

In Dedication to
BARBARA CHAMPION WOOD

The Selectmen of Bethel are pleased to dedicate the 2006 issue of the Town Report to Barbara Champion Wood in appreciation for her continuing service to our Town and our State.

Barbara was born in Swampscott, Massachusetts and became a resident of Bethel in 1949. She was educated in elementary and high schools in Rochester, Vermont and is a graduate of Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Hanover, NH and Simmons College, Boston, MA. She served in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. She is married to Newall Wood and they have five children. Mrs. Wood is a member of the United Church of Bethel, and she was a member of the Bethel School Board for 22 years. Her interest and concern for educational issues led to her 14 years of service as a member of the Vermont House of Representatives from 1981 to 1994. During her years in the legislature, Mrs. Wood played a major role in the Camp Brook Road rehabilitation project and as a member of the House Education Committee, sought to improve opportunities for all Vermont children through equitable school funding and access to early education programs such as kindergarten.

Mrs. Wood also served on the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees, the Gifford Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, and was a board member of the Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire. In recent years, she was a volunteer gardener at the Bethel Common and has served on many Town committees.

WARNING FOR THE 2007 TOWN MEETING

The legal voters in the Town of Bethel are hereby warned to meet at the Whitcomb High School in said Bethel on Tuesday, the 6th of March, 2007 at 10:00 AM for the following purposes:

1. To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing.
2. To elect a Town Clerk for the year ensuing.
3. To hear the report of the Auditors and take action thereon.
4. To elect a Town Treasurer for the year ensuing.
5. To elect by ballot, a Selectman for a term of three years to succeed Neal Fox whose term expires.
6. To elect by ballot, a Lister for a term of three years to succeed Beverly Washburn whose term expires.
7. To elect by ballot, an Auditor for a term of three years to succeed Rosella Leonard whose term expires.
8. To elect one or more Grand Jurors.
9. To elect an Agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the Town is interested.
10. To elect a Trustee of Public Funds under Section 24, V.S.A. for a term of three years to succeed Eric Benson whose term expires.
11. To see if the voters of the Town of Bethel will vote a sum of money to defray Highway and General expenses for the 12 month interval commencing July 1, 2007. **Recommended: \$813,236.00.**
12. To see if the Town will appropriate, using the cap given by the Select Board, the sum of \$13,750.00 for the support of the following Human Services Agencies:

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>2006 FUNDING</u>	<u>2007 PROPOSAL</u>
ACORN	\$ 350.00	\$ 300.00
Bethel After School Program	No Request	\$1,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of the WRV	\$ 325.00	\$ 350.00
Central VT Community Action	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Central VT Council on Aging	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Clara Martin Center	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Health Care & Rehabilitation Services	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00
Life Skills for Women	\$ 200.00	No Request
Safeline	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00
South Royalton Senior Center	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00
Stagecoach	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Vermont Adult Learning	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice	\$5,150.00	\$5,150.00
VT Center for Independent Living	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Windsor County Partners	<u>\$ 250.00</u>	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
TOTALS	\$ 12,925.00	\$ 13,750.00

13. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$800.00 (2006-\$800.00) to support the work of the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.
14. To see if the voters will appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 as a supplement to the Town Hall Rehabilitation Fund.
15. To see if the Town will appropriate \$88,018.00 (2006-\$61,968.00) to continue service provided by the White River Valley Ambulance, Inc.
16. To see if the Town will collect Town Taxes and Town School District Taxes in four (4) equal installments being due August 15, 2007, November 15, 2007, February 15, 2008, and May 15, 2008.
17. To see if the voters of the Town of Bethel will instruct the Tax Collector to apply income sensitivity credits as a lump sum to the first tax installment(s) due.
18. To do any other necessary and proper business in connection with the foregoing articles.

Dated at Bethel, Vermont this 22nd day of January 2007.

Neal Fox

Bill Richards

Eric Benson

SUMMARY OF TOWN MEETING

March 7, 2006

Pursuant to the warning recorded on the previous pages, the Annual Town meeting was held at the Whitcomb High School gym on March 7, 2006. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Carroll F. Ketchum at 10:15 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Before Article 1 was acted on, Sandra Haas, our District Representative was asked to say a few words.

- Art. 1 **Carroll F. Ketchum** was elected **Moderator** for the year ensuing.
- Art. 2 **Jean Burnham** was elected **Town Clerk** for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3 Auditors report was accepted as printed. .
- Art. 4 **Jean Burnham** was elected **Treasurer** for the ensuing year. .
- Art. 5 **William Richards** was elected **Selectman** for a 3 year term.
- Art. 6 **Ella-Mae Grady** was elected **Lister** for a 3 year term.
- Art. 7 **Audrey Turk** was elected **Auditor** for a 3 year term.
- Art. 8 **Kent Batcheller** was elected **Grand Juror** for the year ensuing.
- Art. 9 **Debra Leahy** was elected **Town Agent** for the ensuing year.
- Art. 10 **Donald Hyde** was elected **Trustee of Public Funds** for a 3 year term.
- Art. 11 Voted \$1,050,271.00 to defray Highway and General expenses for the 18 month interval commencing January 1, 2006.

- Art. 12 Voted to appropriate the sum of \$12,925 for the support of Human Service Agencies.

- Art. 13 Voted to appropriate the amended sum of \$800 to support the work of the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Vv unan.

- Art. 14 Voted to appropriate the sum of \$61,968 to continue service provided by the White River Valley Ambulance, Inc.

- Art. 15 Voted to collect Town Taxes and Town School District taxes in 4 installments being due Aug. 15, 2006, Nov. 15, 2006, Feb. 15, 2007 and May 15, 2007.

- Art. 16 Voted the article as amended to read: To see if the voters of the Town of Bethel shall instruct the Governor and our State Representatives and Senators to oppose: (1) any use of the State Education Fund for purposes that are outside the law's original intent to make payments to school districts and supervisory unions for the support of education (2) the shifting of existing State General Fund expense obligations to the Education Fund and (3) the reduction of any existing State General Fund revenue support to the Education Amendment (4) The Town should support efforts of taxpayers, educations, policy makers and others to reform Vermont's system for allocating State aid to education.

- Art. 17 Other business: John Hubble thanked the town highway crew for a job well done, keeping the roads open and sanded so the school busses could get around. Also for sanding the playground so the students could play without getting hurt.

Ola O'Dell wanted to recognize Cody Griffin for his heroic act of pulling a lady from the river who had fallen through the ice.

Charlene Bostrom thanked Carroll Ketchum for his 22 years as moderator.

Ernie Claughton expressed his concern for the lack of cell phone communication.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Burnham, Town Clerk

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Ella Mae Grady..... Assistant Town Clerk
Ella Mae Grady..... Assistant Town Treasurer
Jim Bennett First Constable
Amy Danley-White, R.N..... Health Officer
Delbert Cloud Town Manager, Tax Collector,
Road Commissioner, Water
Superintendent and Zoning
Administrator

BETHEL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Dave Eddy Term Expires 2007
Craig Wortman (Chairman) Term Expires 2007
Joanne Kent Term Expires 2008
Carla Hodgdon Term Expires 2008
Eric Richardson Term Expires 2008
Peter Dohrn Term Expires 2009
Davis Dimock Term Expires 2009

BETHEL DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD:

Bill Floyd Term Expires 2007
Beverly Washburn Term Expires 2007
Kent Batcheller Term Expires 2007
Paul Vallee Term Expires 2008
Penny Griffin Term Expires 2008
Bob Leister Term Expires 2009
Ruth Clough Term Expires 2009
Greg Hughes (Alternate)
James Giberti (Alternate)

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Newall Wood Maureen Judge Jean Cayer
Shari Stratton Kammi Johnston

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Scott Putney Louise Ferris-Burt Geneva Gaiko
Tom Brennan Suzanne Burgos, RN

BETHEL/ROYALTON SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Shirley Young

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Eric Benson

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

(CONTINUED)

TWO RIVERS OTTAUQUECHE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Slavko Stanchak

Olena Stanchak (alternate)

STAGECOACH ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Robert Gaiko

WHITE RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE:

Jon Hodgdon

SO. ROYALTON SENIOR CENTER:

Elizabeth Balsler

COUNCIL ON THE ARTS:

Tom Burgos

Bennett Law

Kellie Burke

James Bannister

Amy Perez

Kristen Judkins

REVOLVING LOAN COMMITTEE:

Ellen Nobile

Kent Batcheller

Carroll Ketchum

Beverly Washburn

PARKS & PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE:

Heidi Nikolaidis

Ellen Nobile

Robert Gaiko

Burt Dean

Ola O'Dell

PARKS & PUBLIC PLACES SUB-COMMITTEE-URBAN FORESTRY:

Greg Hughes

Eric Benson

David Aiken

Mary Floyd

TOWN HALL FINANCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Steering Committee:

Neal Fox

Amy Bergamo

Paul Feeney

Mary Floyd

Chris Hemond

Financial Committee:

Amy Bergamo

Sheila Jacobs

Eric Benson

Public Relations:

Sandy Levesque

Janet Burnham

Chris Masters

Building Committee:

Paul Feeney

Chris Hemond

ELECTED OFFICIALS

TOWN OFFICERS:

Carroll F. Ketchum	Moderator
Jean Burnham	Town Clerk
Jean Burnham	Town Treasurer
Debra Leahy	Town Agent
Kent Batcheller	Grand Juror

SELECTMEN:

Neal Fox	Term Expires 2007
Eric Benson	Term Expires 2008
William Richards	Term Expires 2009

LISTERS:

Beverly Washburn	Term Expires 2007
Louise Ferris-Burt	Term Expires 2008
Ella Mae Grady	Term Expires 2009

TOWN AUDITORS:

Rosella A. Leonard	Term Expires 2007
Michelle Washburn	Term Expires 2008
Audrey Turk	Term Expires 2009

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS:

Eric Benson	Term Expires 2007
Carroll Ketchum	Term Expires 2008
Donald Hyde	Term Expires 2009

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE:

Newall Wood	David Eddy, Jr.	Sandra Levesque
Eric Benson	Kent Batcheller	Cathy Day
Ola O'Dell		

STATEMENT OF THE AUDITORS

In accordance with section 1681 of Title 24, V.S.A. we have verified the existence of the stated cash balance, inspected the accounts and records of the Town Officers and Trustees. To the best of our knowledge the financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements show the financial position of the Town as of June 30, 2006.

Auditors: Rosella Leonard, Audrey Turk, Michelle Washburn

Selectmen's Report

For the Transition Interval January 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006

I. INTRODUCTION

At the Annual Town Meeting on March 1, 2005, the voters of the Town approved changing the Town's financial year to commence July 1 and end on June 30. To implement this change, it was necessary to project a budget for the eighteen month interval from January 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, such budget having been approved by the voters at the Annual Town Meeting on March 7, 2006. This "Annual" Town Report focuses on the six month interval ended on June 30, 2006; the next Town Report will address the first full year to be completed under the change, ie. July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. We have tried to avoid redundancy by not discussing in this current report, matters of business which were dealt with after June 30, 2006. However, where considered to be helpful this report does provide information about the "year-to-date" through December 31, 2006.

As requested at the Annual Town Meeting of March 7, 2006, the financial reports herein do show more encompassing lists of assets, with the intent of better projecting the financial standing of the Town, and the various departments which operate under separate budgets from the Town General Fund. These separate departments are the Water Department, the Wastewater Department and the Bethel/Royalton Solid Waste Program, all three being operated primarily by user fees charged to customers utilizing the services of those respective departments. Within this report the reader will also find an accounting of all special funds which are public moneys held for specific purposes, each of those funds being reported through its own separate statement for the interval ending June 30, 2006.

The three-member Board of Selectmen provides oversight and directs policy for all matters of business associated with the Town, the Water Department, the Wastewater Department, and the Solid Waste Program. Input is welcome from the public at any time regarding business associated with these entities. Questions may also be directed to the Town Office during normal business hours Monday through Friday, the telephone number being 802-234-9340.

II. MUNICIPAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

On November 28, 2005 the Town received award of a Municipal Planning Grant from the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development in the amount of \$13,656.00, this being for the purpose of assisting the Town in updating its Town Plan. To be legally valid, a Town Plan must be evaluated and formally adopted on a five year cycle. The Planning Commission actively undertook a substantial re-writing of the Plan during the early months of 2006 to develop a current and understandable text which was forwarded to the Selectboard on June 21, 2006. (This was modestly amended by the Selectboard, and after two public hearings, the new Plan was adopted on August 28, 2006.)

The Town had achieved the distinction of a "Village Center" designation for the historic downtown area in 2003, this designation having been awarded by the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development on the basis of an application submitted through the work of an appointed citizen committee. Holding such a designation enables the Town to promote private investment in real estate located in the Village Center, there being tax credit incentives available to assist in upgrading and protecting structures there. This designation must be re-applied for every three years, and the Town submitted its re-application on June 28, 2006. (This re-application was favorably reviewed and approved by the Agency of Commerce and Community Development.)

Selectmen's Report - continued

Two revolving loan funds are held by the Town to support business endeavors, and to assist in maintaining the usability of property when problems of an emergency nature occur. These are accessible to both homeowners and businesses, depending on the need. Fund balances for both are set forth within this report under the headings of "Homeowners Revolving Loan Fund" and "Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund." Applications are available through the Town Office, and are reviewed by an appointed citizens committee. Both of these revolving loan funds were originally capitalized by grants received from the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

As of June 30, 2006, it is understood that the Town-wide re-appraisal to update the Grand List is on schedule for completion in time for billing purposes in 2007. This work is contracted to APAS, LLC of Adamant, Vermont, with assistance being provided by the Town's Board of Listers.

III. PUBLIC WORKS, HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Phase two in the replacement of the Church Street Bridge continued on schedule, it being anticipated that the new bridge will accommodate traffic by November 2006. This phase of the project consists of constructing the new bridge itself, removal of the temporary bridge, and restoration of the site. The work is being performed under Vermont Agency of Transportation supervision by Kubricky Construction of Glens Falls, New York.

In March of 2006, the Town applied to the Vermont Agency of Transportation for an \$81,000.00 grant from the "Town Highway Structures" program to assist in replacing the deck on the so-called "High Bridge" over Lilliesville Brook. This application was recommended for funding by the District Transportation Administrator on June 27, 2006. Since the Town has adopted highway standards and inventoried all culverts and small-span bridges throughout Town, the local share of the \$90,000.00 anticipated project cost is at a 10% level rather than 20% as would otherwise apply.

During the budget process in preparation for the Annual Town Meeting, an additional \$60,000 had been requested for work on the Town's gravel roads which was approved by the voters. This money was intended to be spent primarily in specific locations for rehabilitation purposes rather than general maintenance. It was determined that two sections of highway would receive focus: (1) the lower portion of Christian Hill Road extending to the intersection with Sanders Road, and (2) the westerly end of Peavine Boulevard extending approximately .7 miles. In both cases, emphasis was to be placed on improving drainage and providing an adequate lift of material to allow proper shaping of the road. (Work on both of these sections was completed during the construction season by Town forces/equipment and contracted equipment.)

