont College of the Union Institute and University. I live with my husband and 12-year-old son in Hartland.

Our Community Building Program continued to grow. All of our staff members were trained in the Olweus Bullying Program to proactively stop bullying in the school. We had 12 weekly classroom meetings in which students met with adult advisors to learn social skills, and to talk about bullying, harassment and other topics of concern to young adolescents. We also continued the tradition of holding community building days, and our after-school program continued to grow, both in the number of offerings and the number of students participating. Since we began the Community Building Program at Riverside, our disciplinary referrals have continued to decrease markedly each year.

We welcomed two new teachers. Tifin Calcagni joined the 8th grade team as the Science Teacher. She uses hands-on, problem-based teaching approach that motivates and captivates her students. Emily Weiderkehr taught language arts and social studies on the multi-grade team. Her students have benefitted from her creative approaches towards integration.

At the end of the year, we said good-bye to two teachers who had been a part of our community for many years. Nancy Con-

way, who taught Title I reading at RMS since 1979, retired. She has continued to be a presence in our school as an invaluable substitute teacher. Barbara Sirotkin, who taught world language has also moved on to other things. We enjoyed the Rainforest Play her Spanish students produced in collaboration with a local artist, and our art teacher, Marguerite Janizyn.

I cannot stress enough the good work our teachers do every day. We could not ask for a more dedicated and talented staff. This dedication has required us to seriously examine our state mathematics and reading test scores, the delivery of special education services in our school, and the research on best practices for the middle level. We formed committees that regularly met to look at these issues, staff went to relative conferences, and teachers visited other schools. As a result of this work, we have begun to make some changes in 2008-09, and will continue to do so through the next 2-3 years. For example, we have implemented mini-courses to offer additional support for some students and enrichment for all students. We ask for your support as we do this important work. There are no magic wands, and we will need to make adjustments along the way. However, my pledge to you is that we will do this work focused upon what is in the best interest of the children we serve.

I have at times been asked to explain why those without children should pay to support public education. This happens more frequently in rough economic times. My position is that when we look at this as being about "other people's children", we are missing the big picture. We are a democratic community of citizens. Healthy democracies take care of their most vulnerable citizens: namely the elderly and children. As citizens, our children are entitled to the support and training they need to take their future places as adults. This includes civics training, and education about healthy lifestyles, as well as workplace training. With a well prepared citizenry, we will be able to foster healthy economies, safe communities, and enjoy informed civic participation.

I will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the proposed Riverside Middle School budget for FY10. Last year, I asked you for \$2,699,606. This time I am asking for \$2,628,802, a decrease of \$71,000. I can be reached at 885-8490, extention 204, or by e-mail at bread@ssdvt.org.

Becky Read
Principal

SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

2008-2009 is the year of self-study required by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). This is the institution that accredits secondary schools in the northeast. There are seven standards that will be examined by the visiting team in March of 2010. 1. Mission and Expectations for Student Learning. 2. Curriculum. 3. Instruction. 4. Assessment of Student Learning. 5. Leadership and Organization. 6. School Resources for Learning. 7. Community Resources for Learning. We began the process in 2007 and are continuing to gather and analyze data, write preliminary reports and reflect on current practice. We were last assessed in 2000. "The awarding of accreditation signifies that the school has met Commission Standards at an acceptable

Springfield School District (Continued)

level and is willing to both maintain those Standards and to improve its educational program by implementing the recommendations of the visiting committee and the Commission. Continued accreditation is dependent upon a school demonstrating ongoing, reflective progress to improve teaching and learning..." SHS is totally committed to this process.

This year has seen the addition of nine teachers new to the building replacing those who have retired or moved. Three in guidance and science, two in English and one in support services. They have complemented the existing staff and are fully involved in the school.

One of the more exciting additions this year is the formation of the Positive Parents Group (PPG). The group meets twice a month and is invaluable for the research and ideas they have contributed. We are very fortunate to have an involved parent group at the high school.

Another group that has been formed this year is the Student Problem Identification and Resolution of Issues Together (SPIRIT). The U.S. Department of Justice Community Relations Service came to Springfield High School and trained staff volunteers on facilitation techniques to be used with the student groups. 63 Students participated in four groups which met to identify the positive aspects of SHS as well as issues to be addressed. The final meeting of the session focused on student solutions to the problems they identified. It will continue to be an integral part of the school community.