The Springtime of 2006 saw one of the worst mud seasons in recent memory. Ice crystals took their slow course from solid to liquid and eventual dissipation, trying the patience of those who work on, or travel over, the gravel highways. We hope the public will respect the fact that this is a seasonal phenomenon, which no amount of resources will ever overcome. Our budget decisions must be kept objective, to address conditions typically encountered rather than being a reaction to anomalies.

IV. FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Town's volunteer department responded to a variety of emergencies during 2006, these being categorized as 3 structure fires, 5 chimney fires, 26 vehicular fires/accidents, and 28 other responses. Four new members were recruited to the department. Ray Forrest continued to serve as Fire Chief, with Robert Dean and Scott Taylor serving as Assistant Chiefs, and Bill Russell as Secretary.

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An application was submitted to the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force in March 2006, seeking financial assistance to construct a "dry hydrant" in the Middle Branch of the White River in East Bethel, to provide a source of water for fire-fighting purposes in that community and its surrounds. The application was approved, with a grant of \$2,500.00 being awarded on April 13, 2006. (The installation was completed during the late Summer.)

V. WATER DEPARTMENT

The Town Water Department is supplied by two "gravel packed" wells which continue to produce an ample quantity of water for domestic use and fire fighting purposes. From January 1 to June 30, 2006 a total of 34,799,990 gallons were extracted from the two sources combined. Although the distribution system is an assemblage of both old and new mains, no major leakage problems have occurred during 2006.

During the interval from January 1 to June 30, 2006, monthly sampling was done for total coliform bacteria, with no findings of concern. Sampling was performed for nitrates at both wells, and certain sections of the distribution mains were sampled for asbestos levels; no concerns were found for either of these samplings, which were done per monitoring guidelines from the Water Supply Division of the State of Vermont.

In May 2006 the "Town of Bethel Water System Annual Report on Water Quality" was distributed to customers of the system, this being a newsletter applicable to activities during the calendar year 2005. The report is commonly referred to as the "Consumer Confidence Report." Copies may still be obtained by requesting one from the Town Office.

VI. WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

Of most significance during the January 1 to June 30, 2006 interval was the fact that Tim Mills, the Chief Operator of the Town's wastewater system, was honored with an "Operations and Maintenance Excellence Award" from the United States Environmental Protection Agency New England Office. The award was presented at a conference and ceremony in Boston on January 25, 2006. It was based on such factors as the wastewater plant's compliance with all permit requirements, recognition of the operator's skills in operations and maintenance matters, and the operator's demonstrated foresight and preparedness in the overall operation of the wastewater system. The award was recommended by staff of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources who were familiar with the work done by Mr. Mills.

In keeping with the spirit of the above noted award, operations continued quite uneventfully during the reporting interval. The average annual flow from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 was 64,492 gallons per day, this being well within the design capacity of the plant. A reserve capacity to serve additional connections or expansions stands at 49,543 gallons per day.

VII. SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

The Towns of Bethel and Royalton jointly own a 22 acre parcel of land on Waterman Road in Royalton, which has been improved to provide facilities for aggregation and shipment of municipal solid waste, recyclables, and a variety of hazardous waste materials. The site also contains the now-closed landfill which used to serve area Towns from 1970 to 1993. By contractual arrangement, other Towns also utilize the waste management program, these Towns being: Barnard, Stockbridge, Pittsfield, Rochester, Hancock, and Granville.

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Administration of the program is done by staff of the Town of Bethel, under the direction and oversight of the Bethel and Royalton Selectboards. As it collectively provides service to the above referenced eight Towns, the program is formally called the "Alliance Solid Waste Management Program." Provisions are also made by administration and facility staff to educate and expand awareness of all matters associated with proper management and disposal of any form of waste materials or recyclables. The public is invited to call the attendant at the facility with any questions, the number being 802-763-2232.

During the interval from January 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006, a total of 4,002.61 tons of solid waste were received at the transfer station "tipping floor," this material being loaded into trailers for shipment to a lined landfill. Materials received for recycling totaled to 412 tons, these materials being directed to various facilities for processing. Various "special wastes" are regularly collected in addition to the usual recyclables, such as mercury added products, fluorescent bulbs, used motor oil, antifreeze, lead-acid batteries, and electronic apparatus; fees vary depending on the material involved and the current expenses to the program for handling the materials.

A collection event for "household hazardous wastes" was held in June, to provide a means for citizens of the member Towns to safely dispose of materials, particularly those not normally taken at the facility such as pesticides, various cleaning compounds, acids, bases, contaminated fluids, oil based paint, etc. The event was open to all residents of the member Towns, at no cost for up to 10 gallons of materials. Small quantities of materials generated by businesses are also acceptable at program collection events, but a fee corresponding to program costs is assessed of business participants, and an appointment needs to be made in advance. Since two collection events are normally held each year, the public is encouraged to inquire of the facility attendant for dates scheduled. At the June event, the following quantities of hazardous materials were collected: 60 gallons of used motor oil, 189 gallons of oil based paint, 360 linear feet of fluorescent bulbs, over 3 gallons of miscellaneous chemicals, 13 car batteries, and various quantities of contaminated antifreeze, gasoline, and kerosene. A total of 66 households participated in this event.

We consider the solid waste program to be very complete in the services provided to the public, and the program staff is well-trained to provide advice or assistance. The facility is open to the public on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Information can be obtained during those hours at the facility or by calling 763-2232. During other business days, calls may also be directed to the Bethel Town Office at 234-9340.

IN CLOSING, the Selectboard wishes to again thank all citizens who have served in Town Offices, on Town Committees, or offered input on matters of civic importance. The Board holds its meetings twice monthly at the Town Office building on South Main Street, and welcomes public attendance and participation. Generally the meetings begin at 6:00 PM on the second and fourth Mondays, although re-scheduling occasionally must be done to provide for conflicts. If a matter requires formal scheduling on the agenda, this can be accomplished by contacting the Town Manager's Office, the telephone number being 234-9340. We thank you for your perusal of this Report and encourage your attendance at Town Meeting in March.

TOWN OF BETHEL
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS
Year ended June 30, 2006

Balance in Checking Account January 1, 2006	\$	18,780.53
Add Receipts:		
Taxes		
Current		7,625.86
Back Taxes		61,094.64
Interest		3,682.66
Penalty		5,603.68
Water		56,190.27
Water Interest		971.23
Sewer		71,555.91
Sewer Interest		921.21
Solid Waste Fees		374,189.78
Recyclable Rebates		5,027.42
St. of Vt. – Landfill Grant		2,674.94
Hazardous Waste		2,128.39
Rail Road Tax		1,197.66
Recreation Fees		5,712.25
Planning Grant		5,462.00
Town Clerk's Fees		9,434.57
Dog Licenses		1,300.00
Local Licenses		325.00
State of Vermont – Highways		69,291.54
Trustee of Public Funds		66.64
Interest Earned		109.64
Misc.		5,109.94
Reimbursements – Bethel School Dist.		11,745.09
Fire Dept. Grant		2,046.11
Trans. From Act 60 Re-appraisal Fund		21,714.50
Tax Sale – Naples		9,269.80
Tax Sale – Ward		23,288.66
Tax Anticipation Notes		285,000.00
Rev. Loan Acct. Loan		90,903.98
Total Receipts	\$	1,142,968.23
Total Available	\$	1,161,748.46
Less Total Orders		<u>1,148,448.20</u>
Balance in Checking Accounts June 30, 2006	\$	13,300.56

EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS INVENTORY
(Estimated)
As of June 30, 2006

Interest in 2006 Dump Truck -- International	\$ 80,000.00
2004 Dump Truck -- Sterling	35,000.00
Interest in Case 580 Super M Backhoe	45,000.00
2001 Dump Truck -- International	22,000.00
2004 1 Ton Truck -- Ford F550	18,000.00
Police Cruiser	1,000.00
1981 Fire Truck -- Chevrolet	15,000.00
1973 Fire Truck -- Maxim	12,000.00
1976 Tanker -- International	5,000.00
1954 Pumper - General	2,000.00
Interest in 2001 Eagle-One Freightliner	80,000.00
1991 Grader -- Caterpillar	35,000.00
1973 Road Grader -- Austin Western	1,500.00
1999 Caterpillar 928G Loader	45,000.00
1999 Kubota B7300 Tractor	4,000.00
Loader - (Transfer Station, 1/2 Royalton)	3,000.00
Loader - Bobcat (Transfer Station, 1/2 Royalton)	2,500.00
Interest in Cat 906 Loader (Transfer Station, 1/2 Royalton)	25,000.00
4-Yard Compactor (Transfer Station, 1/2 Royalton)	30,000.00
Radios	5,000.00
Low Bed Trailer	500.00
“V” Plow and Grader Wing (2)	8,000.00
Grader Blades	700.00
Misc. Tires	1,000.00
Loader Snow Bucket	1,500.00
Sand Spreaders	1,000.00
Five One-Way Plows	10,000.00
Chain Saws (2)	500.00
Welders	1,200.00
Mechanics Tools	1,200.00
Shop	1,500.00
Office Equipment and Supplies	30,000.00
Salt	1,000.00
Lubricants	1,500.00
Motor Vehicle Fuels	10,000.00
Culverts	200.00
Pumps	400.00
Screen Plant	1,000.00
Culvert Thawer & Steamer	4,500.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 542,700.00

TOWN OF BETHEL BUDGET
Anticipated Revenue Summary - June 30, 2006

	<u>18 Month</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>Fiscal 06-07</u>	<u>6 Month</u> <u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>12 Month</u> <u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Fiscal 07-08</u>
LOCAL REVENUES				
Dog Tax	2,000.00	1,300.00	1,332.00	1,300.00
Local Licenses	400.00	325.00	325.00	325.00
Town Clerk Fees	21,000.00	9,434.57	18,109.77	18,000.00
Recreation Area Fees	10,000.00	6,834.75	8,311.75	8,000.00
Recreation Area Food Sales	0.00	109.00	215.55	0.00
Zoning Application Fees	1,200.00	668.00	1,149.00	1,000.00
Zoning Regulations	50.00	35.00	35.00	50.00
Overweight Permit Fees	500.00	455.00	505.00	450.00
Trustees of Public Funds	100.00	66.64	66.64	50.00
Subdivision Permit Fees	100.00	151.00	151.00	50.00
TOTAL - Local Revenues	35,350.00	19,378.96	30,200.71	29,225.00
MISCELLANEOUS LOCAL REVENUE				
Miscellaneous Local Revenue	0.00	4,880.00	4,880.00	0.00
Reimbursement Tax Sales Expenses	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Other	100.00	165.22	4,108.39	100.00
TOTAL -Misc. Local Revenue	150.00	5,045.22	8,988.39	150.00
STATE AND FEDERAL REVENUES				
Highways-Class I	13,500.00	7,443.75	9,925.00	9,900.00
Highways-Class II	65,000.00	33,784.41	45,017.06	43,000.00
Highways-Class III	122,000.00	62,663.26	83,549.24	80,000.00
State Owned Lands	1,000.00	570.82	570.82	600.00
Traffic Tickets	600.00	369.84	661.18	600.00
Municipal Planning Grant	0.00	5,462.00	5,462.00	0.00
Homeland Security Grant	0.00	2,046.11	2,046.11	0.00
Public Safety Grant - Fire	0.00	0.00	18,734.00	0.00
Dry Hydrant Grant	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
High Bridge Grant	0.00	0.00	74,668.50	0.00
TOTAL -State & Fed. Revenues	202,100.00	112,340.19	243,133.91	134,100.00
MISCELLANEOUS				
Solid Waste - Admin. Reimbursement	4,500.00	1,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Sewer - Admin. Reimbursement	9,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Water Dept. - Admin. Reimbursement	4,500.00	1,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
RR Revenue Sharing	1,200.00	1,824.31	1,824.31	1,200.00
Solid Waste Equipment Usage	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00
Water Equipment Usage	0.00	0.00	4,050.00	0.00
TOTAL - Miscellaneous	19,300.00	7,824.31	18,274.31	13,200.00
INTEREST EARNINGS				
Checking Account	1,000.00	109.64	2,433.46	1,500.00
Sweep Account Interest	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL - Interest Earnings	1,100.00	109.64	2,433.46	1,500.00

Anticipated Revenue Summary - Continued

	<u>18 Month</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>Fiscal 06-07</u>	<u>6 Month</u> <u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>12 Month</u> <u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Fiscal 07-08</u>
TAXES-PROPERTY				
Current Property Taxes	0.00	31,392.60	1,906,093.38	0.00
Land-use	40,000.00	30.00	47,578.00	40,000.00
Delinquent Taxes-prior	0.00	62,478.99	82,444.97	0.00
Penalty	15,000.00	5,773.96	6,921.95	10,000.00
Interest	10,000.00	3,813.68	6,977.56	10,000.00
Tax Sale Charges	0.00	1,218.27	1,218.27	0.00
Interest - Tax Sales	0.00	10.04	22.76	0.00
TOTAL - Taxes Property	65,000.00	104,717.54	2,051,256.89	60,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	323,000.00	249,415.86	2,354,287.67	238,175.00
CASH BALANCE WITH TREASURER	0.00			0.00
TOTAL	323,000.00			238,175.00
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	1,125,964.00			813,236.00
TOTAL	1,448,964.00			1,051,411.00

At the annual Town Meeting on March 1, 2005, voters approved changing the Town's financial year to July 1 - June 30. Thus, a "transitional" 18-month budget was prepared for January 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

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TOWN OF BETHEL BUDGET

Anticipated Expenditure Breakdown As of June 30, 2006

	<u>18 Month</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>Fiscal 06-07</u>	<u>6 Month</u> <u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>12 Month</u> <u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Fiscal 07-08</u>
PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL				
Labor	210,000.00	91,176.78	157,912.34	150,000.00
Social Security	14,340.00	6,036.98	10,472.28	9,850.00
Medicare	3,350.00	1,411.88	2,449.11	2,300.00
Health Insurance	77,000.00	23,767.90	41,998.50	53,000.00
Workman's Compensation	15,800.00	5,478.64	10,957.28	11,300.00
TOTAL - Public Works Personnel	320,490.00	127,872.18	223,789.51	226,450.00
TOWN OWNED EQUIPMENT				
2007 John Deere Grader	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
1991 Caterpillar Grader	2,500.00	87.52	473.42	0.00
1973 AW Grader	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
2001 International Truck	4,000.00	2,114.13	3,680.22	0.00
Insurance on Building & Equipment	18,000.00	3,389.88	6,779.76	8,000.00
2008 International Truck	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
2004 F-550 Truck	2,000.00	278.07	726.96	1,000.00
2006 International Truck	2,000.00	520.24	520.24	1,500.00
Kubota B7300	1,000.00	122.50	1,110.57	1,000.00
2004 Sterling Truck	4,000.00	2,854.95	2,854.95	1,500.00
928G Caterpillar Loader	2,500.00	12,355.61	13,041.11	3,000.00
Case 980 Super M Backhoe	15,500.00	15,573.41	15,573.41	15,500.00
One Way Plow	3,000.00	0.00	2,058.48	3,000.00
Sanders & Spreaders	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Chain Saw	400.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Welder	200.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Culvert Thawer	200.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Steamer/Trailer	200.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Sand Screen	200.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Rake	150.00	0.00	6.00	100.00
Repairs-All Vehicles	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Snow Blower/Mower	200.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Pressure Washer	0.00	0.00	69.09	100.00
Permits/Underground Tank	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Garage	18,000.00	9,224.90	19,766.83	8,000.00
Electricity	3,800.00	1,217.01	2,267.06	3,000.00
Telephone	600.00	460.49	927.98	800.00
Uniforms	5,000.00	1,945.64	4,001.87	3,600.00
Other	4,000.00	1,263.85	6,709.10	500.00
Gas, Oil & Grease	4,500.00	1,664.88	3,935.62	3,800.00
Diesel	36,000.00	31,821.70	31,821.70	32,000.00
Underground Tank	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
TOTAL- Town Owned Equipment	133,050.00	84,894.78	116,324.37	91,300.00

Anticipated Expenditure Breakdown -- Continued

	<u>18 Month</u>			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>6 Month</u>	<u>12 Month</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	<u>Fiscal 06-07</u>	<u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>Fiscal 07-08</u>
HIRED SERVICES OR				
EQUIPMENT				
Backhoe	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Trucks & Operations	2,000.00	1,285.00	4,421.05	1,000.00
Roadside Mowing	6,500.00	0.00	6,060.00	7,000.00
Dozer	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Labor	500.00	0.00	200.00	500.00
TOTAL - Hired Services or				
Equipment	11,000.00	1,285.00	10,681.05	10,000.00
 MATERIALS				
Salt	40,000.00	24,437.38	26,594.61	24,000.00
Chloride	14,000.00	0.00	18,400.00	18,000.00
Gravel	6,000.00	11,690.00	11,690.00	1,000.00
Crusher Run Gravel	12,000.00	0.00	8,941.75	15,000.00
Sand	23,000.00	0.00	23,498.75	24,000.00
Bridge Plank	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bridge Material	10,000.00	0.00	57,898.00	10,000.00
Culverts	4,000.00	0.00	441.58	5,000.00
Patching Material	3,000.00	0.00	750.70	2,000.00
Highway Rehabilitation	50,000.00	0.00	38,946.41	10,000.00
Tools	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Signs	750.00	0.00	1,263.66	1,000.00
Snow Fence	200.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Salt Boxes	200.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Other	200.00	84.29	19,955.41	100.00
TOTAL - Materials	163,850.00	36,211.67	208,380.87	110,800.00
 OTHER PUBLIC WORKS				
Storm Water Catch Basins	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Cemeteries	14,000.00	5,000.00	14,025.14	15,000.00
Church Street Bridge	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
Sidewalk Improvements	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Parking-Pedestrian Safety	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Other	0.00	0.00	2,815.00	0.00
Highway Equipment Trust Fund	60,000.00	0.00	55,530.00	72,000.00
Bridge Maintenance Program	0.00	0.00	4,897.00	0.00
TOTAL - Other Public Works	79,000.00	5,000.00	77,267.14	105,500.00
 TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	 707,390.00	 255,263.63	 636,442.94	 544,050.00

Anticipated Expenditure Breakdown -- Continued

	<u>18 Month</u>			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>6 Month</u>	<u>12 Month</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	<u>Fiscal 06-07</u>	<u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>Fiscal 07-08</u>
FIRE DEPARTMENT				
Salaries	8,000.00	302.00	11,618.08	10,000.00
Social Security	500.00	18.72	642.45	550.00
Medicare	120.00	4.39	150.28	125.00
Workman's Comp	900.00	373.86	747.72	800.00
Insurance On Equipment	5,550.00	1,883.22	3,766.44	4,300.00
General Pumper	700.00	0.00	36.95	500.00
International Tanker	700.00	596.10	596.10	500.00
Maxim Pumper	700.00	0.00	0.00	5,500.00
1981 Chevy Van	700.00	267.94	740.80	500.00
2001 Freightliner	700.00	462.57	462.57	500.00
Gas, Oil & Lubricants	2,500.00	811.66	1,283.07	1,800.00
Electricity-Fire Alarm	1,700.00	571.45	1,131.85	1,200.00
Telephone	6,330.00	2,031.99	4,023.36	4,600.00
Heat	3,500.00	2,891.69	3,919.79	4,000.00
Communications	2,500.00	592.56	1,115.46	1,200.00
Supplies	3,000.00	819.67	3,684.36	2,000.00
Station Upkeep	1,600.00	971.90	1,717.33	1,200.00
Debt Service-E. One Pump	21,633.00	21,803.73	21,803.73	21,700.00
Other	100.00	636.43	909.12	100.00
Training	700.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Homeland Security Grant	0.00	50.00	18,784.00	0.00
TOTAL-Fire Department	62,133.00	35,089.88	77,133.46	61,575.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT				
Labor	10,000.00	2,836.68	5,254.31	8,000.00
Social Security	620.00	175.87	325.78	500.00
Medicare	150.00	41.12	76.20	120.00
Workmans Compensation	400.00	152.58	305.16	500.00
Insurance on Equipment	1,500.00	498.22	921.44	1,200.00
Professional Liability	2,000.00	0.00	75.00	2,000.00
Cruiser	1,000.00	26.50	689.07	1,000.00
Mileage	200.00	615.43	719.57	200.00
Other	100.00	598.96	1,549.28	100.00
TOTAL-Police Department	15,970.00	4,945.36	9,915.81	13,620.00
RECREATION DEPARTMENT				
Staff and Labor	34,000.00	12,728.32	27,056.93	21,000.00
Social Security	1,120.00	411.32	1,186.91	920.00
Medicare	260.00	96.21	277.58	215.00
Workman's Compensation	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00
Insurance on Building/Equip	100.00	204.22	408.44	450.00
Mowing	600.00	0.00	673.90	400.00
Electricity	2,600.00	178.81	1,818.28	2,300.00

Anticipated Expenditure Breakdown -- Continued

	<u>18 Month</u>			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>6 Month</u>	<u>12 Month</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	<u>Fiscal 06-07</u>	<u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>Fiscal 07-08</u>
RECREATION DEPARTMENT-cont.				
Telephone	300.00	0.00	209.15	250.00
Improvements	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Repairs & Maintenance	4,000.00	0.00	1,041.50	4,000.00
Supplies	5,000.00	781.80	3,654.95	3,600.00
Chlorine	5,000.00	0.00	4,352.25	5,000.00
American Red Cross	250.00	0.00	85.00	250.00
Playground Equipment	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Other	100.00	209.10	505.66	100.00
TOTAL-Recreation Department	55,430.00	14,609.78	41,270.55	40,185.00
PARKS & PUBLIC PLACES				
Labor	1,700.00	1,148.43	1,494.92	1,600.00
Social Security	105.00	71.20	92.69	100.00
Medicare	25.00	16.65	21.68	25.00
Workmans Comp-Bandshell	200.00	131.64	263.28	100.00
Workmans Comp-Gazebo	200.00	131.64	263.28	100.00
Workmans Comp-Fort Fortitude	200.00	131.64	263.28	100.00
Workmans Comp - Peavine Park	200.00	131.64	263.28	100.00
Insurance-Bandshell	200.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Insurance-Gazebo	200.00	57.72	115.44	100.00
Insurance-Fort Fortitude	200.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Insurance - Peavine Park	200.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Mowing Common	400.00	0.00	126.35	400.00
Mowing-Fort Fortitude	200.00	0.00	126.35	300.00
Mowing-Peavine Park	400.00	0.00	126.36	450.00
Mowing-Parking Lot	250.00	0.00	126.36	250.00
Street Lights	39,000.00	11,801.17	27,934.43	27,000.00
Electricity-Common	800.00	432.67	707.53	700.00
Electricity-Peavine Park	150.00	51.56	132.98	200.00
Electricity-Parking Lot	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Improvements-Peavine Park	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Maintenance-Common	100.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Maintenance-Fort Fortitude	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Maintenance-Peavine Park	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Maintenance-Parking Lot	100.00	213.92	213.92	100.00
Streetscape Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Other	100.00	155.54	1,104.17	100.00
TOTAL-Parks & Public Places	45,330.00	14,475.42	33,376.30	33,625.00
MUNICIPAL OFFICES				
Clerical Labor-Town Managers	84,600.00	28,454.44	55,694.41	58,000.00
Salary-Town Clerk	37,600.00	13,455.70	24,998.82	25,600.00
Social Security	7,450.00	2,602.83	5,018.72	5,200.00

Anticipated Expenditure Breakdown -- Continued

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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>Fiscal 07-08</u>
	<u>Fiscal 06-07</u>			
MUNICIPAL OFFICES-cont				
Medicare	1,770.00	608.54	1,173.64	1,200.00
Health Insurance	70,000.00	22,464.43	42,268.97	52,000.00
Workmans Compensation	950.00	350.34	700.68	800.00
Insurance-Building	7,500.00	1,584.10	1,338.20	4,000.00
Bond Insurance	1,000.00	0.00	1,830.00	1,000.00
Electricity	2,050.00	561.84	1,137.71	1,500.00
Telephone	3,000.00	566.75	1,089.70	2,000.00
Heat	2,800.00	2,360.63	3,212.98	2,700.00
Maintenance-Building	1,000.00	457.95	487.15	3,000.00
Maintenance-Copier	0.00	0.00	755.10	500.00
Maintenance-Computer	4,000.00	592.25	1,232.75	1,500.00
Maintenance-Equipment	100.00	0.00	228.50	100.00
Supplies	12,000.00	2,345.10	5,922.96	7,000.00
Supplies-Copier	3,000.00	844.51	1,024.65	2,000.00
Supplies-Computer	1,000.00	131.79	732.60	1,000.00
Water & Sewer	900.00	266.58	533.16	600.00
Bank Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	1,011.13	2,717.90	0.00
Accessibility Mod. Grant	0.00	0.00	298.10	1,500.00
TOTAL-Municipal Offices	240,720.00	78,658.91	152,396.70	171,200.00
TOWN HALL				
Insurance	750.00	1,150.02	2,300.04	600.00
Electricity	450.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
Heat	3,000.00	3,634.78	3,641.20	3,600.00
Building Repair	500.00	82.00	82.00	500.00
Repair-Clock	400.00	215.00	215.00	300.00
Water & Sewer	900.00	224.42	448.84	450.00
Town Hall Restoration Fund	25,000.00	57.67	265.67	0.00
Other	0.00	38.40	218.40	0.00
TOTAL-Town Hall	31,000.00	5,402.29	7,171.15	5,850.00
SALARIES				
Selectmen	775.00	0.00	775.00	775.00
Treasurer	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,120.00
Town Manager	46,500.00	16,851.03	31,409.34	31,000.00
Trustees of Public Funds	500.00	0.00	50.00	500.00
Auditors	210.00	0.00	105.00	105.00
Health Officer	900.00	150.00	450.00	600.00
Elections	100.00	0.00	394.00	100.00
Board of Civil Authority	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Social Security	2,950.00	1,044.87	2,183.14	2,100.00
Medicare	700.00	244.47	510.57	500.00
TOTAL-Salaries	56,735.00	18,290.37	39,877.05	39,900.00

Anticipated Expenditure Breakdown -- Continued

	<u>18 Month</u>			
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	<u>Fiscal 06-07</u>	<u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>Fiscal 07-08</u>
LISTERS				
Salaries	24,000.00	9,389.18	15,373.55	18,000.00
Social Security	1,490.00	582.13	953.18	1,120.00
Medicare	350.00	136.17	222.94	260.00
Supplies	800.00	275.17	1,124.47	1,200.00
Mileage	900.00	474.38	631.47	600.00
Act 60 Re-appraisal Fund	0.00	0.00	86.00	0.00
Other	0.00	436.64	985.38	100.00
TOTAL-Listers	27,540.00	11,293.67	19,376.99	21,280.00
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS				
Town Meeting	200.00	0.00	225.00	200.00
Town Reports	6,000.00	2,284.06	2,284.06	3,000.00
Tax Billing	1,000.00	0.00	498.75	1,000.00
Preservation of Records	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Board of Civil Authority	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Committee Training	200.00	0.00	315.00	200.00
Legal	5,000.00	1,155.86	4,446.28	5,000.00
Planning	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Auditing Services	3,500.00	2,188.00	3,178.00	3,000.00
Training	500.00	0.00	595.00	500.00
Advertising	750.00	0.00	1,765.06	500.00
Other	100.00	1,167.18	3,597.03	100.00
Municipal Planning Grant	0.00	2,330.74	6,136.18	0.00
Tax Sale Expenses	0.00	1,339.38	1,339.38	0.00
TOTAL-Government Operations	19,950.00	10,465.22	24,379.74	15,200.00
APPROPRIATIONS				
Local				
Bethel Library	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Council on the Arts	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Bethel Historical Society	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Vermont League of Cities & Towns	2,025.00	2,025.00	2,025.00	2,084.00
Two Rivers Regional Plan. Comm.	2,175.00	0.00	2,175.00	2,175.00
Green Mountain Econ. Develop.	990.00	0.00	990.00	990.00
Green Up Day	200.00	0.00	200.00	100.00
Resource Conservation & Develop.	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
White River Partnership	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Total Local	7,490.00	2,025.00	7,490.00	7,449.00
Human Services				
So. Royalton Senior Center	1,900.00	0.00	1,900.00	
Visiting Nurse Assoc. & Hospice	5,150.00	0.00	5,150.00	
Clara Martin Center	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	

Anticipated Expenditure Breakdown -- Continued

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	<u>Fiscal 06-07</u>	<u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>Fiscal 07-08</u>
APPROPRIATIONS-cont				
Human Services-cont				
Central VT Comm. Action Council	300.00	0.00	300.00	
Health Care & Rehab. Services	300.00	0.00	300.00	
Safeline	400.00	0.00	400.00	
Stagecoach	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	
Windsor County Partners	250.00	0.00	250.00	
Central Vermont Council on Aging	300.00	0.00	300.00	
ACORN	350.00	0.00	350.00	
VT Adult Learning	300.00	0.00	300.00	
VT Center for Independent Living	150.00	0.00	150.00	
Boys & Girls Club of the WRV	325.00	0.00	325.00	
Life Skills for Women	200.00	0.00	0.00	
VT Association for the Blind	800.00	0.00	800.00	
Total Human Services	13,725.00	0.00	13,525.00	
White River Valley Ambulance	61,968.00	30,984.00	61,968.00	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	83,183.00	33,009.00	82,983.00	7,449.00
DEBT SERVICE				
Long Term Indebtedness Sewer	45,591.00	8,682.75	37,365.50	35,983.00
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	5,000.00	527.18	527.18	4,000.00
Capital Projects	22,961.00	0.00	22,960.34	22,961.00
TOTAL-Debt Service	73,552.00	9,209.93	60,853.02	62,944.00
TAXES				
Town School Tax Payment	0.00	0.39	1,055,526.90	0.00
County Taxes	13,000.00	13,375.48	13,375.48	15,500.00
Reimbursement of overpayment	0.00	841.32	1,171.70	0.00
TOTAL-Taxes	13,000.00	14,217.19	1,070,074.08	15,500.00
MISCELLANEOUS				
Managers Expense	2,500.00	652.39	888.89	2,500.00
Solid Waste Management Plan	14,531.00	0.00	14,553.00	16,533.00
TOTAL-Miscellaneous	17,031.00	652.39	15,441.89	19,033.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,448,964.00	505,583.04	2,270,692.68	1,051,411.00