We are an identified school for not meeting Adequate Yearly Progress on the assessment required by the No Child Left Behind Act. This continues to be of concern and we are working to address deficiencies. The tests are given in the junior year at the high school. Although much information can be gleaned from the results, there is more needed if individual needs are to be identified and remedied. The district has recognized this and this year an online assessment for each child in grades nine and ten will be given in the fall, winter, and spring. The assessment used was developed by the Northwest Evaluation Association and provides measures of academic progress (MAP) that are aligned with the Vermont Standards and provide information that accurately reflects the instructional level of each student. It also provides a measure of the academic growth of each student over time. With the information provided by these tests, SHS is continually working to develop instructional strategies to address identified deficiencies.

Education in the 21st Century will continue to be challenging and different needs will appear and we will be developing new techniques to address them.

Oh! Did I mention that the Springfield High School football had an undefeated season and won our division state championship? They did!

Larry Wight
Principal

RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

The River Valley Technical Center School District is in its second year as an independent school district serving students in the RVTC service region.

Member districts of the RVTC School District include Bel-lows Falls Union High School District #27, Black River Union High School District #39, Green Mountain Union High School District #35, and Springfield School District. Voters are invited to attend the RVTC Annual Meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 23, 2009, at the Springfield High School Cafeteria, followed by a budget information session. Voters of the member districts will have the opportunity to vote by Australian ballot on the FY 2010 River Valley Technical Center budget at their town meetings on March 3. The Annual Report of the RVTC School District is available to all voters by contacting the River Valley Technical Center at 802-885-8300, 307 South Street, Springfield, VT 05156

The School District audit report was not yet complete as of the deadline date for publishing this Town Report. Anyone interested in viewing the complete audit report should contact the Central Office directly at 60 Park Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156 or by telephone at 885-5141.

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY10 PROPOSED BUDGET
Enrollment Projections
10/14/08**

Grade Level	FY08 Actual	FY09 Projected	FY09 Actual	FY10 Projected	Change
K	115	106	104	107	
1	96	111	105	102	
2	103	100	90	107	
3	96	104	95	90	
4	107	96	94	94	
5	107	114	108	99	
TOTAL K-5	624	631	596	599	3
6	112	110	97	108	
7	102	114	112	100	
8	105	107	100	118	
TOTAL 6-8	319	331	309	326	17
9	136	135	145	132	
10	146	135	115	137	
11	115	130	136	103	
12	101	103	85	117	
TOTAL 9-12	498	503	481	489	8
TOTAL K-12	1441	1465	1386	1414	28
Numbers above do not include students tuitioned to out of district programs (ODP, Gateway, Kindle Farms, etc)					

**Springfield School District
FY10 Proposed Budget Summary
1/15/09**

BUILDING or DEPARTMENT	FY09 NOV 1st	FY10 REQUESTED	DOLLAR CHANGE	%AGE CHANGE
K-5	\$4,442,919	\$4,353,854	-\$89,065	-2.0%
Riverside	\$2,511,026	\$2,512,202	\$1,176	0.0%
High School	\$4,475,407	\$4,425,980	-\$49,427	-1.1%
Special Education	\$4,180,084	\$4,174,883	-\$5,201	-0.1%
Buildings & Grounds	\$2,610,732	\$2,769,974	\$159,242	6.1%
Capital Plan	\$534,500	\$432,700	-\$101,800	-19.0%
Central Offices	\$922,047	\$929,187	\$7,140	0.8%
Other	\$1,244,332	\$1,241,895	-\$2,437	-0.2%
New Staff		\$52,556	\$52,556	NEW
Staff from Grants		\$77,163	\$77,163	NEW
Grants**	\$1,925,463	\$1,898,897	-\$26,566	-1.4%
RVTC Obligation	\$636,494	\$613,713	-\$22,781	-3.6%
OPERATING BUDGE	\$23,483,004	\$23,483,004	\$0	0.0%
Debt Service		\$1,462,491	\$1,462,491	NEW
GRAND TOTAL	\$23,483,004	\$24,945,495	\$1,462,491	6.2%
ACT 82 VOTES				
First Article		\$23,602,281		
Second Article		\$729,501		
RVTC Obligation		\$613,713		
TOTAL		\$24,945,495		

ESTIMATED REVENUES
FY10 Proposed Budget
1/15/09

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Revenue Source	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	ESTIMATED	Difference
2		FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	
3	TOTAL BUDGET (inc. RVTC obligation)	\$23,170,071	\$22,517,573	\$23,483,004	\$24,945,495	6.23%
4	LESS OTHER REVENUES					
5	State Aid - Special Education	\$2,385,688	\$2,345,675	\$2,569,573	\$2,338,991	-\$230,582
6	State Aid - Pupil Transportation	\$126,679	\$135,659	\$149,651	\$164,977	\$15,326
7	State Reimbursements - Driver Ed.	\$8,424	\$6,662	\$10,000	\$7,000	-\$3,000
8	State and Federal Grants	\$2,018,168	\$1,812,647	\$1,925,463	\$1,898,897	-\$26,566
9	Tuitions (K-12)	\$884,356	\$989,874	\$1,079,190	\$869,565	-\$209,625
10	Tuitions (Special Education)	\$73,799	\$93,800	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
11	RVTC Revenues	\$2,043,494	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
12	Interest Income	\$194,737	\$116,600	\$175,000	\$75,000	-\$100,000
13	Rentals	\$28,178	\$28,071	\$25,000	\$28,000	\$3,000
14	Athletic Gate Receipts	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
15	Criminal Justice Academy Reimbursement	\$3,998	\$8,393	\$8,818	\$4,565	-\$4,253
16	Revenues from RVTC	\$0	\$308,362	\$321,825	\$296,750	-\$25,075
17	Revenues from HDEC	\$0	\$69,915	\$77,435	\$81,920	\$4,485
18	Miscellaneous Revenues	\$21,620	\$19,076	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$5,000
19	Capital Fund Balance (FY04-7 Projects)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$349,893	\$349,893
20	Prior Year Surplus (SSD)	\$191,619	\$213,561	\$216,153	\$524,190	\$308,037
21	TOTAL OTHER REVENUES	\$7,983,260	\$6,150,795	\$6,650,608	\$6,737,248	\$86,640
22						
23	RVTC State Aid Flow Thru	\$454,680	\$450,574	\$433,723	\$419,965	-\$13,758
24	Education Spending Revenue	\$14,918,940	\$15,729,283	\$16,398,673	\$17,788,282	\$1,389,609
25	TOTAL	\$15,373,620	\$16,179,857	\$16,832,396	\$18,208,247	\$1,375,851
26						
27	Estimated Equalized Pupils	1,362.94	1,344.71	1386.23	1387.21	0.1%
28	Education Spending Per Pupil	\$11,280	\$12,032	\$12,143	\$13,126	8.1%
29	Common Level of Appraisal	74.02%	114.16%	107.56%	101.97%	-5.5%
30						
31	Estimated Residential School Tax Rate*	\$1.9750	\$1.1854	1.1963	\$1.2806	7.0%
32	Change from prior year	\$0.093	-\$0.7896	\$0.011	\$0.0843	
33	Percentage Change	4.9%	-40.0%	0.9%	7.0%	
34						
35	Estimated Non-Residential School Tax Rate	\$1.9454	\$1.1913	1.2644	\$1.3141	3.9%
36	Change from prior year	\$0.4790	-\$0.7541	\$0.0731	\$0.0497	
37	Percentage Change	2.5%	-38.8%	6.1%	3.9%	
38						
39	MIA of Ed Spending for First Article				\$16,865,033	
40	First Article				\$23,602,281	
41	Second Article				\$729,501	
42	RVTC Obligation				\$613,713	\$24,945,495

* FY10 calculations based on a base education tax rate of \$.85 for residential property and \$ 1.34 for non-residential property.

District: **Springfield**
County: **Windsor**

LEA: **T193**
S.U.: **Springfield**

Enter estimated homestead base rate for FY2010. See note at bottom of page.