TOWN OF BETHEL BUDGET

Anticipated Expenditure Summary

As of June 30, 2006

Department	18 Month	6 Month	12 Month	Budget
	<u>Budget</u> <u>Fiscal 06-07</u>	<u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>Fiscal 07-08</u>
Public Works	707,390.00	255,263.63	636,442.94	544,050.00
Fire Department	62,133.00	35,089.88	77,133.46	61,575.00
Police Department	15,970.00	4,945.36	9,915.81	13,620.00
Recreation Department	55,430.00	14,609.78	41,270.55	40,185.00
Parks and Public Places	45,330.00	14,475.42	33,376.30	33,625.00
Municipal Offices	240,720.00	78,658.91	152,396.70	171,200.00
Town Hall	31,000.00	5,402.29	7,171.15	5,850.00
Salaries	56,735.00	18,290.37	39,877.05	39,900.00
Listers	27,540.00	11,293.67	19,376.99	21,280.00
Government Operations	19,950.00	10,465.22	24,379.74	15,200.00
Appropriations	83,183.00	33,009.00	82,983.00	7,449.00
Debt Services	73,552.00	9,209.93	60,853.02	62,944.00
Taxes	13,000.00	14,217.19	1,070,074.08	15,500.00
Miscellaneous	17,031.00	652.39	15,441.89	19,033.00
TOTAL	1,448,964.00	505,583.04	2,270,692.68	1,051,411.00

TOWN GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT

Comparative Financial Statement

December 31, 2005 & June 30, 2006

ASSETS:	<u>December 31, 2005</u>	<u>June 30, 2006</u>
Fixed Assets	¹ \$ 0.00	² \$1,627,600.00
Cash on hand in checking account	0.00	13,300.56
Dedicated Funds	¹	231,110.04
Accounts Receivable:		
Capital Projects Loan	¹	187,242.92
Delinquent Taxes (includes penalty & interest)	<u>109,193.06</u>	<u>47,319.19</u>
TOTAL-Assets	109,193.06	2,106,572.71
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
School Tax Payable	165,495.00	0.00
Notes Payable	853,175.23	1,207,980.43
Customer Overpayments	<u>2,684.05</u>	<u>2,196.88</u>
TOTAL-Liabilities	1,021,354.28	1,210,177.31
NET ASSETS	\$ (912,161.22)	\$ 896,395.40

Notes:

¹Not reported in 2005 Annual Report.

²Real property per valuation by Board of Listers. Equipment/Material per estimate by staff.

BETHEL WATER DEPARTMENT

Operating Statement as of June 30, 2006

	<u>18 Month Budget</u> <u>Fiscal 06-07</u>	<u>6 Month</u> <u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>12 Month</u> <u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Fiscal 07-08</u>
WATER REVENUES				
Water Rentals	147,000.00	57,421.88	103,922.99	101,000.00
Other	0.00	983.82	1,299.27	0.00
TOTAL-Revenues	147,000.00	58,405.70	105,222.26	101,000.00
WATER EXPENDITURES				
Salaries	22,500.00	7,666.64	15,582.30	15,000.00
Social Security	1,395.00	475.34	966.11	930.00
Medicare	335.00	111.15	225.92	220.00
Health and Accident Insurance	6,500.00	1,913.15	4,105.25	4,730.00
Workmans Compensation	540.00	695.76	1,391.52	1,400.00
Electricity for Pumps	23,000.00	3,868.50	7,489.45	16,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance-Pumps	4,000.00	397.99	824.24	2,000.00
Repairs-Hydrants	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Repairs-Telemetry System	1,000.00	0.00	265.00	1,000.00
Mains & Distribution Line	4,000.00	6,714.73	14,316.73	4,000.00
Tools	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Supplies	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Water Testing	1,800.00	605.00	950.00	1,000.00
Reserve Funds	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Insurance	900.00	174.22	348.44	500.00
Reimbursement-Town of Bethel	4,500.00	1,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
State of Vermont Permits	2,400.00	497.65	1,000.83	1,400.00
Leases	600.00	497.65	597.65	400.00
Chlorine Contact Chamber	4,000.00	0.00	6,223.03	4,000.00
Other	0.00	175.68	878.99	0.00
Advertising	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Loan - MBB	63,330.00	42,218.09	42,218.09	42,220.00
TOTAL-Expenditures	147,000.00	67,511.55	100,383.55	101,000.00

BETHEL WATER DEPARTMENT Comparative Financial Statement December 31, 2005 & June 30, 2006

	<u>December 31, 2005</u>	<u>June 30, 2006</u>
ASSETS		
Cash on hand in Checking Account	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Earned	0.00	0.00
Land	2,500.00	2,500.00
Water System	1,312,000.00	1,312,000.00
Accounts Receivable-Water Rentals	<u>21,472.27</u>	<u>9,679.98</u>
TOTAL-Assets	1,335,972.27	1,324,179.98
LIABILITIES		
Notes Payable	555,848.33	562,368.30
Chlorine Contact Chamber	29,703.39	29,703.39
Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
Cumulative Fund Balance	24,934.24	0.00
Customer Overpayments	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL-Liabilities	610,485.96	581,071.69
NET ASSETS	\$ 725,486.31	\$ 743,108.29

BETHEL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Operating Statement as of June 30, 2006

	<u>18 Month Budget</u> <u>Fiscal 06-07</u>	<u>6 Month</u> <u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>12 Month</u> <u>Actual 2006</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Fiscal 07-08</u>
SEWER REVENUES				
Fees	205,850.00	82,924.69	143,125.74	138,000.00
Other	0.00	934.02	1,194.74	2,000.00
TOTAL- Revenues	205,850.00	83,858.71	144,320.48	140,000.00
SEWER EXPENDITURES				
Labor-Operations	72,000.00	33,059.50	57,140.20	55,000.00
Administration	6,500.00	2,229.00	4,608.48	4,600.00
Social Security	4,820.00	2,181.58	3,800.42	3,700.00
Medicare	1,130.00	510.29	888.90	860.00
Health Insurance	29,700.00	8,817.17	16,992.37	18,740.00
Workmans Compensation	3,300.00	672.22	1,344.44	2,000.00
Insurance	1,800.00	581.14	1,162.28	1,200.00
Electricity	27,000.00	8,136.69	16,160.05	18,000.00
Telephone	900.00	517.92	1,279.41	1,400.00
Improvements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maintenance-Building	3,000.00	909.61	909.61	1,500.00
Maintenance-Collection System	7,500.00	740.00	740.00	5,000.00
Maintenance-Equipment	7,500.00	4,124.67	14,355.83	5,000.00
Flushing Sewer Lines	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Sludge Disposal	4,000.00	6,630.00	6,630.00	6,500.00
Supplies	6,000.00	1,645.44	2,846.06	3,500.00
Chemicals	1,500.00	930.50	1,498.66	1,500.00
Reimbursement-Town of Bethel	9,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00	3,000.00
Leases	600.00	0.00	424.13	400.00
Training	500.00	200.00	200.00	500.00
Certification	6,000.00	3,393.05	5,111.65	4,000.00
Reserve Funds	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Other	100.00	410.19	1,626.63	100.00
Debt Services	10,000.00	2,156.93	2,156.93	2,000.00
TOTAL-Sewer Expenditures	205,850.00	80,845.90	145,876.05	140,000.00

BETHEL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Comparative Financial Statement December 31, 2005 & June 30, 2006

	<u>December 31, 2005</u>	<u>June 30, 2006</u>
ASSETS		
Cash in Checking Account	0.00	0.00
Interest Earned	0.00	0.00
Reserve Fund	10,667.56	10,841.37
Land	20,000.00	21,000.00
Sewer System	2,100,000.00	2,100,000.00
Accounts Receivable	<u>25,077.14</u>	<u>13,915.87</u>
TOTAL-Assets	\$ 2,155,744.70	\$ 2,145,757.24
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
Customer Overpayments	0.00	0.00
Notes Payable	60,000.00	60,000.00
Cumulative Fund Balance	<u>60,712.40</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL-Liabilities	\$ 120,712.40	\$ 60,000.00
NETASSETS	\$ 2,035,032.30	\$ 2,085,757.24

BETHEL-ROYALTON SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

Operating Statement - June 30, 2006

	<u>18 Month Budget</u>	<u>6 Month</u>	<u>12 Month</u>	<u>Budget</u>
SOLID WASTE REVENUES	Fiscal 06-07	Actual 2006	Actual 2006	Fiscal 07-08
Sale of Recyclable Materials	45,000.00	6,675.92	14,513.86	15,000.00
Alliance Surcharge	99,000.00	0.00	48,411.20	70,000.00
Fees	945,000.00	429,874.48	789,028.93	805,000.00
Other	6,000.00	4,803.33	4,803.33	6,000.00
TOTAL-Solid Waste Revenues	1,095,000.00	441,353.73	856,757.32	896,000.00
 SOLID WASTE EXPENDITURES				
Labor	127,000.00	38,625.95	75,261.60	85,000.00
Administration Costs	22,500.00	4,210.32	8,704.86	18,000.00
Social Security	8,465.00	2,640.31	5,178.41	5,850.00
Medicare	2,000.00	617.44	1,211.01	1,370.00
Health Insurance	42,000.00	15,052.90	27,841.10	32,000.00
Workmans Compensation	8,885.00	2,439.70	4,879.40	6,000.00
Insurance	4,500.00	1,967.46	3,934.92	4,000.00
Reimbursement-Royalton	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rental of Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Electricity	4,150.00	1,454.63	2,862.62	3,150.00
Telephone	1,200.00	388.36	835.77	1,000.00
Heat	1,500.00	792.79	1,098.85	1,400.00
Uniform Rental	1,350.00	276.46	644.66	800.00
Building Maintenance	2,000.00	737.20	1,269.20	1,500.00
Equipment Operation	15,000.00	8,926.32	24,004.73	12,000.00
Repair of Scales	800.00	0.00	340.00	600.00
New Equipment	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Legal	1,000.00	75.00	75.00	1,000.00
Supplies	7,500.00	2,379.51	3,313.06	6,000.00
Franchise Tax	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Tip Fee & Hauling	700,000.00	215,744.62	553,376.84	607,830.00
Hazardous Waste	8,000.00	8,862.16	19,655.76	20,000.00
Recycling	90,000.00	28,137.38	60,192.60	60,000.00
Labor Reimbursement-Bethel	4,500.00	1,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Recertification	7,500.00	552.50	4,885.49	5,000.00
Debt Service - Principal	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00
Cat Loader -- long term debt	11,400.00	11,934.11	23,934.11	0.00
Interest	5,250.00	0.00	5,169.60	5,000.00
Replacement Reserve Account	4,000.00	527.50	527.50	1,000.00
Other	500.00	28,322.56	77,949.97	500.00
TOTAL-Solid Waste Expenditures	1,095,000.00	376,165.18	910,147.06	896,000.00

Bethel/Royalton Solid Waste Program - Comparative Financial Statement

December 31, 2005 & June 30, 2006

	<u>December 31, 2005</u>	<u>June 30, 2006</u>
ASSETS:		
Cash on Hand in Checking Acct	0.00	0.00
Reserve Fund	7,044.96	7,579.65
Equipment	50,000.00	60,500.00
Land	40,000.00	40,000.00
Facility	760,000.00	760,000.00
Cumulative Fund Balance	0.00	0.00
Accounts Receivable	<u>128,925.39</u>	<u>97,191.03</u>
TOTAL- Assets	\$ 985,970.35	\$ 965,270.68
LIABILITIES:		
Notes Payable	72,000.00	107,706.80
Cumulative Balance	148,214.73	0.00
906 Cat Loader (1/2 to Royalton)	<u>11,388.41</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL-Liabilities	231,603.14	107,706.80
NET ASSETS	\$ 754,367.21	\$ 857,563.88

STATEMENT OF TOWN INDEBTEDNESS

As of June 30, 2006

The Town of Bethel participated in the 1999 bond sale of the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank (VMBB), and refinanced the loan by which the wastewater treatment system was originally constructed. The note formerly held by USDA Rural Development is now held by VMBB and the principal balance at June 30, 2006 was \$340,000.00.

The Town of Bethel has borrowed from its Revolving Loan Fund to pay for costs associated with operations over-runs of the wastewater treatment system during the year 2000, and to refund obligations formerly owed to the Chittenden Bank for Fire Station construction and Camp Brook Road Rehabilitation costs. The principal balance at June 30, 2006 was \$187,242.92.

In year 2001, the Town acquired an "Eagle One" Freightliner pumper fire truck at a total purchase price of \$145,055.00 to be paid for by a 96 month lease-purchase plan. The principal balance at June 30, 2006 was \$58,482.31.

In July 2003, the Town entered into a five year Lease-purchase Agreement with Case Credit Corporation for the procurement of a Case 580 Super M Loader-Backhoe. The principal balance at June 30, 2006 was \$13,425.00. (This obligation to be paid as an annual operating expense of the Town General Fund and the Water Department.)

The Town of Bethel has a line of credit with the Mascoma Savings Bank for operating expenses, the principal balance at June 30, 2006 being \$200,600.00. (This obligation is to be retired through revenues of the Town General Fund, the Water Department, Wastewater Department and Solid Waste Program.)

In September 2005, the Town borrowed \$20,000 from the Chittenden Bank to defray the cost of equipping the new 2006 International plow truck. This will be re-paid from the 2006 Highway Equipment Fund appropriation subsequently to June 30, 2006.

The Wastewater Treatment system owes \$60,000.00 to the Mascoma Savings Bank at June 30, 2006. (This Line of Credit will be re-paid from revenues of the wastewater treatment system.)

Capitol Construction costs for improvements to the Town's water supply system resulted in expenditure of \$663,753.89 of which \$29,703.39 is owed to the Mascoma Savings Bank for the chlorine Contact Chamber and \$530,305.30 is owed to the Vermont EPA for Water System upgrades. (This debt is being amortized from revenues of the Water Supply System.)

The Bethel/Royalton Solid Waste Program owed Chittenden Bank at June 30, 2006 the principle amount of \$144,000.00 of which \$72,000.00 was the Town of Bethel's debt. (This debt is being amortized from revenues of the Solid Waste Program.)

ALL TOWN DEPARTMENTS - Financial Statement

As of June 30, 2006

FIXED ASSETS (Equipment, Inventory, & Property)	\$	5,923,600.00
LIQUID ASSETS:		
Cash on hand in checking accounts	\$	13,300.56
INVESTED MONIES:		
Savings Accounts:		
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	27,728.71
Economic Revolving Loan Funds		93,830.67
Bandshell Fund		1,070.89
Leaseland Fund		3,292.92
Richard Edmunds Memorial Fund		304.32
Tax Sale Fund		7,702.27
Wastewater Treatment Facility Reserve Fund		10,841.37
Solid Waste Reserve Fund		7,579.65
Act 60 Reappraisal Fund		43,386.39
Fire Dept. Building/Equipment Fund		3,193.04
Highway Equipment Trust Fund		594.63
Town Hall Expense Fund		2,710.57
Town Hall Restoration Fund		45,011.03
Andrew Johnston Playground Fund		<u>2,284.60</u>
Total Invested Monies	\$	249,531.06
ADD ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES:		
Delinquent Taxes (includes penalty/interest)	\$	47,319.19
Sewer User Charges		13,915.87
Water Rentals		9,679.98
Solid Waste Billings		97,191.03
Capital Projects Loan		<u>187,242.92</u>
Total Accounts Receivables	\$	355,348.99
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	6,541,780.61
LESS LIABILITIES:		
Backhoe	\$	13,425.00
Water Chlorination Contact Chamber		29,703.39
Landfill (\$72,000.00 for Royalton)		72,000.00
Sewer Construction		340,000.00
Water Bond Construction		530,305.30
2002 E-one American Eagle Pumper		58,482.31
Wastewater - Mascoma Savings Bank		60,000.00
2006 International		20,000.00
School Taxes Payable		0.00
Tax Anticipatory Note		445,000.00
Customer Overpayments		2,196.88
Capital Projects		187,242.92
Mascoma Savings Bank		<u>200,600.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	1,958,955.80
NET ASSETS	\$	4,582,824.81

DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS

As of June 30, 2006

	<u>PRIOR YEARS</u>
Becker, Robert ²	\$490.23
Blanchard, Edward ¹	83.45
Bryan, Bruce R. ¹	4.27
Capron, Carl & Barbara ¹	269.12
Champany, Lori ¹	2,138.59
Clough, Ruth	2,501.02
Cornell, Steven & Florence ¹	2,246.47
Cyr, Carmella ¹	249.89
Daniel, Michael & Valerie ¹	4,120.56
Drury, Peter & Pamela ¹	2,204.64
Ferris, Paul ²	1,634.98
Ferris, Paul ¹	22.08
Frank, Cole T. ¹	53.78
Gillette, Jeffrey ²	3,081.23
Goon, Joel ¹	750.86
Gover, Arnold ¹	378.66
Harrington, Mark & Angela ¹	1,686.63
Hicks, William & Elizabeth	1,247.73
Johnson, Charles	174.76
Johnston, Mike & Kathleen ²	1,665.69
LaFlamme, Susan ²	1,807.60
Morse, Shawn & Cook, Carol ²	727.17
Nichols, Ann ¹	2.87
Oakes, Randy & Deborah	3,472.70
Poland, Elmo & Susan ¹	2,555.23
RTRA Properties	5,958.94
Rogers, Steven	183.48
Rousseau, David	326.38
Soule, Thomas & Karen ¹	364.53
TOTALS	\$ 40,403.54

**DELINQUENT WATER &
SEWER ACCOUNTS**

As of June 30, 2006

Boule, Steven & Mary ²	\$240.12
Clough, Ruth	2,370.89
Cornell, Steven & Florence ¹	294.86
Frank, Cole T.	564.38
Gifford, John & Janice	1,975.68
Goon, Joel	589.70
Grady, Ella Mae	67.26
Harrington, Alan ¹	54.58
Hill Jr., James & Kelly	297.65
Johnston, Mike & Kathleen	382.26
Knapp, Gail & Mary	186.46
Laflamme, Susan	590.88
Newell, Bruce ¹	51.30
Nichols, Ann	1,788.76
Oakes, Deborah & Randy	1,264.96
Paini, Phillip	235.99
Patch, Todd & Sonya	261.06
Piela, Michael	664.98
RTRA Properties LLC	3,531.89
RTRA Properties LLC	5,509.84
Rogers, Lewis	226.91
Rogers, Lewis	630.38
Rogers, Lewis ¹	226.90
Rogers, Reginald & Linda	413.65
Smith, Wayne & Linda	146.71
Soule, Karen & Thomas	743.08
US Postal Office ²	284.72
TOTAL	\$23,595.85

¹ Paid in full as of December 31, 2006.² Partial payment has been made.

ACT 60 REAPPRAISAL FUND

As of June 30, 2006

Balance Brought Forward 01/01/06	\$ 53,994.97
ADD RECEIPTS:	
Received from State of Vermont	11,010.50
Interest Earned	<u>95.42</u>
LESS EXPENSES:	
Cartographic Technologies	45.50
APAS - Reappraisal Services	21,360.00
Spaulding Press	<u>309.00</u>
BALANCE ON HAND 06/30/06	\$ 48,386.39

**FIRE DEPARTMENT
BUILDING AND/OR EQUIPMENT TRUST FUND**

As of June 30, 2006

Balance Brought Forward 01/01/06	\$ 2,687.11
ADD RECEIPTS:	
Donations	500.00
Interest Earned	5.93
LESS EXPENSES:	<u>0.00</u>
BALANCE ON HAND 06/30/06	\$ 3,193.04

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT TRUST FUND

As of June 30, 2006

Balance Brought Forward 01/01/06	\$ 593.72
ADD RECEIPTS:	
Interest Earned	.91
LESS EXPENSES:	<u>0.00</u>
BALANCE ON HAND 06/30/06	\$ 594.63

ANDREW JOHNSTON PLAYGROUND FUND

As of June 30, 2006

Balance Brought Forward 01/01/06	\$ 1,281.89
ADD RECEIPTS:	
Donations	1,000.00
Interest Earned	2.71
LESS EXPENSES:	<u>0.00</u>
BALANCE ON HAND 06/30/06	\$ 2,284.60

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY RESERVE FUND

As of June 30, 2006

Balance Brought Forward 01/01/06	\$ 10,667.56
ADD RECEIPTS:	
Interest Earned	173.81
LESS EXPENSES:	<u>0.00</u>
BALANCE ON HAND 06/30/06	\$ 10,841.37

TOWN HALL EXPENSE ACCOUNT

As of June 30, 2006

Balance Brought Forward 01/01/06	\$ 3,137.66
ADD RECEIPTS:	
Town Hall Rental	600.00
Interest Earned	<u>5.94</u>
LESS EXPENSES:	
Schaal Engineering	454.50
Engineering Venture	<u>578.53</u>
BALANCE ON HAND 06/30/06	\$ 2,710.57

TOWN HALL RESTORATION FUND

As of June 30, 2006

Balance Brought Forward 01/01/06	\$ 44, 106.90
ADD RECEIPTS:	
Donations	6,114.92
Town Hall Grant	3,000.00
Interest Earned	<u>81.04</u>
LESS EXPENSES:	
Schaal Engineering	8,197.50
Don Hirsch Consultant	<u>94.33</u>
BALANCE ON HAND 06/30/06	\$ 45,011.03

SOLID WASTE RESERVE FUND

As of June 30, 2006

Balance Brought Forward 01/01/06	\$ 7,044.96
ADD RECEIPTS:	
Town of Bethel	527.50
Interest Earned	7.19
LESS EXPENSES:	<u>0.00</u>
BALANCE ON HAND 06/30/06	\$ 7,579.65

RICHARD EDMUNDS MEMORIAL FUND

As of June 30, 2006

Balance Brought Forward 01/01/06	\$ 304.02
ADD RECEIPTS:	
Interest Earned	0.30
LESS EXPENSES:	<u>0.00</u>
BALANCE ON HAND 06/30/06	\$ 304.32

ECONOMIC REVOLVING LOAN FUND - CHECKING

As of June 30, 2006

Balance Brought Forward 01/01/06	\$ 50,021.41
ADD RECEIPTS:	
Loan Payments	<u>6,560.06</u>
LESS EXPENSES:	
Transfer to Sweep RA	<u>6,500.00</u>
BALANCE ON HAND 06/30/06	\$ 50,081.47

ECONOMIC REVOLVING LOAN FUND - SAVINGS

As of June 30, 2006

Balance Brought Forward 01/01/06	\$ 126,402.06
ADD RECEIPTS:	
Transfer from Sweep RA	6,500.00
Interest Earned	<u>1,751.12</u>
LESS EXPENSES:	
Loan to Town of Bethel	<u>90,903.98</u>
BALANCE ON HAND 06/30/06	\$ 43,749.20

REVOLVING LOAN FUND

As of June 30, 2006

Balance Brought Forward 01/01/06	\$ 27,673.30
ADD RECEIPTS:	
Interest Earned	55.41
LESS EXPENSES:	<u>0.00</u>
BALANCE ON HAND 06/30/06	\$ 27,728.71

World War II Gold Star Mother Flag and
the Fire Department Hose House.

Photo provided courtesy of the Bethel Historical Society.

**TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS
TOWN OF BETHEL, VERMONT
June 30, 2006**

Checkbook balance on hand 01-01-06	\$ 685.02
 ADD RECEIPTS:	
Income from Investments	1,588.47
Perpetual Care	0.00
Redeemed Investments	<u>0.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 2,273.49</u>
NET INCOME	\$ 2,273.49
LESS DISBURSEMENTS:	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Checkbook Balance on hand as of 06-30-06	\$ 2,273.49

I did not disburse any funds during the accounting period. All certificate of deposits include interest earned for the period above.

Breakdown of Investments:

Bank Deposits	\$ 157,358.32	56%
Mutual Funds	103,679.14	37%
Stocks	20,508.30	7%
Total	\$ 281,545.76	100%

Carroll F. Ketchum, Clerk

TOWN OF BETHEL CEMETERY FUNDS

In Town Treasurer's Account

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u> <u>(6 months)</u>
Cash Balance in Checking Account Jan. 1	\$ 232.67	\$ 81.76
Add Receipts:		
Trustee of Public Funds	3,440.54	3,556.88
Sale of Lots	65.00	600.00
Perpetual Care	216.00	636.00
Corner Stones	168.00	252.00
Town of Bethel	13,000.00	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>50.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$ 17,172.21	\$ 10,151.64
Less Disbursements		
Fairview	6,317.85	2,400.00
Cherry Hill	6,637.35	2,880.00
East Bethel	1,908.00	720.00
Lympus	240.00	0.00
Gilead	1,252.50	480.00
Corner Stones	0.00	0.00
Perpetual Care	216.00	0.00
Commissioner	300.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>218.75</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	17,090.45	6,480.00
Cash Balance in Checking Account	<u>81.76</u>	<u>3,671.64</u>
TOTAL	\$ 17,172.21	\$ 10,151.64

2006 DOG LICENSES

290	Spayed & Neutered Dogs @ \$7.00 each	\$ 2,030.00
80	Males & Females @ \$11.00 each	\$ 880.00
3	Female or Males @ \$4.00 each (1/2 yr.)	\$ 14.00
2	N. Males & S. Females @ \$2.00 each (1/2 yr.)	\$ 15.00
4	Lost Licenses	
	Late Fees	<u>\$ 268.00</u>
TOTAL		\$ 3,207.00
	Less Town Clerk's Fees	750.00
	Less State Fees	<u>1,125.00</u>
PAID TO THE TOWN OF BETHEL		\$ 1,332.00

2006 LIQUOR LICENSES

FIRST CLASS:

Tozier's Restaurant	\$ 100.00
The Bethel Depot, Inc.	\$ 100.00

SECOND CLASS:

Champlain Farms	\$ 50.00
Locust Creek Store	\$ 50.00
Bethel Central Market, Inc.	<u>\$ 50.00</u>

TOTAL	\$ 350.00
Less Town Clerk Fees	<u>25.00</u>
PAID TO THE TOWN OF BETHEL	\$ 325.00

STATE OF VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

January 1 - June 30, 2006

01-05-06	Judiciary	\$330.84
01-17-06	Agency of Transportation	2,481.25
01-17-06	Agency of Transportation	11,275.88
01-17-06	Agency of Transportation	20,888.64
01-23-06	Agency of Transportation	293.80
02-01-06	Judiciary	39.00
03-30-06	EEGL Assistance	11,010.50
04-05-06	Agency of Transportation	28.35
04-14-06	Agency of Transportation	2,481.25
04-14-06	Agency of Transportation	11,275.88
04-14-06	Agency of Transportation	20,888.64
04-20-06	Agency of Transportation	69.30
04-20-06	Agency of Transportation	81.90
04-20-06	Agency of Transportation	27.30
04-20-06	Agency of Transportation	31.50
04-20-06	Agency of Transportation	60.90
04-20-06	Agency of Transportation	30.45
04-20-06	Agency of Transportation	25.20
04-20-06	Agency of Transportation	29.40
04-25-06	Agency of Transportation	133.35
04-25-06	Agency of Transportation	70.35
04-25-06	Agency of Transportation	47.25
04-25-06	Agency of Transportation	40.95
04-25-06	Agency of Transportation	38.85
04-25-06	Agency of Transportation	60.90
04-25-06	Agency of Transportation	84.00
05-09-06	Agency of Transportation	50.40
05-09-06	Agency of Transportation	66.15
05-09-06	Agency of Transportation	57.75
05-09-06	Agency of Transportation	19.95
05-09-06	Agency of Transportation	51.45
05-09-06	Agency of Transportation	30.00
05-19-06	Railroad Tax	1,197.66
05-23-06	Public Safety	2,046.11
05-25-06	Environmental Conservation	2,674.94
	TOTAL	\$88,020.04

VITAL STATISTICS 2006

MARRIAGES

<u>NAME OF GROOM</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>NAME OF BRIDE</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</u>
LONNIE H FRANCIS	BETHEL	LINDA B SASS	BETHEL	MARCH 14	BETHEL
RICHARD ANDREW PERYER	BETHEL	CYNTHIA MARIE FRANCIS	BETHEL	MAY 13	BETHEL
DEREK KYLE FARNHAM	BETHEL	AMBER LYNN CHAMPANY	BETHEL	MAY 13	BETHEL
ROBERT L FILOSSIE	BETHEL	TAMI L SMITH	BETHEL	MAY 20	BETHEL
MICHAEL J WHITE	BETHEL	SHAKIA TIANA GAITHE	BETHEL	MAY 26	RANDOLPH
EDWARD ALAN NICHOLS	BETHEL	KATRINA ANN KING	BETHEL	SEPT 9	BRAINTREE
DUSTIN BENJAMIN MURRAY	BETHEL	SHAYNA A BOOTH	BETHEL	SEPT 23	FAIRLEE
JAMES RICHARD GLASS	BETHEL	DIANE JEAN COBURN	BETHEL	SEPT 30	BETHEL
PAVEL A REZNIKOV	BETHEL	KATHERINE R READY	BETHEL	OCT 9	CHESTER
JASON R BEDI	BETHEL	AMY MARIE HEALD	BETHEL	OCT 14	BARNARD
KEVIN LEE COONCE	BAKERSFIELD	STEPHANIE L DARLING	BETHEL	NOV 10	BETHEL
MARK WILLIAM ROSE SR	BETHEL	SUSAN LEA TABOR	BETHEL	DEC 24	BARNARD