0.85

		Act 68		Act 130	
		FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010
Expenditures					
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$23,170,071	\$24,378,329	\$23,391,066	\$24,331,782
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-	-	-	-
4.	Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget	\$23,170,071	\$24,378,329	\$23,391,066	\$24,331,782
5.	plus No union high school assessment	-	-	N/A	N/A
6.	plus No union elementary or junior high school assessment	-	-	N/A	N/A
7.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	\$613,713
8.	plus Prior year deficit reduction if not included in expenditure budget	-	-	-	-
9.	Gross Act 68 Budget	\$23,170,071	\$24,378,329	\$23,391,066	\$24,945,495
10.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
11.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
12.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$7,796,451	\$8,198,472	\$6,558,670	\$6,737,248
13.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
14.	plus Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures)	-	-	-	-
15.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-	-	-	-
16.	Total local revenues	\$7,796,451	\$8,198,472	\$6,558,670	\$6,737,248
17.	Education Spending	\$15,373,620	\$16,179,857	\$16,832,396	\$18,208,247
18.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	1,362.94	1,344.71	1,386.23	1,387.21
19.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$11,280	\$12,032	\$12,143	\$13,126
20.	minus Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-
21.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	-
22.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is solely attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed	-	-	-	-
23.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-
24.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-
25.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$11,280	\$12,032	\$12,143	\$13,126
26.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$13,126 / \$8,544)	153.885% based on \$7,330	155.536% based on \$7,736	147.900% based on \$8,210	153.628% based on \$8,544
Prorating the local tax rate					
27.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (Tax rates were not prorated in FY06 - FY08) (153.628% x 0.85)	\$1.462 based on \$0.85	\$1.353 based on \$0.87	\$1.287 based on \$0.87	\$1.306 based on \$0.85
28.	Percent of Springfield equalized pupils not in a union school district	Not applicable prior to Act 130	Not applicable prior to Act 130	100.000%	100.000%
29.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.000% x \$1.31)	Not applicable prior to Act 130	Not applicable prior to Act 130	\$1.287	\$1.306
30.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	74.02%	114.16%	107.56%	101.97%
31.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (Tax rates were not prorated in FY06 - FY08) (\$1.306 / 101.97%)	\$1.975 based on \$0.85	\$1.185 based on \$0.87	\$1.196 based on \$0.87	\$1.281 based on \$0.85
<p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</p>					
32.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (153.628% x 1.80%)	Not applicable prior to Act 130	Not applicable prior to Act 130	2.66%	2.77% based on 1.80%
33.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.000% x 2.77%)	2.77% based on 1.80%	2.80% based on 1.80%	2.66% based on 1.80%	2.77% based on 1.80%
34.	Percent of equalized pupils at union 1	Not applicable prior to Act 130	Not applicable prior to Act 130	-	-
35.		Not applicable prior to Act 130	Not applicable prior to Act 130	-	-

The Tax Commissioner recommended an FY2010 base education homestead tax rate of \$0.85 but also urged the Legislature to not accept that recommendation. The rate entered is therefore an estimate only. The base income percentage cap is 1.80%. Final figures will be set by the Legislature and approved by the Governor.

The projected base education amount of \$8,544 is subject to change by the Legislature.

SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 3 AND 4, 2008 ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Springfield and Town of Springfield School District met at the Springfield High School Cafeteria in said Town on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. (7:30 o'clock in the afternoon) to act upon all matters which may be voted upon by acclamation and not otherwise to be voted by ballot, following which all articles to be voted by Australian Ballot on March 4, 2008, were discussed, and then adjourned to the Riverside Middle School Gymnasium at 8:00 a.m. (8:00 o'clock in the forenoon) on March 4, 2008, to vote by ballot for Town and Town School District Officers, for all appropriations to be voted by ballot, and all other items of business to be voted by ballot.

ARTICLE 1: Town Officers and Town School District Officers were elected by Australian Ballot as shown in the listing in the front of this report.

ARTICLE 2: Voted to receive and act on reports of the Town Officers, Town School District Officers and Committees.

ARTICLE 3: Voted to pay a salary of FIFTY and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50.00) per meeting for the Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 4: Voted to deny an increase the salary of each Selectman from the sum of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) to ONE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$1,250.00) to help defray the costs and expenses incurred in serving the Town in that office.

ARTICLE 5: Voted to appropriate the sum of NINE MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,421,522.00) for the budget of the Town for salaries, incidental and necessary Town expenses, including highways, and for the purposes for which the law requires appropriations, and for which a Town may legally vote.

ARTICLE 6: Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend such grant monies, gifts, or bequests which may be received by the Town of Springfield in accordance with the terms of said grants, gifts, or bequests.

ARTICLE 7: Voted a salary for each School Board member of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00).

ARTICLE 8: Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the direction and approval of the Board of School Directors, to borrow money to meet the requirements of the Town School District for the ensuing year, and also authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Board of School Directors, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes rated to meet the requirements of the Town School District for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 9: Voted to deny the approval of a school budget amount of TWENTY THREE MILLION, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SIX THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$23,126,359.00) to support its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2008.

ARTICLE 10: Voted to deny the appropriation of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$180,000.00) for removal and replacement of the gym bleachers at Riverside Middle School.

ARTICLE 11: Voted to deny the appropriation of ONE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$1,673,500.00) for renovations, repairs, and improvements to the bathrooms and plumbing system at Park Street School.

ARTICLE 12: Voted to appropriate the sum of SIXTY TWO THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$62,000.00) to help support the high-quality home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH.

ARTICLE 13: Voted to appropriate the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$8,000.00) for the support of Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home.

ARTICLE 14: Voted to appropriate the sum of FORTY FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$45,000.00) to the Springfield Family Center to assist with the cost of providing a free meal daily, a free food shelf, and other services related to hunger and homelessness in the Springfield community.

ARTICLE 15: Voted to appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,300.00) to the Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community through volunteer service.

ARTICLE 16: Voted to appropriate the sum of SIX THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$6,000.00) to help support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence and prevention education in schools and communities by New Beginnings, Inc.

ARTICLE 17: Voted to appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) to the Springfield Community Band for 10 (ten) outdoor concerts.

ARTICLE 18: Voted to appropriate the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$8,000.00) to assist with the cost of operating the Meals on Wheels Program that provides daily

March 3 and 4, 2008 Meeting (Continued)

hot and cold congregate and home delivered meals and other nutritional needs to the qualified residents of Springfield.

ARTICLE 19: Voted to appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc.

ARTICLE 20: Voted to appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) to help support the Valley Health Connections to help the uninsured access health care.

ARTICLE 21: Voted to appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,300.00) for the continued operation of Valley Court Diversion Program.

ARTICLE 22: Voted to appropriate the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$12,500.00) to Connecticut River Transit, Inc., the lower Connecticut-River Valley designated nonprofit public transit agency in Windham and South Windsor Counties.

ARTICLE 23: Voted to appropriate the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$8,000.00) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Springfield in responding to the emergency needs of the community and to provide all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need.

ARTICLE 24: Voted to appropriate the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$800.00) to Windsor County Partners, for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County.

ARTICLE 25: Voted to deny the appropriation of the sum of FOUR THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$4,600.00) to Rockingham Area Community Land Trust to assist Springfield in responding to the housing needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services?

ARTICLE 26: Approved that there was no other business to be done under this warning.

Meredith D. Kelley
Town Clerk

**WARRANT FOR MARCH 2 AND 3, 2009
ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL
DISTRICT MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Springfield and Town of Springfield School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Springfield High School Cafeteria in said Town on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. (7:30 o'clock in the afternoon) to act upon all matters which may be voted upon by acclamation and not otherwise to be voted by ballot, following which all articles to be voted by Australian Ballot on March 3, 2009, will be discussed, and then to adjourn to the Riverside Middle School Gymnasium at 8:00 a.m. (8:00 o'clock in the forenoon) on March 3, 2009, to vote by ballot for Town and Town School District Officers, for all appropriations to be voted by ballot, and all other items of business to be voted by ballot.

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following Town Officers and Town School District Officers for the ensuing year:

Moderator	Trustee of Public Funds
Selectmen	Cemetery Commissioner
School Directors	Town Agent
Lister	First Constable
Library Trustee	

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town vote to validate, consistent with the provisions of Article Three, Section IV(B)(5) of the Town Charter, the appointment by the Selectmen of Meredith D. Kelley as Town Clerk and Town Treasurer.

ARTICLE 3: To receive and act on reports of the Town Officers, Town School District Officers and Committees.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town vote a salary of FIFTY and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50.00) per meeting for the Moderator for the ensuing year? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote a salary for each Selectman the sum of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) to help defray the costs and expenses incurred in serving the Town in that office? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of NINE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY SIX THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED FORTY FOUR and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,726,944.00) for the budget of the Town for salaries, incidental and necessary Town expenses, including highways, and for the purposes for which the law requires appropriations, and for which a Town may legally vote? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 7: Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Springfield in an amount not to exceed SIX MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$6,500,000.00), subject to reduction from the receipt of available State and Federal grants-in-aid and the application of other available public and private sources of financing, be issued for the purpose of financing the Town's share of the cost of making certain public water supply improvements, namely, distribution system and pressure improvements, all at an estimated cost of

Warrant (Continued)

SIX MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$6,500,000.00)? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 8: Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Springfield in an amount not to exceed TWO MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,750,000.00), subject to reduction from the application of State and Federal grants-in-aid and any other available funds, be issued for the purpose of financing the Town's share of the cost of making certain public improvements, namely, combined sewer overflow abatement measures, at an estimated cost of TWO MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,750,000.00)? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend such grant monies, gifts, or bequests which may be received by the Town of Springfield in accordance with the terms of said grants, gifts, or bequests?