BIRTHS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>FATHER'S NAME</u>	<u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME</u>
NOAH B ZITTERKOPF	JAN. 18	RANDOLPH	LUCAS P ZITTERKOPF	REBECCA L WEBB
ANTHONY JAMES DUDDIE	FEB. 1	RANDOLPH	JOHN A DUDDIE III	AMY MAE YERRINGTON
BRADLEY WARREN FORREST	FEB. 4	RANDOLPH	PETER L FORREST	HEIDI A HAAPT
ROSE IRELAND DYBVIG	APR. 17	RANDOLPH	EVAN T DYBVIG	SARAH K IRELAND
HANNAH E GILMOND	APR. 20	RANDOLPH	MARK E REYNOLDS	ROBIN J GILMOND
CHLOE RIKERT	JUNE 12	RANDOLPH	MATTHEW H RIKERT	KATIE A CARTER
SAUNTIE E WHITE	JULY 2	RANDOLPH	MICHAEL J WHITE	SHAKIA T GAITHER
SHAELYN E YOUNG	JULY 16	RANDOLPH	JAMES R LOURA	HOPE C YOUNG
SAVANNAH L STAFF	JULY 24	RANDOLPH	JEFFREY A STAFF	JENNIFER L TAYLOR
AVERY MAE BECK	AUG. 5	RANDOLPH	JAMES F BECK	AMY D ODGERS
SADIE RUTH KINSLEY	SEPT 1	RANDOLPH	SHANE C KINSLEY	ELIZABETH R MESSIMER
TANNER MARIE DRURY	SEPT 27	RANDOLPH	CHRISTOPHER K DRURY	RACHEL L STONE
NOLA MAY BASLOW	OCT 14	RANDOLPH	FRANK E BASLOW	KATRINA M GIRARD
GAGE E V WOODARD	NOV 25	RANDOLPH	CRAIG M WOODARD	KRYSTAL A FENN
JAMESON DANIEL MANNING	DEC 27	RANDOLPH	WAYNE N MANNING	JILL L POTTER

VITAL STATISTICS 2006 - Continued

DEATHS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
WILLIAM CALVIN GREEN	67	JAN 18, 2006	BETHEL	BETHEL
EDWARD ROBERT GERAGHTY	65	JAN 25, 2006	RANDOLPH	BETHEL
DORRIS B APRILLIANO	80	MAY 2, 2006	RANDOLPH	BETHEL
STANLEY OLADO	89	MAY 19, 2006	BETHEL	BETHEL
RALPH S REYNOLDS	72	MAY 30, 2006	RANDOLPH	BETHEL
COLBY C MADDEN	20	JULY 1, 2006	RANDOLPH	BETHEL
ASHLEY M E TOWNSEND	16	JULY 22, 2006	ROXBURY	BETHEL
MARY RUTH LOCKE	81	AUG 4, 2006	RUTLAND	BETHEL
PANSY I MILLER	80	AUG 7, 2006	BETHEL	BETHEL
FRANK H LOCKE	58	AUG 25, 2006	RUTLAND	BETHEL
ROBERT JOSEPH MCKINNEY	75	NOV 20, 2006	BETHEL	BETHEL
DONNA WHITMORE	54	DEC 5, 2006	RANDOLPH	BETHEL
JOHN PICARELLO	90	DEC 14, 2006	RANDOLPH	BETHEL

DEATHS REPORTED FROM OTHER TOWNS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF BURIAL</u>
CHARLES E MILLS SR	JUNE 9, 1948	JAN 10, 2006	RANDOLPH	FAIRVIEW
ANN BENEDICT	APRIL 11, 1917	FEB 19, 2006	VERNON, CT	FAIRVIEW
JANET MARILYN GERALD	OCT 21, 1932	MAY 21, 2006	COLFAX, CA	FAIRVIEW
RAMONA ADAMS	73	MAY 25, 2006	WOODSTOCK	FAIRVIEW
RONALD E QUILLIA SR	68	JUNE 2, 2006	BURLINGTON	FAIRVIEW
RAMONA A DAVIS	74	AUG 22, 2006	LEBANON, NH	FAIRVIEW
KENNETH LAFOND		AUG 28, 2006	DERBY, CT	FAIRVIEW
DENISE L PLUMMER	48	SEPT 17, 2006	LYME, NH	FAIRVIEW
ERNEST A FLINT	SEPT 4, 1920	SEPT 21, 2006	STOCKBRIDGE	FAIRVIEW
ARLENER BRINK	72	OCT 26, 2006	RANDOLPH	FAIRVIEW

White River Valley Ambulance, Inc. 2006 Annual Report

White River Valley Ambulance (WRVA) became a non-profit corporation on January 22, 1974. Earlier in the previous year, respected community and Selectboard members gathered to form and consolidate an ambulance service, recognizing the need for Emergency Medical Services and the cost advantage of taking such action. It was readily apparent, as it remains today, that no one town could afford its own ambulance service.

The towns of Barnard, Bethel, Braintree, Brookfield, Granville (East Granville), Pittsfield, Randolph and Stockbridge are the incorporated participants. Oversight of the ambulance service is done by a board of directors. One representative for each town is appointed by their Selectboard. The board also includes a representative from Gifford Medical Center.

In recent past years, the service has borne tremendous pressure to rely on Medicare/Medicaid reimbursements, the bulk of our billing services to support the financial needs. Medicare/Medicaid mandates automatic write-offs that cannot be collected from the insured. Shortfalls in municipal participation forced the service to rely on its reserves and for a short period of time, past grant awards deferred the condition that exists today. As it stands now, WRVA has depleted all of its reserves and is deemed cash poor. This financial situation is compounded by delayed income receipts with an accounts receivable turnover rate anywhere from 45 days to 8 months. Delinquent accounts are in collections. This year's municipal participation reflects an absolute need to change direction.

Listed below for 2006 is data to depict the number of calls for each town, the number of no transports, the total amount of patient billing and municipal participation and a net loss specific to each town. This occurs every year.

Town	2006 Calls	No Transport	Charges	Receipts	Net (Loss)
Barnard	47	14	\$38,028.00	\$26,129.10	\$11,898.90
Bethel	165	45	155,415.50	106,684.15	48,731.35
Braintree	119	26	96,387.00	71,183.88	25,203.12
Brookfield	58	22	64,554.00	51,706.66	12,847.34
East Granville	16	0	5,082.50	1,557.50	3,525.00
Randolph	457	147	391,954.96	274,499.77	117,455.19
Pittsfield	35	3	29,802.50	24,277.47	5,525.03
Stockbridge	46	11	43,545.50	32,472.26	11,073.24
Gifford Medical Ctr.	297				
Other	134				
Total	1374	268		Total Loss	\$236,259.17

We have responded to a total of 268 no transport calls. These calls do not generate income and at minimal represent another loss of \$134,000.

We have responded to 83 patient assists, 55 in Randolph. These are calls to help an individual who is limited in mobility, has fallen, needs a couple sets of helping hands and reassurance. These calls generated by E-911, come to our emergency medical technicians because there is no one else available. We also respond and standby at structure fire scenes as fire suppression is dangerous.

WRVA has always maintained and provided for vehicle extrication in the 8 towns. We work closely with the fire departments and train to work together. Vehicle extrication is a specialized and technical skill. The innovative change in vehicle design brings challenges to this area of expertise. Initial cost just to have these tools is approximately \$50,000.

White River Valley Ambulance has to provide 24 hour/7 days a week/365 days per year EMS care. Rural emergency care is the most challenging. The first hour is the most critical to getting to the scene and then transport to a medical care facility. Our skilled emergency medical technicians provide patients with immediate care on their way to the Emergency Room, providing for the patients the best possibility of care in the least amount of time.

WRVA is the primary transfer service to Gifford Medical Center.

We have with us the best in EMS. Our staff must be stationed at the facility for response. They share responsibilities to the daily needs of the service in addition to responding to calls. They carry pagers for back up calls and to respond for any major event. They take part in educating others. CPR, First Aid, Basic Life Support, Advance Life Support and Vehicle Extrication are just a few of the programs they provide for. They are dedicated individuals who are passionate about people, their profession and the work they do.

If WRVA does not receive the adequate financial support, long overdue and needed from the towns that own the service, it may be unable to continue.

A recent article published in the Vermont Standard, a newspaper local to the Woodstock area, spoke to another ambulance service, citing decreasing revenues from Medicare/Medicaid and a need to increase the billing rates to the towns it serves.

Jocelyn R. Stohl, President
Board of Directors

Patricia Edwards, BA, NREMT-P, CCEMT-P, I/C
Acting Administrator

**WHITE RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE
PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2007**

	<u>2006 Budget</u>	<u>2006 Actual</u>	<u>Preliminary 2007 Budget</u>
SALES			
Base Rate/Paramedic Intercept/CCT	462,653.00		400,000.00
Oxygen	36,684.00		23,000.00
Mileage	205,597.00		180,000.00
Waiting Time	2,522.00		600.00
IV/Medicaiton Therapy	47,858.00		50,000.00
IO/PUMP/VENT	1,000.00		20,000.00
Defibrillation/External Pacing/Cardioversion	272.00		5,000.00
Combitube/Endotracheal Intubation	319.00		1,986.00
Extrication	6,180.00		2,000.00
Billing Service Revenue	9,500.00		5,000.00
Membership Program	6,500.00		0.00
Municipal Participation	341,649.00		481,306.00
Less Write Off's/Bad Debt Allowance	(267,080.00)		(206,280.00)
TOTAL SALES/PARTICIPATION	853,654.00		962,640.00
COST OF SERVICES			
Medical Supplies	3,000.00		10,000.00
Oxygen	2,000.00		3,000.00
Attendants Wages	336,582.00		393,720.00
Overtime	40,000.00		48,000.00
Volunteer/Per Diem Wages	30,000.00		50,000.00
Standby Pay	12,000.00		24,000.00
Gasoline & Registrations	15,000.00		18,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	2,500.00		2,500.00
Vehicle Repairs Unit 1	1,500.00		3,500.00
Vehicle Repairs Unit 2	2,000.00		3,500.00
Vehicle Repairs Unit 3	1,500.00		3,500.00
Vehicle Repairs Rescue	1,500.00		2,500.00
Contractual Wages	0.00		0.00
TOTAL COST OF SERVICES	447,582.00		534,220.00
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Janitorial Supplies	1,500.00		1,800.00
Supplies	500.00		1,000.00
Garage Tools	500.00		200.00
Freight & Postage	2,000.00		2,600.00
Administration	91,643.00		103,800.00
Service Agreements	6,685.00		7,000.00
Pager Service	150.00		1,260.00
Rubbish Removal	300.00		400.00
Heat	3,000.00		3,500.00
Electricity	6,500.00		6,500.00
Cable/Internet	1,400.00		1,400.00
Telephone	9,000.00		8,500.00
Building Repairs	3,500.00		8,000.00
Radio Repairs	1,000.00		2,500.00
Equipment Repairs	1,000.00		1,000.00
Snow Removal/Lawn Care	250.00		250.00
Advertising	500.00		500.00
Insurance Bldg & Equip/Directors E&O	13,800.00		14,000.00
Health Insurance	83,359.00		95,000.00
HSA Ins Employee Acct	0.00		6,110.00
W/Comp Insurance	45,000.00		50,000.00

WHITE RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE PRELIMINARY BUDGET - Continued

	<u>2006 Budget</u>	<u>2006 Actual</u>	<u>Preliminary 2007 Budget</u>
Employee Retirement	4,800.00		0.00
Property Taxes	6,050.00		12,000.00
Payroll Taxes	38,287.00		45,535.00
Vehicle Loan Payment/Principal	10,800.00		11,000.00
Building Mortgage/Principal	7,560.00		7,560.00
Interest/Vehicle and Mortgage Loans	18,588.00		18,500.00
Vehicle Insurance	5,600.00		6,000.00
Mileage Reimbursement	500.00		500.00
Collection Expense	100.00		1,000.00
Accounting	7,500.00		8,000.00
Legal Expenses	500.00		500.00
Office Expenses	3,000.00		4,000.00
Training	3,000.00		6,000.00
Kitchen Misc/Social	2,500.00		2,500.00
Laundry & Uniforms	2,500.00		3,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	150.00		150.00
Bank Charges	50.00		100.00
Miscellaneous	500.00		500.00
TOTAL	383,572.00		442,165.00
Vehicle Reserve	20,000.00		25,000.00
Equipment Reserve	0.00		10,000.00
Building Reserve	2,500.00		2,500.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	406,072.00		442,165.00
TOTAL COST OF SERVICES	447,582.00		534,220.00
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	853,654.00		976,385.00
TOWN PARTICIPATION*			
Town of Barnard	15,083.00		21,248.00
Town of Bethel	61,968.00		87,300.00
Town of Braintree	37,597.00		52,966.00
Town of Brookfield	38,479.00		54,208.00
Town of Granville	1,039.00		1,464.00
Town of Pittsfield	13,445.00		18,942.00
Town of Randolph	152,815.00		215,279.00
Town of Stockbridge	21,223.00		29,899.00
TOTALS	341,649.00		481,306.00

* Subject to Final Adjustments

- Notes:
1. Total Population: 10,850
 2. Per Capita Rates \$ 30.24 in 2004
 \$ 31.02 in 2005
 \$ 31.49 in 2006
 \$ 44.36 in 2007
 3. 2006 Budget represents a 40.88% increase over 2005 Budget

Bethel Historical Society Report for 2006

The Bethel Historical Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserve, collect and to share the history and artifacts of our town. We appreciate everyone's membership and special donations of time and talent, making this all possible. The Bethel Historical Society's members are people who care about each other, our heritage, traditions and the community of Bethel. Be proud of your membership!

Here are some of the highlights of the past year:

In March 2006 we set up stations at the Town Meeting and at the BBA's Home & Garden Show. At these events, George Burnham's exquisitely constructed model of the Town Hall was unveiled. We signed up many new members at each event.

In April we had our 4th annual Appraisal Evening with well-known appraiser Jim Marquis. Once again we joined forces with the Stockbridge Historical Society for this event, which took place at the Stockbridge Elementary School.

On May 4th, Bill and Frances Johansen presented a very interesting program about the Italian community of stone cutters who used to live on the "Flats" along the White River. A book is currently in the works and should be available soon.

On May 15th, there was a joint meeting with the Bethel Rotary Club, our Vice President, Janet Hayward Burnham spoke about Pvt. Charles Fairbanks, a Bethel boy who wrote his memoirs about his experience in the Civil War.