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Springfield Town School District approve the payment to each School Board member of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) to help defray the costs and expenses incurred in serving in that office, the funds for which are included in the school budget? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the direction and approval of the Board of School Directors, to borrow money to meet the requirements of the Town School District for the ensuing year, and also authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Board of School Directors, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes rated to meet the requirements of the Town School District for the ensuing year?

ARTICLE 12: Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District approve a total budget in the amount of TWENTY THREE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED AND TWO THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY ONE and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$23,602,281.00), which includes the Maximum Inflation Amount of education spending? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 13: If Article 12 is approved, shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District also approve additional education spending of SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY NINE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND ONE and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$729,501.00)? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) for the support of Springfield On the Move, Inc. to assist property owners with building maintenance and rehabilitation through tax credits and to leverage specially-designated funds for projects such as streetlights, sidewalks and streetscape im-

provements? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$48,000.00) to the Springfield Family Center to assist with the cost of providing a free meal daily, a free food shelf, and other services related to hunger and homelessness in the Springfield community? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of SIXTY THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$63,500.00) to help support the high-quality home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH? Care is provided regardless of ability to pay. (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) to help support out patient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc.? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of SIX THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$6,000.00) to help support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence and prevention education in schools and communities by New Beginnings, Inc.? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$8,500.00) for the support of Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) to help support the Valley Health Connections to help the uninsured access health care? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$8,000.00) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Springfield in responding to the emergency needs of the community and to provide all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) to Rockingham Area Community Land Trust to support the NeighborWorks Home Ownership Center which has, in the last 5 years, assisted 58 Springfield residents purchase homes and 63 Springfield residents with home maintenance issues, rehabilitation loans, or foreclosure intervention services? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

Warrant (Continued)

ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) to the Springfield Community Band for 10 (ten) outdoor concerts? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 24: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$8,000.00) to assist with the cost of operating the Meals on Wheels Program that provides daily hot and cold congregate and home delivered meals and other nutritional needs to the qualified residents of Springfield? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 25: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$800.00) to Windsor County Partners, for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 26: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$12,500.00) to Connecticut River Transit, Inc., to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Springfield? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 27: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,300.00) to the Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community through volunteer service? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 28: To do any other business that can legally be done under this warning.

Dated this 26th day of January, 2009 at Springfield, County of Windsor and State of Vermont.

Mark Blanchard, *Chair*
Terri Benton
Michael Knoras
Kristi Morris
John Swanson
Board of Selectmen
Town of Springfield

Judith Edwards, *Chair*
Samuel Coleman
Jeanice Garfield
Larry Kraft
Marilyn Thompson
Board of School Directors
Springfield School District

WARNING

**RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL
CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

(Member districts: Bellows Falls Union High School District #27, Black River Union High School District #39, Green Mountain Union High School District #35, and Springfield School District.)

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are hereby warned to meet at the Springfield High School (Cafeteria), Springfield, Vermont, on Monday, February 23, 2009, at 7:00 PM, to transact and vote on the following business:

ARTICLE 1: To see what compensation the School District will pay to the officers of the River Valley Technical Center School District.

ARTICLE 2: To hear and act on the reports of the School District officers.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the School District will authorize the Board of Directors to receive and expend funds received through grants, donations, or other outside sources during the ensuing year, so long as such funds do not change the technical-education tuition assessment derived from the operating budget approved by the School District voters.

ARTICLE 4: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this School District Annual Meeting.

The meeting will then be recessed to Tuesday, March 3, 2009, on which date the voters of each member district are further warned to vote on the following article by Australian ballot at their respective polling places:

Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of two million, nine hundred sixty-nine thousand, twenty-two dollars (\$2,969,022) to defray current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations?

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are further warned that a Public Informational Meeting will be held concerning the above-stated Australian ballot article on Monday, February 23, 2009, in the cafeteria of Springfield High School, immediately following the business portion of the School District's Annual Meeting.

For more information about the proposed 2009-2010 budget, please contact the office of the RVTC director at (802) 885-8301. Copies of the RVTC Annual Report are available at town clerk offices and high schools of the member districts or upon request by contacting the RVTC office.

Dated at Springfield, Vermont, in the County of Windsor, on this 23rd day of January 2009.

River Valley Technical Center Board of Directors
Alison DesLauriers Robert Flint
Jack Bryar Crystal Stokarski
Peter Girouard Andrew Pennell
Larry Kraft Susan Tomberg
Bonnie Reynolds
Clerk, River Valley Technical Center School District



Water System Improvements

February 2009

Voters are being asked to consider borrowing an additional \$6.5 million to fund the final phases of the water system improvements project. Borrowing would come from combined loan and grant funding packages from the State Revolving Fund and USDA Rural Development.

This request will be voted on by Australian ballot on March 3, 2009. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Riverside Middle School.

We will hold a public information meeting on Monday March 2, 2009 at 7:30 pm in connection with the annual Town Meeting in the Springfield High School Cafeteria.

Background

In 1999 the Town's staff and engineering consultants presented a phased improvement plan for upgrading and bringing the Town's water system into compliance with State and Federal requirements. The plan was to construct improvements to meet chlorine contact time, upgrade old and undersized distribution mains, and correct low pressure in several service areas.

Voters approved a \$2 million bond authorization in March 1999 and an additional \$2 million bond authorization in March 2001. Since 2001, approximately \$1.5 million has been spent on Phase I, which included the chlorine contact project and upgrade of old and undersized distribution mains. Due to funding availability and other factors, the pressure improvements have not been constructed.



Gilchrist No. 2 well

The Town's water system is currently one pressure zone that is fed by gravity off of three existing storage tanks. Due to the great variability in ground elevation within the service area, there are 16 areas with inadequate water pressure that is less than the State's minimum standard of 35 psi. The creation of a two pressure zone system is proposed to address the low pressure issues. The work includes the construction of a new 1 million gallon tank off Union Street, improved pumping capability at the source, transmission main improvements, and pressure reduction facilities for a newly created pressure zone in the lower elevations of the service area.



Fairground Road well fields

Project Specifics

We propose to construct a 1 million gallon water storage tank in the Union Street area. This tank will be set at an elevation to boost system-wide pressure about 35 psi, thereby increasing pressures in the 16 current low-pressure areas. There will be three pressure reducing valve vaults constructed so that pressure in the lower elevation of the system would remain the same. Otherwise, these pressures will place undue stress on that portion of the system. The well pumps will be upgraded to enable pumping to the new elevated storage tank and to replace original aging equipment at the well pump houses. System electronic controls will be installed to monitor and operate the new two pressure zone system. A new 16" waterline will be installed along River Street to replace the existing 100 year old 12" waterline that has a depth of bury ranging from 20' to 30' deep. The Davidson Hill Tank will be abandoned since it is too low to service the new High Pressure Zone.



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What will these projects cost?

The current estimate for the completion of the pressure improvements is \$9 million, which results in an overall total project cost of \$10.5 million. Given that the current bond authorization is \$4 million, the approval of the additional \$6.5 million will provide adequate funding to complete the water system improvements project. This plan brings the Town's water system into conformance with the requirements of the State Water Supply Rules. Further, the project replaces aging equipment and infrastructure and reduces our future operating, maintenance, and replacement costs.



Typical pre-stressed concrete storage tank construction

What funding is available?

Due to the current state of the economy, legislature has made initial steps at providing an economic stimulus package focused on capital intensive infrastructure improvement projects. The exact implications and ranking of potential projects for the stimulus package are unknown at this time. However, the readiness of the top "fundable" projects is assumed to be a criterion due to the nature of the stimulus package proposal. Any "fundable" projects that are not "ready to proceed" may be bypassed and the funding applied to the next project on the list that is "ready to proceed" until all available funds are utilized. It is assumed, that a project will be considered "ready to proceed" if the project has obtained a positive bond vote and completed the final design process. By having the project "ready to proceed" the Town can accelerate the possibility of funding.



Typical waterline construction.

How will this affect my water rates?

These improvements will be funded by water user fees and will not be part of the tax rate. The additional increase will be based upon the loan amount required for the project. Currently the Town is working with the State and USDA Rural Development to obtain the additional funding required, with an emphasis on grant funding.

What will happen if the Town does not make these improvements?

The Town's water system is operating under a temporary permit to operate issued by the State. Conditions in the permit include the schedule of compliance for these improvements. The schedule sets the end of 2010 for completion. If the Town does not complete the improvements by then, it will not be able to obtain an operating permit and faces possible enforcement action.