In June the Bethel Historical Society participated in the Vermont History Expo 2006. The special theme was "Vermont Women in History". Our exhibit featured "The Two Marys". Mary Waller, a well-known writer who spent quite a bit of time in Bethel and wrote several books with themes related to Bethel. The other was Mary Parker, the wife of a local minister, who together with her husband wrote detailed journals which were rediscovered not long ago in the library basement.

On August 23rd we were the guests of Rock of Ages at the Bethel Quarries for a picnic and informational meeting. It was an interesting program presented by Bob Campo who told us about the different types of equipment used in the quarrying process as well as how they market and sell the blocks around the world for various building projects. It gave our group a chance to see what ROA actually does up there on Christian Hill and helped us to realize what a vital part of Bethel the quarry is. At this meeting, Mr. Campo presented a check for \$1000 to Selectman Neal Fox, for the Town Hall Restoration Fund.

On November 12th, a slide program about Bethel's Downtown, "Yesterday and Today" was presented by Nick Nikolaidis at the Paradigm Consulting Co. offices on Main Street.

Our last program of the year was on December 4th when we had our 3rd Annual "Christmases Past" program. Members and guests shared Christmas memories and showed interesting items while they enjoyed Christmas refreshments.

In addition to our programs we hosted two Whitcomb High School Community Service Classes. In September for a tour of the museum and in November at our new headquarters for a slide show of old Bethel pictures. In December we repeated the show for the Troop 510 Jr. Girl Scouts. It is nice to know that the young Bethel citizens are interested in the history of our town.

In November we moved into our own headquarters in the former Guy Wilson Agency Building, thanks to the generosity of Neal Fox who is making the space available to us at no charge. Many thanks also to the American Precision Museum in Windsor from which we got much of the furniture in our new place for just a small donation.

We are also proud to be one of the winners of a "Local Historical Society Achievement Award of Excellence" in the Operations category for our newsletter. This award was presented to us by Vermont Historical Society Director J. Kevin Graffagnino on October 13th at a joint meeting of the League of Local Historical Societies & The Vermont Museum and Gallery Alliance at the Vermont State House.

Paradigm Consulting Co. has generously donated a computer for our new offices.

Most of our regular meetings were held at the Bethel Public Library. In appreciation, the Bethel Historical Society once again donated \$200 to the library.

The Bethel Historical Society is grateful for the grant of \$500 which was received from the Town of Bethel.

Looking ahead in 2007, we hope to increase our membership and to continue to play a vital role in the preservation of Bethel's history and artifacts. Our dedicated members continue to "fine tune" the society's paper collections, inventorying, scanning and identifying the many photos and artifacts in our possession.

We want to preserve what we have and hopefully acquire other important historical items for our collection. Consider the Bethel Historical Society in your legacy. We are grateful to everyone who has donated time, money and items to our Society and hope you will join us in helping to preserve Bethel's history.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Nikolaidis, President

Officers: President/Nick Nikolaidis, Vice President/Janet Hayward Burnham,

Secretary/Rose Leonard, Treasurer/Kent Batcheller

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Development Review Board is the Town entity which reviews major subdivisions, conditional use permits, variances and site plan approvals. It is the responsibility of the Board to make sure that all applicants adhere to the requirements of the Bethel Town Plan. In 2006, the Development Review Board met eight times and reviewed applications for six major subdivisions, eight variances, three conditional use requests and two site plans. While most of these are fairly simple processes, they are time consuming. The Board strives to keep the process flowing smoothly and all applicants are encouraged to schedule an appointment to review the project with the Administrative Officer to ensure all necessary applications are submitted. The Board meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month by appointment as needed.

Bethel Planning Commission Report for 2006 Town Report

The Planning Commission is responsible for drafting three documents, the *Town Plan*, the *Zoning Ordinance*, and the *Subdivision Regulations*. The Commission gathers information, drafts language, holds hearings and makes recommendations which reflect State statutes and the current and future conditions in Bethel. The Select Board then holds hearings and adopts these documents.

To improve the *Plan* and respond to new issues, during 2005 and 2006 the Planning Commission revised the *Town Plan* text and maps, and (with the help of Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission) had a build-out analysis done. An attempt was made to ensure that Bethel will have appropriate growth and yet continue to “protect the rural character of the Town”.

To assess community goals and objectives and to encourage community involvement, a public survey was created and distributed that had over 500 responses – close to a 43% response rate. The answers to the 11 questions asked, along with many pages of comments, as well as the *Town Plan* itself, are available at the Bethel Town Offices and at www.bethelvermont.com under ‘Municipal’.

To make the *Plan* more understandable and easier to use, the text was shortened by deleting repetitive information, by rewriting and simplifying the language. The format was revised by re-ordering sections, by grouping related topics, and by consolidating Goals, Planning Principles, and Recommendations for Action as appendices. The *2006 Town Plan* was adopted by the Select Board on August 28, 2006.

The *Bethel Zoning Ordinance* and *Bethel Sub-division Regulations* are being updated, revised and harmonized with the State’s revision of the Vermont Land Use Statute, 24 VSA Chapter 117. The Commission is working on updating Bethel’s flood hazard regulations in order to reduce potential flood damage and enable participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

In the future, the Commission will scrutinize the capacity of Bethel’s current zoning districts in terms of the recent build-out analysis of future population, and if necessary, suggest adjustments to some district boundaries.

The Commission will also study the Recommendations for Action in the *Town Plan* and, whereas some of the recommendations are policy statements, and not pro-active initiatives, others do lend themselves to actions which will be recommended to the Bethel Select Board. For example, recommendations making Bethel’s disaster planning more public, establishing an emergency shelter on the east side of the river, developing a record keeping management system for town cemeteries, and conducting an inventory of wildlife and critical habitats.

Citizen involvement is the most important element of the planning process. The Planning Commission meets the third Wednesday of every month at the Town Offices. Meetings are open to the public and input from Bethel’s citizens is encouraged and welcome.

Town Hall Restoration Report

The Select Board discussed aspects of the Town Hall restoration at many of their meetings during 2006. With the help of the Town Hall Finance Committee chaired by Amy Bergamo and the Construction Committee co-chaired by Chris Hemond and Paul Feeney the Town Hall restoration project has made several advances during the past year.

Water problems have plagued the building for several years, and have now been solved. The Select Board solicited schematic plans for foundation work to abate the water coming into the foundations from Schaal Engineering. They received two rounds of bids for the work but rejected them as too expensive. They then gave the green light to Chris Hemond to try a simple solution. Hemond and several volunteers dug a swale which diverted surface water away from the foundations of the building. The fact that the swale work has stopped water from coming into the ground floor whenever it rains means that the problem was surface water, not ground water. This simple, practical solution and volunteer effort saved the Bethel community tens of thousands of dollars.

The Town Hall Finance Committee donations subcommittee has been working to solicit donations toward the restoration. A prospectus booklet describing the four phases of restoration work was created for potential donors. With corporate and anonymous gifts, the Town Hall Restoration Fund now has a credit over \$85,000.

During 2007 historic elements of the building will be documented to aid in grants procurement. Masonry work is expected to be carried out to realign and stabilize the foundations and to re-point some of the exterior brick work. Also during 2007 biddable specs for roof work will be created. The Hall roof needs new sheathing and some strengthening of the roof supports to bring it up to code.

The Town is committed to the Town Hall's restoration and this year saw the beginning of physical work on the building. In February responses to the Bethel Town Survey suggested a wide spectrum of ideas for use of the Hall as a future site for community and town business activities. The Bethel Town Hall will become the vital town center that it once was.

The Bethel Town Hall Finance Committee meets the last Thursday of each month at the Public Library. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

1901 - Last Stage to Rochester.

Photo provided courtesy of the
Bethel Historical Society.

Bethel Business Association – Review of 2006

In 2006, the Bethel Business Association and the Bethel Revitalization Initiative have been very busy exploring and implementing ways in which to restore our town's vitality and attract new individuals and businesses into Bethel. In the past year, the BBA continued its work on town beautification with numerous projects including the downtown hanging flower baskets, putting American flags on the street poles, and decorating the town for the winter holidays.

Bethel's first annual Home and Garden Show in March was a big success drawing over 400 people. It will be even bigger and better in 2007. We also coordinated the Bethel Benchmark raffle of decorated benches and the town Spamathon. Money from these fundraisers went to fixing up the town's street benches and the town hall, respectively. We continued to sponsor monthly legislative breakfasts during the legislative year to help keep Bethel residents informed about legislative issues and give them a chance to talk directly to our representatives in Montpelier. We also continued our business mixers with local businesses, helping to promote our local businesses and give them a chance to network with other town members. Along the lines of networking, the BBA-sponsored Bethel website, www.bethelvermont.com, continued to be an active resource for news, events, and information in our town.

In the coming months we hope to accomplish: continue the above projects, a "welcome committee" for new residents and businesses, creation with the Bethel Historical Society of a Bethel Historical Walking Tour, a new information kiosk downtown, an active drive to advertise/promote Bethel within and without Vermont, generating and implementing ideas to draw people into town, work more closely with other town clubs and organizations on joint aesthetic, social, cultural and business projects to benefit our town.

Members of the BBA get: listings in the BBA information sent out to all new Bethel residents, reduced advertising in the BBA's page in the Herald, opportunities for a community mixer at your business, business profiles in the Herald, increased exposure to your neighbors and potential customers, a chance to participate in making Bethel great.

We would like to invite you to join, or rejoin, the Bethel Business Association and become active in shaping our new, prosperous town. Come to our meetings on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month. Contact us at: BBA, P.O. Box 342, Bethel, VT 05032 or call me at: 234-9670.

Kirk White, BBA Chair

TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION

During 2006, the Regional Commission provided technical expertise and resources for our towns as well as advocated for members' needs with the State Legislature and with state and federal agencies. Major accomplishments for the past year included:

Regional and Local Transportation Planning - TRORC began work on the Safe Routes to School program, a collaboration with the Vermont Agency of Transportation. The Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) worked with member municipalities on numerous local transportation projects. TRORC assisted communities as they worked their way through the environmental permitting process on transportation projects and conducted many traffic counts, speed limit studies and intersection analyses.

Local Technical Assistance - During the past year, we began to assist towns in reviewing and updating Flood Hazard Area Regulations. TRORC continued to provide advice and support to town officials on a wide range of activities, including grant writing and administration, assistance on town plan revisions, ordinance development, GIS mapping, transportation planning, and Act 250 development review. The TRORC

Region once again received the largest share of municipal planning grants statewide. This allowed our towns to conduct the planning necessary to respond to changes in state and federal requirements.

Emergency Planning Activities - The Regional Commission's emergency management planning program continued to be funded by FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security. Projects focused on all-hazards planning associated with natural and man-made disasters. Our staff provided administrative support to Local Emergency Planning Committee #12 and assisted in a number of Emergency Response exercises conducted in 2006 by Vermont Emergency Management.

Economic Development Planning - In 2006, the Regional Commission continued working on a \$200,000 Environmental Protection Agency grant to assess the level of contamination on many sites throughout our Region. An additional \$200,000 was received by TRORC this year. In addition, TRORC spent considerable time maintaining the eligibility of our Region for federal Economic Development Administration money.

We value your continued support and look forward to serving you in the coming year. Please contact us if you have any questions (802-457-3188).

Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director
William B. Emmons, III, Chairperson, Pomfret

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES & TOWNS **2006 OVERVIEW**

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, 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. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 147 other municipal entities, including villages and fire districts.

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 3000 inquires for assistance from municipal officials. Our Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) conducted 15 workshops that attracted over 1200 people, as well as 15 on-site trainings. MAC distributed more than 200 handbooks to municipal officials and debuted a new, electronic resource library.
- Advocacy representation before the state and federal governments to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority 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.
- 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 2006 for \$60 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services.

Individuals interested in finding out more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including reviewing its audited financial statements, can visit the VLCT Web site at www.vlct.org.

WHITE RIVER PARTNERSHIP

The White River Partnership (WRP) had another highly successful year due to the ongoing efforts of its dedicated staff, volunteers, partners, and members. The WRP continued to bring together people and resources to restore and enhance the health and beauty of the White River watershed. A few of the WRP's 2006 accomplishments include:

- The WRP's **Forestry Work Group** (FWG) continued to promote forest land use that sustains the links between healthy forests, good water quality, and economic, environmental and cultural interest. This year, the FWG continued their forest walk series to explore common forest and land use issues.
- Through the successful **Trees for Streams** program last spring, more than 250 WRP volunteers, including students from eight local schools, helped plant over 3,000 trees along 2 miles of the streambank.
- This summer also marked the 6th season of the WRP's extensive volunteer-driven **Water Quality Monitoring Program**. Twenty volunteers collected water quality samples at 24 different sites in 11 towns. The WRP shared results from its weekly E. coli testing with the public in an effort to raise awareness about the health of the streams.
- The WRP is developing **community-based, river corridor management plans** for the Upper River in Granville, Hancock, Rochester and Stockbridge and for Ayers Brook in Braintree and Randolph. The development of these corridor plans will enable the WRP to utilize the extensive data that already exists about the 2 sub-watersheds to broaden our understanding of the dynamics influencing the river and adjacent land in these areas. We will then share this information with local landowners, and while considering their concerns, define a strategy for prioritizing the network of restoration and protection efforts.
- The WRP continued the **outreach and brand identity campaign** launched in 2005, working with Blue Door Communications to raise awareness about the White River watershed, the challenges it faces, and the magnificent environmental, cultural and economic assets it offers, while also increasing awareness about the WRP and its work in the watershed community. 2006 accomplishments include new educational materials, a newsletter, and a website.

SAFELINE, INC.

PO Box 368, Chelsea, VT 05038
safelineinfo@safelinevt.org
(802) 685-7900 office
(802) 685-7902 fax

Safeline, Inc. is the domestic and sexual violence agency for Orange and Northern Windsor counties. Our hotline number is 1-800-NEWSAFE, or 1-800-639-7233, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Services that we provide include immediate crisis intervention through the 24 hour hotline, ongoing emotional support, safety planning for victims and their children, medical and legal advocacy, as well as information and referrals. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, we served 43 residents of Bethel and provided 116 services.

CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

Since 1965, the Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc. (CVCAC) has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. CVCAC's programs and services are designed to help families work toward better lives and to improve the overall quality of life in their communities. This year, CVCAC worked with 10,178 individuals in 5,237 households through Head Start/Early Head Start, our Child Care Food Program, Community Economic Development programs, Family/Community Support Services, Weatherization assistance, Crisis Fuel resources, and Community Action Motors.

In our most recently completed program year, CVCAC helped 66 Bethel households and 127 individuals with emergency assistance and comprehensive program services designed to teach important skills and help people access the resources they need to build better futures.