**For more information contact
Jeffery Strong, Water & Wastewater
Superintendent, at 886-2208**



CSO Bond Vote - 2009

February 2009

On Town Meeting Day, voters are being asked to consider authorizing funding to complete the Town's combined sewer overflow abatement project. Work will include separating storm and sanitary sewers primarily in the Elm Hill area of the town, removal of certain roof drains and removal of private inflow sources such as sump pumps. This phase anticipates the construction of about 8,000 linear feet of new storm drain, 2,000 linear feet of sewer rehabilitation and the removal of 60 combined drain basins. This final phase will require \$2.75 million to complete. The following information is provided to explain the progress to date and the need to continue with the removal of storm and sanitary sewer overflows to the Black River.

How do we stand in relation to our mandates?

The amended State 1272 Order and assurance of discontinuance issued in November of 2008, set schedules for completion of the phased CSO removal project. The order requires elimination of overflow sewer discharges by December 31, 2010. It further requires that the Town must have removed certain roof drains, which significantly contribute storm runoff to the combined collection system. At this point the Town is on schedule to meet the mandates in the order. This funding approval is needed to continue efforts to meet the schedule.



How much has been completed?

In 1999 and 2002, voters approved the first \$3 million and \$4 million respectively, for the CSO project. Phase 1 and 2 has included five major contracts to date:

- Contract 1 – the construction of grit receiving manholes and major upgrade of the main pump station. This has been completed.
- Contract 2 – the installation of new storm collection basins and lines in the Main Street and South Street areas. This was completed in 2001.
- Contract 3 – the construction of the new storm collection basins and lines in the Bridge Street, Hartness Street, Olive Street, Furnace Street areas. This was completed in 2002.
- Contract 4 – the construction of new storm collection basins and lines in the Summer Hill, Summer Street, Wall Street areas. This was completed in 2005.
- Contract 5 – the construction of new storm collection basins and lines in the Union Street, Park Street areas. This was completed in 2008.

What have been the impacts to date?

As these improvements have proceeded, we have seen significant reductions of the frequency and volumes of sewer overflows to the river. More of the combined storm and sewer flows have been reaching the wastewater treatment plant. We have now been able to pump up to an additional two million gallons daily during storm events to the wastewater plant. This is the result of the No. 1 pump station upgrade and the installation of the grit receiving manholes, which facilitate more hydraulic capacity in interceptor sewers. At this point about 275 combined storm basins have been removed from the sewer collection system. Estimates are that overflow frequency and volumes have been reduced by 60 percent to 80 percent on an average rainfall year. Event monitoring and documentation of frequency and duration of overflows have been ongoing for over five years and providing actual data to confirm the Town's degree of overflow removal and to determine the extent that the Town meets the total requirement of removing combined sewer overflows to the river in the future.

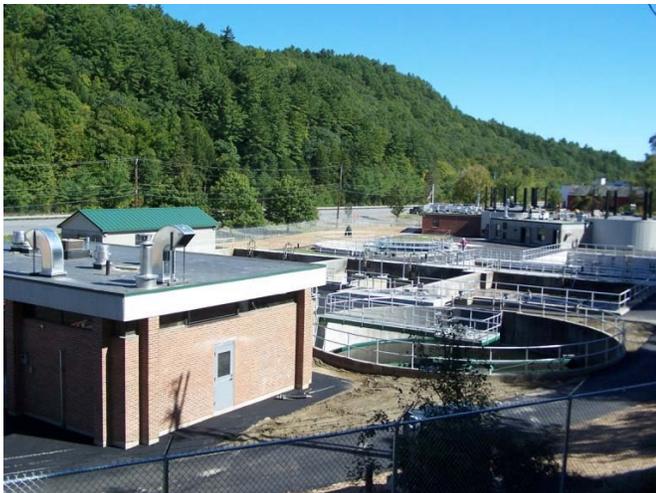


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How will this phase be funded and what are the user costs?

Publicly bid construction contracts will be funded by a 25 percent State grant, a 50 percent State revolving loan, and 25 percent local borrowing. We may be able to obtain additional grant funding or federal economic stimulus funding to reduce the cost to tax payers and users. The exact implications and ranking of potential projects for the stimulus package are unknown at this time. However, the readiness of the top "fundable" projects is assumed to be a criterion due to the nature of the stimulus package proposal. It is assumed, that a project will be considered "ready to proceed" if the project has obtained a positive bond vote and completed the final design process. By having the project "ready to proceed" the Town can accelerate the possibility of funding.



When will there be a public hearing and what if I have questions?

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the proposed authorization request on March 2, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Springfield High School cafeteria. A briefing will be given and your questions can be raised then. If you have any questions you may also contact Jeffery Strong, Water and Wastewater Superintendent, at 886-2208



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