Here are some details of the types of CVCAC programs and services accessed by Bethel residents this past year:

- 41 households with 92 individuals were provided with emergency services and referrals to address critical needs.
- 3 households and 6 family members avoided homelessness through our Family Housing Partnership program.
- 17 households with 41 family members used our Crisis Fuel program and were able to continue heating their homes.
- 2 households received free assistance with completing and filing taxes with the IRS, receiving the full benefit of refunds, credits and rebates that were due.
- 10 homes were weatherized at no charge, 2 households had faulty heating systems repaired and 1 household had one replaced altogether.
- 1 entrepreneur received counseling and technical assistance on starting or expanding a business venture.
- 1 child care provider received nutrition education and was reimbursed for the cost of serving nutritious meals and snacks to the 8 children in her care.
- 2 individuals learned financial literacy and began accruing assets toward a home purchase, education, or business.
- 2 families received safe, reliable vehicles from Community Action Motors, allowing them to travel to work and to access many needed services.
- 1 local business owner received technical assistance and financing from Community Capital of Vermont when a traditional bank business loan couldn't be accessed.

Central Vermont Community Action Council is supported in part by the towns we serve!

ACORN (A Community Resource Network)

ACORN's mission is:

“to support and assist those whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C to live fully and with dignity and to stop the spread of diseases through education, information, and understanding.”

Our services remain confidential. Each individual consumes approximately \$3,000 per year in financial assistance. ACORN exists to provide a physical support for individuals affected and infected by HIV and HEP C. Any individual that is questioning, curious, and possibly fearing they have contracted either one of these virus's has a place to go to, to answer questions and get confidential assistance to guide them. In addition, ACORN is the only agency in the entire Upper Valley area that helps the community remain aware that both HIV and HCV are real health concerns that all of us must pay attention to and help eradicate.

The Clients, Staff, and Board of ACORN would like to sincerely thank the Town of Bethel for their continued support. ACORN welcomes any question(s) or requests for information at 603-448-8887.

STAGECOACH TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Stagecoach Transportation Services, Inc., is organized as a private, non-profit corporation to provide transportation services to the elderly, persons with disabilities, and general public of northern Windsor and Orange Counties. In fulfilling this mission the Stagecoach continues to provide a range of public transportation services to Bethel including:

- 1) Scheduled route service for Bethel residents to Randolph, West Lebanon, and Rutland for shopping and appointments;
- 2) Volunteer Drivers program providing Bethel residents with transportation to medical services at Gifford Medical Center, Gifford Family Health Center, and Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center;
- 3) Tuesday and Thursday service for Bethel senior citizens to the South Royalton Senior Citizen Center;
- 4) “Ticket to Ride” program providing transportation for the elderly and persons with disabilities for trips of their personal need or choice; and
- 5) Operation of the “89er” commuter bus service, offering two daily round trips for persons working in the Upper Valley area. The Bethel stop has been moved to the Main Street municipal lot.

The Stagecoach is making a funding request to Bethel for \$1,500 in 2007. This is the same amount as approved by the voters last year. The appropriation will be used in direct support of the services mentioned above. The Stagecoach generates additional funding through fare and contract revenue from the system's operation, as well as, receiving State and federal support of its public transportation services.

Robert Gaiko represented Bethel on the Stagecoach Board of Directors in 2006.

We would like to thank the Town for the support provided in 2006. Information requests and arrangements for rides can be made by contacting the Stagecoach at 728-3773. Information is also available at www.stagecoach-rides.org.

SOUTH ROYALTON AREA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

The South Royalton Area Senior Center (S.R.A.S.C.C.) serves the Towns of Bethel, Royalton, Sharon and Strafford. Many seniors from other towns come regularly to the center for meals and other activities.

There are two meal sites, one in So. Strafford at Barrett Hall, serving meals on Wednesday and one in Royalton at the Royalton Academy Building, serving meals on Tuesday and Thursday. The nutritional program provides one-third of the daily adult nutritional requirement. The number of seniors at the Royalton meal site keeps increasing and many times there is a "full house." In the year 2005-2006, 11,427 meals were served.

Fundraising goes on every year to help raise money for the services and trips. Some of the fundraisers include, Walk-A-Thon, Center Raffles, cans in the stores to help with home delivered meals and our Annual Craft Sale that is on the first Saturday of December held at the Royalton Academy in Royalton, Vermont.

Services offered include home delivered meals, transportation to meal sites, blood pressure clinics, foot clinics and flu shots. Often a person is available to help seniors with their taxes in April. The seniors had the opportunity to go on the following trips: December 2005, the Christmas Show at the Indian Head Resort; April 2006, The Hukelau Show in Mass.; Sept. 2006, The Eastern States Fair, in Springfield, Mass.; and in Oct. 2006, a Special 9-day trip to Branson, Missouri. The trips are becoming more popular each year, sometimes requiring two buses to take care of all the seniors signed up. Another service is the distribution of USDA commodities.

The S.R.A.S.C.C. Board of Directors is composed of three representatives from each of the four participating towns. We are fortunate to have Susan Huff as our Director for both meal sites and Louise Caron as cook for Royalton and Linda Ducharme as cook for Strafford.

VERMONT ADULT LEARNING

Vermont Adult Learning, a member of the statewide adult education and literacy system called Learning Works, is an educational non-profit which serves individuals age 16 and older who are out of school and in need of basic reading, writing, and math skills, GED preparation, English as a second language, and help with specific goals such as getting a driver's permit or a commercial driver's license.

In addition to adult essential skills education, Vermont Adult Learning offers the Adult Diploma Program, High School Completion Program, basic computer skills instruction, preparation for college, work readiness programming, and GED testing.

During fiscal year 2006, we served 461 students through our county office. Thirteen (13) of those students were residents of Bethel. We are again requesting three hundred (\$300) to support our services to the residents of Bethel. We thank the voters for their generous support in past years.

Anyone interested in our program may call 885-5502.

WINDSOR COUNTY PARTNERS - Mentors for Youths

In our 33rd year of operation, Windsor County Partners continues to help local youth by providing them with adult role models who provide them with the support they need to achieve greater success in life. Last year Windsor County Partners supported mentoring partnerships for 39 children aged 10-17 throughout the 24 towns in Windsor County, including 2 Bethel residents. In addition to the 7 Partnerships that have been together for over 5 years, 18 were in their 2nd - 4th years of friendship, and 15 of these special friendships were new ones. Our corps of committed Senior Partner volunteers spent over 4,322 hours with their young friends sharing new experiences, providing encouragement and guidance, and modeling a healthy lifestyle. As one young boy's mother reported, "My son's Senior Partner is the best thing that ever happened to him. Thanks to him, my son is doing better in school and has more hope for the future."

The organization also sported a new logo and publicity materials to revive its solid statewide reputation in the mentoring field, completed a WCPartners commercial to be aired on Public Access Television, and will be airing radio spots about our program beginning in the spring of 2007. We are well poised to increase our mentor recruitment efforts, thereby meeting the needs of additional youth by broadening our outreach to currently underserved areas.

To learn more about our program, or to volunteer to become a mentor, contact Vanessa C. Stern at 802-674-5101, 800-491-5101, or via e-mail at Vanessa@wcpartners.org.

HEALTH CARE AND REHABILITATION SERVICES OF SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT

HCRS Connection: 1-888-888-5144 www.hcrs.org

In the year ending June 30, 2006, our agency provided a comprehensive range of community based services to 4,583 residents of Windsor and Windham counties. The services that are available to the residents of your community are:

Outpatient Mental Health Services: The mission is to provide caring, high quality, cost-effective mental health care for our community at every level of need.

Alcohol and Drug Treatment Services: For adults and family members who are adversely affected by the use of alcohol or drugs, we offer a comprehensive program of assessment, inpatient referral, outreach, outpatient treatment, and aftercare dedicated to aiding the recovery from chemical dependency and its effects.

Community Rehabilitation and Treatment Program (CRT): Provides comprehensive services to adults over the age of 18 who are suffering from a mental illness so serious that it interferes with that person's capacity to function in the community.

Developmental Services (DS): Provides services to people with developmental disabilities and their families.

The Alternatives Program: A short-term alternative to hospitalization; provides crisis stabilization, respite, and support to clients with psychiatric disabilities or any adult experiencing an acute mental health crisis.

Emergency Services: Specially trained mental health professionals are available 24 hours a day for emergencies.

We thank the Board and the citizens of Bethel for your past support and for your continued interest in Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont.

CLARA MARTIN CENTER

Clara Martin Center programs serve children, families, and individuals coping with behavioral challenges, emotional stress, mental illness, alcohol and other drug problems. Services are confidential and include (but are not limited to):

Outpatient Counseling	Walk-in Clinic
Psychiatric Services	Vocational Services
Short-term crisis intervention	Alcohol and other drug treatment
School and Home-based services	Respite Care
Education for families	24-hour emergency system
Community resource assistance	

Clara Martin Center continues to provide community mental health services to the greater Orange County area out of our many locations. Services are provided through five major programs that are CARF accredited. The major programs are Adult Outpatient Services, Child and Family Services, Emergency and Walk-In services, Community Support Program, and Alcohol and Other Drug Services. We also offer Psychiatric services, which span all program areas.

Clara Martin Center has continued to expand our contracts with local area schools. Through this effort, we have been able to expand our access to services for children, adolescents and their families at the following locations: Randolph, Washington, Brookfield, Braintree, Orange, Williamstown, Tunbridge, Sharon, Rochester, Strafford, Chelsea, Thetford, Bethel, and Bradford. We have also developed our Criminal Justice Program and now provide mental health and substance abuse services at both the Windsor and Springfield Correctional facilities. We are also preparing to assist returning veterans and their families with access to services they require.

It is through the continued financial support from our local towns that we are able to report these agency successes and in turn continue to meet our mission and strategic plans to provide local community mental health services to all our community members in need.

CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

The Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) uses the annual appropriation from the Town of Bethel to support a full-time case manager. The case manager works with Bethel seniors over the age of 60 and younger adults with disabilities to keep them living independently at home for as long as possible. CVCOA's mission is to help our clients age successfully and with dignity. Research has demonstrated that by investing money in prevention, many additional dollars are saved that would otherwise be spent in crisis-intervention services. CVCOA helps seniors and adults with disabilities meet needs such as those related to transportation, housing, nutrition, socialization, finances, home heating, weatherization, insurance, and mental health.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE WHITE RIVER VALLEY

(802) 728-3010 www.bgcwrv.org

The Boys & Girls Club of the White River Valley offers year round programming for children of all ages in our area. Programs that Bethel families have participated in include camp, sports clinics, art classes, gymnastics, bowling and the ice skating rink. We also offer employment opportunities and training to teens.

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

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

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

Preliminary data show that VCIL responded to over 2,300 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referrals and program services for individuals living with a disability. We provided one-on-one peer counseling to 296 individuals which helps increase their independent living skills and life opportunities; we provided 351 households with financial and technical assistance for making their bathrooms and entrances accessible to a disabled family member; VCIL provided 268 individuals with personal assistance and/or assistive technology; and provided 405 individuals with home-delivered meals through VCIL's Meals on Wheels program for Individuals Under the age of 60 with Disabilities.

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

During FY 06, VCIL provided services to 6 residents of Bethel utilizing the following programs:

- Information and Referral
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
- Peer Advocate Counseling (PAC)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund

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

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF VT & NH *Homecare, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in the Town of Bethel*

The VNA & Hospice is like the local police and fire departments - a strategic part of the community's safety net - with services that must be continuously available to anyone in need. Surrounded by memories, familiar furnishings, and family photographs, people almost always wish to confront the issues of illness, accident or aging, and dying in the comfort of their homes.

Between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006, VNA & Hospice staff provided 1,615 home visit hours to 101 Bethel residents - along a continuum of care from the beginning of life to the end of life. These individuals were cared for by nurses, physical, occupational and speech therapists, medical social workers, home health aides, personal care attendants, and in some cases, a hospice physician.

The Town's support continues to be crucial for patients. We thank you for your continued confidence.

GREEN MOUNTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

GMEDC has completed another very busy year. Our thanks go out to all of those who have served and made a contribution over the months and years. Each year communities call on us for help with serious needs. One example is when major employers move or shut down, or are bought by strangers. Sometimes, as a result, buildings become idle and towns lose aesthetic as well as economic vitality. This puts the security of everyone in doubt.

Utilizing all of the resources that the State of Vermont has to offer, GMEDC seeks to address these and other problems. Financing programs through organizations such as USDA, HUD, VEDA, and the SBA help to cut back some of the economic loss felt by hard hit areas. Training and mentoring programs through associations like the SBDC, VMEC, and WIB help to bridge the gap between businesses and the knowledge they need to succeed. Furthermore, we at GMEDC are constantly seeking to improve the welfare of our communities through efforts to bring new businesses to our area while assisting local start-ups and existing businesses in any way we can.

Governor Douglas, Secretary of Commerce Kevin Dorn and Commissioner Mike Quinn have made regular visits in our area promoting economic development and job growth opportunities. We are pleased to have received their attention and assistance in our efforts. The State of Vermont has provided significant assistance in all that we have accomplished. Our in-house relationship with the SBDC has been helpful along with our professional office location in Hartford.

A deliberate effort to meet with leaders of each of our communities has helped us improve awareness of all that GMEDC and the State of Vermont has to offer to improve economic development. In addition, being a regular participant in the East Central Vermont CEDS project has allowed us to target and prioritize specific improvements needed within the towns of our region. By including these projects in the CEDS study we are able to put them in the running for grants by the EDS.

Hartford, Randolph, Bradford, Hartland, Chelsea, Woodstock, Stockbridge, Pittsfield, West Fairlee, and Thetford are all finding opportunities to utilize the resources we have to offer. More opportunities are emerging every day as we encourage businesses and other municipalities to seek out our services.

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

The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) helps to bring together technical, financial and administrative resources to assist towns with natural resource conservation and rural and community development issues. We are here to serve your community. We coordinate and facilitate assistance to town governments, school districts, fire departments, watershed groups and nonprofit organizations in the six southern Vermont counties. 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. The Council is a self-supporting 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. In 2006 working with our partner towns and organizations, we secured and administered over \$400,000 for natural resource conservation, public safety, and community development projects.

Some current projects include securing wildland fire gear for fire departments, streambank restoration and watershed improvements, helping to develop a park and playground and helping to connect residents with locally grown food. In Bethel we provided \$2,500 for a dry fire hydrant. 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 Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) is grateful for the support of the residents of Bethel. With your help, we are reaching out a hand of hope to those in need in our communities, particularly our friends and neighbors who are living with vision problems which make independence and the tasks of daily living a challenge.

Last year, our agency provided services to two adults and one child in the Town of Bethel.

VABVI, a non-profit organization founded in 1926, is the only private agency to offer free training, services and support to visually impaired Vermonters. Our mission is to enable individuals with vision problems to achieve and maintain independence. Each year we serve hundreds of children from birth to age 22 and adults age 55 and over (those in age groups not covered by state services). Three thousand Vermonters are legally blind, and approximately eight thousand others are visually impaired.

VABVI’s services include rehabilitation and orientation and mobility training in adaptive techniques for daily living; procurement and training in assistive technology use; social networking opportunities; and a statewide transportation network. VABVI offices are located in Burlington, Brattleboro, Montpelier, and Rutland, with training rooms in our Montpelier Mini Center to showcase the latest technology in assistive aids for individuals with visual impairment.

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

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